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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, November 10, 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
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
Bro. Tony Odneal 436 S 27th Street
Sis. Sonya Lampkins4033 Randolph Street



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 November 17, 2019

Transportation: Wilbert Smith/Derek Mason

Flowers on the Altar: Rosena M. Ford given by Betty Ford

Choirs: Kings Family/Voices of Worship

Annual Canned Food Drive: The Women's Missionary Society and YPD are sponsoring their annual Harvest canned Food Drive. It will start November 3rd thru December 15, 2019. We are asking everyone to help fill our tables with canned vegetables and fruits. These items will be going to the City Rescue Mission and those in need. Thank you for your support and your gift of giving. Christina M. Goines WMS. Joyce Williams President; Joyce Odneal, Chairperson.

All Class Leaders: Please make note that the regular bi-monthly meeting has been scheduled for November 23, 2019, the fourth Saturday, due to the Fourth District Officers Training Workshop on November 16, 2019. It is very important that all attend this meeting as we start a new Conference Year. Your report is due at the meeting.

Widows of Bethel: The widows of Bethel will "Give thanks" as they dine on Wednesday, November 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the Bridgeport Cracker Barrel. For additional info contact Carol Walker at 989-239-8404.

Bamecians Anniversary: The Bamecians 44th Anniversary will be Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Please come out and help celebrate.

North District Training Sessions: The North District Officers and Leaders Training Sessions for the 2019-2020 Conference year is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th at Bethel – Ann Arbor beginning at 8:00 a.m. with registration and Breakfast. Registration forms are available on the rack in the mall area. Stewards, Trustees, Class Leaders and Organization Leaders are encouraged to attend.

Houghton-Jones Association 501-C3 Annual Fruit Sale:

Fruit will be delivered to Houghton Jones on or about Dec. 3, 2019. To order please Contact sister Christina Jones, 752-1660.

Attention Members: There are three Organs located in the Day Care Area, which are in need of disposal (inoperative / will not play). It is our hope that we might contact the Donors prior to disposal. Please stop by the Information table in the lobby to see flyer with pictures. Please contact the office if you know the Donors. Thanks.

LIVE Streaming: Please contact the church office or Carol Walker if you are interested in videotaping the Sunday morning worship service for Facebook.

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

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

Steward Board Meeting

Thursday, November 7
6pm

Trustee Board Meeting

Thursday, November 14
6pm

Official Board Meeting

Thursday, November 21
6pm

Scholarships Available for College Studies and Career and Technical Education:

The Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF) is pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$750,000 in scholarships for students attending college (undergraduate or graduate) or Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the fall of 2019. The application opens on November 1, and the deadline for these awards is February 18, 2020. In addition to the usual scholarships we have administered over the years, we are very excited to partner with local businesses and organizations to provide even more scholarships, including many for non-traditional students pursuing certificates and associate's degrees. Non-traditional students are those that have been out of school for more than two semesters, or those that never attended college and have decided to better their lives by getting a certificate or degree to improve their employment skills in the future. To make applying for scholarships less time consuming, SCF has developed an online application that covers over 230 scholarships in one online application. The eligibility and criteria for each scholarship vary and are explained in detail on our website www.saginawfoundation.org.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

Bamecians:

Monday, November 12th at 6:15 p.m. and Tuesday, November 26th at 7:15 p.m.

Bethel Voices:

Tuesday, November 19th & 26th at 6:15 p.m.

Chancel Choir:

Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

King Family:

TBA

Male Chorus:

Monday, November 11th & 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Voices of Worship:

Thursday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Mass:

Wednesday, November 13th & 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Bethel Family please send all correspondence to Enzell Burden, Office Mgr. at eburden@bethelame-saginaw.org

Something to think about...

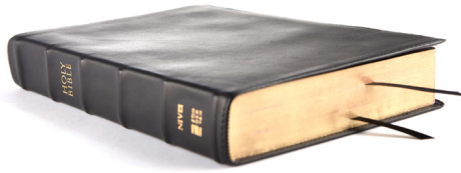
There are certain things in our life that we consider to be non-negotiable; not up for discussion or simply can't live without. We've worked hard for these things, sacrificing time and effort to acquire them. They are coveted not merely by us but others wish that they could have them as well, for they are truly prized possessions. They sparkle, they stand tall, they go fast, they are the pinnacle of comfort and can be worth anywhere between pennies to hundreds of thousands of dollars. We're used to living with them. But can we learn to live without them? Furthermore, are we willing to? Even more, would we choose to live without them to help someone else? Would we renegotiate our attachment to these things for the sake of a stranger in need?

Before we answer any of those questions, we have to answer another one; whose things are they to begin with?

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. — Acts 4:32-35



Rev. Dennis Laffoon
Pastor



Daily Bible Readings

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

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| 11/11 | God's Righteous Judgement | John 16:8 |
| 11/12 | The Glory of the Cross | John 17:4 |
| 11/13 | God Glorified | John 17:4 |
| 11/14 | Jesus' Work | John 17:6 |
| 11/15 | The Holy Name of God | John 17:6 |
| 11/16 | The Meaning of Discipleship | John 17:6 |
| 11/17 | Jesus' Prayer | John 17:9 |

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.

Nov. 11-17

- Malachi 4:1-2a
- Psalm 98
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 18-24

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Psalm 46
- Colossians 1:11-20
- Luke 23:33-43

Nov. 25-Dec. 1

- Isaiah 2:1-5
- Psalm 122
- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 24:36-44

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
Wed., November 13



November is PREMATURITY AWARENESS MONTH



Each year, 15 million babies around the world are born premature and more than one million of them die. Premature birth is the number one killer of newborns. Prematurity affects 1 out of 10 babies born in the U.S. today—a rate that has increased 29% since 1981. The numbers are even more alarming for African-American babies who have a 1-in-6 chance of being born too soon. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., has partnered with the March of Dimes for more than 45 years to inform the public, raise funds and take action to help prevent premature births.

In support of our annual Zeta Prematurity Awareness Program (ZPAP), please join us and the March of Dimes as they extend the message around the world on

WORLD PREMATURITY DAY
NOVEMBER 17TH

*International
President*

Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker

● www.zphib1920.org ● Twitter: @ZPHIBHQ ● Facebook: @ZPHIBHQ ● Instagram: @OFFICIALZETA1920

Every year more than 15 million babies are born too soon worldwide.



March of Dimes is asking everyone to go to **Facebook.com/World Prematurity Day** on or before November 17th to help raise awareness by sharing stories, giving hope and saving lives.

The Order Of Worship

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

Sunday, November 10, 2019 • 10:30 am

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE INTROIT Hymn #594 Bless the Lord

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

THE ADORATION "Lord Prepare Me"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*congregation standing*)

HYMN OF PRAISE.....Hymn #216 There Will Be Showers of Blessings

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*congregation seated*)

CHORALE RESPONSE "Spirit of the Living God"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....Gospel Chorus

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 17:1-9 (NIV)

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*congregation standing*)2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (NIV)

DECALOGUE

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.....Chancel Choir

SERMONIC MOMENT

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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

THE ALTAR CALL

CLOSING REMARKS Rev. Dennis Laffoon

RECESSIONAL "God Be With You"

DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION Rev. Dennis Laffoon