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Disciples in Mission

Matthew 10:5-8

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Reflection:

All of us are engaged in some kind of mission, the contrast though depends on whose mission we are engaged in. As disciples of Christ, we should be engaged in the mission of God. How often though the church universal takes a detour route by not giving priority to Christ's ideal mission. We become so busy doing church work that we sometimes neglect to do the works of the church.

In Matthew 10:5-8 Jesus told His disciples to go only to the lost sheep of Israel and do the following: preach that the Kingdom of Heaven is near, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the leper and to cast out demons.

My friends, I am suggesting that Jesus was saying - and is still saying - that there is an internal mission to accomplish before we venture on the outside. According to the text, Jesus outlined five mission opportunities:

- 1. Preach.** Our sermons must speak to the needs of our people and must be life-giving, life-transforming and full of truths.
- 2. Heal the sick.** It is ironical to see a church full of sick members, spiritually and physically. Sick disciples cannot do well on the mission field. Let us command healing in Jesus name.



- 3. Raise the dead.** This is more spiritual than physical. Many of God's people are sleeping lifelessly; no fault of themselves sometimes. Let the preacher speak life over these dead so that they come alive.

- 4. Cleanse the lepers.** This can be spiritualized in our time. Leprosy eats away the skin, so sin eats away the soul of man. Our sermons must uncompromisingly challenge our people to live right and walk in obedience to the will of God.

- 5. Cast out demons.** It is alarming to know demons are operating in churches, they sing, they pray, they preach, they oppose the work of the Holy Spirit, which affects the life of the believer in negative ways. Demons must be cast out in the name of Jesus.

Let us prepare the church for the mighty move of God, which will sweep through our lands as a result of our earnest prayers and sincerity.

(contributed by Rev. Alice Blair)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 24. (Sunday)

Christ the King Sunday

Harvest Thanksgiving Service (Savannah UC)

Women's Fellowship Thanksgiving Service (East End United) 6:00 pm

November 27 (Wednesday)

Data Protection Law Training 5:30 pm – Council office

November 28 (Thursday)

Women's Fellowship Thanksgiving Lunch - Elmslie



November 24: Ms. Camile Watt
December 01: Mr. Ormond Williams
December 08: Rev. Louis Sully

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
 THANKSGIVING LUNCH**
 November 28, 2019 11am to 2pm
 Elmslie United Church Hall
 Cost: \$15.00

Tickets available from Women's Fellowship members.

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Mr. Alden McNee McLaughlin Sr.

Mr. McNee as he was affectionately known, served Christ and the Church faithfully and well. He was an Elder and the Treasurer for the Robert Young Memorial Church for many years. As treasurer, he ensured that the finances were in order and that the Congregation kept faith with its contribution to Council.

He was a very active and engaged member of the then Cayman Islands Area Council, now - Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council. His opinion was well vocalized at Council meetings. He kept pace with all the Council activities as long as his health permitted and even in the most recent years would attend the Savannah United and Elmslie Memorial Worship Services with his daughters.



His indelible contributions to the Cayman Islands is well documented as he was the first qualified Public Health Officer. As such, he ensured that public health and safety were kept in the forefront of the development of the Cayman Islands.

He was indeed a pioneer in his time and his strength of character, fortitude and commitment to family and country can be celebrated even in the midst of the grief surrounding his passing.

The Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council expresses sincere condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon him.

**CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION POLICY
 PROVISIONS 11-14**

11. First Aid training and kits will be made available in all Churches with a view to the likely First Aid needs of children. Attendance is compulsory for Sunday School Superintendents.
12. Written parental consent will be obtained prior to Church excursions involving children and child attendance during excursions will be taken.
13. Suspicions of abuse or neglect by Parents, Guardians, School Teachers and significant others or other sensitive matters shared by children should be reported to Ministers. Counselling and other appropriate forms of follow-up support will be sourced and provided under the charge of Ministers. In such cases (within reason) confidentiality will be practiced to protect the best interests of the child.
14. In cases where one-to-one meetings between two adults or between an adult and a minor are being held in an enclosed environment, it is recommended that doors with window panes be used or that doors be left open or ajar throughout the meeting.