

Bethel Baptist Church

Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-Teacher

Building Hope
Building Relationships
Changing 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: 

Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-Teacher

“Where there is no vision, the people perish...”

Proverbs 29:18 KJV

Then the Lord answered and said: “Write the vision and make it plain upon the tablets, that he may run who reads it.” Habakkuk 2:2



Praise God from whom all blessings flow! It is a joy for me to greet you once again in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It has been a little while since the last edition of our “eLights of Hope” e-newsletter. Much as happened as we adjust to a new normal as a result of the pandemic and other changes in our culture and the world in which we live in. As the world changes, we must also adapt and change our methods and strategies to witness and minister effectively. It is through adapting and adjusting that the church remains relevant.

Remember our motto, “We’re all in this together, being the church God is calling us to be.” God is calling us to minister to a new generation and a new age. With every crisis, there emerges new opportunities. The new opportunity for us is to utilize our technology and resources to reach more people for Christ and advance the kingdom of God. We must shift to “both/and” thinking. We must not only think outside the box, but we must also get outside the box and do ministry, missions, and outreach.

We are now in the process of “re-envisioning” our church and its ministry to the community. We not only want to be a premiere church, but we want to be a outward focused church that serves as beacon of hope to individuals, families, the community, and the world.

We celebrate our past and look forward to an even greater future. Our church was recognized by the Central Hudson Baptist Association and the Empire Missionary Baptist State Convention as being founding members of both denominational bodies. In this e-newsletter you will find stories and articles about members, ministries, and church efforts to be beacons of hope. We have a rich heritage of ministry and service to our community. Let us continue to be the church God is calling us to be.

Thanks to our e-newsletter staff and contributors of various articles for this edition of the newsletter. We are doing a great work for the glory of God. Join with us in our mission, BBC – Building Hope, Building Relationships, and Changing Lives.



Peace and blessings!

Pastor Williamson

Bethel Baptist Church, 1 Fisher Court, White Plains, NY 10601, 914-949-2792





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Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



11/4 -- Christian Education Week Experience, 7-9 p.m.

11/12 – Monthly Community Mobile Food Bank Distribution, 9-11 a.m.

11/6 – World Day of Prayer Acknowledgment, 10 a.m.

11/20 – Ushers and Stewardship Day Acknowledgment, 10 a.m.



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Daniel Blackburn



Rev. Shaun Jones &
Min. Tenee' Jones



From Social Media to
Social Ministry



One Church,
Six Generations - Reaching All
Generations In Your Church

VIRTUAL ONLY
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

Week Experience

Friday, November 4, 2022

7:00PM - 9:00 PM EST

Zoom Meeting ID# 847 0755 6867



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

Congratulations - Son of Bethel, Rev. Dr. Harold R. Jolley



The Second Macedonia Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA celebrated their Pastor & Family 10th Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

Rev. Dr. Harold R. Jolley is a son of Bethel Baptist Church and the son of Annie Jolley and grandson of Nancy Bowser. Pastor Williamson and the BBC family is tremendously proud of how God is using him to minister to God's people to enlarge the Kingdom.

His Pastor, Rev. Dr. Edward O. Williamson preached the celebration sermon admonishing everyone to "Live By Faith" Habakkuk 2:1-4.

THE MEDIA MINISTRY WANTS YOU

- ALL AGES ARE WELCOME -

YouTube LiveStream

Zoom f LIVE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- SOUND ENGINEER
- VIDEO DIRECTOR
- GRAPHIC DESIGNER
- SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

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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.

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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ONLINE CHURCH SERVICE



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FROM 10:00 am - 11:15 am

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PASTOR APPRECIATION Month

Dr. Edward O. Williamson
PASTOR-TEACHER

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City of White Plains
Department of Public Safety
Police Bureau
Awards Ceremony 2022

Wednesday, October 12, 2022
The White Plains Performing Arts Center

David E. Chang
Commissioner of Public Safety

John M. Robin
Deputy Commissioner

Joseph P. Costello
Chief of Police

Community Recognition

Congratulations to Pastor Williamson, Rev. Trollinger & Rev. Grainzvolt for recognition and appreciation from the City of White Plains Dept of Public Safety Police Bureau for faithfully serving as Chaplains.



BBC celebrated its 88th Women's Day on Sunday, October 16, 2022.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
WOMEN'S DAY 2022
in - Person & Hybrid
Women Preaching, Worshiping and Serving Together
October 16, 2022
10:00 AM EST
1 FISHER COURT
WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601
www.BethelBaptistChurchWP.org



Thank you to the Women and men who worshipped with us virtually and in-person. A very special thanks to those who served on program: Rhonda Gordon, Caulette Ridgway, Jollanna Gilham and Taylor Ridgway, Mime & Music Ministry.



We also appreciate our guest preacher (Min Tenee' A.H. Jones-1st Lady Star of Bethlehem) for blessing us with a mighty word entitled "Prototype" taken from Psalm 137 & Acts 16:13-15.



To God Be The Glory!



BBC Youth Festival & Book Bag Give Away was held with VBS on 7/27-7/31. Bible lessons and games as well as food was had by all. The participation of the children in our community helped spread the gospel while having fun outdoors.

Thank you to ALL the volunteers and participants who made this a great success!!

Passages to Excellence



PTE After-school Program Fall 2022

On September 6th our program re-opened with 15 students from the five local elementary schools. Most of our students have participated in the program for over three years! We look forward to an exciting school year learning about cultures, building communities and mental health awareness.

Tasha C. Pine
PTE Site Director

The after school program serves as a benefit to children who live in the Winbrook community. There is not an after school program at the Slater Center so PEC's after school program is the only program in the winbrook community.

Deacon Frank Williams

MOBILE FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION
Bethel Baptist Church
1 Fisher Court, White Plains, NY 10601
Dr. Edward O. Williams, Pastor/Teacher

UPCOMING DATES - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Saturday, July 9, 2022	Saturday, March 5, 2023
Saturday, August 13, 2022	Saturday, April 8, 2023
Saturday, September 10, 2022	Saturday, May 13, 2023
Saturday, October 8, 2022	Saturday, June 10, 2023
Saturday, November 12, 2022	

Bring a bag, you or no, to get a bag, to carry food.
Most of the program is volunteer work.
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BANCO DE ALIMENTOS PARA WESTCHESTER DESPENSA MÓVIL DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS
Bethel Baptist Church
1 Fisher Court, White Plains, NY 10601
Dr. Edward O. Williams, Pastor/Teacher

PRÓXIMAS FECHAS - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

sábado, 9 de julio de 2022	sábado, 10 de mayo de 2023
sábado, 13 de agosto de 2022	sábado, 19 de junio de 2023
sábado, 10 de septiembre de 2022	
sábado, 8 de octubre de 2022	
sábado, 12 de noviembre de 2022	
sábado, 3 de diciembre de 2022	

Tráigame un bolso, o no, para llevar la comida.
La mayoría del programa es trabajo voluntario.
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Members Making a
Difference!



UNSUNG HEROES

#UNSUNGHeroWPYB

City of
White Plains
WPYB
YOUTH BUREAU



Charles E. Mebane, Sr.

Mr. Charles E. Mebane, Sr. is a life-long resident of White Plains, NY. The longest contribution Charles Mebane has made in the White Plains community is tied to his vocation – a barber. He was employed by Mr. Mitchell for a shop on Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard, formerly known as Grove St. The shop relocated to Central Ave., and his patrons were happy to continue with their kind-hearted barber. After Mr. Mitchell retired, Charles joined the shop of Mr. Ollie Ashe on Fisher Avenue. It is very possible that Mr. Mebane has cut the hair of not less than twenty-five percent of the black hair cutting community in White Plains. Two to three generations of family's sons, nephews and grandsons have benefited from his craftsmanship. In fact, Mr. Mebane has cut the hair of Roy Campanella (professional baseball leaguer), and Gordon Parks (professional photographer). Nonetheless, he treated those who sat in his chair of business as individuals of honor. Charles Mebane was more than a barber; he was mentor, advisor, teacher and at times even a therapist. While in other barber shops you would mostly hear about last night's game or who got in trouble across town, when you sat in Mr. Mebane's chair, young men received long talks about life, manhood, the do's and don'ts of life...sound advice. Mr. Mebane remains a gentleman and mentor in voice and action helping generations of young men stay on track. Charles Mebane is a cherished member of the White Plains community. Seventy years is a lot of haircuts, trims, after shave cream on chins and Old Spice!

Gilda Strudwick, Senior Inspector, Department of Consumer Protection



Gilda Strudwick has been a leader in our County in protecting the rights of consumers for over 35 years. Gilda plays a key role in expanding the Consumer Protection Department's community outreach at public events. She assists the Director at speaking engagements, and coordinates staffing for County events such as Salute to Seniors and various cultural festivals. She displays excellent communication skills in speaking with hundreds of consumers, understanding their concerns and finding ways to assist them. Gilda joined the Department of Consumer Protection as an inspector trainee in 1987, was promoted to inspector after one year, and became the Department's first female inspector. Gilda has been responsible for enforcing both State and County consumer protection laws relating to retail pricing, point of sale system accuracy and other rights of consumers, including refunds and returns in retail transactions. She supervises the Youth Crime Protection Act which regulates the sale of spray paint, box cutters and laser pointers. In 2008, Gilda was promoted to Senior Inspector and assumed additional responsibilities within the Department, including the licensing of contractors, and conducting hearings to review consumer complaints. Gilda is also responsible for the Department's consumer publications, and mentoring new employees.



Centenarians of Bethel Baptist Church – The Golden Agers



Sis. Nancy Fitch - 102



Sis. Cornelia Evans - 105



Sis. Mary Watson - 100

“CONGRATULATIONS”

You represent persons who have been members of Bethel Baptist Church for many years. Your loyalty and support of the church have been instrumental in our success. You have allowed us to witness first-hand the love and faithfulness of God to the elderly by virtue of your undaunted spirit, indelible faith, and triumphant testimony.



We salute Central Hudson Baptist Association & Auxiliaries of New York For your commitment and dedication to the Tri-State.

Bethel Baptist Church

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2022 Church Theme: “Resetting the Ministry”



Dr. Edward O. Williamson & First Lady Rev. Deborah Williamson
1885-2022

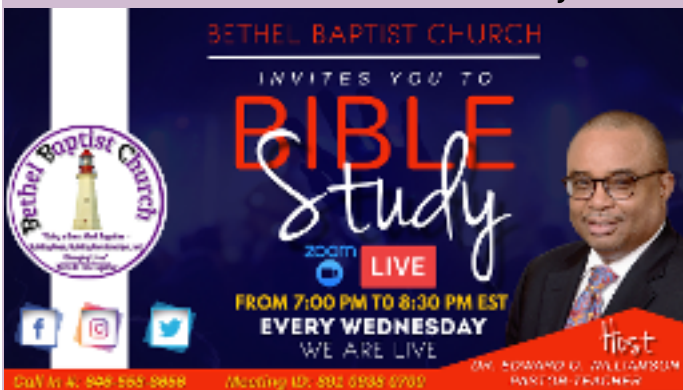
One Hundred - Thirty-Seven Years of Service To God and Community



Stay CONNECTED



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www.livestream.com/bethelbaptistchurchwp
www.youtube.com/c/BethelBaptistChurchWP



Meeting ID# 891 0938 0700 CALL IN # (646) 558 8656
 Every Wednesday: Prayer @ 6:30 PM EST
 Bible Study @ 7:00 PM EST



Meeting ID# 815 3155 4194 CALL IN # (646) 558 8656
 Every Thursday: 12:00 PM EST



Meeting ID# 878 0084 7929 CALL IN # (646) 558 8656
 Every Friday: 7:00 PM EST



Meeting ID# 848 6528 0524 CALL IN # (646) 558 8656
 Every Sunday: 9:00 AM EST



(515) 606-5118
 Access Code: 912 814



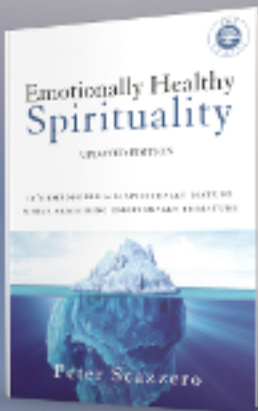
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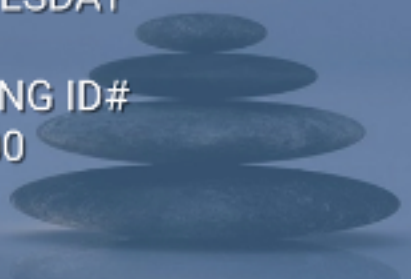


EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY

Pilot Course



EVERY WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM EST
ZOOM MEETING ID#
891 0938 0700



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

REAL TALK FOR TEENS



Motivating
Monitoring
Mentoring

OPEN TO ALL

WE STUDY



WE PRAY



WE SHARE



EVERY OTHER FRIDAY @ 6PM
BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER, MOVIES, WORSHIP,
GAMES & MORE

ZOOM MEETING ID# 862 0901 8774

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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
PRESENTS

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

3:00 P.M. EST

3RD SUNDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

AGES 3-12

zoom



ZOOM MEETING ID#
827 0409 5536



CHILDREN'S SERVICES INCLUDE SCRIPTURE & PRAYER, PRAISE, WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDY

COVID CORNER

COVID-19 Vaccines for Young Children [↗](#)

CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that all children 6 months through 5 years of age should receive a COVID-19 vaccine. This expands eligibility for vaccination to nearly 20 million additional children and means that all Americans ages 6 months and older are now eligible for vaccination.

Parents and caregivers can now get their children 6 months through 5 years of age vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines to better protect them from COVID-19. All children, including children who have already had COVID-19, should get vaccinated.

Free Home Test Kits [↗](#)



[↗](#) Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order #4 free at - home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

Need help placing an order for your at - home tests?

Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

COVID-19 Vaccine [↗](#)

See if you are eligible. Find a New





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

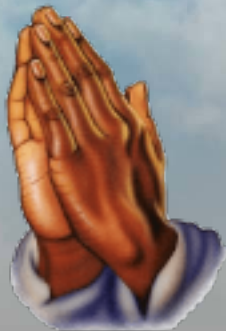
In Loving Memory of our departed



"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



Leonard Johnson
Joseph Pendleton



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

Certulia Brice	Sept. 1
Joe ruff	Sept. 1
Bernice Lampkin	Sept. 2
Mary Marquis	Sept. 5
Stephanie Christian	Sept. 7
Jennifer Williamson	Sept. 9
Kiara Collins	Sept. 10
Brenda Harris	Sept. 12
Amare Jayden Davis	Sept. 12
Charlene Coram	Sept. 14
Mercilia Saintil	Sept. 15
Judeson Saintil	Sept. 16
Mia Ruff	Sept. 19
Sonia Coleman-Cosby	Sept. 20
Morgan Taylor Kind	Sept. 20
Laquinta Harville	Sept. 20
Willie B. Abraham	Sept. 21
Brett Mayes	Sept 22
Selma Walker Rhodes	Sept. 23
Sarah Juanita Bernard	Sept. 25
Alvenia Smith	Sept. 25
Beverly Myers Bryant	Sept. 28

October

Lloyd Scrubb	Oct. 1
Lena Bowers Mahoney	Oct. 2
Lillie Louissaint	Oct. 3
Deaconess Brenda Mills	Oct. 3
Serenity Crump	Oct. 4
Rev. Virginia Young	Oct. 5
Louise Blair	Oct. 6
Tasha Pine	Oct. 6
Samoya Drysdale	Oct. 7
Alyssa Jackson	Oct. 7
Gilda Strudwick	Oct. 8
Stephanie Ward	Oct. 8
Charles Mebane, Sr	Oct. 8
Maggie Thompson	Oct. 9
Renee Jackson	Oct. 9
Carolyn Brown-Johnson	Oct. 12
JoAnn Edwards	Oct. 13
Andrea Manigault	Oct. 14
Frances Glenn	Oct. 14
Anite Sillias	Oct. 15
Diana Bason	Oct. 16
Cassandra Hines	Oct. 16
Joella Shuler	Oct. 18
Onja Overby	Oct. 18
Lena Anderson	Oct 19
Dea. Frank Williams	Oct. 22
JoAnn Lee	Oct. 24
Wiley Swann	Oct. 26
Frances Wilkson	Oct. 28

November

Tanya Robinson	Nov. 1
Cynthia Johnson	Nov. 2
Camille Marquis	Nov. 2
James Harris, Jr.	Nov. 6
Nancy Fitch	Nov. 7
Deveria Searcy	Nov. 8
Isaac Washington	Nov. 9
Penny Hilliard	Nov. 9
Jemal Mosley	Nov. 12
Cody White	Nov. 15
Cornelia Evans	Nov. 16
Sanai Culler	Nov. 16
Esther Johnson-Miller	Nov. 17
Ernestine Bryant	Nov. 18
Denise Bennett	Nov. 19
Avery Thompson	Nov. 19
Pamela Coleman	Nov. 22
Jonette Mines	Nov. 23
Raymond Mitchell	Nov. 23
Jonathan Perkins	Nov. 24
Mary Hudson	Nov. 25
Cheryl Martin	Nov. 25
Dietra Beechum	Nov. 26
Stuart White	Nov. 26
Deaconess Sylvia Latimer	Nov. 28
Darool Velasquez	Nov. 28
Kareem T. Gaskins, Sr.	Nov. 28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**September**

Darrel & Brittany Ward	Sept. 15
Paul & Gilda Strudwick	Sept 15
Pastor & Rev. Williamson	Sept. 21

**November**

Dea. Dewitt & Dr. F. Smith	Nov. 9
Wayne & MaryFrances Perkins	Nov. 11
Christie & Lloyd Scrubb	Nov. 15

October

Sydney & Karl Hall	Oct. 5
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