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**BETHEL**  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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 17, 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 Hospital:**

Frances Carter ..... Covenant Cooper  
Georgia Hemphill..... Covenant Cooper

### **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 Lampkins.....4033 Randolph Street



# 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 November 24, 2019**

**Transportation:** Victor Johnson/Belinda Barlow Poole

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

Gerald & Lillian Prophet's Anniversary

**Choirs:** Youth Mass/Male chorus

**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.

**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.

**Bamecians Anniversary:** The Bamecians Anniversary has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date

## **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](http://www.saginawfoundation.org).

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

### **Steward Board Meeting**

Thursday, December 12  
6pm

### **Trustee Board Meeting**

Thursday, December 19  
6pm

### **Official Board Meeting**

Thursday, November 21  
6pm

**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, 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, 18th at 7:30 p.m.

**Youth Mass:**

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

**Thank you:** To my Bethel Family, words cannot express my sincere gratitude for the dedicated commitment to our partnership with Great Lakes Bay Health Centers. Your efforts made our event a positive and impactful educational experience for our children, families and our community. The volunteers and the teamwork made this a fun filled day of blessings and fellowship. With thankfulness, Angelia Williams, Director on behalf of Great Lakes Bay Health Centers.

**Thank you:** Pastor Laffoon, Rev. Rochelle and Bethel Family & Friends. The Christian Education Department would like to thank everyone for your participation, prayers, donations and support during our Harvest Treat Give Away, Youth Revival, Youth Prayer Vigil and Youth Symposium. May God continue to bless each of you and keep you in His care. Rev. Thelma Williams, Christian Ed. Director.

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

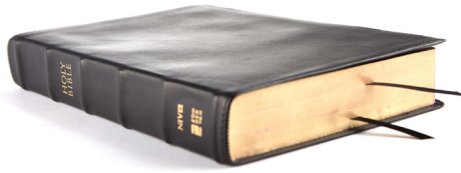
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Enzell Burden, Office Mgr. at  
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## Something to think about...

We have a responsibility to honor God by being the best self that we can be. This goal is one that should be before us at all times and in all places; in both public and private; under the most relentless pressure and at our most calm; sunshine or rain, work days as well as vacation, whether we feel like it or not. Our Christian walk should not be determined by how we feel. Because if it was, we'd rarely feel like being our best. The reality is that it's very difficult to be our best at all times. It's actually a great sacrifice. But how much greater was the sacrifice that Jesus made for us? How difficult is it really in response to the love of Christ, to raise and maintain a standard of excellence? We often wonder how we can change the world. I wonder how many lives we can touch with our best. Unfortunately, we're finding out how many we can touch with our worst.



**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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| 11/18 ..... | Keep Them Safe .....                   | John 17:15 |
| 11/19 ..... | Remain in the Truth.....               | John 17:15 |
| 11/20 ..... | Into the Future .....                  | John 17:21 |
| 11/21 ..... | The Gift and the Promise of Glory..... | John 17:24 |
| 11/22 ..... | Sharing the Cross.....                 | John 17:24 |
| 11/23 ..... | The Symbolism of the Cross .....       | Gal. 6:14  |
| 11/24 ..... | The Sign of the Cross .....            | Gal. 5:14  |

## 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. 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

### Dec. 2-8

- Isaiah 11:1-10
- Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
- Romans 15:4-13
- Matthew 3:1-12

### 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  
**TBA**



# 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](http://www.zphib1920.org) ● Twitter: @ZPHIBHQ ● Facebook: @ZPHIBHQ ● Instagram: @OFFICIALZETA1920

## More than 450,000 babies are born too soon in our country each year.



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 17, 2019 • 10:30 am**

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE INTROIT ..... "This Is the Day"

THE PROCESSIONAL..... Hymn #6 All Hail the Power

THE ADORATION ..... "Because of Who You Are"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*congregation standing*)

HYMN OF PRAISE..... Hymn #440 T'is So Sweet

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*congregation seated*)

CHORALE RESPONSE ..... "I Love the Lord"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....King Family

OLD TESTAMENT ..... Psalm 98 (NIV)

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*congregation standing*) .....2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (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.....Voices of Worship

SERMONIC MOMENT

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL HYMN.....Hymn #235 I Can Hear My Savior Calling

THE ALTAR CALL

CLOSING REMARKS ..... Rev. Dennis Laffoon

RECESSIONAL ..... Hymn #525 What A Fellowship

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