

**B**uilding Hope  
**B**uilding Relationships  
**C**hanging Lives

**eLights Of Hope**



**eNewsletter**

*Oh, send out Your light and Your truth!... Psalm:43:3*

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## HAPPENINGS



eNotes From the Pastor's iPad:

**Church Theme for 2021: "Resetting the Ministry"**

**Scriptural Foundation: Matthew 5:13-16**

**Our vision:**

**To be the premier church in Westchester County serving as a beacon of hope for individuals, families, the community, and the world through our worship, our walk and our witness.**

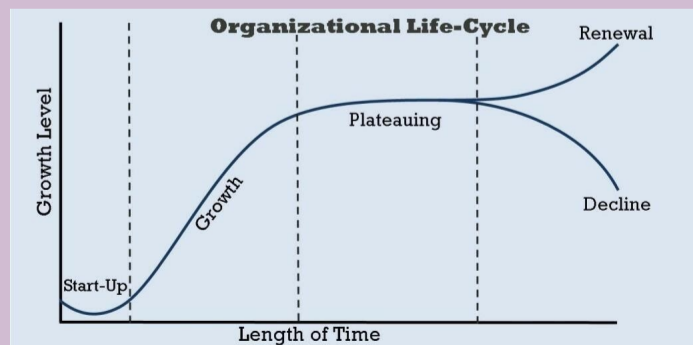
**Our mission:**

**BBC - Building Hope, Building Relationships, and Changing Lives**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! God continues to bless our congregation even in this season of pandemic, change, and transition. In Ecclesiastes 3:1 we find these words, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under the heaven..." We have been coping with the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic for about 18 months and our world as we knew it has been turned upside down. We have been making pivots, adjustments, and changes in order to worship and do ministry in an emerging new normal. We have had to accept and embrace the fact that we cannot return to the pre-pandemic church. This situation has possibly caused grief, loss, stress, and anxiety for many. However, we are not like those who are without hope. Our hope is in God. With every crisis there emerges new opportunities. We believe the words of Romans 8:28 that state, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."



All organizations including churches go through life cycles. The pre-pandemic



church was described by some to be facing a crisis in regards to the future. Researchers such as Tom Rainer had concluded that 80 - 90% of churches were either sick or dying. Many churches were in a state of plateau, decline, or dying. I believe God is using this pandemic situation to usher in a season of renewal and revival for churches, Bethel included. He put us in time-out in order that we may reset the ministry after reflecting, rethinking, and re-envisioning how and why we do ministry. This is an exciting time to be a part of Bethel and the church. God is doing "a new thing". Join with us on the journey. This season of renewal and revival will have a lasting impact for years to come.

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# Happy Wedding Anniversary

Pastor  
*Williamson*

First Lady  
*Rev. Deb*



36 Years

September 21, 2021

## Pastor's & Rev. Deb's 36 Wedding Anniversary

We celebrate our Pastor and First Lady 36th wedding anniversary. Bethel members thanks both of them for their dedicated service and unwavering leadership over the years.

Happy Anniversary  
Pastor Williamson & Rev. Deb. First Lady



Bethel Baptist Church

Oct.  
10, 2021  
10AM EST

## Annual Women's DAY

Speaker

**Rev. Dr. Frozine Reece-Smith**  
Associate Minister, Bethel Baptist Church

Theme:  
Women of Purpose Strategically  
Placed for Such A Time As This  
Esther 4:13-14

Combined Worship Experience  
**In Person & Online**

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Dr. Edward D. Williamson, Pastor-Teacher & Rev. Deborah Williamson, First Lady

### Annual Women's Day

The 87th Women's Day, which was themed "**Women of Purpose Strategically Placed for such a time as this,**" was celebrated at BBC on October 10, 2021. We were blessed with scripture and prayer by our associate ministers, songs of Zion from our Praise Choir and a word from on high from our very own **Rev. Dr. Frozine Reece-Smith**. Her topic for this occasion was "Steps for Kingdom Recall." Taken from Esther 4:13-16. If you missed this praise and worship service, please feel free to click on the flier to view it at any time. Thank you, Dr. Smith, for sharing the word of God with the women of Bethel Baptist Church and our online viewers!



## Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

Life can be challenging for women on many fronts. Baptist World Alliance Women began 70 years ago to connect Baptist women around the world in order to bring encouragement and strength by standing together. BWA offers a supportive community of women in 156 countries who are building into lives through connections and resourcing so they can become courageous women who love God deeply and are living out who God has designed them to be from the beginning of creation. As women thrive, everyone benefits.



Prayers were offered up to God for these women on Monday, November 1, 2021 on the Continents of : Asia, North America, Pacific, Africa, Caribbean, Europe, and Latin America. We are grateful for the participation and powerful uplifting prayers of the following women of God: Lady Gelaine Williams (Convent Avenue Baptist Church), Dr. Angela Hooks (Historic 2nd Baptist Church, Poughkeepsie, NY), Rev. Tracey Wiggins (Visionary, Frontline Freedom Deliverance Ministry) and Rev. Lisa Merritt-Smith (Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Ossining, NY). Our devotional period which ushered us into this service was held by Sis. Nicole Gooden (BBC) and Min. Tenee' Jones (Star of Bethlehem, Ossining, NY). Thank you Pastor Williamson for your support and thank you women of God for being part of this special day of standing in solidarity with your sisters all across the globe.



### Christian Education Week - Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV

Disciples of Jesus Christ are you ready to influence the world during this pandemic season? That was one of two very important questions presented to us by Rev. Dr. Johnnie M. Green Jr., Senior Pastor of Mount. Neboh Baptist Church, Harlem, NY during our Annual Christian Education Week – November 2nd-4th. Our journey began with the in-depth exploration



of the devastating initial impact that COVID-19 had on our world. God closed the physical doors of churches across the United States of America and abroad when He placed us on a global time out. Ministry as we knew it has been transformed from physical to virtual, from an inward event to an outward experience. In the last year we have attended numerous virtual worship experiences from Sunday School to Sunday Morning Service, Prayer, Bible Study, and Christian Education Workshops. While many of us expectedly awaited the physical doors of God's church to open, the virtual doors of God's church are simultaneously open! A change has come, which brings us to our second question. Should we RESTART or RESET Ministry? A restart is to resume ministry from our regularly scheduled program pre-March 2020, essentially to pick up where we were before God set the world on pause, pray, and reflect. A reset realigns us with God's Will and God's Way. A reset allows us to move beyond shallow Christianity to emotionally healthy discipleship. A reset transforms us from attractional church to missional church. A reset to be the church that God is calling us to be through our worship, our walk and our witness. If you need assistance answering these two questions, please join us for Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM Every Wednesday.





# Welcome to eLights of Hope!

Thank you for your interest in B.B.C.'s new quarterly **"eLights of Hope"** electronic newsletter. Our prayer is that it is not only informative, but also inspirational and educational.

If you know of someone who would like to receive this communication please forward this with our blessings. To join our mailing list, please send an email with subject line efriends to [eNewsletter@BethelBaptistChurchWP.org](mailto:eNewsletter@BethelBaptistChurchWP.org).

It is our **"eLights of Hope"** prayer that the information shared will keep you encouraged and proud of the many powerful blessings, events, and revelations locally and throughout God's world. Enjoy!

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## Hurricane Irma in Westchester County

### *A Letter from our County Executive, George Latimer*



Devastation from Hurricane Irma is all around us. It is difficult to put into the words the loss we have seen across Westchester County – the loss of homes, livelihoods, the hundreds of families who now have no place to call home. We understand that these are extremely challenging times, but we want you to know that we are here to help you in any way that we can. Assistance may be available to you from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, following President Joe Biden's Major Disaster Declaration for our communities.



If you are a homeowner who has suffered significant property damage from the remnants of Hurricane Irma, apply online for FEMA assistance. You can also find more information about aid for individuals and households. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, or low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses. Small businesses recovering from Irma damage may also qualify for disaster loan assistance from the Small Business Administration. For information, please visit this website or call 1-800-659-2955 (TTY/TDD: 1-800-877-8339)

If you have insurance, file a claim with your insurance company before applying to FEMA. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but may be able to help where homeowners or flood insurance did not. If you have flood insurance, report your loss immediately to your insurance agent or carrier.

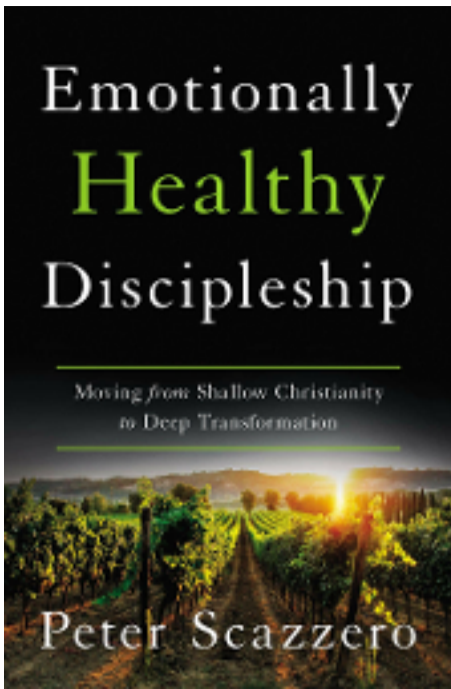
Please make sure you are carefully documenting all damage in writing and with photographs, receipts and other documentation.

Residents who need housing assistance should reach out to the Westchester County Department of Social Services. If you have a housing emergency, you may call 914-995-2099. If you need immediate assistance, you may also contact the American Red Cross at 877-RED-CROSS or United Way by dialing 211.

Some of the criteria that must be met to be eligible for assistance include the following:

Damage must have occurred during the incident period of the declaration and be a direct result of the incident.

Eligible losses include non-insured damage/loss to primary residence, damage/loss to eligible personal property.



## BBC Bible Study Recommended Reading

The recommended reading for our weekly Bible study is *Emotionally Healthy Discipleship: Moving from Shallow Christianity to Deep Transformation* by Peter Scazzero. We're discovering that although most of us have been Christians for many years, there are aspects of our personal lives that remain untouched by God. Our discipleship may look good on the surface, but there are gaps when we look beneath the layers of our lives. We're uncovering that the cause of shallow discipleship is not the Christian faith, but rather the way we have been discipled and are making disciples, especially when it comes to dealing with our emotions/feelings. Scazzero stresses that we cannot be spiritually mature if we are emotionally immature.

The book is organized into two parts. In Part 1, *The Current State of Discipleship*, the author addresses the fundamental question: What are the beneath-the-surface-failures that undermine deep discipleship and keep people from becoming spiritually mature? The author explores four

fundamental failures that he believes undermines deep discipleship and keep people from becoming spiritually mature: a disconnect of emotional health from spiritual health, prioritizing doing for God over being with God, ignoring the riches of the historical church, and defining success wrongly.

To better understand where we are at in our own discipleship right now, the author includes an emotionally healthy discipleship personal assessment at the end of Part 1. After taking the assessment, you may discover that you're not as mature as you thought (as I did). However, don't be discouraged by the finding! "Being an emotionally healthy disciple is not an all or nothing condition; it operates on a sliding scale that range from mild to severe and may change from one season of life and ministry to the next." Wherever you find yourself, you can make progress and become an increasingly more mature disciple.

In Part 2 of the book Scazzero examines the seven marks of a biblical discipleship that deeply transforms lives:

- Be Before You Do
- Follow The Crucified – Not The "Americanized" Jesus
- Embrace God's Gift Of Limits
- Discover The Treasures Hidden In Grief And Loss
- Make Love The Measure Of Spiritual Maturity
- Break The Power Of The Past
- Lead Out Of Weakness And Vulnerability



As the author hoped, we are being stretched – spiritually, theologically, and emotionally – as we journey through this book! We're learning that we need to change our discipleship operating system if we want to start the process of implementing *Emotionally Healthy Discipleship* into our church. If you are not currently reading this book, I highly recommend that you do so! If read with an open mind, I think you will find it enlightening and transformative.

*Submitted by Deaconess Ann Williams*

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## **Black woman pastor wins historic election to Baptist organization post**

*By Adelle M. Banks | Religious News Service Sep 19, 2021*

***The Rev. Gina Stewart is Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Society's first woman president***

Rev. Gina Stewart has been elected as the first woman president of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Society, marking the first time a female has been chosen for the highest post of a Black Baptist organization.

Stewart, the senior pastor of Christ Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, has previously served in vice presidential roles of the mission organization for six years, three as second vice president and three as first vice president.

She was recently elected Aug. 12 to a three-year term as president, succeeding the Rev. Gregory Jackson to lead the society, which dates to 1897. The organization is named after the Rev. Lott Carey, a formerly enslaved African American man who purchased his freedom and established the first Baptist mission work in Liberia in 1822.

"I'm honored, first of all, for the privilege to lead and to serve," Stewart told Religion News Service in an interview on Monday (Aug. 16). "I think it's significant that this organization, that is Baptist by heritage but ecumenical in its practice and its commitment, is taking the step, a courageous step, to elect a woman to serve in a titular leadership position."

She said she was not aware of any other woman who had been chosen for a similar top position in Black Baptist circles, though women have served as presidents on state and regional levels.

"I believe Lott Carey is the first."

Stewart said she and her church have worked for two decades with Lott Carey, an ecumenical organization with Black Baptist roots that partners with about 2,000 congregations, the Red Cross and other groups to meet needs in some 20 countries. Among its causes are fighting hunger, addressing HIV/AIDS and seeking to reduce human trafficking.

Stewart plans to hit the ground running, as she has already met with other leaders of her organization about how to assist Haiti as it begins to recover from a massive earthquake that has killed more than 1,200 people. They are planning to start raising an initial \$50,000 this week to help meet immediate needs, including purchasing medical supplies and food.

"Lott Carey already has partners in Haiti," she said. "Because we already have the infrastructure, it's a lot easier for us to make some significant moves in terms of supporting them in this crisis."

In addition to her roles as a pastor, Stewart, 61, is the author of the book "We've Got Next: HERstory in HIStory."

The Rev. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, professor of African American studies and sociology at Colby College, called Stewart's rise in the ranks of Lott Carey "absolutely historic" and a "really big" development about the role of African American female religious leaders.

"The presidency of Lott Carey is historic AND it represents the reaching of very high ground in the struggle for equity, justice, and inclusion for Baptist women," she said in an email message.

Anthea Butler, professor of religion at the University of Pennsylvania, said this marks a shift for Black Baptists, who often have not supported female leaders.

"I think it is significant, important, and past time for a woman to be in leadership in Black Baptist circles, missions or otherwise," she said in an email message. "Women are the fundraisers and foundation of the church."



# LOTT CAREY

## Lott Carey supplies emergency aid to Haiti

*By Special to the AFRO*

*August 17, 2021*

The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Society has pledged an initial sum of US\$50,000 in earthquake relief for Haiti.

This was announced by Executive Secretary-Treasurer Emmett Dunn in response to the devastating 7.2 earthquake that struck the Caribbean nation on the morning of August 14.

As at the time of writing, more than 1,400 persons were confirmed dead and more than 7,000 injured.

“Lott Carey stands with our sisters and brothers in Haiti as they dig out of yet another horrific disaster,” said Rev. Dunn.

“Hearing the stories from our partners on the ground awakens unpleasant memories of the earthquake of 2010, which some have still not fully recovered. We want to assure the Haitian people of Lott Carey’s prayers and financial support.”

Aid from the global mission agency is already helping those in need. Ms. Lynn Joseph, founder of Mission of Grace orphanage, said a container of food sent by Lott Carey that cleared customs just days before the quake, is providing welcome relief to affected families at a village in Carries. “We are praising the Lord for that,” she said.

But while the orphanage escaped serious damage, a home for the elderly collapsed. Ms. Joseph reported extensive damage to houses and other structures.

“Right now, we are needing prayers and financial support to start buying food and supplies to help the people. Most of the village is sleeping outside because their houses have been destroyed.”

Dr. Joel Dorsinville of the Haiti Baptist Convention, a Lott Carey global partner, said “The Southwestern region of the country is critically affected by the destruction of homes and lives.”

He appealed for “solidarity in prayer and humanitarian assistance to the families, churches, and communities affected by the disaster.”

The US\$50,000 will address the immediate need for food, water, and medical supplies. But Rev. Dunn asserted that “A more robust response will be necessary after a full assessment of the damage.”

Another potential disaster lies at Haiti’s doorstep. It is in the path of a tropical system that is expected to bring heavy rain, with fears of flooding, and strong winds that can cause severer damage to weakened buildings and structures.

Rev. Dunn calls on “all our churches and friends of Lott Carey to help us respond in a significant way. It is our prayer that God will comfort the bereaved, encourage the broken hearted, and restore health and healing to the nation and people of Haiti.”

Donations may be made at <https://lottcarey.org/donate>. For additional information, email [lottcarey@lottcarey.org](mailto:lottcarey@lottcarey.org).

Established in 1897, Lott Carey has long term mission engagements in more than 20 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, North America, Oceania, and South America.

Based in the Washington DC Metro Area, Lott Carey provides financial support and technical assistance in leadership development, education, training, healthcare, advocacy, and other services.

Rev. Eron Henry

Communications and Media Manager





## Department of Education announces Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program changes— 3 things you need to know

Miguel Cardona, Education Secretary at the Queen theatre on December 23, 2020 in Wilmington, Delaware.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Department of Education announced a series of changes to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. PSLF allows borrowers with federal direct loans who make 120 qualifying monthly payments while working full-time for a

qualifying employer to have the remainder of their balance forgiven. Qualifying employers include any federal, state, local or tribal government and not-for-profit organizations

“Today, the Department of Education is announcing a set of actions that, over the coming months, will restore the promise of PSLF,” reads a statement from the Department of Education.

“We will offer a time-limited waiver so that student borrowers can count payments from all federal loan programs or repayment plans toward forgiveness. This includes loan types and payment plans that were not previously eligible. We will pursue opportunities to automate PSLF eligibility, give borrowers a way to get errors corrected, and make it easier for members of the military to get credit toward forgiveness while they serve. We will pair these changes with an expanded communications campaign to make sure affected borrowers learn about these opportunities and encourage them to apply.”

The PSLF has previously been criticized for failing to live up to its name and purpose.

In 2018, the Department of Education released data that indicated 29,000 borrowers had applied to have their student loans forgiven under PSLF, but only 96 received forgiveness. That means that over 99% of borrowers who applied were rejected.

In response, Congress authorized an expansion of the program. However, a 2019 Government Accountability Office report found that approximately 99% of loan-forgiveness requests under that newly expanded program were rejected. According to the report, the Department of Education processed nearly 54,000 requests for forgiveness, approved just 661 and spent only \$27 million of the \$700 million Congress set aside for the expanded program.

“The changes address several flaws in the PSLF program. Some payments, for example, didn’t count toward forgiveness because autopay programs rounded the payments down instead of up to the nearest penny,” says higher education



## Psalms from Friday Night Sunday School Class:

In Unit II – Called to Praise God, lesson titled “Only You” we were challenged by the Lesson Aims to create a psalm of praise to the Lord. Here are some of the results from that challenge. Praise God!

### - Psalm of Deacon Wallace McIver

Oh Lord, how great thou are, you deserve all my praises, honor and glory You are my creator, savior, and redeemer. You made me and not me myself Father I thank you for my life and all you have done for me. You give me life And give

it more abundantly. I thank you for the past, present and the future, for my faith you will lead and guide Me on. There have been some troubles, heartaches, and pains. Through it all you brought me This far and you promise never to leave me alone. For it is by your grace that I am who I am today. I am not where I want to be, but I thank you that I am not where I used to be. I am trusting in you, oh Lord, for your grace is sufficient.

### - Psalm of Deacon Patricia Simpson

Lord God on high you have made the mountains and the valleys. Lord as I climb up to the top of the mountain you secure my footsteps and prepare for me a resting place. Lord you have restored my soul. Lord as I slip down to the valley you prepared me to see the devastation and mayhem you covered me with your wings any bruises, I've encountered you have wrapped them with your salve of understanding and peace. Lord whether on a mountain high or a valley Low your love and peace transcend all.

### - Psalm of Deaconess Gloria McIver

Oh God, My Father, I have to give you all the praise and thank you for being in my life. For being my Friend I need. I love to Praise you. God I'm so glad you know me as one of you children. Thank you for hearing my voice, I will always honor you with Praise in my heart!

### - Psalm of Rev. Deborah Williamson

Every day you simply amaze me with your unconditional love towards me. I know I've fallen short so many times I can't even count! But you've never let my sins separate us. When I come in your presence bowed down and seeking your forgiveness.....you show me what being the Creator of all human beings and all things gives you the power to do. I leave my place of repentance with a new determination to represent you better, shout over another burden lifted with a new direction & purpose found. I praise you Lord for your all-consuming love, power and forgiveness! My soul is made happy when I'm in right relationship with others and you. I lift up Holy hands and give you praise! You and You alone are JEHOVAH!!!



# Members Making a Difference!



## Congratulations & Continued Blessings



Brother Greg Mines

*Faith & Works....one cannot be without the other.*

On Thursday, May 27th, , the Leffell School (formerly Solomon Schechter School) shined the Thursday Night Lights on our Brother Greg Mines.

A Special Recognition for 20 years of Dedicated Service to the Staff and Students of The Leffell School, Upper

School Campus, Hartsdale.

During his tenure, Greg has accompanied the 8th grade students to Israel six times. Greg "found it fascinating and each time learned something new."

We are so proud of Greg and grateful to the Leffell School for the unconditional love and support they have shown him over the years!



## Westchester County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Awards



**39th Annual Induction & Awards**

**December 3, 2021**  
11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

*Sis. Barbara High*

### Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Friday Dec. 3, 2021

Please join us for the virtual Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on Friday Dec. 3, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event will be available for viewing free of charge Friday Dec. 3, 2021 on our website:

**[WestchesterPartnership.org](http://WestchesterPartnership.org).**

The deadline for individual nominations has passed but there are still opportunities for sponsorship to place an ad, or a congratulatory message for the online journal. Please log onto the website:

**<http://westchesterpartnership.org/coming-events>** under the "Senior Citizen's Hall of Fame" section for details on cost and options.

Editors: Colette Phipps, LMSW, Liason to PPP

Marikay Capasso, MA, Westchester Public/Private Membership Fund for Aging Services





Congratulations to  
Deacon Donald Stevens on winning his 1st  
Emmy Award for Singer Songwriter & Producer

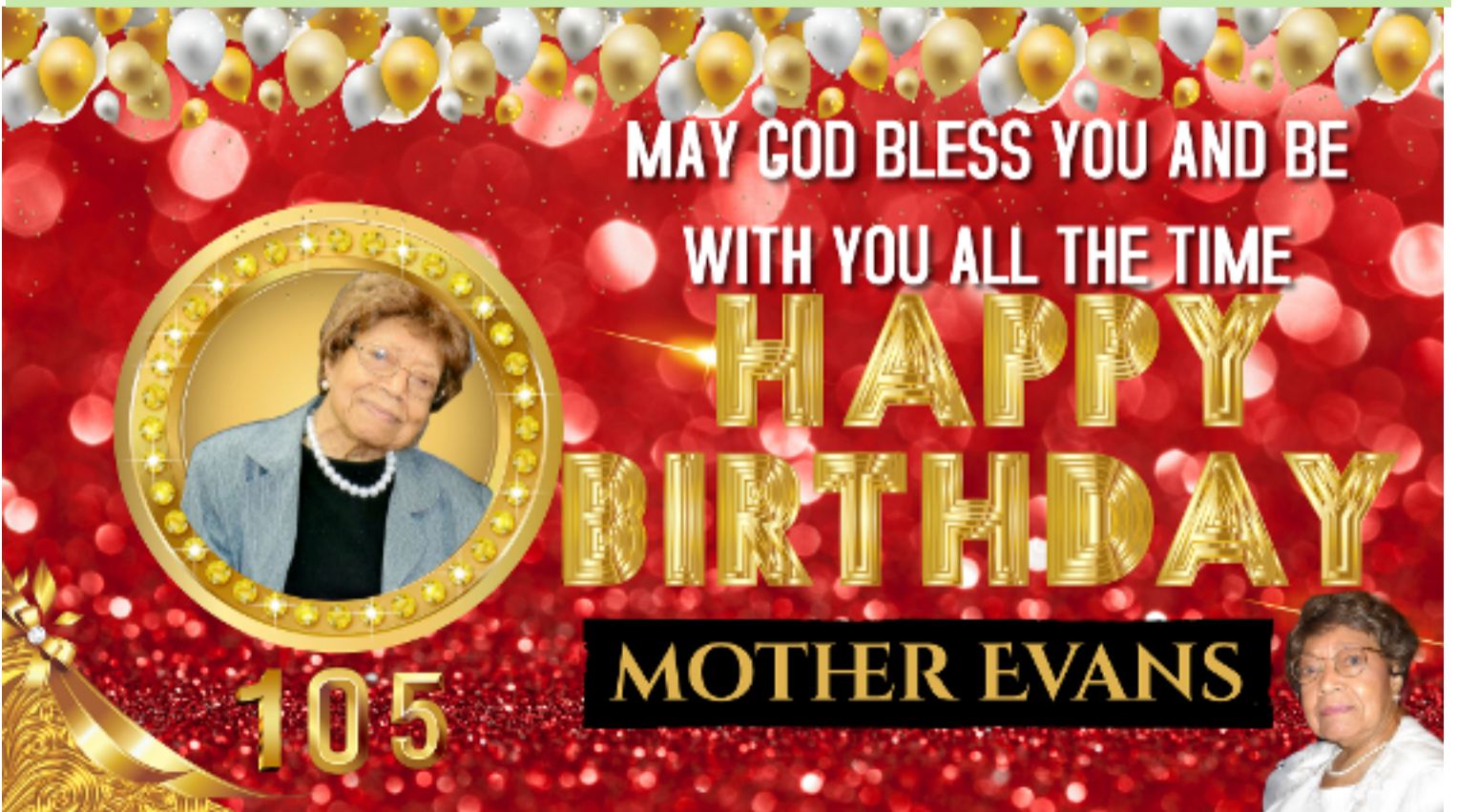


**Bethel Baptist Church Combined Sunday School  
It's a whole Vibe!**



On Sunday November 7, 2021, We fully experienced Unit III. Visions of Praise during Sunday Morning Sunday School facilitated by Rev. Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-teacher of Bethel Baptist Church White, Plains, NY. Disciples of Jesus Christ were in the Sanctuary, on Zoom and on Facebook Live actively engaged in the study of God's Holy Word! It is an amazing experience to interact with Saints at home & in the sanctuary. Shout out to Sunday School

Superintendent Sis. Stephanie Christian, all of the dedicated Sunday School Teachers and Student! There is no limit to what our Strong God can do!







Women's Health

# Breast Cancer AWARENESS MONTH

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, also referred to in the United States as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities.

**Prostate cancer can be stressful and confusing; no one should face it alone.**

 **MOVEMBER**  
**TRUE NORTH**

Men need support, practical guidance and key information. That's where True North comes in.

Visit [truenorth.movember.com](http://truenorth.movember.com)



Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide. The Movember Foundation runs the Movember charity event, housed at [Movember.com](http://Movember.com).

**Purpose:** Helping men live happier, healthier, longer lives

# VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL  
WHO SERVED





## eNotes from Pastor's iPad continued from page 1

What will resetting the ministry look like? Proverbs 29:18 states, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." A vision is a mental image of a preferable future. Vision comes from God. Our vision for the coming months and years includes the following: 1) to develop a more loving and caring church culture; 2) to implement a discipleship training framework that more effectively transforms individuals into incarnational representatives for Christ in the world; 3) to take a hybrid approach to worship and ministry that involves both physical in-person experiences and online digital experiences of worship and ministry; and 4) to reframe our ministry structure and operations to provide opportunities for all members to be enlisted in ministry and to have a positive impact upon the community and the world. We will make excellence our standard for ministry and not a goal. Remember our motto as we embark upon this journey, "We're all in this together, being the church God has called us to be."



Reasons for celebration:

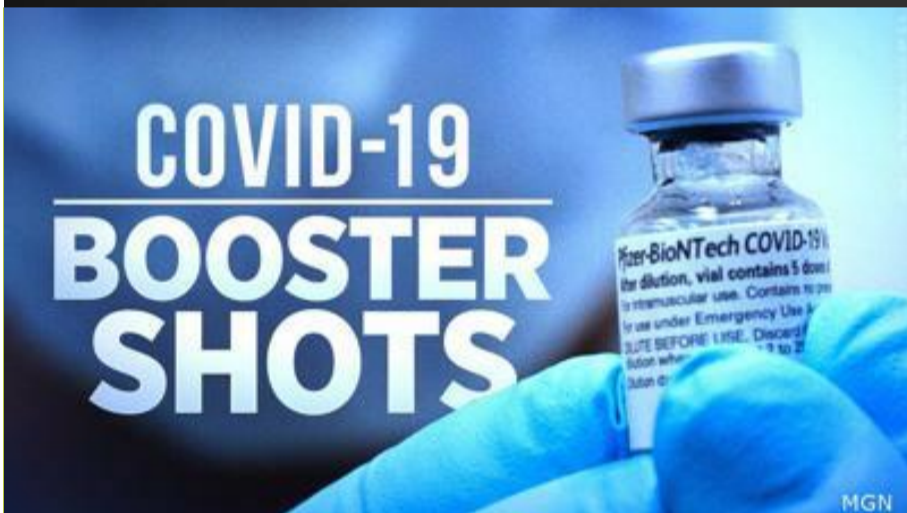
- We celebrate Sis. Nancy Fitch (102) and Sis. Cornelia Evans (105). Both celebrated birthdays this year. Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays in November and December.
- We celebrate the successful implementation and operation of hybrid worship and ministry experiences both in our physical location (the church building) and our online location. Thanks to our awesome Re-entry Team, Media Team, Musicians and Praise Team, Sunday School leadership and teachers, as well as all who attend participate and support in any way. To God be the glory as we work through this transition.
- Shout out to the volunteers and participants in the Community Back to School/Back to Church event held September 11th, the volunteers for the Mobile Food Truck Distributions held each 2nd Saturday, and the Mission for holding the ministry's annual Mission Blitz.
- Shout out to all who attend prayer meetings, Bible study, and Sunday School. And, a special shout out to the leaders and parents who work together to provide worship and ministry experiences to our children and youth through King's Kids Court/Children's Church and Real Talk for Teens/Teen Ministry Experience.
- Shout out to all those who supported and attended the St. Paul Virtual Institute and Revival services in October facilitated by Pastor Williamson and the Media Team. Also thank you to all those who supported and attended our Annual Christian Education Week which was a virtual experience this year which was facilitated by Rev. Dr. Johnnie M. Green, Jr. of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.
- Shout out to Bethel Baptist Church, the officers, ministry leaders, members, and online supporters for all you do to help our church to be the church God is calling us to be. We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength. To God be all the glory!

Praying that each of you will have a safe and joyful holiday season. We are still encouraging those with vaccine hesitancy concerns to speak with their personal physicians, health care providers and trusted sources regarding vaccine effectiveness and benefits. We also encourage those individuals that are eligible to receive booster vaccines to do so with the approval and recommendation of their personal physicians or health care providers. We are still in the midst of the pandemic and there is the virus and variants to the virus that are still impacting our communities. Count the cost when it comes to being vaccinated. Do the benefits outweigh the complications of becoming infected with COVID such as illness, hospitalization, and possible death? There can also be long-term effects of the virus that may impact your future health. Trust God and trust the science. Let us all do a better job of managing our health to increase not only length of life but also quality of life.

***Peace and Joy This Holiday Season  
Pastor Williamson & Rev. Deb***



# COVID CORNER



For those looking to receive the COVID-19 Booster shot, please follow the link to schedule your appointment.

**Booster Shots** [🔗](#)

For those that haven't been vaccinated and wish to be vaccinated,

please **click here.** [🔗](#)

# COVID-19 VACCINE

is here for children 5-11







Bethel Baptist Church

**MOBILE**

**FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION**

1 Fisher Court, White Plains, NY 10601  
 Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-Teacher



UPCOMING DATES  
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

- Saturday, July 10, 2021 9:00 AM
- Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:00 AM
- Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:00 AM
- Saturday, October 9, 2021 9:00 AM
- Saturday, November 13, 2021 9:00 AM
- Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:00 AM
- Saturday, April 9, 2022 9:00 AM
- Saturday, May 14, 2022 9:00 AM
- Saturday, June 11, 2022 9:00 AM

Bring a box, cart or re-usable bag to carry food.  
 Must Be Present to receive food.



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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
**FINANCIAL BOOT CAMP**  
*Coming Soon*

TOPICS TO DISCUSS:  
 Investments  
 Grow Your Savings  
 How To Get Out Of Debt  
 Build Up Credit Scores  
 Raising & House  
 & More!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[WWW.BETHELLEAPFORCHILDRENYC.ORG](http://WWW.BETHELLEAPFORCHILDRENYC.ORG)

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**FACILITATOR**  
 Bro. Mike Young

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 OPEN TO ALL

**COMING SOON!**



Praying for all of our  
Sick and Shut-In members, families, and friends.

## In Loving Memory of our departed



"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on, that they may rest from their labors and their works follow them." Revelations 14:13

***"Praise God!"***



***No members deceased this quarter!***

**Special prayers and condolences to all those who have lost loved ones.**

Men's Prayer Line: Every Thursday at 6:00 AM - (712) 775-7000 Access Code: 225429#

Women's Prayer Line: Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM - (515) 606-5118 Access Code: 912814#

Congregational Prayer Line: Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM - (712) 775-7000 Access Code: 225429#



*Birthdays &  
Anniversaries*



**To Bethel Baptist Church Family & Friends  
Happy Birthday & Anniversary Blessings**



September		October		November	
Certulia Brice	Sept 1	Lloyd Scrubb	Oct. 1	Tanya Robinson	Nov. 1
Ted Lee	Sept 1	Lena Bowers Mahoney	Oct. 2	Cynthia Johnson	Nov. 2
Bernice Lampkin	Sept 2	Lillie Louissaint	Oct. 3	Camille Marquis	Nov. 2
Mary Marquis	Sept 5	Brenda Mills	Oct. 3	Marvin Brice	Nov. 4
Stephanie Christian	Sept 7	Serenity Crump	Oct. 4	James Harris, Jr	Nov. 6
Jennifer Williamson	Sept 9	Rev. Virginia Young	Oct. 5	Nancy Fitch	Nov. 7
Kiara Collins	Sept 10	Louise Blair	Oct. 6	Deveria Searcy	Nov. 8
Earlene Robinson	Sept 11	Keith Brunson	Oct. 6	Isaac Washington	Nov. 9
Brenda Harris	Sept 12	Tasha Pine	Oct. 6	Penny Hilliard	Nov. 9
Amare Jayden Davis	Sept 12	Samoya Drysdale	Oct. 7	Jemal Mosley	Nov. 12
Janice Robinson	Sept 13	Alyssa Jackson	Oct. 7	Cody White	Nov. 15
Charlene Coram	Sept. 14	Gilda Strudwick	Oct. 8	Cornelia Evans	Nov. 16
Mercilea Saintil	Sept 15	Stephanie Ward	Oct. 8	Kayah Nelson	Nov. 16
Judeson Saintil	Sept 16	Charles Mebane	Oct. 8	Sanai Culler	Nov. 16
Nilijah Shorts	Sept 16	Maggie Thompson	Oct. 9	Jack Williams	Nov. 16
Morgan Taylor Kind	Sept 20	Renee Jackson	Oct. 9	Ernestine Bryant	Nov. 18
Laquinta Harville	Sept 20	Carolyn Brown-Johnson	Oct. 12	Denise Bennett	Nov. 19
Willie B. Abraham	Sept 21	JoAnn Edwards	Oct. 13	Avery Thompson	Nov. 19
Selma Walker Rhodes	Sept 23	Andrea Manigault	Oct. 14	Pamela Coleman	Nov. 22
Sarah Juanita Bernard	Sept 25	Frances Glenn	Oct. 14	Jonette Mines	Nov. 23
Alvenia Smith	Sept 25	Anite Sillias	Oct. 15	Raymond Mitchell	Nov. 23
Beverly Myers Bryant	Sept 28	Joseph Pendleton	Oct. 16	Jonathan Perkins	Nov. 24
		Diana Bason	Oct. 16	Mary Hudson	Nov. 25
		Cassandra Hines	Oct. 16	Cheryl Martin	Nov. 25
		Joella Shuler	Oct. 18	Dietra Beechum	Nov. 26
		Onja Overby	Oct. 18	Stuart White	Nov. 26
		Lena Anderson	Oct. 19	Deaconess Sylvia Latimer	Nov. 28
		Dea. Frank Williams	Oct. 22	Darool Velasquez	Nov. 28
		JoAnn Lee	Oct. 24	Develyne Petion	Nov. 28
		Wiley Swann	Oct. 26	Kareem T. Gaskins, Sr.	Nov. 28
		Frances Wilkson	Oct. 28		
		Lolita Glover	Oct. 29		

September	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY		November
John & Gladys Jones - Sept. 11 (60 yrs.)			Edward & Rose Adams (65 yrs.) Nov. 5
Ted & JoAnne Lee - Sept. 12 (55 yrs.)			Dea. Dewitt R. & Dr. Frozine Smith (35 yrs.) Nov. 9
Darrel & Brittany Ward - Sept. 15 (2 yrs)			Wayne & Mary Frances Perkins (48 yrs.) Nov. 11
Paul & Gilda Strudwick - Sept. 15 (30 yrs.)			
<b>Pastor &amp; Rev. Williamson - Sept. 21 (36 yrs.)</b>			
Joi & Steven Culler - Sept. 21 (8 yrs.)	<b>October</b>		
Howard & Victoria Wilson - Sept. 23 (53 yrs.)	Sydney & Karl Hall Oct. 5 - 8 yrs.		
Michael & Stephanie Coaxum - Sept. 18 (16 yrs.)	Gerald & Evelyn Hudson Oct. 26 - 52 yrs.		

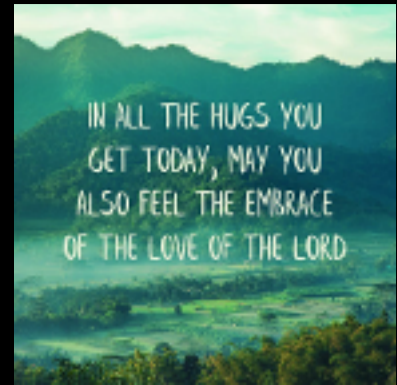


## December

Vincenza Greco	Dec. 1
Carol Robinson	Dec. 4
Deaconess F. Greene	Dec. 8
Aniah Thompson	Dec. 8
Shirlee Hilton	Dec. 9
Jasmin Wilson	Dec. 10
Jennifer Lee	Dec. 10
Christy Scrubb	Dec. 10
Shannon Yancy	Dec. 11
Pearl Edwards	Dec. 11
Jacque Shoulders	Dec. 13
Delphine Burton	Dec. 16
Mary Frances Perkins	Dec. 16
Gail Harris	Dec. 16
Robert Tuck	Dec. 17
Sheryl Royster	Dec. 18
Janet Allen	Dec. 19
Henry Mills, Jr.	Dec. 20
Deaconess B. Norman	Dec. 21
Michael Rhodes	Dec. 21
Monica Andralliski	Dec. 23
Angela Dixon	Dec. 24
Barbara High	Dec. 24
Mae Basnight	Dec. 25
Harold Johnson, Sr.	Dec. 26
D'Andre Cosby	Dec. 26
Rev. Anthony Montague	Dec. 26
Edith Leary	Dec. 26
Carol Johnson	Dec. 29
Althea Jackson-Wilson	Dec. 31

## January

Shirley Hall	Jan. 1
Gail Gregg	Jan. 2
Lisa Bennett	Jan. 4
Seriana R. Bennett	Jan. 4
Leonard Hadley	Jan. 5
Audrey Hardy	Jan. 6
Marisa Marquis	Jan. 6
Sheran Lyons	Jan. 9
Rosemary Young	Jan. 11
Martha Rogers	Jan. 13
Ann W. Miller	Jan. 15
Brandon Moore	Jan. 15
Malinda White	Jan. 16
Beverly Powerful	Jan. 17
Faye Gordon	Jan. 17
Mildred Patricia Blackwell	Jan. 18
Desiree Smith	Jan. 19
Anthony Smith, Jr.	Jan. 20
Debbie Alvarez-Brown	Jan. 20
Rahem Urguhart	Jan. 21
Dominique Hudson	Jan. 22
Natasha Jackson	Jan. 23
Stefanie Williamson	Jan. 27
Min. Latisha Robinson	Jan. 27
Schneider Thompson	Jan. 30
Betsy Mitchell	Jan. 30
Janeen Perkins	Jan. 31
Jocelyn Perkins	Jan. 31
Bertha Keller	Jan. 31
Dolores Manigault	Jan. 31



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### December

Michael & Rev. Virginia Young - Dec. 7 (46 yrs.)  
Randy & Monetta Abraham - Dec. 6 (35 yrs.)  
Derrick & Pearl Davis - Dec. 10 (15 yrs.)  
Eddie & Rosemary Young - Dec. 27 (52 yrs.)

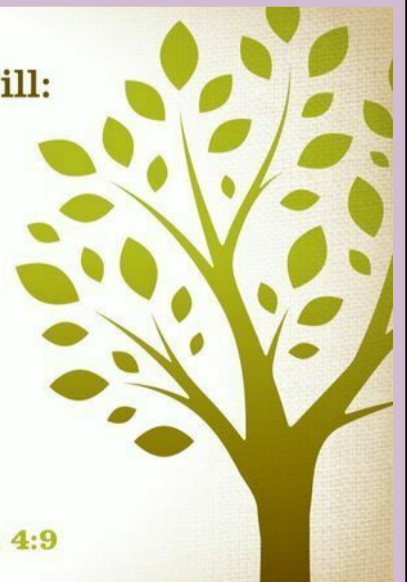
As a **Husband** I will:  
love, lead, and provide

- Ephesians 5:25-29
- I Corinthians 11:3
- I Timothy 5:8

As a **Wife** I will:  
help, manage, and love

- Genesis 2:18, 21-22
- I Timothy 5:14
- Titus 2:4

“Two are better than one” Ecl. 4:9





# What's Happening

Community Events



## COVID-19 Vaccine

See if you are eligible. Find a New York State operated vaccination site.



NOV 13TH SAT

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

**Night of LAUGHTER**

HYBRID COMEDY SHOWCASE

6:00 - 8:00 PM

SHOWCASE HOST  
**CRAIG "FIG" FIGUEIREDO**

TICKET PRICE: \$25 DEADLINE: NOV 7TH  
MEMBERS WHO DIVE THE ASSESSMENT RECEIVE 1 FREE TICKET  
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT STARBETHLEHEM.ORG

Pastor Shaye Jones | www.starbethlehem.org | In-Person & Virtual  
304 Goring Ct., Boonin, NY 10842 | Live @YouTube @starbethlehem

FATHERHOOD IS MORE THAN A TITLE, IT'S A LIFESTYLE.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**7<sup>TH</sup> New York Fathering Annual Conference**

A TIME TO RESTART, REFOCUS AND RENEW

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021 • 6 P.M.  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021 • 6 P.M.

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THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY DUE TO COVID-19

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FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

**ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT**  
GOSPEL FOR TEENS

An evening of celebration, music, and joy in support of our mission to heal and inspire through the power of collective music-making.

SAVE THE DATE **DECEMBER 11**  
THE DATE **2021**

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**NAACP**

White Plains/Greenburgh Branch

**Annual Image Awards**  
(Virtual)

Theme: United We Win  
Date: November 11, 2021  
Time: 8:00 - 3:30 pm

**AWARDS**  
Presented by the Branch

For Address Information Contact us  
White Plains: (914) 941-1111 | Greenburgh: (914) 941-1111

**2021 IMAGE AWARDS HONOREES**

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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH



# FRIDAY NIGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Every Friday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm EST

INSTRUCTORS  
DEACON PATRICIA SIMPSON &  
REV. DEBORAH WILLIAMSON

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.  
II Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)

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EVERY SUNDAY  
10:00 AM

### Sunday WORSHIP

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PASTOR-TEACHER

WE ARE ALSO  
BROADCASTING

## LIVE

ON

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*Sunday School*

9:00 AM

Women's A Class

(Sis. Marie Butler / Deaconess Emily Rowe Smith)

Join By Dialing: (978) 960-5125

Access Code: 782508#

Women's B Class

(Tristee Daiphina Burton / Deaconess Ann Williams)

Join By Dialing: (978) 960-5010

Access Code: 258343#

Women's C Class

(Rev. Dr. Prozhia Peace Smith / Rev. Virginia Meltane-Young)

Join By Dialing: (701) 802-5221

Access Code: 864661#

Women's D Class

(Mrs. Jacqueline Bozier / Sis. Yvonne Avard)

Join By Dialing: (701) 802-5493

Access Code: 408794#

Men's Class

(Deacon Dewitt R. Smith / Deacon Frank Williams)

Join By Dialing: (978) 960-5185

Access Code: 377715#

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

# WOMEN'S Prayer Call

MONDAY  
WEDNESDAY  
FRIDAY  
**6AM**

PRAYER LINE #: 515-606-5118  
Access# 912814



TUESDAY  
&  
THURSDAY  
**7PM**

Minister Latisha Robinson, Associate Minister  
DR. EDWARD O. WILLIAMSON, PASTOR-TEACHER

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Resuming  
Sept. 10th

JOIN US WEEKLY FOR THE  
MEN'S

Hosted by:  
Dr. Edward O. Williamson  
Pastor-Teacher

# PRAYER CALL

EVERY THURSDAY  
**6:30 AM**

CONFERENCE CALL #: 712-775-7000

ACCESS CODE: 225 429