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April 7, 2024

9:30 A.M.

**(Call-in Number: 1-717-908-1972, 875378#, FB Live) or
www.bethesdaweb.org**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Pastor Michael Thompson, Worship Leader

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| I. | 9:30 AM | Call to Worship |
| II. | Congregational Hymn | |
| III. | Scripture Reading | Philippians 2:5-11 |
| IV. | Prayer of Thanksgiving | |
| V. | Musical Selection | Sister Bonnie Burnett |
| VI. | Welcome/Song of Fellowship | Sister Lucy Taylor |
| VII. | Offering & Offertory | |
| VIII. | Song of Preparation | Sister Bonnie Burnett |
| IX. | MESSAGE | <i>Pastor Michael Thompson</i> |

Subject: "Lost and Found"

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

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Message From Evangelistic Outreach

(Excerpt from EVANTELL April 2, 2024 Blog)

“Sharing the Celebration of Easter”

Thanks to what Christ did on the cross, salvation from our sin is available. We can be saved through faith in Jesus Christ. For by grace (undeserved favor) you have been saved (delivered from sin’s penalty) through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast (Eph. 2:8-9).

The Easter message of the Bible is not difficult to understand. It can be captured in just three words: Jesus saves sinners. It’s just as easy to share as well. Who can you share the message with this Easter season?

BETHESDA ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2024		
No Sunday School	Prayer Meeting	Bible Study
Men (0)	Tuesday (31)	Tuesday (28)
Women (0)	<i>Prayer Focus</i> <i>Psalm 145</i>	Thursday (20)
Phone (0)	<i>Praise God from Day to Day (verses 1-2)</i> 1) Offer prayers of Thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord <i>Praise God from Generation to Generation (verses 3-7)</i> 2) Pray for your growth in sharing the gospel with the next generation.	
Children (0)	<i>Praise God from Nation to Nation (verses 8-13a)</i> 3) Praise God for all His works. Thank God for His graciousness and being full of compassion. <i>Praise God from Need to Need (vs. 13b-16)</i> 4) Praise God for meeting all your needs. <i>Praise God from Prayer to Prayer (vs. 17-21)</i> 5) Pray for those who have become so despondent of their circumstances that they have stopped praying. 6) Pray for our sick & shut-in and those asking for prayers and other expressions of compassion and comfort.	

On Prayer by James Banks

(A Pastor and Writer for the Daily Bread)

Now sometimes we might mistakenly think that prayer has something to do with skill. Sometimes you hear someone who is very well meaning say “I don’t have the Spiritual gift of prayer.” But did you know that of all the spiritual gifts listed in Scripture, prayer is not among them? And there’s an excellent reason for that. Prayer is meant for all of us. “Why Pray?” “Because you prayed!” “Bend down, O LORD, and listen!” Isaiah 36 and 37. That doesn’t mean things will go our way every time we pray, but if we learn to pray proactively---making prayer our “first resort” and not “a last resort” ---we will or may see God do breathtaking things. He wants us to help us lift our eyes above our circumstances so that we can catch a glimpse of His goodness and love. He wants us to pray so that we will get to know Him---and that really is the best part about prayer. True prayer is about so much more than just request or answers---it’s about a relationship with the One who will love and sustain us even when the answers don’t seem to come.

ODBU.org/SF120 is worth reading on prayer. Listen to his lecture on “Why Pray” by James Banks.

- Why Pray
- Why Not Ask?
- When You Don’t know What to Say
- Obstacles to Prayer
- Praying for Others
- Prayer and Fasting
- What about “Unanswered” Prayer
- Persevering in Prayer
- Living a Prayer-Filled Life
(Course Completion)

RECURRING EVENTS

Hour of Power & Bible Study

Each Tuesday at 6:00pm followed by Bible Study at 7:00pm via *ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83096366206?pwd=J7wZ8bwAcBA1snP5SgRuYhW4E2DsU.1>

Meeting ID: 830 9636 6206

Passcode: 199366

To use your cell phone or land line, *please dial: 1. 301. 715. 8592

Meeting ID: 830 9636 6206#; Passcode: 199366#

We encourage all members to submit prayer requests as the Holy Spirit leads by 12:00 Noon on Monday.

Open Praise Forum & Bible Study

Every Tuesday leading up to Communion Sunday at 6:00pm followed by Bible Study at 7:00pm via ZOOM and on conference line referenced above. *

Men's Prayer Hour

Each Wednesday at 10:00pm via conference call:
1.717.908.1972; Access 875378#

Women's Prayer Hour

Each 4th Saturday at 9:00am via conference call:
1.605.313.5143; Access code 654522#

Questions and Answers

Held each 4th Sunday at 6:00pm via conference call:
1.717.908.1972; Access code 875378#

Please submit your questions *today* by email to: SoulCare@Bethesdaweb.org or in Q&A box located on the table outside of the church office.

Bible Study

Each Thursday at 12:00 Noon via conference call:
1.717.908.1972; Access code 875378#

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Friday, April 12

6:00pm Good News Club, Rooms 118 and 120

Saturday, April 13

9:00am Girl Scouts Troop 44006 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

COMPASSION

We solicit your prayers and other expressions of compassion and comfort for:

Brother John Agnew	Sister Barbara Harper
Deaconess Vassie Anderson	Brother Edward M. Harper
Sister Muriel Atkins	Sister Dorothy Harshaw
Deacon George Averette	Brother Leonard Higgs
The Family of Sister Bonnie Banks	Brother Tommie Holley
Sister Annie Barrett	Brother Jose Jenkins
Brother Michael Bell	Sister Oney Jenkins
Sister Edith Berry	Nicholas LaCross (Child)
Deaconess Tonia Brown	Sister Amelia Lewis
Sister Terri Burrell	Rev. Chester A. McDonald, Jr.
Sister Christine Calhoun	Brother Carrington Miller
Sister Lillie Cook	Brother Dwayne Miller
Brother Vaughn Cooper	Sister Johnelle Reeves
Sister Beverly Daaku	Brother Daryl Smith
Trustee Daryl Daniels	Deacon Langston Smith
Trustee Andrew Davis	Sister Michele Smith
Sister Lena Davis	Sister Lucille Travers
Sister Maggie Deyo	Sister Sharon Turner
Sister Delaine Dobson	Sister Olivia Tyson
Sister Elizabeth Dozier	Brother Mileo Velazquez
Brother Norman Fisher	Sister Dollie Vines
Sister Remetter C. Freeman	Sister Myra Wagstaff
Sister Dana Green	Brother Norman Wallace
Sister Shirley Gwynn	Brother Preston Wallace
Sister Roberta Hair	Carlton White, Jr. (Child)
Deaconess Dovie Hardison	

EXPRESSIONS

Sister Bonnie Banks went home to be with the Lord. Please keep her family in prayer. Service will be held at Bethesda Baptist Church on Saturday, April 13, 2024, viewing at 10:00 am and home going service at 11:00 am.

Expressions may be sent to:

Camille White
6142 Sligo Mill Road, NE
Washington, DC 20011

Tonia Brown
3943 M. L. King Jr. Avenue, S. W.
Washington, DC 20032

Margaret Banks
6003 Clay Street, NE
Apartment 3
Washington, DC 20019

Donna Battle
3429 Summit Court, NE
Washington, DC 20018

Benjamin Banks
555 S Cholla Street
Gilbert, AZ 85233

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS is quickly approaching. We need volunteers to serve. Pray how the Lord can use you in this outreach effort. The second training session will be held on **Saturday, April 27th** at 9:00 am. The volunteer form is on the table near the church office.

VULNERABLE POPULATION POLICY (VPOP)

Vulnerable Population Policy (VPOP) trainings and screenings will be held on the following dates:

Saturday, April 27th, 10 am

Saturday, May 11th, 9am*

Saturday, May 25th, 10 am

(*in conjunction with VBS Training)

COPS AND CLERGY COMMUNITY WALK

Bethesda has been invited to join the New Samaritan Baptist Church (NSBC), in partnership with the Fifth District Metropolitan Police Department in a “Cops and Clergy Community Walk” on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The starting point is New Samaritan Baptist Church, 1100 Florida Ave., NE, Washington, DC. 20002. Please see the BBC office for details.

BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL CONGRESS OF DC AND VICINITY

The 81st Annual Session of the Baptist Educational Congress of the District of Columbia and Vicinity (BEC) will offer classes for spiritual growth and everyday living for students of all ages. The courses will convene on Monday, May 6th through Friday, May 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., via Zoom. The courses include Spiritual Warfare (Bishop Edwon Brown), Effective Bible Reading (Rev. Bernard Fuller), Baptist Doctrine – (Rev. Emmett Young III), Daniel (Rev. Charles Russell), When Life Hurts (Rev. Larry Hentz), Strengthening Your Prayer Life (Rev. Charles Bynum), Servant Leadership (Rev. Rodney Teal), Women in Ministry Seminar (Bishop Kecia Ford), Ministers Seminar (Rev. Terry Streeter), Introduction to Discipleship (Rev. Chris Starghill), Miracles of Jesus (Rev. Angelo Berry), Survey of Paul’s Letters (Rev. Tyrone Queen), The Study of Last Things (Rev. Nat Obey), Creative Ways of Teaching (Rev. Donald Sadler) and Reaching Unchurched People (Rev. John Cox).

Please call the church office to obtain a copy of the course list with descriptions and the registration form. Mail-in registration should be post marked by April 28, 2024; or you may register online at www.BaptistConventionDCVicinity.com. The registration fee is \$35 per person.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORNER

MINISTRY ACTION PLAN

Ministry Leaders, this is a reminder to complete the Ministry Action Plan Special Event Form for any major events six (6) months in advance of the planned activity for approval. The objective of this process is to help ministries of our church plan activities prior to committing resources to them. Please see the church office if you are in need of a form. The pastor will meet with each leader to review the proposed activity. Thank you.

ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND

We have established a goal of raising \$62,000 over the next 12-months for replacement of the church's roof Section M. We are asking each member to give an extra \$62 per month or \$15.50 per week to the church's Building Maintenance Fund. If 100 members do this on a regular monthly basis over the course of 1-year, we will raise the \$62,000 necessary to finance the first phase of roof repairs. Please use the special "Roof Replacement" envelopes found outside of the church office and Sanctuary vestibule. Thank you in advance for your faithful giving, Bethesda!

"With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible." Mark 10:27

IT SUPPORT MINISTRY

Dear Ministry Leaders,

As we continue to promote our church events, we want to make sure that we are doing so in the most effective and efficient way possible. To help us achieve this, we are introducing a new form that will allow you to upload flyers for your events and have them posted on our social media platforms. Please use the following form to submit your promotional materials:

<https://form.jotform.com/bbcitsupport/ministry-submit-form>

Please ensure that you submit any promotional flyers at least one week in advance of your event to allow enough time for us to post them.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us spread the word about our events. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

BBC IT Support Ministry

ADMINISTRATIVE CORNER CONTINUED:

MINISTRY LEADERS

If you would like to hold your ministry meetings or events on Zoom, please contact Sister Bobbie Taylor at 202.635.2883 or submit your request by email: btaylor@bethesdaweb.org

MINISTRY MAILBOX

All ministry heads or secretaries, please remember to check your mailbox.