



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

December 1

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Rev. Dennis E. Laffoon
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North District Michigan Conference

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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.



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 December 8, 2019

Transportation: Alfred Kelly/Noreen Hall-Travis
Flowers on the Alter for last week were in
Memory of Jerry Hill Sr. from Barbara Hill & Family
This Week's Flower are:

In Memory of Brenda Bryant Reynolds

Choirs: Gospel Choir/Chancel Choir

Girl Scouts: It's that time again, we The Girl
Scouts, Troop 50878 will be selling cookies after
church service on December 8, 2019. You may
place an order in advance or see any girl scout
member. Thank you in advancer for your support.

Poinsettia Sale: Order your poinsettias to adorn
the alter. Order forms are available in the mall
area. The cost is \$12.00 each. Return completed
forms and money to church office or to Waunita
Pettiford, Lay President.

**Christina M. Goines Women's Missionary
Society (WMS) and the Young Peoples Division
(YPD) 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 today, 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.

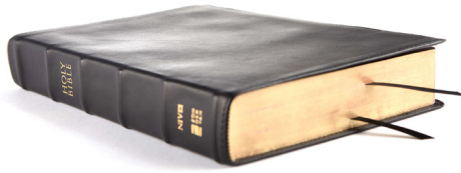
Thank you: Thank you for your prayers, card and
gift. I know God is good. I can feel Him healing
my body each day. I am in therapy now and they
say everything looks good. Keep praying and I
hope to see you all later in the year. May each of
you have a blessed Thanksgiving with family and
friends. Love Sis. Ivory Thompson

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

Steward Board Meeting
Thursday, December 12
6pm

Trustee Board Meeting
Thursday, December 19
6pm

Official Board Meeting
Thursday, January 23
6pm



Daily Bible Readings

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

12/02	..... "Prove It"	Luke 23:39
12/03	..... "Remember Me"	Luke 23:40-42
12/04	..... "Place of the Skull"	Matt. 27:33
12/05	..... "Father, Forgive Them"	Luke 23:34
12/06	..... "You Will Be with Me in Paradise"	Luke 23:34
12/07	..... "Here Is Your Mother"	John 19:26-27"
12/08	..... "Here Is Your Son....."	John 19:26-27

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.

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

Dec. 16-22

- Isaiah 7:10-16
- Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-25

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

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.

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.

Male Chorus: The Male Chorus is invited to sing at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

New Years Eve Sing Choir Rehearsal: Monday's, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 30th at 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

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

Bethel Voices:
Tuesday, December 17 at 6:15 p.m.

Chancel Choir:

Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

King Family:

TBA

Gospel Choir:

Saturday, December 7th at 12:00 noon.

Male Chorus:

Monday, December 9th & 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Voices of Worship:

Thursday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Mass:

Wednesday, December 11th & 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you: Pastor Laffoon, Ministerial staff, Retiree's Club and Bethel Church Family: A special note of thanks to all of you for the numerous cards, phone calls and inquiries I received during my recent injury. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated. Sis. Linda Lane.

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

In Hospital:

Sis. Frances Carter Covenant Rehab
 Sis. Dorothy Frierson Covenant Cooper
 Sis. Georgia Hemphill U OF M Ann Arbor
 Sis. Cassandra Landrum St. Mary's
 Bro. Tony Odneal Covenant Harrison
 Sis. Donna Dowdy Covenant Cooper
 Sis. Shirley Caffey Covenant Cooper
 Bro. Regimond McKinney St. Mary's

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

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HUGS



closet

CLOTHES • SHOES • COATS • HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

COMMUNITY GIVEAWAY

The Community Giveaway will be open to the public on the following days:

Friday	November 22	10am-2pm
Saturday	November 23	9am-12pm
Sunday	November 24	2pm-5pm
Monday	November 25	10am-2pm
Tuesday	November 26	10am-2pm
Saturday	November 30	10am-2pm
Sunday	December 1	2pm-5pm

All items are FREE!

Everything must go!

We are looking forward to a grand re-opening of our H.U.G.S Closet this coming spring and receiving new donations in the new year.

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 "Prepare Ye The Way"

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

THE ADORATION "Lord You Are Good"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*congregation standing*)

HYMN OF PRAISE.....Advent Moment : Hymn #102 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*congregation seated*)

CHORALE RESPONSE "Follow, Follow"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... Bethel Voices

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 122 (NIV)

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*congregation standing*)Romans 13:11-14 (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..... Bamecians

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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

CLOSING REMARKS Rev. Dennis Laffoon

RECESSIONAL "Amen"

DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION Rev. Dennis Laffoon