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Message From Evangelistic Outreach

(Excerpt from EVANTELL Pause and Ponder, by Larry Moyer November 21, 2024)

“The Witness of the Lips”

The phrase “Witness to everyone you meet, if necessary, use words” is attributed to different people. They mean well but that phrase ought not be used. Nobody can come to Christ through staring at your life. Someone has to talk to them. It is the witness of the lips accompanied by the witness of the life that is powerful. (Acts 1:8, Philippians 2:14-16)

BETHESDA ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2025		
Sunday School	No Prayer Meeting	Bible Study
Men (6)	Tuesday (26)	Tuesday (27)
Women (23)	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayer Focus:</i></p> <p>1) Pray for those who mourn the loss of their loved ones. loss of animal life, loss of property, loss of business, loss of homes and in some cases even a loss of faith due to the fires in Los Angeles. Pray for the salvation of those in the LA area and that God causes this to be an ash heap that causes beauty to rise out of it (Isaiah 61:3) 2) Lord, help me to be free of all sin and its consequences. Reveal to me anything in my heart and mind that should not be there (Psalm 44:21). 3) Thank you, Lord, that You are my Healer. for being my healer. When I need to see a doctor, help me to find the right one to go to (Jeremiah 17:4). 4) Lord, take control of my mind and emotions. Help me to think clearly. Enable me to discern the truth from a lie and not allow wrong or negative thoughts to fill my mind. 5) Lord, I submit my body to You. Help me to be disciplined in the way I care for it. Enable me to make the right choices when it comes to what I eat and getting proper rest and nutrition. 6) Lord, we pray for those who are being installed as officers and leaders at Bethesda. We pray that you will strengthen, guide and keep them. 7) The Word of God tells us that the Lord is our Strength and our Shield, so we have nothing to fear. Regardless of which political party is in office, Lord, help us to honor your Word in 1 Timothy 2: 1-3. 8) Pray for our sick & shut-in and those asking for prayers and other expressions of compassion and comfort.</p>	Wednesday (0)
Phone (11)		Thursday (14)
Children (0)		

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 c

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. *

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

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

In observance of Martin Luther King's Holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday, January 20th.

Sunday, January 19

9:30am Installation of 2025 Ministry Officers

Wednesday, January 22

11:00am Seniors' Ministry Meeting via conference call: 1.717.908.1972; Access code 875378#

Thursday, January 23

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

Friday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 25

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

9:00am Women's Ministry Prayer via conference call: 1.605.313.5143; Access code 654522#

9:45am Men's Ministry Meeting, Room 120

11:00am Flower Guild Meeting via conference call: 1.717.908.1972; Access code 875378#

11:30am Combined Choir Rehearsal, Room 120

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TO BETHESDA MEMBERS: A SPECIAL CALL MEETING

There will be a special call meeting via zoom on February 1, 2025, to vote on the proposed amendment to the By-Laws. The proposed amendment seeks to reduce the quorum from 45 to 25 members:

Official Board Proposal January 8, 2025

Instructions: Amendment is underlined.

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT
<p>Article V1 – STEWARDSHIP RESPONSIBILITY</p> <p>Section 5. QUORUM: Forty-five active members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transaction of Church business at a regular or called business meeting. Said members shall be in “good and regular standing”</p>	<p><u>AMEND SECTION 5 STEWARDSHIP RESPONSIBILITY “TWENTY-FIVE TO CONSTITUTE A QUORUM” ARTICLE VI SECTION 5 PAGE 37:</u></p> <p><u>IF ADOPTED, SECTION 5 WILL READ:</u></p> <p>Section 5 STEWARDSHIP RESPONSIBILITY: Twenty-five active members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transaction of Church business at a regular or called business meeting. Said members shall be in “good and regular standing”</p>

The rationale for the above recommended change to Article VI are as follows:

Decreasing the quorum was necessary due to a reduction in Church membership.

ZOOM information will be sent under separate covers.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION

In an effort to improve communication, Bethesda is pleased to announce we have the ability to text important information to you such as meeting dates and times, changes to meeting dates and times, and church closures due to inclement weather, etc. If you would like to participate, just text "hello" to 1-833-251-0923. Message and data rates may apply. This will supplement the regular methods of finding out the status of church closure which includes reading your emails, listening to the telephone recording at the church office and viewing channel 7 news.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

When the weather forecast is inclement, you can find out the status of the church building by using one or both of the following methods:

- Listen to the recording at the church office and punch in 004 right away.
- Watch Channels 7 news and read the ticker file at the bottom of the screen.

When in-person worship is cancelled due to weather, we will hold services virtually by zoom at:

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

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FREE SMOKE DETECTOR

Attention, District of Columbia homeowners!

If you'd like a free smoke detector, please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the church office.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Lord's Supper will take place next Sunday, January 26.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICER'S

The Installation of Officer's will take place next Sunday, January 26.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time! Troop 44006 will be taking orders for your favorite cookies. Please give your initial order to Sister Victoria Abonyi or Sister LaVerne Brown today. Your cookies will be delivered after Sunday School on January 28. The price is \$6.00 per box! The troop will be accepting orders until March 9. But don't wait until March 9th because cookies disappear fast!! Thanks for your support.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY NEW YEAR'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Education Ministry's New Year's Fellowship on January 25 has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Saturday, February 8, 2025 10:00am Spiritual Discernment Meeting
in-person

CHURCH YEARBOOK

As we create our church yearbook, we want to dedicate a heartfelt section to honor the lives of members who have passed away Between 2020 and 2024.

To ensure this tribute is both respectful and beautiful, we kindly ask for your assistance:

1. Submission Guidelines: Only members who were part of our congregation at the time of their passing will be included.
2. Photo Quality Matters: Please provide high-quality photos that reflect the warmth and light of their spirit. Clear, well-lit images with minimal shadows or distractions are greatly appreciated.
3. Last day to take pictures is **Sunday, February 23**

If you need help selecting or improving a photo, don't hesitate to contact Sister Tigist Ashaka. Your participation in this section helps us celebrate their legacy and preserve their memory for years to come.

Thank you for helping us create a meaningful tribute.

For questions or photo submissions, please contact Tigista792@gmail.com

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

WORSHIPING NURSERY

Praise the Lord Bethesda! On Sundays, during the 9:30 am Worship Service, the Worshiping Nursery is open to receive children ages 1 year (must be walking) to 5 years old, where children can learn about the Lord on their own level. Parents should feel free to take their children to the Nursery and return to worship service. We are still in need of volunteers and your prayers to ensure that we can sustain service in the Nursery. We have been blessed to have several children under the age of five come to church. The Worshiping Nursery rooms have been cleaned and are ready for them. Now we need volunteers to bring the love, energy, and share the word of God with them. Pray that the Lord will use you and volunteer as a worker. Please contact Sister Denise McPayten-Nedab at 202-306-2420.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

The Transportation Ministry needs Drivers and Chaperones for the church van, as well as volunteers to carpool members to church. If you need a ride, please contact the church office at 202-635-2883. You may also contact Sis. Jessica Reid (202-706-2211) up until 6pm on Saturday's if a ride is needed for the upcoming Sunday.

TO BETHESDA MEMBERS

1. The Church office is closed on Sundays.
2. If your ministry has a need for Armed Guard Services, please contact the Chair of the Trustee Board.
3. Funeral Repasts will not be held at the church, until further notice.
4. A meeting of the church body will be held at a future date so that our Armed Guard personnel can provide an overview of safety protocols.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORNER

TO ALL MINISTRY HEADS OR FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Please check your ministry mailbox that's located in the lounge for any mail or reports you may be expecting from the Finance Office.

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 two weeks 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