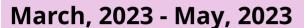
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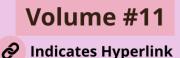
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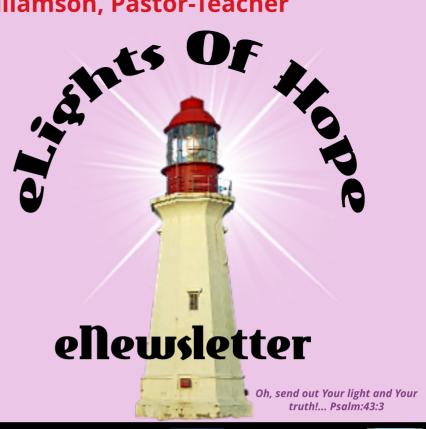
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# **HAPPENINGS**













eNotes From the Pastor's iPad: 🔊

# "Serve the Lord with gladness..." Psalm 100:2a



Praise God from whom all blessings flow! For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations. (Psalm 100:5) We thank and praise God for all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures in our congregation and community this month. Mothers and mother figures are a blessing from the Lord. We thank you for your love and special care. We honor you on this Mother's Day and throughout the month of May. We also honor and celebrate all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions for the months of May, June, July and August. Thank God for those special occasions and remembrances. To God be the glory!

We thank and praise God for all that he has done in and through our congregation over the last quarter. Most notably, we praise God for visitation of the Holy Spirit and the inspirational preaching by the Rev. Dr. Vernon D. Shelton, Sr. during our Annual Spring Revival. As we enter this post-pandemic time of transition, we are adjusting to what some call a new or next normal. We encourage members to return to in person worship experiences and ministry involvement. We will continue to utilize both physical gatherings and virtual experiences to meet the needs of our church and community.

We are excited about our e-membership and e-ministry activities. We are also excited about hiring new employees and gaining new volunteer ministry leaders and supporters. Join us as we focus on evangelism and discipleship for the remainder of the month of May. We especially seek the prayers and support of our congregation as we rebuild our children and youth ministry as well as provide strength and support to young families that are a part of our church family. We use the acronym BBC for our mission, Building Hope, Building Relationships, and Changing Lives.

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  - 7/8 Central Hudson Annual Session 10:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
  - 7/9 138th Church Anniversary Celebration 10:00 a.m.



#### **New Administrative Assistant - A. Bryan Allen**

Technologically savvy and goal-oriented administrative professional. Driven and motivated to help organizations thrive. Skilled in prioritizing and completing

tasks independently. Extensive experience with Microsoft Office & some graphic design. Marketing, branding & promotions specialist, proficient in creation of materials and content for physical and social media usage.





#### New Youth Coordinator - Giovanni M. Green

Giovanni grew up in Bethel Baptist Church and has a genuine love for children and youth. He teaches Spanish at Pocantico Hills Central School District and is working towards his certification at Hunter College where he obtained his B.A. in Food, Nutrition and Social Justice through the CUNY Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies Program. He was also a

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow.

#### In addition, we are proud to announce the following incoming staff members:

Assistant Church Clerk - Schneider Thompson
Assistant Bookkeeper - Dieulane Philogene

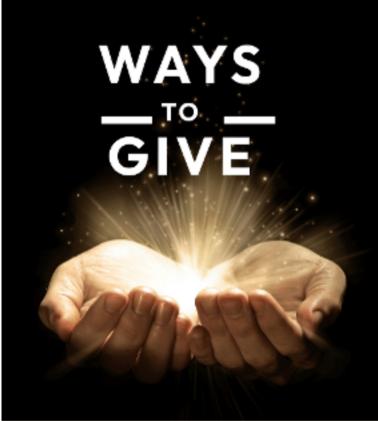
We welcome and look forward to working with all our new staff!



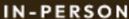




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# Welcome to eLights of Hope!

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!



#### **eLights of Hope Staff:**

Rev. Deborah Williamson - Editor-in-Chief/Founder Min. Latisha Robinson - Editor/Dir. Christian Education Jemal Mosley - Graphic Designer/Illustrator Rev. Dr. Edward O. Williamson - Pastor-Teacher



# Thank God for Mother's Love

A mother's patience of a saint could only be by the hand of God. There is no love, like a mother's love. no stronger bond on earth... like the precious bond that comes from God, to a mother, when she gives birth. A mother's love is forever strong, never changing for all time... and when her children need her most. a mother's love will shine. God bless these special mothers. God bless them every one... for all the tears and heartache. and for the special work they've done. When her days on earth are over, a mother's love lives on... through many generations, with God's blessings on each one. Be thankful for our mothers, for they love with a higher love... from the power God has given,

and the strength from up above.



"GETTING OUTSIDE THE BOX -GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY"

> SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2023 11:30 AM EST

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Local Non-Profits will attend!

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1 FISHER COURT, WHITE PLAINS, NY CHRISTINE MITCHELL FELLOWSHIP HALL DR. EDWARD O. WILLIAMSON, PASTOR-TEACHER Our vision is to be the premiere church in Westchester County, serving as a beacon of hope to individuals, families, the community, and the world through our worship, our walk, and our witness. We are making plans and preparations to celebrate our 138th Church Anniversary on Sunday, July 9th during our 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will have special monthly emphasis and initiatives over the next few months leading up to a great celebration.

#### A few highlights are as follows:

#### May - Evangelism and Discipleship

- 5/14 Mother's Day Worship Celebration 10:00 a.m.
- 5/21 19th Pastoral Anniversary -- 10:00 a.m.

#### June - Service/Ministry: Community Impact Month

- 6/4 Community Volunteer Fair 11:30 a.m.
- 6/10 White Plains Juneteenth Parade and Festival
- 6/25 Graduate and Student Recognition Sunday 10:00 a.m.
- 6/25 African American Heritage Celebration Kensico Dam

#### July - Family and Fellowship

- 7/8 Central Hudson Annual Session 10:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
- 7/9 138th Church Anniversary Celebration 10:00 a.m.

We hope you are blessed, encouraged, and informed by our e-newsletter. Special thanks to the e-newsletter team and those who submitted articles and information. Also, as we celebrate the blessing of working together as pastor and people, thank you to all the officers, leaders, members, and friends who have made my tenure as your pastor a joyful experience. *Remember our motto:* 

We're all in this together, being the church God has called us to be. To God be the glory!!!

Peace and blessing,

Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-teacher





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The Rev. Dr. Vernon Shelton preached a series of sermons that stirred our souls and challenged us personally and as a church body to get out of the box and not to get back in it. Each night was well attended both in-house and online. Thank you to sister churches, pastors, deacons and friends for joining us as we were revived by the word of God!

#### Pastor Shelton's Preached word came from the following:

- Monday: Gen 12:1-4 Subject: A Call to Something Greater
- Tuesday: John 2:5. Subject: Whatever He tells You to do, Do it!
- Wednesday: Gen 26:12-26 Subject: Keep Digging

These services can be viewed on our website and all of our platforms. Thank you, Dr. Shelton, for sharing such powerful words from on high with us,

# **After Sermon Scoop Podcast on All Platforms**



The conversations continue with the dialogue that takes the sermon to another level of understanding. This time there is a conversation with Rev. Dr. Vernon D Shelton, Sr. that speaks to the 2023 Annual Spring Revival.

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# 2023 Annual Men's Day

Theme: I Am My Brothers Keeper Genesis 4:9



The Men's Ministry was very thankful to the Westchester Rockland Guardians Association for not only coming in great numbers, but for all their participation and conversation. Members of the association spoke to the guest, which was very well attended with members of the community and

sister churches. The dialogue was very fruitful among those in attendance. The attendees were able to hear from active law enforcement as well as from those that have retired. It was a very informative lesson for all generations. The men also



received an unexpected visit from Councilman Jamaal Bowman. He also

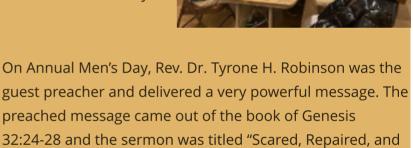
spoke to those in attendance and answered some very vital questions from the guest. The youth had their very

own session in the lower fellowship hall where they were able to have their own discussion with active law enforcement.

We thank Councilman Bowman and the Westchester Rockland Guardians



Association for their participation in the kick-off for Men's Day.



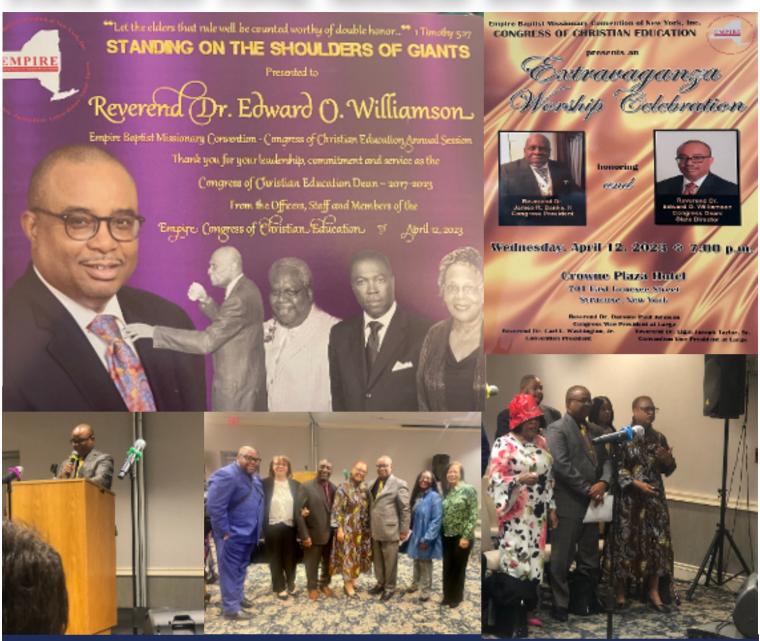








# STATE DEAN FINAL ADDRESS AND RECEPTION



The Empire Baptist Missionary Convention Congress of Christian Education - 66th Annual Session was held on April 10-13, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Syracuse, NY. Our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Edward O. Williamson gave his final address as New York State Dean on Tuesday, April 11. Our own member Rev. Shaun Jones introduced his Pastor and remarks and singing was presented by Rev. Deb.

Pastor Williamson and Rev. Dr. James R. Banks II, Congress President, was also honored at a reception entitled "Extravaganza Worship Celebration." At this event many accolades and well wishes were shared, laughter and fellowship was had by all. Pastors and Churches throughout the state were represented well. Pastor is grateful for the presence of the following members: Deacon Richard Jackson, Sr., Deaconess Karen Jackson, Superintendent Stephanie Christian, Rev. Shaun Jones, Min. Latisha Robinson and First Lady Rev. Deb.



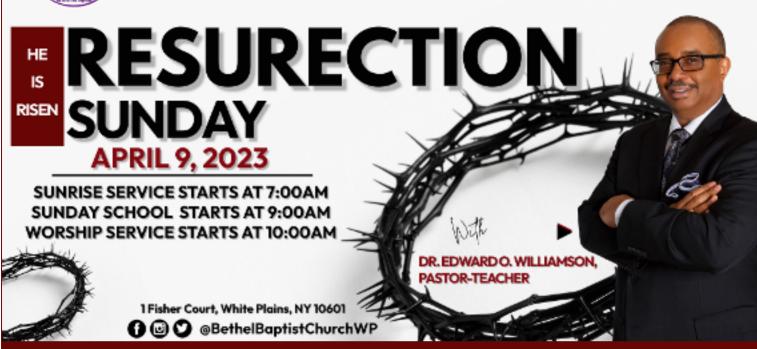


## **Resurrection Sunday Worship Service**



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Bethel celebrated Resurrection Sunday with Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM and 10:00 AM worship where our Worship and Fine Arts Ministry returned with a full complement of all age ranges of men, boys, women and girls. Thank you for ministering to our congregation and online viewers in such a beautiful way. We look forward to many more spiritual renditions of mime, dance, plays, skits and spoken word!!









# **BLACK HISTORY & HERITAGE CELEBRATION MONTH**



On February 26, 2023 our church celebrated the beauty of culture and heritage by wearing African colors and apparel. The Black History Colors of Black, Red and Green are very important. Black represents resilience, Red symbolizes the blood of innocent black lives shed throughout history, Yellow conveys optimism, justice and equality and Green symbolizes Africa's rich greenery and other natural resources.

Thank you, Bethel, for joining in the celebration as we teach our children to be proud of their color, diversity













# In-Person Sunday School for Children & Youth!

Special gratitude and thanks to Toni Tweedy, Timeka Williams and Katrina Mosley for helping with the kickoff of the children, and youth Sunday School held every 2nd and 4th Sundays in lower level. Please bring your children to learn more about God and volunteer as a parent where needed. "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when they are old they will not depart." Prov. 22:6









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#### Sis. Barbara Andralliski



We know that Sis. Barbara Andralliski is retiring and we will set aside time in the future to have a "Grand Celebration" for her many contributions to Bethel Baptist Church, but Pastor Williamson & Rev. Deb wanted to also celebrate her with roses and chocolate covered strawberries for ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY, which was April 26th. She has certainly made a difference in the life of Bethel Baptist Church. We are thankful for her professionalism, love of God and his people and her warm and friendly smile.

Pastor Williamson & Rev. Deb

#### Sis. Pamela Simpson, eMember, Savannah, GA

Con March 20th 2023. I received a certificate from the American Association of Airport Executives for becoming a Certified Trusted Agent. This is an awesome accomplishment. Trusted Agents work in the airport Credentialing Office, we are the 1st line of defense for airports. This is where the vetting process takes place for airport ID badge approvals. It is a very regimented and strict process at which ID badge applicants must be processed through the FBI and TSA.

I have been employed by the Savannah Hilton Head International Airport for 9 years. The 1st 5 years I spent as a Communications Officer at the Airport Police Department, which was a continuation of my dispatching career transitioning from a 911 operator. I prayed



for another door to be opened because of not wanting deal with emergency situations anymore, 30 years was enough for me. I love to help people but I wanted to tone it down a bit. The Lord answered my prayers by opening a position for me to be promoted to the Credential Office. I have been there now for 4 years.



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# CONGRATULATIONS

on the new addition to your family.

God has sent the little one to fill your life with love and joy.

May God bless you and your precious little one.





Wynter Simone Brunson

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Trustee Joe Abraham

Grandparent: Sandra Abraham

Parents:

Keith Brunson, Jr. and Ashley Camacho

Baby

Wynter Simone Camacho-Brunson

arrived on



Wynter Simone Brunson







# Congratulations on Ordination Deac Lillian Byrd & Deac Sarah Brown

A special luncheon was held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 in their honor as well as others in celebration of their joining the Diaconate Ministry of Shiloh Baptist Church, Tuckahoe, NY. The Rev. Dr. Michael B. Thomas is their pastor. Pastor Williamson, Rev. Deb, Sis. Barbara & Monica Andralliski joined in the festivities!!



# In Loving Memory of our departed

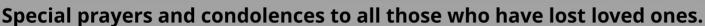
"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on, that they may rest from their labors and their works follow them." Revelations 14:13



William Coleman

Deborah Hardy-Giles





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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

May	
Christopher Bartley	May 1
Wilbur Gibbons	May 1
Richard Jackson, Sr	May 1
Patricia Griffin	May 2
Deborah Hardy-Giles	May 4
Saliym Fitch	May 6
Victoria Wilson	May 8
Florence Robertson	May 10
Brenda Johnson	May 13
Rev. Deborah Williamson	May 15
Deaconess M. Abraham	May 15
Georgetta Kent	May 16
Taheera Mushatt	May 17
Zyaira Abraham	May 17
Marie Ridgway	May 19
Erieuse Brice	May 20
Victoria Johnson-Taylor	May 21
Dea. Wallace McIver	May 21
Gladys R. Wiggins	May 22
Mark Newman, Jr.	May 23
Toni Tweedy	May 23
Shirley Johnson	May 24
Deaconess Emily Smith	May 24
Tommy Bouyer	May 25
Emory Watson	May 29
Tracey Williams	May 31

June	
E. Diane Renfroe	June 1
Dennis Holland	June 5
Raquel Cheney	June 5
Joi Culler	June 7
Catherine Ashe	June 7
Stacey Y. Dingle	June 8
Roxene Fernandez	June 10
Latia Jackson	June 12
Dwight Young	June 13
Trazana Magdaleno	June 13
Rhonda Gordon	June 14
Lisa Peterson	June 14
Deacon Patricia Simpson	June 15
Georgeline Francois	June 16
Deaconess Rosy McMillan	June 22
Herbert Strobert	June 22
Corey Harris	June 22
Willie Marie Butler	June 23
Theodore Jay Lee, III	June 23
Julius Walker	June 23
Carol Reed	June 24
India Newman	June 25
Sandra Jefferson-Hadley	June 26
Asjea Bowry	June 26
Valerie Johnstone	June 28
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<b>July</b> Kyla Harding	July 1
Patricia Gaymon-Wright	July 3
Susan Harrison	July 4
Joshua Bennett	July 7
Pearl Davis	July 7
Madeline Xavier	July 7
Marlene High	July 8
Deaconess Karen Jackson	July 10
Sherleen Saintil	July 10
Judy Bullitt	July 10
Rev. Sarahlouise Smith	July 10
Jason Strudwick	July 11
Hasan Ferrbbee	July 13
Laurie Bennett	July 13
Rosa Alston	July 14
Sharon Gilham	July 17
Renee Threatt-Mitchell	July 20
Richard McMillan	July 20
Tina Stevens	July 24
Hydrum Weaver	July 25
Ashley Camacho	July 25
Barbara Andralliski	July 26
Sandra Jenkins	July 26
Asa Jackson	July 26
Nancy Bowser	July 27
Lyndora Upshaw	July 27
Dr. Frozine Reece-Smith	July 28
Yvonne Lewis	July 28
Brenda Kyle	July 29
Lauren Henry	July 29
Ruth Rainey	July 30
Yvonne Avant	July 30
Jan Mazyck	July 31

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

#### <u>May</u>

Dea. Richard & Karen Jackson May 6 Jemal & Katrina Mosley May 6



*July*Richard & Faye Gordon July 1
Ollie & Catherine Ashe July 1
Deacon Frank & Ann Williams July 7
Dea. Anthony & Deac. Emily Smith July 19

#### <u>June</u>

Myron & Yvonne Avant June 21 Rowland & Felecia Hudson June 22 Michael & Pamela Tabbs June 28

#### August

Martha Harper Aug. 4 Kerry Shuler Aug. 4 Clarence High, IV Aug. 7 Alicia Hardy Aug. 8 Lola Hunter Aug. 8 Jeffrey Burton Aug. 8 Gloria Streete Aug. 8 Michael Shuler Aug. 9 Catilina Meritus Aug. 10 Denis Saintil Aug. 10 Kareem Gaskins, Jr. Aug. 10 Sheryl Franklin Aug. 10 Adelia Saintil Aug. 13 Crystal Murray Aug. 14 Jessie Tate Aug. 15 Ava Jackson Aug. 16 **Rosalind Keys** Aug. 16 Taylor Ridgway Aug. 16 Gladys Jones Aug. 19 Herbert A. Greene Aug. 19 Patty Wade-Dozier Aug. 22 Wayne Perkins Aug. 22 Christopher Howard Aug. 23 Pamela Simpson Aug. 23 Jessica Shoulders Aug. 27 Sophonie Defranc Aug. 27 Caleb Lawrence Aug. 28 **Derrick Davis** Aug. 28 Ashley Redmond Aug 29 Pamela Bowe -Tabbs Aug. 29 Mae Sanders Aug. 30 William Davis Aug. 30

On your birthday, I pray that your day is filled with joy and peace, and I give thanks to God for all that you bring to my life.









#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



#### <u>August</u>

Wendell & Beverly Powerful Aug. 5







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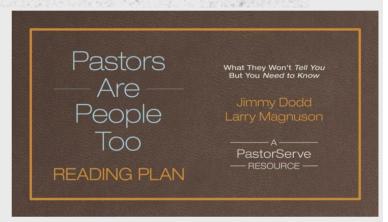


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