

12TH  
SEPTEMBER

Worship Service 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday School 11:15 A.M.

BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH

# CHURCH

## Reopening

### SERVICE



*Come Celebrate the Resurrection of  
Christ With Us!*

Michael D. Thompson, Pastor

*Livestream*



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## BEFORE YOU ARRIVE CHECKLIST

### PLEASE WEAR A MASK

BBC deeply cares about the health and safety of you, your family and communities in which we operate. We continue to take extra precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. To reduce the risk of exposure to individuals entering the sanctuary, we ask that you please answer the following six (6) questions prior to your arrival. Upon arrival, you will be required to sign in and have your temperature taken.

1. Within the past 24 hours, have you had a fever of 100°F or higher?
2. Within the past 24 hours, have you experienced any of the common symptoms of COVID-19: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, chills, muscle aches or body aches?
3. To your knowledge, within the past 7 days, have you been in close contact (within 6 feet or 2 meters) with anyone known to have a positive COVID-19 diagnosis?
4. To your knowledge, within the past 7 days, have you been exposed (within 6 feet or 2 meters) to anyone who has exhibited symptoms of COVID-19?
5. Within the past 5 days, have you been tested for COVID and are still awaiting results?
6. Within the past 5 days, have you tested positive for COVID?

If your response is YES to any of these questions, please do not come to the church until all symptoms are resolved.

Thank you

**Special Notice:** Once the doors open on September 12, if you test positive for COVID-19 after attending a church service or entering the building for another activity, you are kindly asked to inform the pastor of this occurrence. This is advisable not only to pray for you but also for the safety of the rest of the congregation. The pastor will hold this information in strictest confidence.



# COVENANT PARTNER NEWS

Date: Sunday, September 5, 2021

Volume 1: Issue 19

## SPIRITUAL LIFE WEEKEND

September 17-19, 2021

Theme:

Equipping for Evangelism,  
Discipleship, and Studying  
God's Word

II Timothy 3:16-17

Join the BBC family in a time of renewal and rejuvenation of Christ's love that will move our hearts to action in evangelism, discipleship and studying God's word. There will be sessions for children and youth. SEE THE PREREGISTRATION FORM FOR DETAILS and ways to join in!

Friday Highlights: (September 17, 2021, 6:00 pm)

- Opening and Worship
- Session 1: "What's in Your Toolbox?" ..... Reverend Larry Butler
- Session 2: "Family of God: Are We Ready to Move to Action?" (Part 1) ... Reverend Steve King

Saturday Highlights:

(September 18, 2021, 9:00 am)

- Opening and Worship
- Session: "Family of God: Are We Ready to Move to Action?" (Part 2) ... Reverend Steve King

Sunday, September 19, 2021, 9:30 am: Praise and Worship Service

Please provide email addresses to Pastor Mike of any persons outside of BBC you would like to join us for Spiritual Life Weekend by 9/10/21.



WORDS OF  
ENCOURAGEMENT

*Bethesda family, this is the last devotion from the Christian Education ministry. We hope that the previous devotions have encouraged you to stay focused on God and His word through this difficult time. We have been away from our church home for over a year, but Thanks be to God who has kept us, and we know that He will continue to do so as we experience uncertain times.*

*"The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
Who shall I fear?  
Psalm 27:1*

Change is difficult for everyone. But because of the pandemic, we are having to make changes that we could have never imagined. While we don't know very much about what we will all face in the coming days, we do know that God's word is reliable and true. We also know that God is with us, and we are not alone. This is our discipline of faith and we learned it from a man after God's own heart.

When David wrote Psalm 27, he was fleeing from a jealous-hearted king who sought to destroy David's life. His future was shaky. Yet David chose to focus on what he knew rather than fretting about what he didn't. David didn't know how his dark situation would turn out, but he knew that the Lord was his light and deliverer. David did not dwell on his personal doubts but on God's dependability.

When we follow David's example, our response to inevitable uncertainty changes to holding on to the truth on which we stand. We may not know everything, but thanks to God's Word, we do know something:

God is good. (Titus 3:4)

God is faithful. (Deuteronomy 7:9)

And God is with us. (Matthew 1:23)

And when we walk in the light of those unchanging truths, we find confidence for today even if we don't know what tomorrow will hold. We can't stay fixed on the uncertainty before us, but we can stay fixed on the fact that God is our light and salvation, and we have no need to fear anything. Our confidence to face the

future should lie in the promises of God and how capable He is at keeping His promise.



## SHARING JESUS

**"Give praise to the LORD,  
proclaim His name;  
Make known among the  
nations what He has done."  
(Isaiah 12:4)**

(Excerpt from *Our Daily Bread*,  
August 31, 2021)

Shortly after Dwight Moody (1837-1899) came to faith in Christ, the evangelist resolved not to let a day pass without sharing God's good news with at least one person. On busy days, he'd sometimes forget his resolution until late. One night, he was in bed before he remembered. As he stepped outside, he thought, *No one will be out in this pouring rain.* Just then he saw a man walking down the street. Moody rushed over and asked to stand under his umbrella to avoid the rain. When granted permission, he asked, "Have you any shelter in the time of storm? Could I tell you about Jesus?"

Moody embodied a readiness to share how God saves us from the consequences of our sins. He obeyed God's instructions to the Israelites to proclaim His name and *"make known among the nations what He has done" (Isaiah 12:4)* Not only were God's people called to *"proclaim that His name is exalted" (v. 4)*, but they were also to share how He had *"become [their] salvation" (v.*

2). Centuries later, our call remains to tell the wonders of Jesus becoming a man, dying on the cross, and rising again.

Perhaps we heard about God's love when, as Moody did, someone left their comfort zone to talk with us about Jesus. And we to, each in our own way, can let someone know about the One who saves. (by Amy Boucher Pye)

What has God done in your life that you can share with another? How has He equipped you to present the good news?

Read Evangelism: Reaching out through Relationships at [DiscoverySeries.org/Q0913](http://DiscoverySeries.org/Q0913).





We are seeking interested volunteers to join the Audio-Visual ministry, which will help Bethesda make good use of technology in community building and worship. Interested persons should contact Debra Dickerson via email: [debrad07@gmail.com](mailto:debrad07@gmail.com)



Each Tuesday at 7 PM using our regular conference line call-in number: 1.712.770.4952; access code 875378#.

**Subject:** *Life Lessons from the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians.*  
**Last Session: September 7**

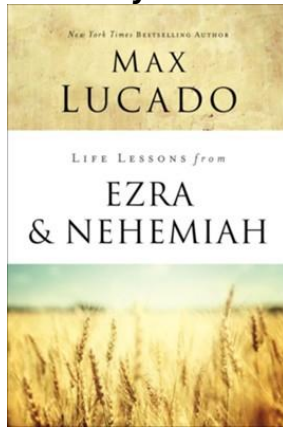


Resumes  
Tuesday, September 21  
7:00 PM

Study Plan:  
"A Study of the Life of Abraham: Finding God's Purpose for Your Life"

Thursday, September 23  
12:00 Noon

Study Plan:



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Girl Scout Troop 44006 will be joining Girl Scouts USA and the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital in the celebration of the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Scouts. Our kick-off event is a Council-wide School Supply Collection. This kick-off event will begin on August 7th with final delivery of supplies to be completed by October 31st. Since our troop is sponsored by Bethesda Baptist Church, we ask that the church will partner with us to

collect school supplies for Wheatley Educational Campus. This service will impact schools and those in need locally and will help girls to "Make the World a Better Place" in the Ivy City/Trinidad area. Wheatley Educational Campus is a K-8 school and is 100% Title I. We will have clearly marked bins available for the supplies to be dropped off. The troop will be responsible for the collection, organizing and distribution of these supplies. This will be the troop's first community service project for this scout year. See the flyer for the list of supplies requested. Questions?? Contact Sis. LaVerne Brown (301)350-7033



The Museum of the Bible is offering a discount to all BBC members who would like to visit the museum during August and September. Just go onto the Museum of the Bible's website and enter the discount code TS22 when buying tickets. Face masks and social distancing practices are in effect at the Museum.



Members of the temporary robe committee, Shirley Mitchell Coordinator and members Madie Evans, Sandra Gainer, Michele Goady, and

Bobbie Taylor, would like to thank the Tuesday and Thursday's Bible classes and Prayer Group members for their contributions toward the purchase of two robes for Pastor Michael Thompson. The robes, one black and one white, will be used as the Pastor deems necessary in the service of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.

The robes will be presented during the impending installation service. Again, thank you for your prompt responses, generosity, and cooperation.



In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 7 and Wednesday, September 8. Thank you.

Voices Business Meeting  
**Wednesday, September 8**  
 6:30 pm

AV/CE Meeting  
**Friday, September 10**  
 6:30 pm

Christian Education  
 Committee Meeting  
**Saturday September 11**  
 10:00 AM

All above meetings will be by way of conference call  
 Call-in number:

1.712.770.4952  
 Access Code: 875379

Girl Scout Meeting  
 Saturday, September 11  
 10:30am

Contact  
[BethesdaTroop44006@gmail.com](mailto:BethesdaTroop44006@gmail.com)



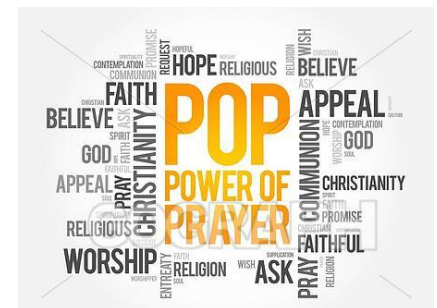
Thank you, Bethesda, for your faithful giving. We are making a special appeal, however, today to those who have not been consistent in their giving. Giving to the church has dropped substantially during the summer months and now that it is September and we are returning to Church we are praying that the Lord will bless us in meeting our expenses as He always has. Your giving allows Bethesda to continue to be a blessing to others and to spread the gospel. We are asking for your continued faithfulness. You may mail your offering to the church or pay on-line via the church's website,

[www.bethesdaweb.org](http://www.bethesdaweb.org).

Additionally, please send a separate check from your Tithes and Offerings for the Building Renovation, J.D. Bussey Scholarship fund, Boiler Fund, etc., as these funds are not deposited in the same bank. The same applies to the Online Giving which is for Tithes and Offerings only. Lastly, please indicate the month of your birthday/wedding on the birthday/wedding club envelopes.



*Bethesda Baptist Church*  
 Thank you for your expressions of kindness, support, and love you have shown us during this period of bereavement.  
 Shelvee Reaves and the Family of Sharon L. Pickett



Please continue to be in prayer for those identified on our prayer request listing as well as those individuals on our sick and shut-in list.

- Deacon Marshall Brown
- Deacon CD Thompson
- Trustee Daryl Daniels
- Sister Lawanda Prather
- Sister Bonnie Banks
- Sister Annie White
- Sister Barbara Henderson
- Sister Rose Holbert
- Brother Norman Fisher
- Brother Willie Green
- Brother Eric Hughes
- Sister Maygi Dowtin
- Sister Delaine Dobson
- Sister Lenora Watlington
- Sister Christine Calhoun
- Sister Evelyn Brown
- Sister Sandra Gainer
- Sister Frances McCannon
- Sister Muriel Atkins

- Brother Tommie Holley
- Brother Tony Buie
- Sister Virginia Siebert
- Spiritual Life Weekend



*On Monday, August 30, James Loney, nephew of Altha Loney and cousin of Damond & Alicia Loney transitioned to be with the Lord. James resided in South Carolina.*

*Teon Jackson, also a nephew of Altha Loney was buried on Tuesday, August 31,*

*Let us keep Sister Loney and family in prayer.*

*Expressions may be sent to:  
Altha Loney & Family  
7715 Mike Shapiro Drive  
Clinton, MD 20735*



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**  
**9:30AM - 11:00AM-WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**11:15AM-12:15PM-SUNDAY SCHOOL**



# Bethesda Baptist Church Spiritual Life Weekend

*Equipping for Evangelism, Discipleship, and Studying God's Word  
II Timothy 3:16-17*

September 17-19, 2021

Hosted by Bethesda Baptist Church Christian Education Ministry

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

This is a **virtual and in-person event**. Please indicate your attendance preference:

- In-Person: 1808 Capital Avenue, N.E., Washington DC 20002
- Face Book: Bethesda Baptist Church DC
- BBC Website: [www.bethesdaweb.org](http://www.bethesdaweb.org)
- Call-In Conference Number: 1-712-770-4952 / Access Code 875378#

## Schedule of Events

(See the attached flyer for Events details)

Check the session(s) that you will attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday only, \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday only, \_\_\_\_\_ Both Sessions

**Return Completed Form by September 5, 2021 to:** BBC - Christian Education Spiritual Life Weekend  
Attn: Doris Young  
1808 Capitol Avenue N.E Washington DC 20002

Or email to: [Astclerk@bethesdaweb.org](mailto:Astclerk@bethesdaweb.org)

Questions? Contact Jennie Sanders @ 301-390-4772 or email: [drjenniesanders@yahoo.com](mailto:drjenniesanders@yahoo.com)



