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Pray...that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ... *Colossians 4:3 (NIV)*

(Excerpt from Our Daily Bread-Sept/Oct/Nov 2020 edition)

Brittany exclaimed to her coworker at the restaurant, "There's that man! There's that man!" She was referring to Melvin, who first encountered her under different circumstances. While he was tending to the lawn of his church, the Spirit prompted him to start a conversation with a woman who appeared to be a prostitute. Her reply when he invited her to church was: "Do you know what I do? They wouldn't want me in there." As Melvin told her about the love of Jesus and assured her of His

power to change her life, tears streamed down her face. Now, some weeks later, Brittany was working in a new environment, living proof of the power of Jesus to change lives.

In the context of encouraging believers to be devoted to prayer, the apostle Paul made a twofold request: "Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should" (Colossians 4:3-4).

Have you prayed for opportunities to speak boldly and clearly for Jesus? What a fitting prayer! Such prayers can lead believers, like Melvin, to speak about Him in unexpected places and to unexpected people. Speaking up for Jesus can seem uncomfortable, but the rewards—changed lives—have

a way of compensating for our discomforts. *Arthur Jackson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For access to the Men's Sunday school class, the men should use the following call-in number: [1-712-770-5305](tel:1-712-770-5305)
Access Code: [9975825#](tel: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](tel:1-712-770-4952) - Access Code: [875378#](tel:875378#)



Stewardship in the Bible is one of the essential lessons we need to learn as disciples of Christ. But today, stewardship is often misunderstood, partially grasped, or not on anyone's radar at all. In

general, to steward is to manage something on someone's behalf. There are several themes associated with stewardship. First Christ owns everything. Secondly, Christ commands us not to love money and to be content with what we have (Heb. 13:5). But he also commands us to work and take care of ourselves and family financially. Thirdly, God expects us to steward the resources He gives to us. God commands us to give generously. We should aim to steward our resources in such a way that we may be able to give more. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 says whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." We encourage you to pray about tithing. God wants us to be good stewards of His church and of what Paul calls, "the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10). God wants us to give to support the work of ministry and the expenses of the church. But, He has also entrusted to each of us at least one spiritual gift that we should use to the glory of God. He has entrusted these gifts to us so we can use them for the good of His church. God gives us the gifts, the abilities and the opportunities to use the gifts, and He alone must get the glory. In the end, stewardship in the Bible boils down to this question: Who's the Lord of your life? Are you or is the Lord? How do you know? Won't you let God get the glory by utilizing your gifts,

talents and abilities in one of the following ministries:

- Evangelism Outreach Unit
- Spiritual Friends Network
- Transportation
- Security
- Senior Ushers
- Audiovisual/IT

If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries, please contact the church office.

Ministry service demonstrates the reality of your faith

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SUNDAY

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



THE PROPOSED BUDGET
Greeting Saints! The Bethesda's 2022 Proposed Budget is ready for your review. You may pick up a

copy of the 2022 Budget in the lounge following Sunday School today. You may also pick up a copy of the budget from the church office on Mondays or Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please review the budget and submit your questions to Deaconess Sandra Copeland at frcope@aol.com or place them in the Budget Committee mailbox in the lounge by Sunday, November 28th, 2021. Thank you.

2022 OFFICERS

All ministries are asked to submit the names of your ministry leadership nominees for calendar year 2022 to the church office no later than **December 12, 2021**

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day is upon us and once again we have an opportunity to help those in need. Beginning Sunday, November 7th thru November 28th, special offerings will be taken for this purpose. Remember paying tithes and offerings are our commitment to the Lord, so please do not give the Thanksgiving Offering in place of those commitments! Also, please use a separate check for the Thanksgiving offering. Thanksgiving Offering envelopes are available on the table outside of the church office and Sanctuary vestibule.

CHANGE OF CONFERENCE CALL TELEPHONE NUMBER

Effective November 16th the call-in number for our conference calls will no longer be 712.770.4952; instead, the **new number will be**

717.908.1972. The access number code will remain the same 875378#

FOOD AND CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION

The next food and clothing distribution will be on November 20. We are asking for donations of canned meats, soup and /or any other items that can be consumed easily. We are also in need of men's winter clothing and blankets, hats, gloves, coats, etc. Please bring all items to the church by November 19th and place outside of room 128. Thank you for your participation.

APPEAL FROM THE PASTOR'S AIDE MINISTRY

"LET'S PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR"

The pressure of the ministry, the desire to maintain God's anointing, the lost souls in our community, prayer for his family, etc., are all reasons our Pastor needs to be lifted up in prayer.

If you are interested in supporting Pastor Thompson in prayer, please consider joining the Pastor's Aide Ministry which will pray for our Pastor weekly in the aforementioned areas and more.

All interested individuals may contact Sister Lynn Armstrong Patterson at 202.438.7168 or Sister Bobbie Taylor at 202.635.2883.

For this reason, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... Ephesians 3:14



Library Business Meeting
Monday, November 15
6:00 pm

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Tuesday
6:00 p.m.-8:00 pm
Conference Call-in Number:
1-717-908-1972
Access Code: 875378#

Seniors' Ministry
Wednesday, November 17
11:00 am

The Seniors' Ministry invites you to join us on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 11am as we reminisce about Thanksgiving. Please remember to use the new conference call number (1-717-908-1972). The access code remains the same.

Men's prayer Hour
Wednesdays
10:00 p.m.
Conference Call-in Number:
1-717-908-1972
Access Code: 875378#

Bible Study
Thursday, November 18
12:00 Noon.
Conference Call-in Number:
1-717-908-1972
Access Code: 875378#

Corporate Day of Fasting & Praying
Friday, November 19
6:00am-6:00pm

Good News Club
Friday, November 19
6:00 pm
contact
gncbethesda1@gmail.com

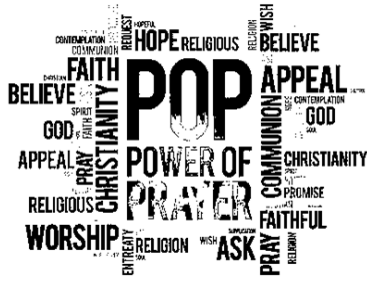
IT Committee Meeting
Saturday, November 20
9:30 am, Room 120

Food and Clothing Distribution
10:00am



Services
Thursday, November 25
10:00 AM





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
- Sister Lena Davis
- Venessa Colston (*family friend of Deacon Rogers*)

Sister Ocie Wright, sister of Deaconess Frances Moore went home to be with the Lord. Please keep Sister Moore and family in prayer.

Bro. Rick Serious went home to be with Lord. Please keep Sister Dorothy Serious and family in prayer.

Ricky Paul Shorter, brother of Sister Lawanda Prather went home to be with the Lord. Please keep Sister Prather & Family in Prayer

