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asked questions and took notes while her daughter Deshiah, 11, sat at the table with her mother and father, Derrick Gentry, who also took notes. The family expressed appreciation to Smith as she invited them to participate without having to join the church. Melinda Hart told the

audience that her grandson, Jessean Werts, 6, likes to talk about what he has learned in Children's Church.

Smith says the staff of the Children's Ministry teaches lessons slowly so that the students can keep up.

"We are truly imparting within them the Word of God," Smith said.

Photo by Donna Rogers

Lisa Smith, who is in charge of the Children's Ministry at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, speaks to parents and students on Sunday, Aug. 7, about plans for the ministry this fall. At right is Minister Deondre Smith, who is Smith's husband. Sherril Gentry takes notes while her daughter, Deshiah, looks at the camera.

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with Jesus when they think of him as the "Son of God" or the "Holy Child." He said when black brothers hear that Jesus was falsely accused, they can identify with him because they either know someone who has or have been falsely accused themselves. He doesn't want people to forget the humanity of Jesus as that is a way we can all relate to him.

During his sermon, he spoke to the congregation about black lives seemingly being targeted by the police officers. He told everyone that he was bothered by lack of justice for the loss of those black lives. He said he was further disturbed by the fact that "police officers who are called to protect and to serve are more protected than the ones they are serving."

He followed by saying, "It seems a white life seems to be more expensive, more costly than black life and black life is cheap as if we can replace it." Before ending the service, Dykes held a special altar call to pray for the

lives of the young black men in America who seem to be targeted.

Dykes wants conversation to take place to somehow reconcile the distrust between African-Americans and the police department. He says it starts with reconciliation and officers confessing to say "We are wrong." He wanted to convey that not all officers are bad but wants acknowledgment that there are those who commit wrongful deeds.

"I think that reconciliation with the confession of police officers seeing our humanity, they confess that we are people and that our lives do matter," Dykes went on to say.

It was first Sunday and he usually preaches a sermon about the Crucifixion or the Resurrection because of the Communion. He felt preaching this sermon was a call from God.

"The point is, my voice has to be lent to offer up the Word of God, on behalf of God, to God's people. I wanted the city of Winston-Salem to know there is a prophetic voice. I'm not the only one, but I want them to know there is another voice."



Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Members of St. John C.M.E. Church pray for Pastor Omar L. Dykes during worship service on Sunday, Aug. 7.

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was blessed.

In verses 14-15 Paul discusses God's justice. Is God unjust? Not at all! But God is sovereign and as such states "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." (vs 15). It's His prerogative.

Then what about God's mercy? (Vss 16-18). Again emphasizing God's sovereignty, Paul states that God is not obligated to show undeserved kindness to anyone. Our intentions or endeavors don't govern God's actions. Verse 17 reveals in Exodus 9:16 how God used Pharaoh. God's ultimate defeat of all the Egyptian deities and indeed Pharaoh himself was His use of hardening the heart. All of this set the stage to highlight God's saving power to all the world. There are many trains of thought on this, but again, God is sovereign.

For Your Consideration: Are you convinced that God is fair? In what ways has God been merciful to you?

Life's Application: Neither our good works or charitable donations, our wealth or our status in society determines how God will bless or is blessing us. God alone chooses to distribute His mercy on whom He wills. My Pastor says often and I know you've heard this: "God reigns on the just as well as the unjust."

The Enrichment Center names new board members

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