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**Sunday morning worship services are recorded.** Please see a member of our media ministry to purchase a CD.

**Sunday, July 14, 2019**

*Welcome*

Whether you know it or not, there is a reason that you are here today. And we are glad that you are sharing this time with us. It is our hope that your experience here at Bethel will be meaningful, moving, and even memorable. We pray that God blesses you greatly as we are blessed by your presence today.

Please check out these opportunities for you to share your gift(s).

## Help Needed:

**The Cup Of Water Ministry** is in need of willing workers to help prepare the Repass for our bereaved families. This ministry requires you to work two (2) days per funeral. The first day is preparation and the second day is the actual day of cooking and service to the family. Please contact Leo or Georgia Hemphill at (989) 790-8685 or Oliver Thompson at (989) 754-7665.

### **Van and Bus Drivers**

Bethel is on the move and needs drivers to add to our rotation. If you are interested in becoming a driver, please see Wilbert Smith or Derek Mason. A CDL license is required for bus drivers but is not for the van.

### **In Nursing Home:**

Sis. Lela Price.....Healthsource  
Sis. Joan Williams.....Healthsource  
Sis. Berneice Scott ..... Hoyt Nursing Home  
Sis. Nell Kelly ..... Hoyt Nursing Home  
Sis. Annie Jackson..... Hoyt Nursing Home  
Sis. Tracey Wesley ..... Great Lakes Rehab

### **At Home:**

Bro. Robert McKandes.....4862 W. Michigan Ave.  
Sis. Marie Matthews ..... 434 South 11th Street  
Sis. Gladys Woodley ..... 3625 W. Diamondale Drive  
Sis. Rosie B. Johnson ..... 938 Betheny  
Sis. Gloria Belton..... 3082 Schaefer  
Sis. Yvette Wofford ..... 3125 Bertha Dr.  
Bro. Tony Odneal ..... 436 S 27th Street  
Sis. Sonya Lampkins .....4033 Randolph Street  
Bro. Calvin Williams ..... 3286 Southfield Dr.



# Announcements and upcoming events

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Don't forget to go to our website at [www.bethel-saginaw.org](http://www.bethel-saginaw.org) for calendar updates and meeting times

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## **Volunteers on Duty for July 21, 2019**

**Transportation:** Wilbert Smith/Arnedia King  
Flowers on the Altar:

**Choirs:** King Family/Voices of Worship

**NAACP Membership Drive:** NAACP Membership Drive will begin on Sunday July 14, 2019 and continue through September 22, 2019. We solicit your support as always. The NAACP Membership Committee.

**Class Leader Council:** The Class Leader Council bi-monthly meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. All Class Leaders are expected to be present and participate as we prepare for our Annual Consecration Celebration in September. Your report is due at the meeting. Alberta Pruitt

**Nurses Guild:** The Nurses Guild is in need of nurses if you are interested stop by the nursery or see Gloria Jones, Annie Strother or Deanna Smith-Green

**The Young Adult Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist them with the HUGS Closet.** Please contact the church office.

**Still Life 2019 Call for Entries:** Still Life is a community literacy journal open to all Saginaw and Bay County residents – or all visitors to the Saginaw Community Writing Center or Bay Community Writing Center. Submission Guidelines: Limit to 3 poems with each one no more than 40 lines. In the body of your email, provide name, age, title of your poem, and contact information (phone, address, and email) Attach your entry as a .doc or docx file, with your name, the title of your piece, and Still Life Poetry Contest as your subject line. All entries due by July 15, 2019 Submit your work to.

**Camp Infinity:** Introducing girls to computing and internet technologies through hands-on activities. One-week summer camp for girls entering grades 9-12. Cost \$75; Program Dates: July 29-August 2, 2019. [www.delta.edu](http://www.delta.edu)

**DAPCEP Summer Camps:** (Grades 2-12) Join your friends and make new ones this summer while you explore the exciting worlds of science, technology and math. Information available in church office.

**GM Women in Engineering (WiE) Mission:** to increase the talent pipeline of qualified engineers, inclusive of females and underrepresented populations in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Contact: Dr. Ranjani Muraleedharan. [rmuralee@svsu.edu](mailto:rmuralee@svsu.edu) .

**Choir Rehearsal Schedule:** Male Chorus: July 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Bethel Voices: Tuesday July 23, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. Youth Mass: No Rehearsal in July. Chancel Choir: Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise notified. King Family: TBA; Gospel Choir: TBA; Voices of Worship: TBA.

**Birthday Celebration:** Bethel Family you are invited to come out and help Keith EL Toro Brown celebrate his birthday on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at Red Lobster Restaurant 4041 Bay Rd. Saginaw from 2:30-5:00 p.m. (You are asked to pay for your meal).

**Open House:** Mya Lynn Sutton, Great Granddaughter of Alonzo & Dorothy Wrenn, Daughter of Frank & Cojunna Sutton invite you to Mya's Open House on Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 2-5 p.m. in the Rueben Adams Multi-Purpose Center.

**Grow in Confidence:** July 20, 2019 Victorious Believers will host Grow in Confidence, a 3-session workshop for young ladies 7th -12th grade. The 3-sessions will include: Building Confidence, Perseverance and My Body My Temple. Registration is \$15.00 and begins at 9:30 a.m. Event is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Food provided and vendors available. For more information contact: [youngwomenwhoworship@gmail.com](mailto:youngwomenwhoworship@gmail.com).

**Riverfront Calypso Night:** A (Friend-Raiser) for St. Vincent's Home in the garden at the Andersen Center. Come out and enjoy a variety of live instrumental music (performed by one of Michigan's premier steel bands), appetizers and a signature (non-alcohol) tropical drink all while learning how you can partner with Yahedah Promotions to help current day "orphans", youth in the foster care system, living in a residential facility at St. Vincent's Home. Please log on to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or call 989 272-3103 to purchase tickets.

**Christmas in July:** It's Fellowship Night!!! The Great Lake Loons will be hosting Christmas in July, a Canned Food Drive to benefit Hidden Harvest and the community feeding programs they support on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at the Dow Diamond. The Game will begin at 7:05 p.m. It will be family Feast Night where Attendees will enjoy hot dogs, chips, Pepsi products and ice cream sandwiches for \$1.00. Please come out and bring nonperishable canned

goods to donate to Hidden Harvest and you will be entered into a raffle to win prizes. (Please no glass jars)

**The Saginaw Eddy Concert Band:** Invites you to join them for Season 93! of their Summer Concert Series. Free Admission and Parking for the entire family. Sunday's through August 4th at 7 p.m. at Huntington Event Park 300 Johnson St., Saginaw, across from the Dow Event Center.

**Transportation Request:** Anyone who desires transportation for Sunday service should call the office before 12:00 noon on Wednesday. Office Hours: Starting June 14 thru August 30, 2019 the office will be closed on Friday's for the summer.

**Bethel Family please send all correspondence to Enzell Burden, Office Mgr. at [eburden@bethelame-saginaw.org](mailto:eburden@bethelame-saginaw.org).**

## Something to think about...

There is a something special about "Christian"; the name one receives it at the moment they receive Jesus Christ as their Savior. Irregardless of age, It indicates a new beginning, a start of a new journey on a path that we hadn't chosen previously. It signifies a change in our hearts and lives that represents our connectedness to God. But the name bears great responsibility and those who claim it are accountable to God as well as each other. Our lifestyle (what we say and do, and how we say and do it), should exemplify Christ in such a way that we recognize each other as Christians, as well as have the world (those who don't know Christ) recognize the light of Christ in us and our actions. We also want to recognize our name when our Father calls it, for God has something special for each of His children to do. Do you remember when God changed your name? Do you remember the excitement of that moment and the newness of life that followed? Are you still excited about your relationship with Christ and the name that came with it? Are others able to see the light of Christ in you? Live up to the name.



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The NAACP Saginaw Branch was established 100 years ago. The Saginaw Branch has an outstanding record of achievement and it is our desire to make sure that residents in the Great Lakes Bay Region and throughout the state and nation are aware of our rich history and many efforts of the branch to protect the civil rights and improve the quality of life of the citizens throughout the area. Information below summarizes some of the history of the Saginaw County NAACP Branch.

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## **History of Saginaw NAACP Branch #3152 Saginaw, Michigan**

On July 13, 1919 the Saginaw Negro community, then numbering about 50 families, decided to organize the NAACP at Bethel AME Church. The purpose was to give the families a chance to meet with each other and discuss their common problems in trying to exist in Saginaw. A charter was granted to the organizers of the Saginaw Branch on August 25, 1919. The first President of the branch was Reverend Peter S. Marks.

In 1929 the Branch requested that the mayor and city council name a city social worker to help Negroes with housing and social problems confronted by Negro residents. Their request was denied.

M. L. Dukes, Branch President from 1942-44, worked extensively to resolve the challenge of introducing a Negro teacher into the Saginaw public school system. The Saginaw Board of Education agreed to hire a Negro teacher if the branch could find one. A committee recruited Lady Margaret Haithco Groves, a state civil service employee in Lansing to become the first Negro teacher in Saginaw.

Julian Bond, national civil rights leader and former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People visited and addressed the citizens on Saginaw on three different occasions.

The 1960's saw significant racial unrest in the City of Saginaw and the NAACP was looked upon as a leader organization and voice of reason in attempting to address discrimination and issues of inequality. Over the years the branch has never shied away from confronting injustice and inequality or our responsibilities to the citizens of the Saginaw community. In the mid-60's the branch was instrumental in leading efforts to eliminate discriminatory real estate red-lining activities in the selling and renting of housing properties. In 1968, Bernice Barlow was elected President of the Saginaw Branch on her way to becoming one of the longest serving branch presidents in the nation, serving 30 years before stepping down in 1998. Also, in 1968 the branch assisted in the implementation of open enrollment initiatives by the Saginaw School District to

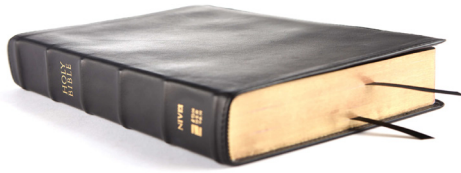
provide educational opportunities for minority students in predominately white west side schools. The Branch's long history of involvement in seeking equal opportunity in the educational arena also includes work in the 1970's to integrate an extremely segregated Saginaw School district by filing a friendly legal brief in a federal lawsuit seeking the integration of the school district. The legal effort was successful.

In 1980, then Executive Director of the NAACP and national civil rights leader, Reverend Benjamin L. Hooks spoke at the Branch's 10th Annual Freedom Fund dinner using the theme; "WE SHALL OVERCOME". The event was hosted at the Saginaw civic Center to a sold out audience.

The Saginaw Branch has been consistently recognized as a leader in voter education by providing critical information to citizens concerning important political, employment and social issues impacting the quality of life of residents throughout the area. The branch has worked in support of the passage of local public safety millages and various education operating millages and various school district bond proposals. During the 2005-06 election cycle, the Branch took a major leadership role in opposing Proposal 2, a statewide ballot proposal calling for an amendment to the state constitution to eliminate affirmative action efforts as part of the admission consideration for attending state public universities. For the 2016 November Presidential election the Saginaw Branch trained and deployed 20 individuals to serve as poll watchers to monitor voting activities at various cities polling locations. In addition, the Branch sponsored an Election Day rally and march through the center of downtown Saginaw that included more than 100 participants. The local Branch throughout its history has championed workforce diversity in public employment and with private sector employers in the area.

The Annual Freedom Fund Dinner has become a major community event with more than 500 attendees and reflects a true melting pot of diverse participation from throughout the area.

THE NAACP SAGINAW BRANCH CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE AND ADVOCACY IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY



## Weekly Bible Readings

The following scriptures will help you to enjoy making Bible reading a daily activity.

7/15	..... Called by God.....	Ephesians 4:1-16
7/16	..... Life to the Full.....	Psalms 36:5-9
7/17	..... Comfort for the Future.....	Revelation 21:3-7
7/18	..... Eternal Comfort.....	2 Corinthians 1:2-7
7/19	..... Flee or Trust?.....	Psalms 55:1-7
7/20	..... Strength for Everyday.....	Ephesians 6:10-20
7/21	..... God in You.....	1 John 5:6-15

## This is what the Pastor is studying this week.

If you would like to know what Pastor Laffoon is studying this week, then take a look at the following scriptures. And if you want a sneak peek at next Sunday's sermon, he is very likely to preach from one of them.

### July 15-21

- Genesis 18:1-10a
- Psalm 15
- Colossians 1:15-28
- Luke 10:38-42

### July 22-28

- Genesis 18:20-32
- Psalm 138
- Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
- Luke 11:1-13

### July 29-Aug 4

- Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
- Psalm 49:1-12
- Colossians 3:1-11
- Luke 12:13-21

### Aug 5-11

- Genesis 15:1-6
- Psalm 33:12-22
- Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
- Luke 12:32-40

### Aug 12-18

- Jeremiah 23:23-29
- Psalm 82
- Hebrews 11:29-12:2
- Luke 12:49-56

### Aug 19-25

- Isaiah 58:9b-14
- Psalm 103:1-8
- Hebrews 12:18-29
- Luke 13:10-17

# The Order Of Worship

Theme: **Loving:** Mark 12:29-31 • **Sharing:** Hebrews 13:16 • **Growing:** 2 Peter 3:18

**Sunday, July 14, 2019 • 10:30 am**

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE INTROIT ..... "Glory, Glory Hallelujah"

THE PROCESSIONAL..... Hymn #5 All Hail the Power

THE ADORATION ..... "Worship Him"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*congregation standing*)..... Sis. Deborah Mack

HYMN OF PRAISE..... Hymn #77 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*congregation seated*) ..... Sis. Katherine Atwater

CHORALE RESPONSE ..... "Thank You Lord"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....Gospel Chorus

OLD TESTAMENT ..... Psalm 25:1-10 (NIV) • Diana Simpson

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*congregation standing*)..... Colossians 1:1-14 (NIV) • Ralph Martin

DECALOGUE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME OF VISITORS

OUR WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS..... Rev. Dennis Laffoon

CHORAL RESPONSE (*congregation standing*)..... "All Things Come of Thee O Lord"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....Chancel Choir

SERMONIC MOMENT ..... Rev. Dennis Laffoon

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL HYMN..... Hymn #282 Lord I Want to Be A Christian

THE ALTAR CALL

CLOSING REMARKS ..... Rev. Dennis Laffoon

RECESSIONAL ..... "What A Fellowship"

DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Dennis Laffoon