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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.

*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.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020**



**Rev. Dennis Laffoon**  
**Upcoming Preaching Dates...**

**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

Rose Hill M.B. Church • 4pm  
2403 E Remington St, Saginaw, MI 48601  
Church Anniversary

**Thursday, May 14, 2020**

Glimpse of Hope Ministries • 6pm  
2211 S. Outer Drive, Saginaw, MI 48601  
Church Revival

**In the Hospital**

Sis. Frances Carter ..... St. Mary's  
Henry Brown ..... St. Mary's  
Regimond McKinney..... St. Mary's  
Johnnie Mack ..... Covenant Rehab  
Diana Simpson ..... Covenant Rehab

**In Nursing Home:**

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

**At Home:**

Sis. Marie Matthews ..... 434 So. 11th Street  
Sis. Rosie B. Johnson ..... 938 Bethany  
Bro. Tony Odneal ..... 436 S 27th Street  
Sis. Sonya Lampkins..... 4033 Randolph St.  
Sis. Cassandra Landrum..... 3002 Roberts St.  
Sis. Lola Shelby..... 1611 Essling St.  
Sis. Georgia Hemphill ..... 5640 Baines Dr.  
Sis. Dorothy Frierson..... 415 S. 14th St.  
Bro. Corsemore Collier..... 4554 Colonial Dr. Apt. 1  
Sis. Gloria Jones..... 943 S. 24th St.  
Sis. Annie Roberts ..... 441 S. 21st St.

# The Order Of Worship

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

**Sunday, March 8, 2020 • 10:30 am**

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE INTROIT ..... "I Will Trust In The Lord"

THE PROCESSIONAL..... Hymn #568 God of Our Fathers

THE ADORATION ..... "You Deserve It"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE..... Hymn #439 Faith of Our Fathers

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*congregation seated*)

CHORALE RESPONSE ..... "I Don't Feel No Ways Tired"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... Gospel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... Psalm 121 (NIV)

NEW TESTAMENT RESPONSIVE READING (*congregation stands*) ..... Romans 4:1-5, 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

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

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL HYMN..... Hymn #327 I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING REMARKS ..... Rev. Dennis Laffoon

RECESSIONAL ..... "Let The Church Say Amen"

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

**Please—No food or drink should be consumed in the sanctuary. Many thanks.**



# 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

### **Volunteers on Duty for March 15, 2020**

**Transportation:** Wilbert Smith/Derek Mason

**Choirs:** King Family/Voices of Worship

**Flowers on the Altar:** Bethel Family Members if you would like to keep the flowers ordered for the altar please remove them after Sunday service or no later than the following Monday. Thank you.

**The Sons of Allen** was established by the A.M.E. Church in 1984 to foster closer relationships between men of the church, to equip men of the church for meaningful service, to reach unchurched men, and to present positive role models for our youth. Bishop White is committed to every church participating in this important ministry. Wednesday, August 19, 2020 of the Michigan Annual Conference will be the Men's Night Worship Service – Sons of Allen and the men will wear the Sons of Allen attire.

The official attire for the Sons of Allen is a maroon blazer with the official insignia on the left upper pocket, gray slacks, white shirt and the AME shield on the tie. Brother James McMillan is chairing this initiative and will be placing jacket orders for the next few months. The jackets are \$110.00 and gray slacks are \$35.00. Please see Brother McMillan to place your order. We encourage every man to participate.

**TODAY:** Sunday, March 8th, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Gamma Psi Sigma Chapter will celebrate "International Women's Day" from 4 -6 pm at the Historic Castle Museum, 500 Federal Street, Saginaw, MI. Theme: "I am Generation

**Equality: Realizing Women's Rights.** Tickets are \$20.00, and can be purchased from any member of the chapter., or Marva Gordon, President.

**Real Talk 2020:** On Thursday, April 2, 2020 from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Great Lakes Bay Health Centers along with Saginaw Public Schools will be presenting the 10th Annual REAL TALK 2020 youth and parent symposium at Saginaw High School, 3100 Webber St. There will be workshops on the prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STI's), unplanned pregnancies, abstinence (choosing not to have sex—will be emphasized as the safest choice, bullying prevention, respectfully interacting with law enforcement, sexting and the law, self-esteem, human trafficking prevention and much more! Real Talk 2020 will also empower parents with information and skills to help students make healthy life choices. You must have parental consent to attend this event! To pre-register for both the youth and parent event, please call or email: Amanda Forsmark at 989 399-6125, [aforsmark@glbhealth.org](mailto:aforsmark@glbhealth.org) or online via Facebook by April 2, 2020; Registration is available at the door.

**Men's and Women's Day Committee:** It's time to celebrate the awesome Men and Women of Bethel so if you would like to be a part of the Men's and Women's Day Committee, please see Micah or Cherryl Biggins, immediately following morning worship. Our first planning session is scheduled on March 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

### **Steward Board Meeting**

Thursday, March 12  
6pm

### **Trustee Board Meeting**

Thursday, March 19  
6pm

### **Official Board Meeting**

Thursday, April 24  
6pm

**Widows & Widowers of Bethel:** The widows of Bethel Invite you to another great dining experience this month at Baldwin's Smokehouse on Holland at 4:45 pm. Come join us for lots of food and great fellowship. Questions - contact Carol Walker 989-239-8404.

**Easter Lilies:** Please take time to order an Easter Lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Easter lilies cost \$12.00 each. The order deadline is April 1, 2020. Order forms are available on the rack in the mall area. Please return completed form to the office. Waunita Pettiford

**The Class Leaders Meeting:** Class Leaders please update your calendar for the bi-monthly meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. It is important that all attend this meeting. Don't forget your report is due at the meeting. -Alberta Pruitt

**2020 Vision Meeting:** Please join us for our spring visioning meeting with special guest Rev. Katrese Kirk on Saturday, March 21st at 1pm. All are invited to participate in this opportunity to look towards our church's future.

**Finer Womanhood Brunch:** On Saturday, April 11, 2020 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Zeta Omega Zeta Chapter will be hosting their annual Finer Womanhood Brunch at the Hellenic Center (4970 Mackinaw Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603) at 10:30 a.m. They will be honoring individuals and organizations who have contributed exemplary service to the community, as well as providing the Freddie Curl Murphy Memorial Scholarship to graduating high school seniors from the Great Lakes Bay Region. Tickets are \$30.00 and can be purchased by contacting SaginawZetas@gmail.com or by phone at 989 492-1933. Autumn L. Scherzer, President.

**It's Kroger Rewards Time!!** Do you shop at Kroger? Do you use your Kroger Card? If yes, please consider helping your Bethel YPD with their Community Rewards program!! All you need is your Kroger Card and your email address. You can enroll at: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) Simply enter your email address and Kroger card number and choose Bethel AME Church YPD as your organization. We currently have 19 families signed up. We know we can get more!!  
-Rev. Rochelle Laffoon

**Expungement Clinic:** Expungement (also called "expunction") is a court-ordered process in which the legal record of an arrest or a criminal conviction is "sealed," or erased in the eyes of the law. When a conviction is expunged, the process may also be referred to as "setting aside a criminal conviction."

The second portion the expungement fair will be held on Friday, March 13th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. attorneys will be present to assist in completing the expungement paperwork.

**Black History Program:** March 22, 4:00 p.m. Chancel Choir.

**Temple Theatre:** Welcomes you to fellowship with Tasha Cobbs at The Temple Theatre on Saturday, April 4th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available now for the following prices. A discounted group rate of 20% is available for 10 or more tickets purchased. Tickets will range from \$30 on the third balcony to \$55 in premier. The premier seating comes with a special treat. Main floor will be \$40.50. If you are interested in coming out for a night of Worship. You may call the Temple Theatre at 989 754-7469, and ask for Taylor or Alexis.

**Children of Promise Development Services:** The Mission of Children of Promise Development Services (COPDS) is to strengthen educational, economic and cultural opportunities to improve the quality of life of youth in the state of Michigan. Their vision is to develop children of purpose, passion and promise. The Children of Promise Development Services Scholarship aims to assist exceptional young scholars by strengthening their educational opportunities, thereby, helping them to inspire others. Dr. Maurice Potts Sr. & Mrs. Joyce Potts Memorial Scholarship award amounts for 1st Place: \$1,000 and 2nd Place: \$500. Eligibility criteria and Instructions are available in the office and the completed application and all supporting documents must be post marked by March 31, 2020. Emailed submission must be received by COPDS, time and date stamped by 11:59 p.m. March 31, 2020.

**LIVE Streaming:** Please contact the church office or Carol Walker if you are interested in Live Streaming 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, March 3rd & 10th at 6:15 p.m.  
and Tuesday, March 31st at 7:15 p.m.

**Bethel Voices:**

Tuesday, March 24th & 31st at 6:15 p.m.

**Chancel Choir:**

Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

**Gospel Choir:**

Saturday, February 29th at noon  
and Saturday, March 7th at noon.

**King Family:** TBA.

Male Chorus: Monday, March 9th  
and 16th at 7:30 p.m.

**Voices of Worship:**

Wednesday March 4th & 11th at 6:00 p.m.

**Youth Mass:**

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

**Thank you:** Dear Bethel Family, thank you so very much for the beautiful resolution document that was sent for Mother's 100th birthday. The words mean so much to all of us, especially mother. We intend to frame it and place it where she can see it and remember Bethel AME Church every day! - Love, Family of Rebecca Rencher.

**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)**



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# Health-Related Experience Survey

**The church is making an effort to identify members with a medical background. In our efforts to do so we would like to ask the following questions.**

1. Do you have experience in working in health care.  
yes/no
2. If so, what is your profession  
(RN/LPN, medical doctor, medical assistant/CNA, EMT, respiratory therapy, other(s))  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you licensed or certified in your field of practice. yes/no
4. CPR, are you currently certified? yes/no  
If so, what is the expiration date of your certification? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

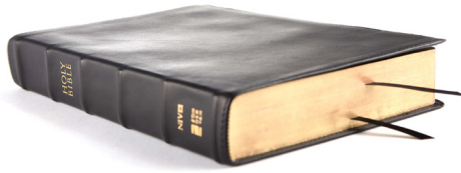
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**Please turn your information into the church office or email it to [eburden@bethelame-saginaw.org](mailto:eburden@bethelame-saginaw.org)**

*Your participation is really appreciated.*



## Daily Bible Readings

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

03/09	..... Responding to Scoffers .....	Matthew 5:44
03/10	..... The Way of Temptation .....	2 Samuel 11:1
03/11	..... Restoring Fellowship .....	2 Samuel 12:13
03/12	..... Standing at a Crossroads .....	Joshua 1:1-2
03/13	..... He Knows the Ending .....	Genesis 37:3-4
03/14	..... Fighting Temptation .....	Genesis 39:7-9
03/15	..... Displaying Character .....	Genesis 39:12

## 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.

### Mar. 9-15

- Exodus 17:1-7
- Psalm 95
- Romans 5:1-11
- John 4:5-42

### Mar. 16-22

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- Psalm 23
- Ephesians 5:8-14
- John 9:1-41

### Mar. 23-29

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 130
- Romans 8:6-11
- John 11:1-45

### Tuesday Evening Bible Study

6:45pm at Bethel

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

10:30am at Bethel



# YPD-ish

redefining what it  
means to be a YPD'er

This theme was developed to represent the different YPDers that exist across the globe. Some YPD'ers are first generation while others have roots that stretch as far back as Bishop Richard Allen. The demographics of our church are changing. YPD'ers no longer look the same as we did 20 years ago. LTI 2020 is designed to combine myriad ideas, personality types, and backgrounds to create an organization that speaks to every walk of life and community all over the world. We aren't tearing down our history, but we are building upon our rich past to ensure an innovative and incomparable future. YPD is not centered on one's outward appearance but about how one is developed as a proper Christian and human being. We are breaking the mold and declaring that all young people are capable to be leaders and game changers in their communities!

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our YPD!! You are an important part of who we are and we are appreciative you everything you do to help us continue to grow in our faith and in leadership skills.

We have an awesome opportunity to attend the YPD Leadership Training Institute in Louisville, KY – March 27th-29th.

## How can you be a part of this wonderful opportunity?

### We are glad you asked!!

We would love for you to sponsor a YPD'er to attend LTI! **The cost for one YPD'er to attend is \$500.**

This includes lodging, registration, transportation and sustentation.

If you would like to sponsor or help sponsor our trip to LTI please make your donation payable to Bethel AME Church and place in the memo YPD LTI sponsorship.

**Rev. Rochelle would be glad to answer any questions!!**

### We appreciate your support!!

Humbly submitted your Bethel YPD

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.  
Zeta Omega Zeta Chapter



# BOOK DRIVE

for

North Saginaw Charter Academy

Drop Off Locations:

PartnerShift Network: 1213 S. Washington Ave

Tabernacle Baptist Church: 810 Cathay Street

Mt. Olive Baptist Church: 1114 N. 6th Street

Bethel AME Church: 535 Cathay Street

or

Contact Tonya Sims 989.355.5277

Accepting New and/or Gently Used Books from March 1st until April 30th

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