

# Order of Worship

**April 15, 2018**

10 a.m.

## We Enter To Worship

Call to Worship

The Hallel

Church and Community Announcements

Official Greeting of Visitors

Ministry of Music

\*Altar Prayer

\*Scripture Lesson  
Deuteronomy 8:2-10

## Proclamation of the Good News

Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes  
Senior Pastor/Teacher

## \*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Worship in Giving

Doxology

## We Leave to Serve

\*please stand (those who are able)

The Order of Worship is dictated by the Holy Spirit and is subject to change.



# Scripture Lesson

**Deuteronomy 8:2-10**

New International Version

**2** Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. **3** He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. **4** Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. **5** Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you. **6** Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. **7** For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; **8** a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; **9** a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. **10** When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.



# Sermon Notes

**Subject:** It Gets Greater Later

**Date:** April 15, 2018

**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 8:2-10

The main points of the message (Hearer of the Word):

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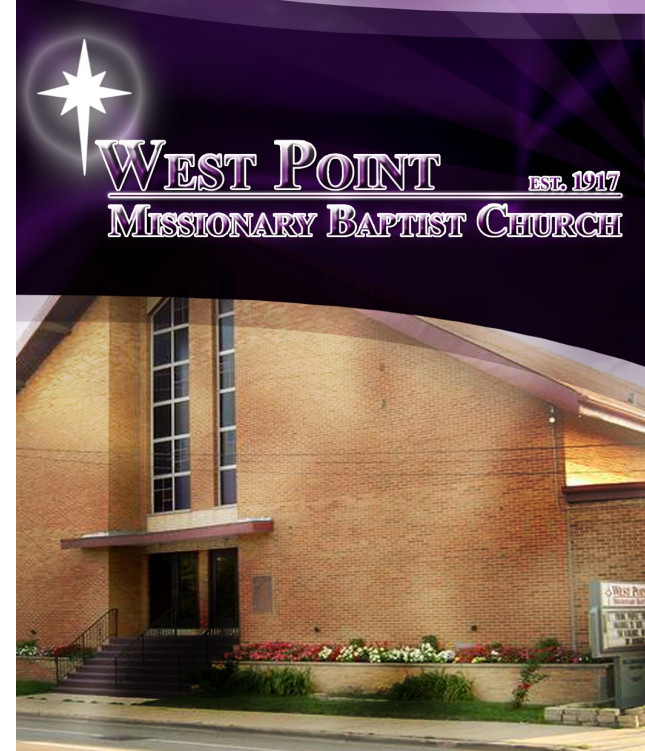
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**Please share God's Word with someone!**

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SENIOR PASTOR / TEACHER

**Greetings from Senior Pastor/Teacher:  
Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes**



**Karibu** (*Welcome in Swahili*)! O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good! I am excited God has blessed us to enter into 2018. This entrance is God's sign that God still has work for us to do, as well as God's continuing to exhibit grace and mercy in our lives. In response to God's loving kindness and tender mercies, we offer God our sincere worship and

uninhibited praise. I invite you to share in our life-changing engagement as practicing Christians, as we purposefully share the face of Jesus with everyone, while demonstrating God's grace to others, without expecting anything in return. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is our first priority. In this, we strive to make Jesus' words applicable to our lives. In application, we not only love all of humanity, but we fight for the least cared for, as well as unapologetically declare war on educational disparities, hunger, mass incarceration, homelessness, food deserts, etc. It is our belief that the local church must lead the charge in helping change the lives of all people, and you are welcomed to join us in this fight.

If you are a first time or repeat visitor, I want to take this written moment to greet you. As family we have not met before, or have met in times past, we invite you to join us on this spiritual journey of connectivity. In an effort to meet a variety of worship needs, we offer two worship services. Our 7:45 a.m. *Worship and Word (1st and 3rd Sundays only)* is a non-traditional worship service. Our 10 a.m. *Sunday Morning Glory Worship* is a blending of traditional and contemporary worship. In addition, we invite you to join us every Wednesday at 7 p.m. for *Wednesday in the Word* with yours truly. Lastly, if you are without a place to call home, we would love to be your church family of faith, and I would LOVE to serve as your Pastor! Shalom.

## Announcements

**Conversation Café!** Please join radio host Rix Room and Intellectual Radio as they broadcast LIVE from the West Point on Wednesday, April 18th at 7 p.m., in the fellowship hall. The conversation will delve into the heart of our pastor, Dr. L. Bernard Jakes. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated, as well as your questions for our pastor.

**West Point Corporate Grace Day:** In an effort to show the face of Jesus through our service, West Point's first corporate day will be Saturday, April 21st at 1818 East 71st Street from 8 a.m.—2 p.m. Our service will assist the ABJ Community Services, Inc., as it has plans to open its ABJ A.R.T.S. Youth Center in Spring 2018. As ABJ transforms into an arts and culture organization, the building where programs are offered also needs to be transformed. We need 49 selfless servants to participate. Sign up is available in narthex. Our service will include cleaning out of offices and storage garage, setting up the costume and prop room, painting the large multi-purpose room with the built in stage, conference room, hallways, rest rooms, staff break room

Pastor J's 16th Year Celebration: The Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes 16th year pastoral appreciation will be held on Sunday, April 22nd at 10 a.m. Dinner will follow morning worship, and tickets are \$20. Dinner will be catered; therefore, an accurate count must be offered to the caterer. Purchase your dinner ticket in the narthex. Envelopes for monetary gifts are available. Let's praise God for the invaluable gift of our pastor.



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## Church Crest

**The TOP LEFT is two-fold:** First, the extended hands represents our **Worshipping God**. Secondly, the extended hand over the world represents our **Serving Humanity**.

**The TOP RIGHT is our Star of Expectation:** We are always expecting God to do greater things through us.

**The BOTTOM LEFT:** This is our commitment in **Following the Examples of Jesus the Christ**.

**The BOTTOM RIGHT :** This represents our being **Led by the Holy Spirit**.



## Our Mission

The mission and purpose of The faith family of **West Point Baptist Church** is to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (St. Matthew 28:19)." We meet this challenge through our worship, ministry and outreach.

We strive to be a **Worshipping Church**, seeking God in spirit and in truth.

We strive to be a **Learning Church**, committed to Biblical principles and spiritual dynamics.

We strive to be a **Soul-winning Church**, sharing our testimony of faith with all people.

We work to be a **Model Church**, in the spirit of the church at Philadelphia, always committed to the highest standards of excellence through prayer, tithing and Christian concern.

We work to be a **Socially Conscious, Justice Seeking, and Liberation Church**, aligning ourselves with the spirit of Amos, the commitment of Micah, and the proclamation of Jesus the Christ in St. Luke 4.18.

We work to be a **Transformative, Life-Changing Church**, meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters outside and inside the local church through life-changing ministries.

We work to be a **Church Without Walls**, extending God's grace to the world, outside of the local church, through various ministries of help.

## What We Believe

- There is one God, revealed to us as Father, Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit.
- The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the complete and sufficient Word of God.
- The ordinance of Baptism signifies our fellowship with the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.
- The Lord's Supper commemorates Jesus' death, confirms our faith, and renews our communion with Jesus and others believers.

