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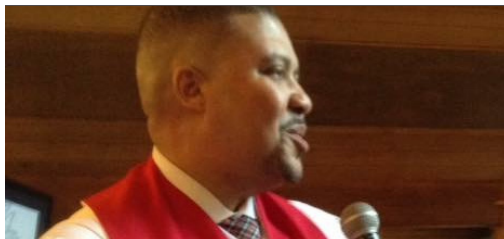
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**Sunday morning worship services are Live streamed** and can be viewed live or at a later time on our Facebook page.

## Sunday, September 15, 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

**Wednesday, October 2, 2019**  
Prince of Peace Revival • 7pm  
825 N 24th St, Saginaw

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**  
Pastor Hurley Coleman Anniversary • 5pm  
World Outreach Campus  
2405 Bay St., Saginaw, Michigan 48602

### In the Hospital:

Maggie Faulk.....Covenant-Rehab  
Yvette Wofford..... Covenant Harrison

### 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  
Sis. Gladys Woodley ..... Heartland Rehab, Bay City

### At Home:

Bro. Robert McKandes.....4862 W. Michigan Ave.  
Sis. Marie Matthews ..... 434 South 11th Street  
Sis. Rosie B. Johnson ..... 938 Betheny  
Sis. Gloria Belton..... 3082 Schaefer  
Bro. Tony Odneal ..... 436 S 27th Street  
Sis. Sonya Lampkins .....4033 Randolph Street  
Bro. Calvin Williams .... P.O. Box 3559, Zip Code 48605



# Announcements

## and upcoming events

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

### **Volunteers on Duty for September 22, 2019**

**Transportation:** Arneida King/Derick Mason

### **Flowers on the Altar:**

Cawl Stroud father and grandfather of Roberta Stroud and Carl & Tiffany McGwan

**Choirs:** Youth Mass/Male Chorus

### **Arthur Eddy Tutoring Program Volunteers**

**Needed:** It is time to begin our Arthur Eddy Reading program. If you are interested in tutoring 2nd & 3rd grade students please attend the informational meeting on September 26, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m. here at the church. Please contact Rev. Thelma Williams with questions.

**Usher Board #1:** Summer has come and gone and it is back to the grinder. There will be an important meeting Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. This will be our first meeting of the conference year. New members are welcome. If you are interested please see Derek Mason or Janice Coleman.

**Pink Sunday:** Join our fellow church members in recognizing PINK SUNDAY on Sunday, October 6, 2019 in an effort to raise awareness about breast cancer. Wear PINK that SUNDAY to show your support for those who are battling or have lost the battle with breast cancer. Share with your relatives, family members and neighbors the lifesaving message of early detection. For more information contact Alexis Pinkston at (989) 445-0824

**2020 Birthday Calendar Sale:** It's that time of year. The Courtesy Committee is currently conducting the 2020 Birthday Calendar sale. Due to increased costs from the publisher, we have had to increase

the cost, by one dollar. The calendars are now \$7.00, and you can list six listings for birthday, anniversary or memorial, instead of five. Contact any Courtesy Committee member to take your order. Thank you for your continuous patronage. Dr. Roslyn McQueen, President; Ella Simmons, Church Sign Up Chair; Calvin Williams, Calendar Sale Chairman.

**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

**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 are \$12.00. The application form can be found on the rack in the mall area or contact Waunita Pettiford, Lay President.

**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

### **Steward Board Meeting**

Thursday, Sept. 12  
6pm

### **Trustee Board Meeting**

Thursday, Sept. 19  
6pm

### **Official Board Meeting**

Thursday, Sept. 26  
6pm

**Choir Rehearsal Schedule:****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.

**Male Chorus:**

September 16th and 30th at 7:30 p.m.

**Youth Mass:**

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

**King Family:** TBA.

**Thank you:** Thank you Pastor Laffoon, Ministerial Staff, Women's Missionary Society and Bethel Family for your cards and prayers during the passing of my brother William H. Brewer. May God Continually Bless you all. We love you! Lillie B. Strong, Brewer's, Strong's, Arnett's and Jackson families.

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

**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... No Favorites

Imagine a king walking along a red-carpeted hallway, with all of his servants bowed before him. Each of them understands that their contribution to the kingdom is part of a collective effort but deep in their hearts, they wish that their king would acknowledge them personally by reaching down to raise their bowed head. For to be singled out in this way by the king, would distinguish one as greater or more favored than the rest.

In response, the remaining subjects would shrink in posture but grow in envy. Their collective efforts become more and more individualistic as they attempt to outdo each other and gain the attention of the king. But in their distracted state of glory seeking, they are unable to see that the kingdom has suffered and its size, strength and value have diminished.

Eventually the attention the subjects receive from their king is not what they had in mind, and they find themselves longing for the posture of a bowed head and a humble heart.

God is no respecter of persons and though He shows great favor, it is without favoritism. All of us benefit from His bountiful grace and patient mercy and we should always be reminded that our service to Him is a collective contribution to His kingdom that grows as we grow and becomes stronger as we become stronger in Him.



**Rev. Dennis Laffoon**  
Pastor



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2019 CLASS LEADER SUNDAY  
**GUEST PREACHER**

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Rev.  
**Christal L. Bell**

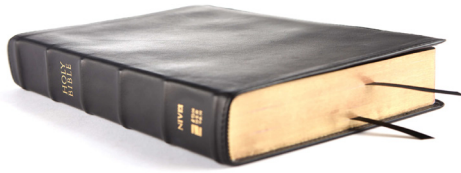
Rev. Christal L. Bell is a proud second-generation ordained elder in the A.M.E. denomination following in the footsteps of her loving parents and mentors, Rev. Larry J. Bell and Rev. DaNita M. Ward Bell. She is a graduate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC). Pastor Christal was active in the WSIU newsroom while studying at SIUC. With aspirations of becoming a prime time reporter, Pastor Christal was awarded an internship position with NBC Studios: Entertainment and Publicity Department; in Burbank, California. It was during this time in her undergraduate studies where she experienced the Call of God for her to become His prime time reporter; she graciously obeyed. She went on to finish her Bachelor of Arts in Radio/Television from SIUC. Upon graduation she entered seminary at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, where she earned her Master of Divinity in 2007. She has previously served as the Senior Pastor of Wesley AME Church in Edwardsville, IL. In 2011, she was awarded the "Key to the City" for Edwardsville, Illinois for her work in bridging the church and community. Rev. Christal has served on the staff of St. James AME Church in Chicago, Illinois, and most recently as the Family Pastor of Barrington United Methodists Church and their regional campuses.

She currently serves as the Fourth Episcopal District Christian Education Director of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Christal is a writer. She has been published and serves as the Youth Column Editor for the AME Christian Recorder. Rev. Christal's passion for youth and missions has led her to lead domestic and international mission projects for youth and adults for the past ten years.

This year her passion led her to establish UPLifted LLC. This organization provides consultations for mission/service projects, youth ministry programs, and Christian Education strategies and best practices. She is a doctoral student at Payne Theological Seminary focusing in Pastoral Care and Counseling. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Her life verse is "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."



## Daily Bible Readings

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

9/16 .....	The Final Authority .....	John 14:24
9/17 .....	Jesus' Gifts of Grace .....	John 14: 25
9/18 .....	The Spirit Teaches Us .....	John 14:26
9/19 .....	A Farewell Gift .....	John 14:27
9/20 .....	Going and Coming.....	John 14:28
9/21 .....	The World Must Know.....	John 14:31
9/22 .....	The Vine Gives Life .....	John 15:1

## These are our weekly Bible Study scriptures. Please read them in preparation for our time together.

The following scriptures are the basis for both our Tuesday and Thursday study groups (Bishop's Dining Room). We connect these passages to a common theme, seeking to champion a greater understanding of God's Word and our desire to not only read it but live it out. **All are welcome!** And if you want a sneak peek at next Sunday's sermon, he is very likely to preach from one of them.

### 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

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

10:30am at Bethel

### Young Adult Bible Study

6pm at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd  
**Next Meeting:** Octoberber 9th

# The Order Of Worship

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

**Sunday, September 15, 2019 • 10:30 am**

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE INTROIT ..... "Welcome Holy Spirit"

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

THE ADORATION ..... "Lion of Judah"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*congregation standing*)..... Sis. Alexis Pinkston

HYMN OF PRAISE..... Hymn #379 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*congregation seated*)

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... Gospel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT ..... Psalm 51:1-10 (NIV) • Ivory Thompson

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*congregation standing*)..... Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV) • Adolph McQueen

DECALOGUE ..... Bro. Wilbert Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME OF VISITORS..... The Courtesy Committee

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

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... Voices of Worship

SERMONIC MOMENT ..... Rev. Christal Bell

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL HYMN..... Hymn #261 Softly and Tenderly

THE ALTAR CALL

CLOSING REMARKS ..... Rev. Dennis Laffoon

RECESSIONAL ..... #45 God Be With You

DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Christal Bell