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 Presiding Prelate
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Clergy on staff:
 Rev. Clarence D. Atwater
 Rev. Thelma Williams
 Rev. Rochelle Laffoon

Sunday, September 1, 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.



Upcoming Preaching Dates...

It's indeed an honor to be invited to preach and I would love to have you with me. The following are my upcoming preaching dates. Please mark your calendars and join me, as I seek to share the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Vernon Chapel Church Anniversary • 4pm
 5802 Dupont St, Flint, MI 48505

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Pastor Hurley Coleman Anniversary • 4pm
 World Outreach Campus
 2405 Bay St., Saginaw, Michigan 48602

In the Hospital:

Gloria BeltonCovenant
 Leia BrewerSt. Mary's

In Nursing Home:

Sis. Lela PriceHealthsource
 Sis. Joan WilliamsHealthsource
 Sis. Berneice Scott Hoyt Nursing Home
 Sis. Nell Kelly Hoyt Nursing Home
 Sis. Annie Jackson Hoyt Nursing Home
 Sis. Tracey Wesley Great Lakes Rehab
 Sis. Gladys Woodley Heartland Rehab, Bay City

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 Sis. Marie Matthews 434 South 11th Street
 Sis. Rosie B. Johnson 938 Betheny
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Announcements

and upcoming events

Don't forget to go to our website at www.bethel-saginaw.org for calendar updates and meeting times

Volunteers on Duty for September 8, 2019

Transportation: Belinda Barlow-Poole/Alfred Kelly

Flowers on the Altar:

In Memory of Robert L. Mason, from son Derek K. Mason & Family

Choirs: Gospel Choir/Chancel Choir

Class Leaders: The Class Leaders will celebrate their Annual Consecration Service and Recognition Ceremony on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

Immediately after worship the Recognition Ceremony will take place in the Ruben Adams Multi-Purpose Room. A very delicious meal will be served and all of you are invited.

Mark Your Calendar: The widows of Bethel will resume dining together on the second Wednesday of the month looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 11th at 5:00 at the Bridgeport Cracker Barrel. Contact Carol Walker at 239-8404 for information.

Need Help with Facebook Live Streaming: Please contact the church office or Carol Walker if you are interested in videoing the Sunday morning worship service for Facebook.

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER

WALK! The walk will take place on Saturday, October 12th at 10:00 a.m. at Krossroad Park. Please join the Bethelite Team in the walk or make a donation. Please wear pink for the walk. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Mack 777-0242 or Katherine Primas 777-4696

Usher Board #2: REMINDER! There will be an important meeting on Saturday, September 7,

2019 at 11:00 a.m. This is the first meeting of the conference year. Please bring your notebook/folder with you. New members are WELCOMED! If you are interested please see Martha Lockhart or Joseph Washington. Thank you.

Lay Organization: Everyone is a member of the laity. However, you can have your voice heard by becoming a member of the organized Lay Organization. The Lay meets every 4th Saturday at 10 a.m. Membership dues is \$12.00. The application form can be found on the rack in the mall area or contact Waunita Pettiford, Lay President.

Call out for volunteers: Bethel Family we are asking for volunteers to assist with the 12th Annual Run for Your Heart Community Races sponsored by the Pulse 3 foundation on Saturday, September 7th from 6:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All events start/finish at Michigan Cardio Vascular Institute/MCVI (1015 S. Washington, Saginaw). Volunteers will be assisting with course guidance, water stations and much more. Cash prizes awarded to the best water and entertainment stations. You can register at www.runforyourheart.org. or you may sign-up by calling (989) 907-7283, Thanking you in advance for your participation

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.

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

Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

Bamecians:

Tuesday, September 3rd & 10th at 6:15 p.m.

Bethel Voices:

Tuesday, September 24th and
October 1st at 6:15 p.m.

Chancel Choir:

Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise notified.

Gospel Choir:

Saturday, September 7 at 12:00 noon.

Male Chorus:

Monday, September 9th, 16th and 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Voices of Worship:

Thursday, September 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Mass:

Wednesday, September 11th and 18th at 6:00 p.m.

King Family:

TBA.

Thank you: To Pastor Laffoon and the Bamecians for their presence at My Appreciation at my church. Thank you for taking time out from your busy

schedule. Love you much. Demona Reed/Minister of Music.

Thank you: Pastor & Rev. Laffoon, Rev. Williams, Rev. P. David Saunders, Sis. Carla Jordan and family, The Prayer Warriors and the entire Bethel A.M.E. Church family. We thank you all for your prayers, phone calls, support and all expressions of kindness before, during and after the passing of my sister Brenda Bryant-Reynolds. Brenda had a "Wonderful Homegoing." You all showed up and showed out and your presence was a great comfort to our family. We love you all. "To God Be the Glory!!!" Elaine (Bryant) & Houston Jackson, Jr. & family.

Transportation Request: Anyone who desires transportation for Sunday service should call the office before 12:00 noon on Wednesday.

Office Hours: Friday office hours will start again September 6, 2019.

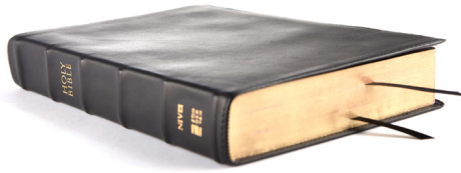
**Bethel Family please send all correspondence to
Enzell Burden, Office Mgr. at**

Something to think about...

One might define wilderness as an area that has been uncultivated or uninhabited. And when we look at this definition, and others like it, then there's no question why many of us don't look forward to wilderness experiences. But the key to understanding the true value in these events comes from realizing that at the point where we are in the wilderness, it's no longer uninhabited because we are there. We are there to be free from distraction, eyes opened, ears alert and senses heightened to a degree that is not possible otherwise. These may well seem like moments of inconvenience to us but if God is trying to get our attention, and communicate with us, and teach us, and guide us, then how inconvenient is that?. Oftentimes, our wilderness situations (whatever that may be: laid off work, in a hospital bed, on a new job with no support, in uncharted territory, on the verge of making life changing decisions) occur as tests, to see how real our relationship with God really is. What have we learned from our last experience? What will we do differently this time? Has our prayer life changed? How long will it take for us to seek God? Will we praise in the midst of trial? Will we choose to stay in the wilderness? And when our wilderness season is over, will we share the testimony with others? There is much that we have to learn in life and love and relationship with God. Our wilderness experiences are only there that we might come out of them prepared to live fuller, love greater, and trust God more.



Rev. Dennis Laffoon
Pastor



Weekly Bible Readings

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

9/2	..... Always With Us	John 14:16-17
9/3	..... The Truth About God	John 14:17
9/4	..... Those Who Refuse to See	John 14:17
9/5	..... Knowing the Spirit	John 14:17
9/6	..... The Promise of Hope	John 14:18
9/7	..... To See and Believe	John 14:19
9/8	..... Life Before Death.....	John 14:19

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.

Sept 2-8

- Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- Psalm 1
- Philemon 1:1-21
- Luke 14:25-33

Sept 9-15

- Exodus 32:7-14
- Psalm 51:1-10
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Luke 15:1-10

Sept 16-22

- Amos 8:4-7
- Psalm 113
- 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- Luke 16:1-13

Sept 23-29

- Amos 6:1a, 4-7
- Psalm 146
- 1 Timothy 6:6-19
- Luke 16:19-31

Sept 30- Oct 6

- Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
- Psalm 37:1-9
- 2 Timothy 1:1-14
- Luke 17:5-10

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

6:45pm at Bethel
Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 10

Young Adult Bible Study

6pm at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd
September 11th

Thursday Morning Bible Study

10:30am at Bethel
Beginning Thursday, Sept. 12



Alan Butler
Attorney



Howard Thomas
SVSU Student/Substance
Abuse Counselor Intern



Steve Snow
Dynamic Corvettes

Women of Colors Presents I'M STILL A MAN

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019
6:00 P.M.
TICKETS: \$10

SVRC INDUSTRIES
1000 TUSCOLA STREET
SAGINAW

Refreshments will be served

Tickets may be purchased at the
door, from a Women of Colors
member or call: 989-737-9286
www.womenofcolors.org



*Inspirational stories
shared by a panel of
community members*



Alan Crawford
Attorney



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The Order Of Worship

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

Sunday, September 1, 2019 • 10:30 am

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE INTROIT "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah"

THE PROCESSIONAL..... Hymn #25 Holy, Holy, Holy

THE ADORATION "Your Great Name"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*congregation standing*)

HYMN OF PRAISE..... Hymn #283 I Am Thine, O Lord

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*congregation seated*)

CHORALE RESPONSE "Change My Heart"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... Bethel Voices

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 112 (NIV)

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*congregation standing*)..... Hebrews 13:1-8 (NIV)

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..... Bamecians

SERMONIC MOMENT Rev. Dennis Laffoon

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL HYMN..... Hymn #243 Down at the Cross

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

CLOSING REMARKS Rev. Dennis Laffoon

RECESSIONAL "Amen"

DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION Rev. Dennis Laffoon