Deeper Understanding

MORE RESOURCES

EJI REPORT | The lynching of African Americans was terrorism, a widely supported campaign to enforce racial subordination and segregation. *Lynching in America* documents more than 4400 racial terror lynchings between Reconstruction and World War II. Follow the QR Code to read EJI's Report about lynching in America. You can also get lesson plans for teaching the report to students.

WLECOME TO MOUNT MORIAH

Welcome to Mount Moriah! Established in 1890, this ministry has stood as a physical representation of the hope and determination of the African American spirit. It has served the community as a School, Community Center, Meeting Hall and Spiritual Anchor.

We are a Spiritual Anchor grounded in a liberation tradition operating as a Baptist community of faith.

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MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Welcome to Sweet Magnolia

The great evil of American slavery was involuntary servitude or forced labor. I really believe that the true evil of American slavery was the narrative of racial difference that we created to justify it.

Bryan Stevenson

FOR THE RECORD

Wandrea "Shaye" Moss, and her mother Ruby Freeman were scapegoated by 45 after he lost the 2020 Presidential Election as part of the Big Lie.

On January 6, 2023, they received the nation's second highest civilian from President Joe Biden with 12 individuals involved in defending the Capitol during the insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021, and safeguarding the will of American voters in the 2020 presidential election.

EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE LEST WE FORGET

An important social justice work aimed at the essential act of "remembering" is taking shape in this area under the auspice of the Equal Justice Initiative.

This past week, the Statesboro-Bulloch Remembrance Coalition and Equal Justice Initiative hosted "Bulloch Bears Witness: Music, Memory, and Moving Forward" program hosted at Georgia Southern University's Carter Recital Hall. The program set out the ugly historical truth of lynching, related it to later and continuing forms of racial terror and injustice, and outlined a campaign of truth-telling and atonement.

In Georgia, 595 lynchings during that 73-year span, the second most of any state, after Mississippi, were enumerated by EJI's research. Pastor Johnson and this Church are committed to this social justice work. A trip to EJI in Montgomery is being planned.

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Church Covenant

GOD'S WORK HERE AMONG AND THROUGH US

Living out the Christian faith Together

LEADER: Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, and this assembly host solemnly and joyfully enters into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

RESPONSE: We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

LEADER: We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions, to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

RESPONSE: We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

TOGETHER: We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

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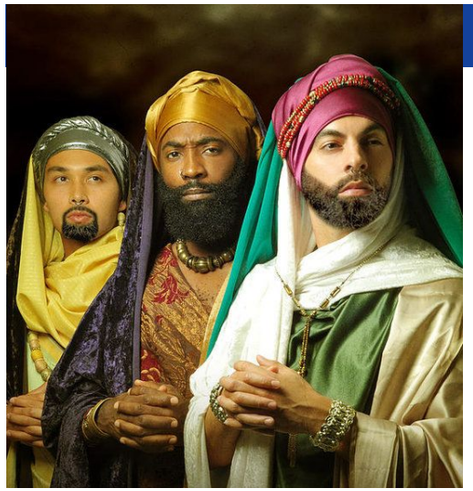

UNDERSTANDING THE SEASONS

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Order of Service

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPHINANY

January 8, 2023 | 11:30 AM

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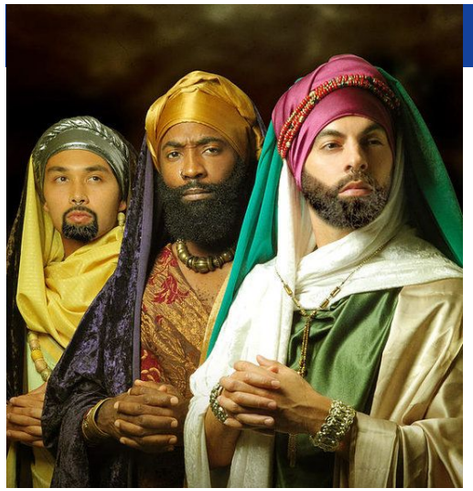
BENEDICTION
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Lectionary: Isaiah 42:1-9 • Psalm 29 • Acts 10:34-43 • Matthew 3:13-17



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