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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 24, 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:**

Sis. Frances Carter ..... Covenant Rehab  
Sis. Dorothy Frierson..... Covenant Cooper  
Sis. Georgia Hemphill ..... Covenant Cooper  
Cassandra Landrum ..... St. Mary's  
Bro. Tony Odneal ..... 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. 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 December 1, 2019**

**Transportation:** Derek Mason/ Arneida King

**Flowers on the Altar:** In Memory of Larry Hill Sr.

From Barbara Hill & Family

**Choirs:** Bethel Voices/Bamecians

### **Christina M. Goines Women's Missionary Society (WMS) and the Young Peoples Division (YPD) HUGS Closet Community Clothing Give-Away**

The Christina M. Goines WMS & YPD is hosting a community Giveaway! There are clothes available for Men, Women & Children of all ages. All for free: The Bethel Family and Community are invited to come shop in the Ruben Adams Fellowship Hall Sunday, November 24th (2-5 p.m.) Monday, November 25th (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) Tuesday, November 26th (10 a.m.- 2 p.m.) Saturday, November 30th (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) and Sunday December 1st (2p.m.-5 p.m.) ALL ITEMS ARE FREE!!!!

**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.

**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.

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

#### **Steward Board Meeting**

Thursday, December 12  
6pm

#### **Trustee Board Meeting**

Thursday, December 19  
6pm

#### **Official Board Meeting**

Thursday, January 23  
6pm

**Videotaping:** 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

**Choir Rehearsal Schedule:**

**Bamecians:**

Tuesday, November 26th at 7:15 p.m.

**Bethel Voices:**

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

**Chancel Choir:** Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

**King Family:** TBA

**Thank you:** To God Be the Glory. Thank you to Pastor Dennis & Rev. Rochelle Laffoon, Rev Thelma Williams and members of the Bethel Family for your prayers, cards and compassion during the passing of my wife Carol Mason. You have helped us through our difficult time of grief. Bro Derek Mason and family.

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

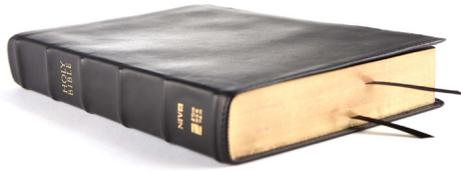
**Bethel Family please send all correspondence to Enzell Burden, Office Mgr. at [eburden@bethelame-saginaw.org](mailto:eburden@bethelame-saginaw.org)**

## Something to think about...

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving, a holiday that has become synonymous with family and food. We travel miles upon miles to be with our loved ones and gather around tables to indulge ourselves in the bounty of blessings we call Thanksgiving dinner. Even if you see where I'm going, let's take the trip anyway. If we simply look at the name of the holiday itself, we can see that there is equal value on both the sides of "thanks" (6 letters) and "giving" (6 letters). Read both forwards (THANKS / GIVING) and backwards (GIVING / THANKS), it still means the same thing. But are we really thanking and giving? If so, who are we thanking, and what are we giving? More over, how often are we thanking and how much are we giving? Scripture (Matthew 25:45) teaches us that not only will the least of these always be among us, and that what we fail to do for them equates to what we fail to do for Christ. So as we prepare to give thanks for what God has given us, let us also thank God for the opportunity He has provided us to give. We could give of our time—packing and delivering supplies or serving dinner to families at a local soup kitchen. We could give of our talent—creating festive centerpieces for tables or providing entertainment at a shelter or group home. Or we could give of our treasure—meeting a variety of needs both cheerfully and anonymously. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 says the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. In essence, God has provided more than enough, so that we would in turn, we would have enough to share. So, although the holiday never changes (the last Thursday in November), the way that we celebrate it this year and in years to come very well may.



**Rev. Dennis Laffoon**  
Pastor



## Daily Bible Readings

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

11/25 .....	Jesus in Gethsemane .....	Matt. 26:36
11/26 .....	The Victory of Gethsemane .....	Matt. 26:36
11/27 .....	Weep for Yourselves .....	Luke 23:27-28
11/28 .....	Man of Sorrows .....	Luke 23:28
11/29 .....	Jerusalem .....	Luke 23:28
11/30 .....	Crying Daughters .....	Luke 23:28
12/01 .....	Golgotha .....	Matt. 27:33

## 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. 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

### Dec. 9-15

- Isaiah 35:1-10
- Psalm 146:5-10
- James 5:7-10
- Matthew 11:2-11

### 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.



A healthy pregnancy and baby are a blessing. But some families have their hopes and dreams crushed when their baby arrives too soon, too small and very sick. These tiny babies often face serious problems, and some don't make it. Help spread the word about premature birth so more babies can be born healthy. **Visit [marchofdimes.org](http://marchofdimes.org)** to learn more about the signs of preterm labor and ways it may be prevented. **Tell someone you love.**

# The Order Of Worship

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

**Sunday, November 24, 2019 • 10:30 am**

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE INTROIT ..... "I Thank you Jesus"

THE PROCESSIONAL..... Hymn #52 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

THE ADORATION ..... "Lord You Are Good"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*congregation standing*)

HYMN OF PRAISE.....Hymn #576 We Gather Together

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*congregation seated*)

CHORALE RESPONSE ..... "Your Grace and Mercy"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....King Family

OLD TESTAMENT ..... Psalm 46 (NIV)

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*congregation standing*) ..... Colossians 1:11-20 (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 #226 Amazing Grace

THE ALTAR CALL

CLOSING REMARKS ..... Rev. Dennis Laffoon

RECESSIONAL ..... "Let the Church Say Amen"

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