

**BETHEL'S FIRST  
FAMILY WISHING  
YOU THE BEST FOR  
THIS NEW YEAR.  
GOD BLESS YOU!**

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020**

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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.

# The Order Of Worship

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

**Sunday, January 5, 2020 • 10:30 am**

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE INTROIT ..... Hymn #112 Jesus the Light of the World

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

THE ADORATION ..... "Let the Praises Rise"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*congregation standing*)

HYMN OF PRAISE..... Hymn #68 How Great Thou Art

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*congregation seated*)

CHORALE RESPONSE ..... "Ask the Savior to Help You"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... Bethel Voices

OLD TESTAMENT ..... Psalm 147:12-20 (NIV)

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*congregation standing*)..... Ephesians 1:3-14 (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

THE SERMONIC MOMENT ..... Rev. Dennis Laffoon

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL HYMN..... "Just As I Am"

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING REMARKS ..... Rev. Dennis Laffoon

RECESSIONAL ..... "Amen"

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



# 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

**Choirs, January 12, 2020:** Gospel/Chancel Choir

**Usher Board #3:** Usher Board #3 will meet Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

**Barker's Books for Bethel:** Barker's Books for Bethel created in memory of the late Eva B. Barker will award its first \$500 grant January 2020. Applicants must have a history of participation at Bethel AME, Saginaw and submit a letter by January 15, 2020. The grant criteria is available in the church office.

**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 [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.

**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, January 9  
6pm

**Trustee Board Meeting**  
Thursday, January 16  
6pm

**Official Board Meeting**  
Thursday, January 23  
6pm

**Choir Rehearsal Schedule:**

**Bamecians:**

Tuesday, January 7 at 6:15 p.m.  
and Tuesday, January 21 at 7:15 p.m.

**Bethel Voices:**

Tuesday, January 21 & 28 at 6:15 p.m.

**Chancel Choir:**

Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

**Gospel Choir:**

Saturday, January 4th  
and 11th at 12:00 Noon.

**King Family:** TBA.

**Male Chorus:**

Monday, January 6th & 20th at 7:30 p.m.

**Voices of Worship:**

Thursday, January 15th at 6:00 p.m.  
and Saturday 18th at 1:00 p.m.

**Youth Mass:**

Wednesday, January 8th & 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

**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**

**In the Hospital:**

Frances Carter.....Covenant Harrison  
Gloria Jones ..... Covenant Cooper  
Ebony Darby .....Covenant Harrison

**In Nursing Home:**

Sis. Lela Price ..... Healthsource  
Sis. Joan Williams ..... Healthsource  
Sis. Tracy Wesley ..... Great Lakes Rehab  
Sis. Berneice Scott ..... Nursing Home  
Sis. Annie Jackson ..... Hoyt Nursing Home  
Sis. Nell Kelly..... Hoyt Nursing Home  
Sis. Gladys & Bro. Robert Woodley  
..... Heartland Hampton, Bay City

**At Home:**

Sis. Marie Matthews .....434 So. 11th Street  
Sis. Rosie B. Johnson.....938 Bethany  
Bro. Robert McKandes ..... 4862 W. Michigan Ave.  
Bro. Tony Odneal .....436 S 27th Street  
Sis. Sonya Lampkins .....4033 Randolph St.  
Sis. Georgia Hemphill .....5640 Baines Dr.  
Bro. Regimond McKinney ...2800 N. Brookwood Lane  
Sis. Cassandra Landrum ..... 3002 Roberts St.  
Sis. Jewel Gillespie ..... 3299 Crooked Tree Ln. Unit 26  
Sis Lola Shelby ..... 1611 Essling St.  
Sis. Dorothy Frierson .....415 S. 14th St.  
Bro. Corsemore Collier ..... 4554 Colonial Dr. Apt. 1  
Sis. Helen Ross.....4191 McCarty Rd.

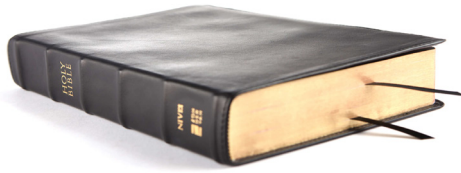
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Tap. Give. Done.



## Daily Bible Readings

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

01/06 .....	He Cares.....	1 Peter 5:7
01/07 .....	Do It Immediately .....	Genesis 22:2-3
01/08 .....	You Are Invited.....	John 2:1-2
01/09 .....	Carry the Pots .....	John 2:7-8
01/10 .....	Our Home in Heaven.....	John 14:2-3
01/11 .....	When Jesus Gave Thanks.....	1 Corinthians 11-24
01/12 .....	He is Coming Again .....	John 1:15

## 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.

### Jan. 6-12

- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Psalm 29
- Acts 10:34-43
- Matthew 3:13-17

### Jan. 13-19

- Isaiah 49:1-7
- Psalm 40:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
- John 1:29-42

### Jan. 20-26

- Isaiah 9:1-4
- Psalm 27:1, 4-9
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
- Matthew 4:12-23

### 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**

## **Something to think about...**

One of the greatest feelings that one can feel is that of accomplishment. Not the selfish “I did it all by myself” kind of accomplishment, but the “I participated in something bigger than me” kind. It’s the feeling after one has been part of something miraculous. It’s the feeling one has while being thanked for doing something that meant almost nothing to you but the world for someone else. It’s the feeling one gets when they know that they’ve done what they were led by the Spirit to do. It’s that feeling that reminds us that God is alive and alive in us. It speaks to our connection with God and how He positions us to be a part of the everyday miracles in people’s lives. These experiences strengthen our witness and serves to remind others that they are not alone in their journey.

But it’s not always easy to choose to participate. The distractions of life can keep us swarming in “busyness” while the enemy tries to convince us that someone else will do it. And this is where we miss out on the blessing. We tend to place more value on our time, our homes, our families and our lives than that of others. When the truth is everything and everyone belongs to God. It’s just another one of those mindset adjustments that we have to make in order to get the bigger picture; that we are a smaller part of a larger whole that counts on everyone to contribute so that all are blessed.



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