

**First African Baptist Church  
of Darby Township  
901 Clifton Avenue  
Sharon Hill, PA 19079**

**Sunday, October 8, 2017**

***“The Year of Spiritual Giving and Blessings”***

**II Corinthians 9:6-8 NCV**



**The Courage to Lead – The Faith to Follow  
Rev. Dr. Richard A. Dent, Pastor**

<sup>1)</sup> Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta.  
<sup>2)</sup> The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. <sup>3)</sup> Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. <sup>4)</sup> When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live." <sup>5)</sup> But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. <sup>6)</sup> The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

Acts 28:1-6 (NIV)

## SALUTE TO OUR YOUTH

Moments of Prayer & Praise .....Praise and  
 Worship Ministry

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise #10 .....“O How I Love Jesus”

Selection..... Youth Choir

Morning Prayer..... Dominique Good

Prayer Response

Selection..... Angelic Choir

Words of Welcome ..... Kai Wilson

Poem ..... De’Ja Gladden

Total Praisers Dance Ministry Proclamation

Offering

Missions

Tithes

Pastoral Comments

Hymn of Preparation..... Youth Choir

## SERMON

**THEME:** “Shake the Devil Off”

**TEXT:** Acts 28:1-6 (NIV)

**Pastor Richard A. Dent**

Call to Christian Discipleship

Benediction

## A SELECTED WORD FOR YOU TODAY

### JOY! JOY! JOY!

I am delighted to preach on this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday to our young people. The Bible is so instructive as to how we should be kind to strangers and those who are different from our culture.

The 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Acts begins by saying that Paul and his fellow sailors found themselves shipwrecked on an island of Malta. Notice the unexpected kindness Paul and his shipmates were given by the people inhabiting the island. Kindness is what believers should produce daily, especially against people who we don’t know. The people on that island that greeted Paul with joy, could have reacted negatively. After all, he and his party were strangers to them; spoke a difference language. It would have been understandable if the natives had fought Paul and his company to leave, but instead of that, the natives built a fire for them because it was raining and cold.

Isn’t that how Jesus welcomed each of us young people? Thus, each of us has the capacity to emulate Christ and show kindness to strangers and friends alike. That is called letting your light shine.

**Love and joy,  
 Pastor Dent**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT  
FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**October 8 – October 14, 2017**

**Sunday, October 8, 2017**

- 8:45 am Sunday School (Adult & Youth)
- 8:45 am New Members' Discipleship Class
- 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship Service

***After Service:***

Ministry Meetings (Flower Guild, Nursery, P.H.I.T. Healthy Eating and Security)

**2:00 pm Praise Dance Ministry 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**Monday, October 9, 2017**

- 5:00 pm Chosen 300 Outreach Ministry
- 7:00 pm Finance & Trustee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Men's Choir Rehearsal

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

- 6:30 pm P.H.I.T. (Fitness Class) - Annex
- 6:30 pm New Members Discipleship Class
- 7:00 pm Usher's Meeting
- 7:00 pm Voices of Joy Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

11:00 am –12:00 pm Neighbor to Neighbor Bread Basket Giveaway (Annex)

**12:00 pm Noon Day Prayer**

1:15 pm Bereavement Ministry Meeting

**7:00 pm YOUTH REVIVAL**

Reverend William J. Scott, III -Revivalist

**Thursday, October 12, 2017**

6:00pm –8:00 pm Emergency Food Cupboard - Annex

6:30 pm Girl Scouts (Annex)

**7:00 pm YOUTH REVIVAL**

Reverend William J. Scott, III - Revivalist

**Friday, October 13, 2017**

**7:00 pm Youth Gospel Explosion**  
"Gospel Concert and After Party"

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

8:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
Rev. Dr. Melvin McAllister, Preacher

9:00 am Women of Faith Ministry Presents:  
"The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail  
Against You" Dial in #1-302-202-1104  
Conference Code: 231841

**10:00 am Adult Bible Study**

11:30 am Angelic Choir Rehearsal

Material for the Bulletin, PowerPoint, and Announcements must be submitted

by **11:00 am every Tuesday.**

Please submit your request to

FABC-joy@fabc.microsoftonline.com

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS**

First African Baptist Church



**HOUR OF POWER PRAYER LINE**

**Thursday, October 19, 2017**

**7:00 pm**

**1-712-770-8069**

**Access Code: 800033**

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**

**9:30 am**

**FAITH & FASHION**

As women, clothing and appearance are some of the most powerful means we have of communicating who we are, what's in our hearts, and what our values are. The question is, do the fashions of today agree or conflict with our desire to represent ourselves as children of God? Tell us what you think as our fashion savvy women demonstrate who they are.

**Sister Beatrice Dent, Ministry Leader**

**Reverend Dr. Richard A. Dent, Pastor**

**MEN'S ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

What: First African Baptist Men's Retreat

When: October 27 – 29, 2017

Where: Best Western Plus Concordville, PA

**Cost: \$275.00 (double)**

**Guest Preachers:**

Pastor Vincent Stokes – Holy Cross Baptist Church

Pastor Derrick Brennan – Canaan Baptist Church

Pastor Steven T. Mack – Little Rock Baptist Church

**Primary contacts:**

Brother Bob Hawkins and

Brother Ken Lockett

**Reverend Dr. Richard A. Dent, Pastor**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

**April 13 – 15, 2018**

**Sister Beatrice Dent, Ministry Leader**

**Reverend Dr. Richard A. Dent, Pastor**

## Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday.....9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**(Closed from 12:30pm – 1:30pm each day)**

Evening Hours.....6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

### Telephone Numbers

Office ..... 610-461-0350  
610-461-0352  
Office Fax ..... 610-461-4186  
Trustees' Fax ..... 610-461-4867  
Kitchen ..... 610-461-0351

### Neighbor to Neighbor Community Development Corporation

Telephone Number.....610-461-8140

Fax Number.....610 461-8142

Website: [www.n2ncdc.org](http://www.n2ncdc.org)

### Neighbor to Neighbor United Way Donor Option #07809

Ask-A-Lawyer

Email questions to:

[Legal-Ministry@fabc.microsoftonline.com](mailto:Legal-Ministry@fabc.microsoftonline.com)



#### BOOKSTORE HOURS

Sunday 9:00 am – 10:00 am  
& After Service

Wednesday 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Saturday 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

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#### NURSERY

Hours: 9:45 am – End of Service

Open to children 1 to 6 years of age.

Infants are welcome when

accompanied by a parent.