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### God Speaks through His Activity

Look among the nations and watch - be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you. *Habakkuk 1:5 NKJV*

*(Excerpt from Devotional: "Experiencing God Day by Day")*

Christians habitually seek God's voice through prayer, through His Word, or through His messengers. Yet sometimes we fail to hear God speak through His activity, even though He is working all around us. Unbelievers see God's activity without understanding what they see. God encourages His people to watch for His activity so they will know how they should respond and adjust their lives.

The disciples discovered much about God's power by

witnessing Jesus calming a raging storm with a command. Seeing Jesus dine with the notorious sinner, Zacchaeus, taught them a poignant message about God's love for sinners. Watching Jesus hang upon the cross communicated a compelling message of what God was willing to do to free people from sin. Discovering the empty tomb revealed an astounding truth of God's victory over death. To those with spiritual discernment, God's activity is a significant revelation about His heart and His will.

If you are sensitive to what God is doing around you, He will clearly speak to you through His activity. You will know that God is at work because what you see will astound you, and human power and wisdom will not explain it. If things happen that are direct answers to your prayers, God is speaking to you. When you experience events that surpass your understanding and ability, it may be that God is

communicating a critical message to you.

If you want to hear God's voice, look around you to see what He is doing. When you are watching for God at work, what you see will reveal His character, and you will have a fresh understanding of how to respond to Him.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Keurig & Konversation "Detox Your Soul," a new class for young adults will begin today, Praise the Lord! As with regular Sunday worship services, Pastor Thompson has elected to offer access to Sunday school classes being held at the church, via call-in conference line. The Sunday school classes are now being held after worship service and members will be able to access the separate classes for both men and women.

For access to the [Men's Sunday school class](#), the men should use the following call-in number: **1-712-770-5305**  
Access Code: **9975825#**

The Women's Sunday school class will use the established call-in number for normal church service and bible study. Women's class - Conference Call-in Number: **1-712-770-4952** - Access Code: **875378#**

Both the men and women's class will start approximately 15 minutes after the worship service ends. Sunday School class leaders will open their respective conference call line when they are ready to begin their classes. Although we do urge all members to attend worship services and Sunday school in person (Heb. 10:24-25), by providing access to the information being taught, students will have another resource to grow in the knowledge and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you.



"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

Revelation 12:11, NKJV

Throughout the Bible, you'll find fine stories of survivors. Joshua, Job, Jonah, Jeremiah, and, of course, Jesus are among them. Many are women. There are named women like Sarah, Hagar, and Elizabeth who survived the self and societal scrutiny of barrenness. There are unnamed women like the

widow of Zarephath, the widow of Nain, and the woman with the issue of blood. With the dawning of each new day, these women faced the bitter and burdensome consequences of death and disease. The good news, though, is that they survived. The better news? They overcame.

God supplied each woman not only with grace sufficient to survive, but also to thrive. He intervened on their behalf and brought help, hope, and healing to their dire situations. And my brothers and sisters, He is doing the same thing today. We are plagued with many similar issues, which themselves often give rise to new problems or exacerbate preexisting psychological, physical, emotional, social, financial and relational challenges. Among the prominent and persistent issues of our day is cancer - prostate, skin, ovarian, lung, pancreatic, and multiple myeloma, to name a few types. Prior to full-time ministry, although I was employed as a hospital administrator, I often visited and prayed with patients suffering from cancer. I remember leaving the bedside of one dear brother saying to myself, "I hate cancer." But immediately, God reminded me He is greater than cancer.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, during which time focused attention is given to this important and intimidating plight encountered by far too many women in our society. Like the women in the Bible, testimonies abound today of women who have survived and overcome,

by the grace of God. Like the women in the Bible, several women of Bethesda have shared testimonies how they survived and overcome this disease by the grace of God. Surely, there are other women who have emerged victorious over the scorn, scare, surgeries, scars, and potential side-effects associated with this dreaded epidemic.

While we marvel at the medical and technological advances that God has allowed to wage war against this giant, we should always take time to exalt our compassionate God, Who alone is Jehovah Rapha, our Healer.

Now listen, your condition might not be cancer; but, whatever you are facing, know that God still delivers and He still sustains. Remember this: God is with you! So, no matter what, stay with Him. And your testimony will be that of the late singer Andrae Crouch, and many saints like him, who made it through and made it over victoriously:

"I thank God for the mountains. And, I thank Him for the valleys.

I thank Him for the storms He's brought me through.

For, if I'd never had a problem, I wouldn't know God could solve them.

I'd never know what faith in God could do.

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned trust in God.

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon His Word." Just ask any of the overcomers named above. They'll tell you, "God is a good

God; He's a great God. He can do anything but fail."  
 For, if I'd never had a problem, I wouldn't know God could solve them.  
 I'd never know what faith in God could do.  
 Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned trust in God.  
 Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon His Word."

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SUNDAY

The Bethesda Baptist Church will be resuming Q&A on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month from 6:00pm-7:00pm starting Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We would like questions to be submitted by the first Sunday in each month. Please submit questions to [SoulCare@bethesdaweb.org](mailto:SoulCare@bethesdaweb.org) or questions can be submitted anonymously by placing them in the Q&A box located right outside the office.



HEAL Collaborative cordially invites you to attend "Ladies in Leadership: Building Healthy Bones" virtual Community Conversation Saturday, Oct. 23, 11am. To join please register today at <https://bit.ly/2VQNc6b>



### BUDGET REQUESTS

As unbelievable as it seems, we are approaching the end of 2021; and it's time to begin planning for Bethesda's 2022 Annual Budget. The Budget Committee is requesting all ministries to submit your 2022 budget plans, with justifications for increased budget levels by October 24, 2021. If your 2021 budget level will be sufficient to meet all 2022 activities, you need not submit a request. Please submit your budgets to Deaconess Sandra Copeland at [frcope@aol.com](mailto:frcope@aol.com) or place them in the Budget Committee mailbox in the lounge. Thank you for your continued support in managing your budget levels. We look forward to a fruitful year in the Lord in 2022!

### PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE RECOGNITION

On Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, we will honor Pastoral Search Committee members for their service in selecting candidates for Pastor of Bethesda Baptist church.

INSTALLATION SERVICE  
 Reverend Michael Thompson  
 Sunday, October 31, 2021  
 3:30 PM

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP  
TRAINING  
 Saturday, November 13  
 9:00am



### Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Tuesday  
 6:00 p.m.-8:00 pm  
 Conference Call-in Number:  
 1.712.770.4952  
 Access Code: 875378#

### Men's prayer Hour

Wednesday  
 10:00 p.m.  
 Conference Call-in Number:  
 1.712.770.4952  
 Access Code: 875378#

### Bible Study

Thursday  
 12:00 Noon  
 Conference Call-in Number:  
 1.712.770.4952  
 Access Code: 875378#

### Saturday October 23

10:00am  
 Women's Ministry Prayer Hour  
 Conference Call-in Number:  
 1.605.313.5143  
 Access Code: 6544522#

10:30am  
 Girl Scout Ministry Meeting  
 Contact  
[BethesdaTroop44006@gmail.com](mailto:BethesdaTroop44006@gmail.com)



Thank you, Bethesda family and friends for your monetary donations and school supplies

for our Back-to-School Supplies Drive. Our goal is to fill 110 backpacks in honor of the Girl Scouts 110th Anniversary. We have currently filled 92 backpacks. We have 18 empty backpacks and are in need of the supplies to fill them. We need these items for each backpack: 2 composition notebooks, 2 pks of notebook paper, 2 glue sticks,, 1 ruler, 1 box of crayons (gr K-3), 1 box of colored pencils (gr. 4-8), 8 pencils, 1 box tissues, 1 hand sanitizer, and 1 pencil pouch. We are scheduled to deliver these to Wheatley School by Oct. 29th. Last collection day is Oct 23, 2021. We really appreciate your support. Girl Scout Troop 44006.



### DONATIONS OF CHILDREN BOOKS

The Literacy Lab of DC reports that 73% of 3/4th graders in DC are reading below grade level. The Library committee would like to encourage children to read by giving away books to children between the ages of 5 - 11 and also inform the community that we, at Bethesda Baptist Church, have a library. We are asking for donations of children's books to be given away at the upcoming Harvest Community Day on October 30, 2021. If you have books you would like to donate, please bring them to the

church by October 24th and place them in the bins that will be outside the sanctuary and outside of the church office. Thank you in advance for your support.

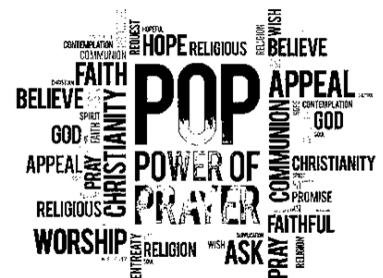
### COMMUNITY HARVEST DAY

October 30 is community Harvest Day. We will be having a clothing distribution and are in need of winter items for our homeless population and others in need in our community. At this time, we only need socks, gloves, coats, sweaters, wool hats and blankets for male/female and children. Please make sure the items are clean and bring your items to the church by October 24 and place in room 128. Please try to wrap items in plastic and not in brown paper bags. Thank you and invite your family, friends and neighbors to Community Harvest Day!



Thank you, Bethesda, for your faithful giving. Please remember to continue to be Biblical by giving tithes and offerings as commanded in scripture. If you attend services in-person, please remember to place your offering in the offering boxes in the vestibule at the conclusion of service. We will resume collection of Sunday School offering this Sunday. You may also mail your offering to the church or pay on-line via the church's website, [www.bethesdaweb.org](http://www.bethesdaweb.org).

Remember even if you worship from home on Sunday's there are still fixed expenses associated with ministry that need to be covered. 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. Your giving allows Bethesda to continue to be a blessing to others and to spread the gospel. We are asking for your continued faithfulness.



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 Beverly Daaku

- Sister Bonnie Banks
- 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



*The mother of Sister Gerri Vines  
went home to be with the Lord.  
Please keep Sister Vines & family in  
prayer.*

*Expressions may be sent to the  
church address; c/o Gerri Vines*



# Why Do We Pray?

**“Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” 1 Thessalonians 5: 17-18.**



**Plan to join the Bethesda Women's Ministry in the Prayer Hour on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 10:00 am.**

**Call in Number: 1-605-313-5143; Access Code: 654522#**

**Prayer Facilitator: Trustee Deborah Dickerson**

**Prayer is the link that connects us with God.**

**"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado**

**In preparation for this prayer hour, prepare to read a scripture that tells us why we should pray.**

*October is*  
**Breast Cancer**  
**Awareness Month**



*The Best Protection  
is Early Detection*



www.wobc.info

Approximately 1 in 8 women in the U.S. will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime, according to [www.breastcancer.org](http://www.breastcancer.org). The Chamberlain College of Nursing community and Molly Mattison participated in the [Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure](#) to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research.(Molly Mattison,2012) In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month (2012 ), they put together some breast cancer quotes to inspire, give hope and encourage those to press forward if battling the disease.

**Each Sunday in October, the Women's Ministry will be sharing a quote of encouragement in recognition of the Breast Cancer Challenge. We are asking members to send a voluntary donation to Bethesda Baptist Church designated "Breast Cancer Awareness."(On line giving can not be used for this donation.) At the end of October, the combined funds will be donated to the Howard University Cancer Research Center on behalf of Bethesda Baptist Church. We thank you in advance for supporting this cause!**

**OVERCOME  
THROUGH  
COURAGE  
& STRENGTH**

Let's find a cure for breast cancer.

**BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH**

# FALL FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30**

**11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**(202) 635-2883**

**“CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE”**

**DC Health  
Department**

COVID Variant Update  
Booster Shot Information  
and other tips and  
resources about health

**FREE Clothing  
Giveaway**

Coats, blankets, hats  
sweaters, all sizes  
**FREE - FREE- FREE**

**Safari Kids**

Sunday Mornings (after  
worship service)  
11:15 am - 12:15 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Job Training  
Information**

Hospitality  
Admin Support  
Home Health Aide/CNN  
GED Support  
Sign-up today!!

Men & Women's  
Spiritual Support  
Groups

Visit our table for  
more Info!!

**Children's Programs**

Girl Scouts  
Good News Club  
Sign Language Class  
Book Club  
**REGISTER TODAY!!**

**JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE AND FUN-FILLED DAY!!**

