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Message From Evangelistic Outreach

(Excerpt from EVANTELL Pause and Ponder Blog by Larry Moyer, July 29, 2024)

"Making the Gospel Clear"

The greatest need in evangelizing today is to make the gospel clear. The reason why millions are unsure of their salvation is that they fail to understand that Christ did not make the down payment for their sins, He made the full payment. That is why upon dying in our place on a cross and taking the punishment we deserved, He could declare, "IT IS FINISHED!" (John 19:30) We are not saved on the basis of Christ "plus" (something we have done), but CHRIST period.

BETHESDA ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR WEEK OF August 4, 2024		
No Sunday School	Prayer Meeting	No Bible Study
Men (0)	Tuesday (26)	Tuesday (0)
Women (0)	Open Praise Hour	Wednesday (0)
Phone (0)		Thursday (0)
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 *Tuesday Bible Study will resume in September.*

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 at 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 *Women's Prayer will resume in August 24.*

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 *Thursday Bible Study will resume in September.*

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

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Friday, August 16

6:30pm Sunday School Meeting via conference call: 1.717.908.1972; Access code 875378#

Saturday, August 17

10:00am Spiritual Discernment Meeting (Virtual)

11:30am Combined Choir Rehearsal, Room 120

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

A Part-Time Maintenance & Facilities Operation Leads position is open. Closing Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2024. For further details contact Deacon Langston Smith or Trustee Anne Barbee at 202-635-2883, Ext. 103.

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT MEETING

The Spiritual Discernment meeting will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, August 17, 2024. Please plan to attend our meeting as we need 45 people to have a quorum. Join meeting via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82573857394?pwd=cDE5cXJldStkZCtH1d0xucVWU09>

Meeting ID: 825 7385 7394 Passcode: 129796

To use your cell phone or land line, please dial: 1.301.715.8592

Meeting ID: 825 7385 7394# Passcode: 129796#

EDUCATION SUNDAY

“On August 25th, we will praise the Lord for those who are celebrating achievements. Have you recently graduated, been promoted, purchased a home, or celebrated a major achievement? If so, please email johndbusseyscholarship@gmail.com or contact Sister Erika Thompson.”

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

After prayer meeting on Tuesday evenings, starting at 7pm, a video will be shown entitled, Think Biblically, Vote your Faith sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry. Topics include What is a Christian Worldview, What does God say about Justice, What does God say about the Sanctity of Life, What does God say about sexuality and Gender, What does God say about Socialism and lastly What does God say about politics. There will be a short discussion after each session. Please plan to join us.

Thank you for your participation.

6-WEEK BIBLE STUDY/EVANGELISM CLASS

Bethesda is invited to join a 6-week Bible Study/Evangelism class entitled, “How to Share Your Faith.” Every Saturday, starting July 6 at 8:00pm via zoom. Zoom information is forthcoming. The teacher is Brother Larry Butler. For those of you who don't know Larry, he came out of Catholicism and became a Christian while studying at the University of MD in the early 70's. Since his conversion, he has devoted his life to evangelism and reaching the lost especially on college campuses. Description: This is an introductory Bible study class focusing on how to not only clearly understand what it means to be saved but how do we share what we believe about Jesus Christ with others. Invite as many family members and friends you wish.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

SIGHT AND SOUND-OCTOBER 24, 2024

Time for the Excursion to see Daniel is quickly approaching! We still have seats and tickets waiting for you, your relatives and friends. If you have already signed up to go, please make your payments.

We are looking forward to a time of fellowship, fun, great production, and delicious food.

God bless you!

Safety Precautions

Extreme heat is dangerous and can cause illnesses and death. As temperatures rise, you are encouraged to take an active role in your safety and take action to stay cool.

- Stay indoors: Find places in the shade or with air conditioning to seek relief from the heat.
- Check on your neighbors: Young children, older adults, and those with disabilities or other access and functional needs are the most vulnerable in our community.
- Drink plenty of water and avoid liquids that contain alcohol, caffeine, or large amounts of sugar.
- Wear lightweight, loose fitting, light-colored clothing and use SPF 15 or higher sunscreen.
- Do not leave children, pets, or service animals in vehicles as they can reach dangerous temperatures within 10 minutes.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY/OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Extreme temps will continue this week, with heat indices values in the 100 - 105 range possible next weekend. 🏽🥵🌡️ Extreme temperatures cause more weather-related deaths than storms do every year. Now is the time to prepare and plan to check on others. Review steps below👉 #BeatTheHeat by locating a cooling center near you at: <https://bit.ly/StayCoolPGC>.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:



DC HEAT EMERGENCY PLAN

When the forecast of the **temperature or heat index in the District is 95 degrees or higher**, the District Government implements the Heat Emergency Plan and activates cooling centers for community members to seek relief from the heat. Residents and visitors should take extra steps to beat the heat by staying in the shade or air-conditioning, drinking plenty of water, and visiting a cooling center. Periods of high heat and humidity can cause medical problems such as heat exhaustion and stroke.

Interactive Map

Click here for a map of cooling center locations.

<https://dcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c975110d05a24acba55f65eef283e05b>

Residents can type in an address to identify cooling center locations closest to them, site addresses, and hours of location.

NOTE: District spray parks will be open on Saturday, June 15, and then remain open for weekday operations. Spray parks are open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. View a full list of spray parks and locations at

<https://dpr.dc.gov/sprayparks>. DPR outdoor pools are on a Saturday and Sunday only schedule. Starting on Monday, June 24, all DPR outdoor pools will be open six days a week and spray parks will be open daily, operating on individual schedules. Hours of operation can be found at <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/outdoor-pools>

Transportation to Shelters

If you or someone you know needs free, accessible transportation to a cooling center, please call the shelter hotline at (202) 399-7093 or dial 311.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORNER

COPIER IN THE LOUNGE

When using the copier in the lounge please be sure to log in your name or ministry name and the number of copies you are producing. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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.

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.

RECRUITMENT

1 Thessalonians 5:11: "Therefore encourage one another and build up one another,

We are seeking volunteers to join our comfort ministry. The cause and effect of comfort is biblical when we comfort others with the comfort that we have received from God and others. Please contact the church office to express your interest.

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