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Message From Evangelistic Outreach

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“ACTION STEP: Just Talk About Jesus”

When it comes to evangelism, we tend to think ourselves out of conversations. We spend too much time anticipating responses, thinking through potential questions, and imagining outcomes, that we never approach the topic. But here’s the thing, it’s been shown time and time again that unbelievers are more surprised at our silence than they are offended at our message. So, what’s the solution? We need to be better about simply talking about Jesus. Bring Him into your everyday stories; share how He has moved in your life; testify about what He has accomplished. Just talk about Jesus as the Holy Spirit prompts you and watch how God moves in your conversations!

BETHESDA ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024		
Sunday School	Prayer Meeting	Bible Study
Men (5)	Tuesday (32)	Tuesday (32)
Women (19)	Prayer Focus: Psalm 91:8-14	Wednesday (0)
Phone (12)	<p>1) Just open your eyes and see how the wicked are punished. – Psalm 91:8. Pray for God to open your eyes to see Him at work in your life and help to trust Him when life feels unfair. 2) If you make the LORD your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home. – Psalm 91:9-10. Praise God for being a God you can trust and under whose canopy of love you can rest. 3) For He will give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall hold you up lest you dash your foot against a stone. Psalm 91:11-12. Thank God for providing so much for you. 4) You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. – Psalm 91:13. Pray for God to help you trust in His plans for you. 5) Because he has set his love upon Me therefore, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he has known My name. – Psalm 91:14 NLT. Pray for God to help you to trust in His name and work on your behalf. 6) Pray for our sick & shut-in and those asking for prayers and other expressions of compassion and comfort.</p>	Thursday (18)
Children (2)		

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 *No Bible Study on May 7th.*

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. *

Bible Study Young Adult Edition

Each Wednesday at 7:30pm EST and 6:30pm CST via Zoom.

Register by text 202-262-4476 or email kgoady07@gmail.com.

Men's Prayer Hour

Each Wednesday at 9:00pm 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 *No Bible Study on May 9th*

Each Thursday at 12:00 Noon via conference call:

1.717.908.1972; Access code 875378#

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, May 6

6:30pm Evangelism Outreach Unit Ministry Meeting via conference call:

1.717.908.1972; Access code 875378#

Friday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 11

10:00am Celebration of Life Services for Deaconess Vassie Anderson, Sanctuary

COMPASSION

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

Brother John Agnew	Brother Leonard Higgs
Family of Deaconess Vassie Anderson	Brother Jose Jenkins
Sister Muriel Atkins	Sister Oney Jenkins
Deacon George Averette	Sister Mary Johnson
The Family of Sister Bonnie Banks	Brother Marshall Jones
Sister Annie Barrett	Nicholas LaCross (Child)
Sister Edith Berry	Sister Amelia Lewis
Deaconess Tonia Brown	Trustee Sandra Lyons & Family
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 Shirley Gwynn	Brother Norman Wallace
Sister Roberta Hair	Brother Preston Wallace
Deaconess Dovie Hardison	Carlton White, Jr. (Child)
Sister Barbara Harper	Arion'n Williams (age 6)
Brother Edward M. Harper	Lamari Williams (age 5)
Sister Dorothy Harshaw	

EXPRESSIONS

Deaconess Vassie Anderson went home to be with the Lord. Please Keep her daughter and family in prayer. The homegoing celebration will be held at Bethesda Baptist Church on Saturday, May 11, 2024, viewing 10:00am and services at 11:00am.

Expressions may be sent to:

Donna Anderson
99 Vicksburg Court
Frederick, MD 21702

Trustee Sandra Lyons' aunt **Hattie Allen** went home to be with the Lord. Please Keep her family in prayer. Additional information is forthcoming.

Expressions may be sent to:

Sandra Lyons
9968 Old Fort Road
Ft Washington, MD 20744

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 8TH UNITY/COMMUNITY DAY

Attention: June 8th Unity/Community Day is quickly approaching! Last year was our first experience coordinating and collaborating with other ministries, Trinity Baptist, community partners and surrounding clergy . We are praying with anticipation that God will increase our territory so that we can spread the Good News of Jesus and foster unity between community residents and the church families. We need your help to tell the story. How will you serve? There are numerous opportunities: assistance at the moon bounce/ bounce house, photography of activities, supervision at the pony rides, help with arts and crafts, doing face painting, interacting and leading games, assisting with onsite registration, praying in the prayer tent, serving lunch, assisting in the Medical tent, assisting with first aid needs, and assisting at the Take Away/Give Away tables (Church Library, VBS etc.) **Pray about how you can help make a Difference! Registration will begin Sunday, May 5, 2024, after morning service in the vestibule.**

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM

Join us for our annual Sunday school Mother's day program on Sunday May 12, immediately following the worship service. Thanks for your participation.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

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 third training session will be held on **Saturday, May 18th** 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, May 18th, 9 am*
Saturday, May 25th, 10 am
(*in conjunction with VBS Training)

COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Lord's Supper will take place on the 3rd Sunday, May 19th.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOOK REVIEW

Attention: Seasoned and Young Adult Ladies!

During the Biblical days, women were often viewed as being subservient to men. Their many roles and accomplishments were often overlooked. The Women's Ministry decided to focus on some of the less known women in the Old Testament. Part I of the Book Review will address the following three: Jochebed, Zipporah and Tamar. Don't miss it on May 25th at 9:00am.

2024 JOHN D. BUSSEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

2024 John D. Bussey Scholarship applications are now available. If you are stepping into or continuing higher education, we invite you to complete an application. Applications can be found outside of the church office or on the church website. The deadline for submissions is May 26th.

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@bethesda-web.org

MINISTRY MAILBOX

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