**St. Paul Baptist Church**

***Vision Statement: Developing Prayer Lives that Produce Good Fruit***

***Vision Scripture: James 5: 16-18***

**May 2020 – Next Level Believing – (Belief)**

**1 John 5:14-15, Matthew 19:26, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, and 2 Corinthians 4:8**

**A prayer for Pastor Delaney:**

Heavenly Father, help our pastor to be strong in Your mighty power. May he continually remember to clothe himself with Your armor so that he can take his stand against the devil’s schemes. Help him to remember that his struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, and powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Help him to stand his ground and to stand firm with the belt of truth buckled around his waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with his feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition, help him to daily take up the shield of faith so that he can extinguish all of the flaming arrows of the evil one. May he put on the helmet of salvation and use the sword of the Spirit, Your Word. Give Pastor Delaney the desire to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. Help him to be continually alert, and to keep on praying for all his sheep. Don’t let the devil establish a foothold in any area of his life. Help him to have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil’s trap. May he continually submit himself to You, Father, and may he be self-controlled and alert in order to resist the devil, standing firm in the faith, so that the devil will flee. Keep him from temptation and deliver him from the evil one, Lord. May You, the God of peace, equip Pastor Delaney with everything good for doing Your will, and may You work in him what is pleasing to You, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen!

**UNITED PRAYER POINT: Believe and You Shall Receive (1 John 5:14-15 and Mark 9:23)**

**May 1, 2020:** Father God, I come you today with a heart and mind that is not always clear what to ask for. That is why I thank You for being an all-knowing God. Give me clarity in the places You want me to go, the people You need me to meet and the things You need me to do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.  Ephesians 3:20

**May 2, 2020**: Father God, thank you for waking me up this morning. I must admit sometimes I struggle to keep it all together but give me strength to never waver or disconnect from the relationship we have. Keep my eyes fixed on You and in the hope that Your word will always stand boldly and true. In Jesus’ name, Amen. Hebrews 10:23

**May 3, 2020:** Dear Lord, this old world can be so cruel but I am so thankful I serve a God who is everything I need. When doors are shut in my face, and when friends walk away from me, continue to let Your Holy Spirit remind me that with You all things are possible. In Jesus’ name, Amen. Matthew 19:26

**May 4, 2020:** Father, I look to You for all my needs. This journey down here on earth will test you until you feel like you can't go any further, but praying helps me through it all, and I want to thank you for wiping the tears from my eyes and comforting me when I'm worried. Who wouldn't want to serve a God like you? I bless Your Holy name, I lift You up high above all because You're worthy to be praised. Continue to keep me, Father, and order my steps. In Jesus’ name, Amen. Psalms 30:5

**May 5, 2020:** Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your work and promises that are faithful and true. We trust and rest in assurance that You have a perfect plan and will for each of our lives and St. Paul as a church. You will see it through as long as our lives line up with Your Word and will. We know that You are bringing Your people to next level believing, higher and greater faith and complete trust in You as the Good Shepherd. We ask that You continue to open our eyes and ears that we may never be blind and deaf in the spirit and that we believe not every spirit but try the spirits to see whether they are of God because many false prophets are gone out into the world according to 1 John 4:1. Your Word also says my sheep hear my voice and a stranger they will not answer. Help us to drown out the world and listen and live only according to the direction and leadership of the Holy Spirit. We thank You that You are building and growing our faith each day. We continue to trust You, Lord, in Jesus’ name. Amen. 1 John 5:14-15

**May 6, 2020:** Father God, we know we are in a time where we will have to stay focused and keep our eyes on You and only You. Holy Spirit, help us each day to live a life according to God’s plan. Lord, we believe Your Word and if there be any unbelief in us at any time we ask and thank You in advance for removing it. We trust Your unwavering hand and we know You are a faithful God and there is nothing too hard or difficult for You to do or deliver us from. While You are bringing us to next level believing and expanding our territory, we say, “Lord, let Your will be done, send us, Lord, we will keep Your commandments with Your help.” We will be fishermen of men and build Your kingdom. We have become distracted by the cares of this world. We know it is Your will that we be blessed, but we do not want to get consumed by gaining earthly riches. As Your Word says in Matthew 6:19-21, “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.” We know it is foolish for a man to gain the whole world and still lose his soul and nothing should be more important than our salvation. Forgive us, God, if we have gained idols. We never want to put anything above you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**May 7, 2020:** Father God, we thank You for being constant with Your promises and love. We live in a world where everything is changing. People can be one way with us one day and another way with us the next day, kind to us one day and then unkind. They can seem to have our backs one day and pretend to not know us the next day. You never leave us or forsake us, dear God, and we say, “thank You”. We are grateful to serve a God who never changes and is consistent. Lord, Your love in immeasurable and perfect. Continue to show us how to not depend on this world’s system but operate in Your system in this temporary world. Lord, help us to always depend on You and only You for everything. As Your Word says, You will supply all our need according to Your riches in glory. We believe in You as You are a God that can never fail or lie. Thank You for being in complete control. Amen.

**UNITED PRAYER POINT: Resurrection Belief (Matthew 19:26 and John 2:22)**

**May 8, 2020:** Father God, we pray that You lead and guide our lives each day and that You will keep us from sin. As we know, with man it is impossible, but with You, it is possible. Work on us, Lord. Holy Spirit, tear down and root out the old man and shape and mold the new man according to God’s perfect plan. We give You free liberty and total control, and take charge over our lives. Dear God, we want to be pleasing in Your sight. We look forward each day that we grow in You. We are excited and in expectation about Your plan for our lives. Have Your way, Lord. Amen.

**May 9, 2020:** Father God, we worship You today and we praise You. We thank You so much for Your precious Son, Jesus, who through His atoning death on the cross, glorious RESURRECTION from the dead, and astonishing ascension into heaven has enabled us to go to “NEXT LEVEL BELIEVING”! Now, because of this, with our belief in Him we have the Holy Spirit living INSIDE of us. Therefore, through the power of Your Spirit we can experience (what Paul prayed in Eph 1:17-20) “… what is the exceeding GREATNESS of His power to us-ward who BELIEVE, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ when He RAISED Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in heavenly places…”. Thank You, Father God, for allowing “the eyes of my understanding” to be “enlightened” for allowing me to have “clean vision” and to allow me to use the POWER of Your Holy Spirit to get to NEXT LEVEL BELIEVING! This is my prayer in Jesus’ name, Amen.

**May 10, 2020:** Father God, as we reflect on all of our mothers, we pray that they will always be women who hold to the scripture that says, “Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous; is not proud; is not conceited; does not act foolishly; is not selfish; is not easily provoked to anger; keeps no record of wrongs; takes no pleasure in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth; love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.” Also, that our mothers continue to train up their children in the way of the Lord so that when they are old, they will not depart from it. Continue to give all women the strength, faith, and obedience to be strong women of God, never putting anything or anyone before You. Continue to lead and guide all our lives, dear God. Amen. I Corinthians 13:4-7

**May 11, 2020:** Father God, we thank You for this opportunity to call You, O Lord, for You are great and greatly to be praised. Help us, to have openness of heart, mind, body and soul, and to the word of God, which will bring about a change in our belief and understanding. Hallelujah! Father, help us! War is going on, so we must fight, and not faint. Help us to turn our lives over to You in Jesus’ name, Amen.  Acts 17:10-12

**May 12, 2020:**  Father God, we praise Your name, we glorify You, we magnify You, and we thank You, God. You protect those You love. We ask that You forgive us for our sins and help us in the areas where we are weak. Help us to be more assured and move out confusion or doubt. Shake it out of our lives.  Thank You, Lord. For those who may not know You as Lord and Savior, we pray that they may come asking “how can we be saved?” Because of the preaching and teaching of Your Word partnering with the Holy Spirit, now belief comes, in Jesus’ name, Amen.   Acts 16: 25-34

**May 13, 2020:**  Most high God, You are a strong ruler and wonderful is Your name. You are awesome and You are the one and only God. Hallelujah!  Thank you, God, for we come together to You as a whole church asking forgiveness. Destroy what is not of You and in the future block anything that is not of You before it reaches us. Hallelujah! Thank You, God, for our pastor, a messenger who is connected, knowledgeable, and preaches and teaches as letters come from on high. We are filled with joy, encouragement and strength, through the church’s spiritual connection. Peace to the messenger and family in Jesus’ name, Amen. Acts 15: 30- 34

**May 14, 2020:** Father God, in Luke 18:27, Jesus Himself said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.” His response came in answer to the question the disciples asked about “who can be saved?” From Jesus’ response in Mark 10:24, “trust in riches” disqualifies you. Then Mark 10:26 tells us that this answer Jesus gave astonished His disciples. Lord, help me NOT to trust “in my substance”, but rather to put YOUR WILL and desire first. Help me to climb to the NEXT LEVEL in my belief in YOU and YOUR WORD. Let me trust and believe JESUS (my RISEN SAVIOR) to be my salvation and to convey this to others in such a way that they depend on YOU‼ In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

**UNITED PRAYER POINT: Jesus is the Hope of the World (2 Thessalonians 3:1 and Acts 16:31)**

**May 15, 2020:** The Lord is faithful and His Word never fails. Even in hard times or cloudy days, His hand is never slack. My hope and trust is in the Lord because He is a just God. He answers my prayers, keeps me safe, and delivers me from all iniquity. Lord, in this season of uncertainty, we call upon You for a new level of faith. Take us beyond the veil, into the Holy of Holies and give us a divine revelation. Help us to continue to stand firm in our faith, believing that Your supernatural power is still working behind the scene. Even when we cannot see Your hand at work, we still trust the process. Lord, we thank You for this day, our daily bread. Thank You for providing for us and sustaining us as we continue to seek Your face and push our way through. Lord, let Your Word return swiftly and let it be glorified, just as it is with You and deliver us from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. (2 Thess. 3:3) We ask that You touch the souls and the hearts of every unbeliever and make their will agreeable to Your will. Turn every stony heart to flesh and give them a hunger and a thirst for righteousness. Let all men receive the Word of God, hide it within their hearts, and stand firmly in faith with confidence, believing that You are God and with God, ALL things are possible. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

**May 16, 2020:** Father, we put our trust in the Living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially those who believe (1 Tim. 4:10). We believe in Your power and Your mighty works. We look to the hills from which comes our help, our help comes from the Lord. We lift our eyes and our hands in reverence to Your Holy Name. We rely totally upon You, Lord. When we are in our darkest hours and we cannot see a way out, we ask You to direct our paths. I believe without a doubt that Your Word will accomplish every purpose that it was sent for. Father, we accept Your will and Your plans for our lives. We believe that You will take us to the next level of faith in this hour and teach us to believe despite of what we see. As we put our faith on autopilot, we expect new levels and new dimensions to manifest in our lives. Lord, take us to higher heights and deeper depths. We thank You for preparing us for the lift off. We are expecting great and mighty things and we give You all the glory the honor and the praise in Jesus Christ’s precious name. Amen.

**May 17, 2020:** Dear Heavenly Father, we believe that with You all things are possible. Things that are impossible for man are not a challenge for You at all. God, we know that if we forsake all worldly and ungodly things and accept Your gift, Your son, our name will be written in the Book of Life. We will also reap a hundredfold in eternal life. We believe that all things work together for good to those who love God to those who are called according to his purpose as in Romans 8:28. Thank you, God, for bringing us to a place where we can rest and have peace that surpasses all understanding because You protect, love, guide, and lead us in Your perfect plan throughout to the end of our lives. Nothing in this world shall be able to separate us from You in Jesus’ name, Amen. Matthew 19:26

**May 18, 2020:** Lord, we thank You for Your saving grace. We believe with all of our hearts, minds, and souls that You are able to do all things, nothing is impossible with God. We know that You have the power to turn every disastrous situation around. You can bend arrows, break the strongest chains, and lift the heaviest burdens. Lord, You have all power in Your hands. Your thoughts are far beyond anything we could ever imagine. Lord, according to Acts 16:31, if we believe in the Lord Jesus, we would be saved and our entire household would be saved. Lord, we believe that no souls will be lost. By faith, we declare that this nation will humble itself, turn from our sinful ways and be saved. We declare that by Your stripes, Your people will be healed, delivered, and set free. We believe beyond a shadow of doubt that every word that You have spoken shall come to past. Lord, we ask for Your mercy for this nation. Lord, activate the faith of all mankind. Let every man, woman, boy, and girl call upon the Lord. And those that don’t know You, let them call upon You, asking “what must I do to be saved?” Lord, hear every humble cry. Increase the faith of every believer and make every unbeliever a witness. Show Your glory. Perform miracles, signs, and wonders today as You have before. Show up and show out. Cause every believer to go deeper in their faith. We know that You are God all by Yourself. Lord, give us a fresh anointing and tap into next level faith that will take us beyond the veil. Lord, move upon every heart and cover us with the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. In the Precious name of Jesus, Amen.

**May 19, 2020:** Heavenly Father, I honor You this day and I thank You for Your grace and mercy! Thank You for Your lovingkindness toward us. I pray that You will send a healing in the land! Please send a healing to all people who are of a broken heart. I pray that You will comfort those who have lost loved ones to this pandemic, and those who have lost loved ones in any other manner. Give them a peace that passes all understanding, hold them up with Your powerful right hand! For we know that nothing is impossible with You. Our help comes from You, dear God, and it's my sincere prayer that You help us in every way we need it. Anything, absolutely anything, can happen when we give our hearts and minds to our Savior.  Father, we are leaning and depending on You. Do for us what we cannot do for ourselves! Keep us, I pray. We will be so careful to give You all the honor, all the praise, and all the glory. It's in Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

**May 20, 2020:** Father God, we thank You for the privilege we have of coming before You in prayer. We thank You for Your Word and for being here for us. Father, now more than ever, we need to remain focused on You. Your Word tells us in Matthew 19:26 "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." Help us with our belief in You and who YOU are to us. Dear God, let us continue to believe in Your Word. No matter what we may be seeing with our physical eyes, and hearing with our physical ears, keep our minds stayed on You. Help us to guard our eye gates and ear gates so that we won't be tricked by the enemy. Help us to see and hear things more clearly in the Spirit. Remind us daily that all things are possible with You, even though things may look dire or dismal. We need You, Father, to strengthen us and be with us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**May 21, 2020:** Father, Your Word says in Mark 9:23, "Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Father, it is my prayer that You continue to help our belief in the promises You have given us in Your Word. Help us to maintain a faithfulness to You, even in these difficult times that we are facing. Help us to believe that all things are truly possible through You, if we only believe. And please, dear God, help our unbelief. Father, we want to please You in everything we say and do. And there is nothing You can't do for us when we believe on You. Remove any doubts we may have, and help us to focus on Jesus and His miracle working power! Keep our minds and hearts, dear God. For we know that You can heal, deliver, and set free. In Jesus' name, Amen!

**UNITED PRAYER POINT: Next Level Believing (Belief) (2 Thessalonians 3:3 and 2 Corinthians 4:8)**

**May 22, 2020:** Father God, Your Word declares in 2 Corinthians 4:8 that we are troubled on every side, but not distressed, perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not forsaken, casted down but not destroyed. Through it all, Father, You kept us, sustained us and allowed us to be victorious in our trials. Father, I believe that You are almighty and all powerful, and I am more than a conqueror through Christ Jesus. Father, I know the plans that You have for me, plans for good, and not disaster, to give me hope and a future and I stand on Your word and trust that You who began a good work will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**May 23, 2020:** Father God, Your Word declares in 1 Timothy 4:10 that we labor and strive because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. Father, I put my trust and hope in You because You are a just, righteous and sovereign God. I pray that Your spirit will continue to lead, guide, and direct my path. Father, search my heart daily and if there is any unbelief or unforgiveness in my heart remove it now so that it does not hinder or delay Your blessings in my life. Father, if there is any fear or doubt in my heart, remove it now and help me to be a bold witness of the gospel. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**May 24, 2020:** Heavenly Father, as these end times and last days approach, we pray that You direct our hearts into the love of God and into patience waiting for Christ. In the mighty name of Jesus, help us to never walk disorderly and lust of the flesh. Lord, with Your faithfulness establish us and keep us from evil. We know in these times many loves shall wax cold according to Matthew 24:12. Lord, we ask You to keep us and let us not straddle the fence or be lukewarm. Let us choose this day who we will serve. It is time out for compromising and not standing for God. Lord, the people of this world are hungry and desperate for a savior. It is our duty to bring Christ to them. So much of the world has started to change the church/body of Christ, which is a terrible sin and we should be changing and converting the world into believers. Help us to fulfill our assignments, and complete and finish our race strong in Jesus’ name, Amen. 2 Thessalonians 3:3

**May 25, 2020:** Father God, Your Word declares in Hebrews 11:6 that it is impossible to please You without faith and anyone who wants to come to You must believe that You exist and that You reward those who diligently seek You. Father, help me to seek Your face consistently and have a burning desire to study Your Word daily. Father, help me to rightly divide Your word and apply Your principles and statutes in my life. Increase my faith and open my eyes of understanding. Help me to be a living example of Your love, faith, and hope. Father, I pray that others will see Your light shining in me and be drawn to You because of who You are in my life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**May 26, 2020:** Father God, Your Word declares in Mark 9:23 that all things are possible for one who believes. Father, I know that sometimes trials and difficult circumstances can cause me to waver in my faith, but Father, I believe that there is nothing too hard for You. I believe that You are a great God, mighty in battle and mighty in pulling down the strongholds in my life. Father, help me not to lean on my own understanding, but to acknowledge You and allow You to direct my path. I believe that You will make my crooked roads straight and my rough roads smooth. I believe I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Father, please help me to walk in the purpose in which You have for me. Place the right people in my path and remove those who are a hindrance to Your purpose and plan for my life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**May 27, 2020:** Father God, Your Word declares in Matthew 21:22 if I believe, I will receive whatever I ask for. Father, I ask for strength and perseverance to run this race and I believe that Your strength is made perfect in my weakness. Help me to not get weary in well doing and to continue to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Father, sometimes it gets hard and then I remember that I am a child of the Most High God and there is nothing too hard for You. Prepare me for the next level of greatness; purge out of me anything that is a hindrance to my growth and prune what remains so I can continue to bear Your fruit. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**May 28, 2020:** Father God, Your Word declares in John 6:35 that Jesus is the bread of life and whoever comes to Him shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Him shall never thirst. Father, Your Word is daily manna for my spirit and it provides the encouragement and hope needed to sustain me. Jesus is the living water that I need for eternal life and as long as I have living water, Your Word declares that I would thirst no more. Father, I know that You will supply all my need according to your riches in glory because all my help comes from You. I pray that You will continue to open all natural and spiritual doors that are supposed to be open, and that you will close all natural and spiritual doors that are supposed to be closed. I decree Your blessings and favor over my life and my family and I decree that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**May 29, 2020:** Father God, your word declares in Psalm 9:10 that those who know Your name will put their trust in You. For You, O Lord have not forsaken those who seek You. Father, I have never seen the righteous forsaken or Your seed begging bread. I trust You and I am grateful that You have never forsaken me. You have always made a way for me and provided resources for me. You hear me when I cry out to You and You answer me when I call on Your name. You are Jehovah Jireh, my provider and You are Jehovah Shalom, my prince of peace. Thank You for Your provision and Your protection. Thank You for rescuing me from every trap of the enemy and exposing every lie of the enemy against me. You are my refuge, my fortress, and a very present help in time of trouble. I believe that You have greater plans for me and I am ready to move to the next level. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**May 30, 2020:** Father, we believe that You are God and all things are subject to You. You have authority over everything, dead or alive. We believe that You have given us the same power to operate under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We stand on Your Word and we believe that Your Word is life unto our souls. You have proven yourself time and time again. You are the God-head, three in one: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe that You died for the remission of our sins. Because of Your sacrifice we have a right to eternal life. We repent of any form of sin in our lives. Lord, we lay every burden at Your altar and we yield to You. Father, we need You to survive. You are the power source of our lives. We surrender our desires and our will to You, Lord. We ask that You take us to a new level. Give us increase in every area of our lives. Bless us, indeed. Enlarge our territory and lay Your hand upon us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and protect us from all evil. (1 Chronicles 4:10) Lord, we believe in Your will and Your way. It is our desire to serve You and obey You. Let us run this race with confidence; not giving up or yielding to anything outside Your will. Give us strength to finish this race gracefully. Lift us up above every situation. Let us soar on eagle’s wings. Let us continue to believe and keep the faith, believing in Your promises. We walk by faith, and we trust Your Word according to Ephesians 2:6-10, “And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; in order that the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Lord, we thank You for taking us to a new level of faith and belief. Thank You for the gift of faith, the Fruit of the Spirit which is faith, the Measure of Faith, and mountain moving faith. Give us eyes to see beyond the natural eye. Thank you for 2020 Vision and Clean Living. In the precious name of Jesus’, Amen.

**May 31, 2020:** Lord God, it is not Your will that we should faint. You don’t want us to be saved secretly. You want us to be bold for You and let our light shine so that the world may see it and give You glory. You are searching for people in this end time that will say, “For God I live and for God I die” and mean it. For we preach not according to our own agenda, but Christ Jesus the Lord and ourselves Your servants for Jesus’ sake. Lord, let our lives be an example of You. Let us shine bright in this dark world. Let us lead the lost to Christ. Lord, as believers, we have the victory. Help us to let the world know that the answer to all their problems is You. Nothing in this world will ever satisfy them. They will never quench their thirst, only You can provide them living water, water that will cause them to never thirst again. Lord, draw Your people to You; we are ready for this Great Revival that is coming. We know it is not Your will that any should be lost. Let Your people be in the saving business. We accept the assignment and we ask that each day You show us who needs a word from You. Help us to show love as love covers a multitude of sins. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen. 2 Corinthians 4:8