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Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-Teacher

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June, 2023 - September, 2023







HAPPENINGS













Theme for September: "Back to School, Back to Church"

Focus: Children, Youth, and Families

Scripture: Hebrews 10:24-25

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."



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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) Once again it is a pleasure and honor for me to share with you from our eLights of Hope eNewsletter. In this edition, you will discover that our church family has been engaged in many "outside-the-box" ministry activities over the summer months. To God be the glory!

Please take the time to read the articles, view the photos, and click on links to see the activities of members of our Bethel family and ministries as we let our light shine in the community. We were involved in events from the Juneteenth Parade and Festival in June through the Winbrook Family Day

event in August. In addition to our monthly mobile food bank distribution, we also gave away over 160 book bags and school supplies to children and youth in the community. We provided an ice cream truck to provide treats for residents and the community on Winbrook Family Day as well as participated in the groundbreaking for the Bethel Missionary Ministry's "Listening Bench" Love Your Block community project. Thanks to all officers, leaders, members, and friends for volunteering, donating, praying for, and supporting the many activities and events held this summer.

We also shared times of fun and fellowship with activities such as the youth bowling night, e-membership sponsored family game night, and our 138th Church Anniversary celebration. Special shout out to the participants in the Bethel Community Garden.

I extend my personal thanks to all who attended and supported the 101st Adjourned Session of the Central Hudson Baptist Association and Installation Service where I was installed as moderator of the association. It will be a privilege and a honor to serve. It is my hope and desire to lead both Bethel and Central Hudson to higher heights in service to the Lord over the next few years.

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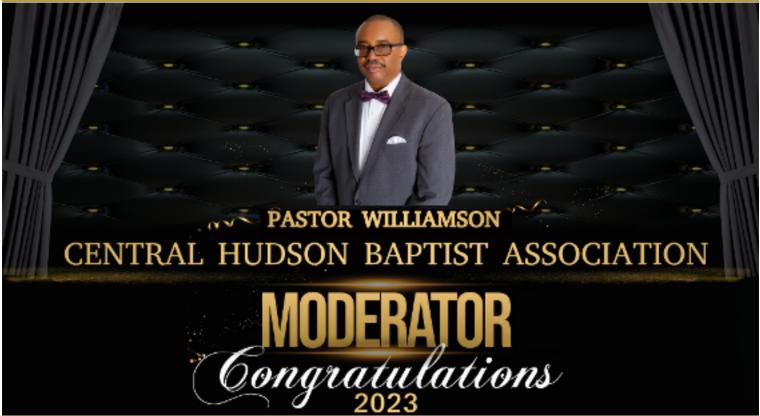
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our **Pastor**, **Rev. Dr. Edward O. Williamson** for being elected as the New Moderator of the Central Hudson Baptist Association. The installation services were held at Bethel Baptist Church, WP on Saturday, August 5, 2023, for him and his Vice Moderator who is the first woman to serve in this position, **Rev. Dr. Dolly Ann Newkirk-Briggs** as well as all others incoming officers. We look forward to the leadership and vision of the incoming cabinet serving our association.



Bethel Baptist Church family, community, and friends will be gathering to help celebrate the retirement of a faithful servant. Sis. Andralliski will be showered with love, flowers, gifts and more to help us say "thank you" for 25 years+ of dedication, faithfulness, and professionalism to our church & community! "Kudos" to her for a job well done!!





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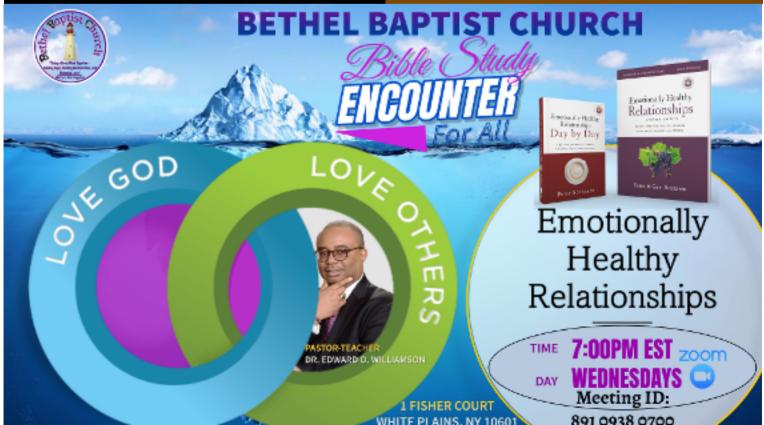
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This ministry not only provides the technical support required for our worship services, but also records various events, teachings and sermons, which are made available online and for viewing or podcasting here on our web site.

As a clarion call, any media-related work is taken on with an absolute commitment to quality. Packaging the gospel message in the age of aesthetics requires Christian communicators to be creative, intentional, and to give great attention to details.

After all, the message of Jesus Christ is worth our energy and creativity.

There are many opportunities for you to serve in Media ministry.







BACK-TO-SCHOOL BOOK BAG GIVE AWAY

On Saturday, August 12, 2023, Bethel was blessed to provide FREE food and FREE school supplies to our community. Volunteers from Bethel showed up and met the challenge and the call to be of service to all our surrounding community. Over 115 families were provided healthy food and over 160 school book bags filled with school supplies were handed out with an invitation to come worship God with us. Special "Thank You" to all our church family volunteers!

"We are all in this together. Being the church God is calling us to be!"









We join together in celebrating and acknowledging milestones in our history and culture this past month. We acknowledge 50 years of Hip Hop and the 60th Anniversary of the Historic March on Washington where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech. Yet with all the celebrations and remembrances, we must continue to share the love of Jesus and advance the kingdom of God.

We celebrate a milestone in the history of our church as we adopted a revised church constitution with the official recognition of eMembers as a category of membership. As we look toward the worship and ministry activities of the final quarter of this year, we must focus on improving our discipleship and ministry programs for children, youth, and families.

As I prepare to close this particular message from the pastor, I want us to take time to remember and reflect upon the life and legacy of our dearly departed member, Sister Nancy Fitch. She was the second oldest living member of our church family. She was a lively 103 years old and a jewel to both church and community. We thank God for sharing her with us and we will always remember her sweet and generous spirit.

We need people to volunteer and serve as leaders, teachers, and children/youth ministry workers for our children and youth. We must work with families to pass on our faith and equip our children and youth not only to survive in this complex world in which we live but to thrive. As children, youth, and families are returning back to school to begin a new school year, let us encourage them to return back to church. This presents an opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus, make disciples, and advance the kingdom of God. We must pass on our faith to younger generations.

As in the day of Isaiah, I believe the Lord is still crying out, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Will you reply, "Here I am. Send me!" Remember our motto, "We're all in this together, being the church God has called us to be."

Peace and blessing,

Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-teacher



We are proud to introduce BBC's eMembers across the country with the assistance of technology. Welcome Aboard! We love and appreciate you!



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The Pastor's of Central Hudson and their families and Central Hudson Members gather on a boat cruise celebrating Moderator Rev. Dr. Damone Paul Johnson. He was honored on July 8, 2023 on The Captain JP Cruise Line

From left to right, Pastor Daniel Blackburn, Pastor Eric Shaw, Pastor Julius Collins, Pastor Edward O. Williamson, Pastor Verlin Williams, Pastor Damone P. Johnson, Pastor Joseph Covington.

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ebook by Will and Camille Holmes



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William & Camille Holnes





William and Camille have been married for 12 years. While they've known each other since they were 5 and 6 years old, it would take another 20 years before they would begin their love journey together. While they don't claim to have the perfect union, they are committed to "Doing the Work" as they navigate through the highs and lows of marriage. They try their best to submit to the Holy Spirit and His promptings to forgive, forbear, love, and cherish one another; all while intentionally growing deeper in love. With Christ at the center, they endeavor to help guide other couples through the ebbs and flows of marriage.

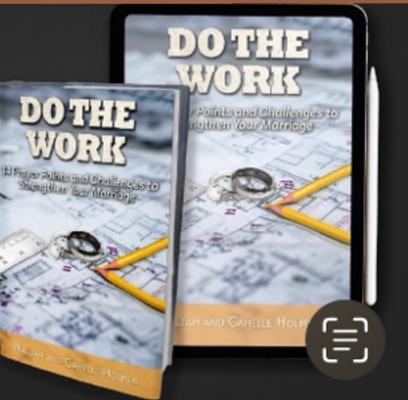
Together, they are raising four handsome boys: Isaac, Lucas, Carter, and Logan.

"This young couple has willingly shared a series of reflections and exercises to help other couples navigate the challenges of marriage and family life."

 Pastor Edward and Rev. Deborah Williamson, Bethel Baptist Church of White Plains, NY

"After experiencing a devastating loss, we gave each other room to grieve, individually. We also made space to come together in order to comfort one another. It was imperative that we healed together."

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Day of Freedom JUNE 19



Our recognition of Juneteenth Day of Freedom was again a great success! **Bethel's own member, Bro. Charles Mebane was the Grand Marshall and Honoree of the Parade.** Bethel Baptist Church participated once again in the parade down Mamaroneck Avenue in our new burgundy t-shirts! With the help of our **Deaconness (Karen Jackson-President) and volunteers** we represented at the festival with handouts providing information about our worship services and our church history.











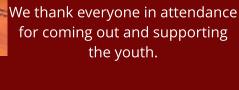






The Youth Ministry along with the Men's Ministry hosted the Family Bowl Night. It very well attended. Those that were in attendance had a great time fellowshiping as well as bowling together. The youth was also able to enjoy on-site arcade games after the bowling was completed.











Our celebration of the 138th Church Anniversary culminated with a Praise and Worship service thanking the Lord for his faithfulness towards us. Our very own member, Rev. Shaun Ellison Jones, Pastor of the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church of Ossining, NY, was our guest preacher for the morning. He preached with great conviction "The Tragedy of Tradition" Mark 3:1-6.

After worship we enjoyed true "koinonia"/fellowship and food with the church congregation utilizing both the fellowship hall and church grounds until the rain began to fall! Thank you all who contributed to the preparation of the delicious food! Desert was ice cream from the local ice cream truck!!

To God Be The Glory for the things He has done. Enjoy the many pictures of this event and the Kick-off of our Virtual Game Night presented by our eMembers.



eMembers Presents Virtual GAME NIGHT



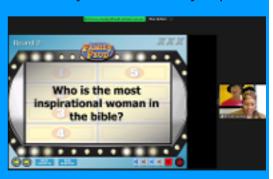
On July 9, 2023, Bethel Baptist Church hosted a Virtual Game Night to celebrate our 138th Church Anniversary. Organized and hosted by our E-Members, we had a great turnout for Bethel Family Feud. It not only improved





our biblical and church history knowledge, it provided a lot of laughter and fun! Your presence and engagement meant a lot to us, and we appreciate it. We would like to give a special thank you to our congregation for filling out the questionnaire for the game. Questions like "What is your favorite hymn to sing at Bethel?" and "What book in the bible do you turn to the most?" helped us to get to know each other better. Be sure to join in on the fun of our future events!

Contributed By: Rhonda A. Gordon, MA







POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.













On July 7th **Mother Margaret Hargrove** (Mother of Sis. Lena Anderson) was blessed to celebrate her **100th (Centennial) BIRTHDAY!!** Her celebration was held at the Epic Rehabilitation & Death Realthcare at White Plains. She was flanked by her daughter, granddaughter (Julia) and several other family members as well as friends from the community and Epic. Several gifts and cards were presented and the singing of the birthday song. As a special treat, she was honored with the presence and congratulations of Honorable Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate.





MOBILE FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION









Rev. Sarah-Louise Smith







We are excited to inform you that our very own Rev. Sarah-Louise Smith, was honored on May 13, 2023 by The Autism Project FLOS at their "Special Luncheon for Special Mothers of Special Needs" Mother's Day Luncheon. The event was held at Westchester Manor.

Congratulations Reverend Smith!

FAREWELL AND GOD BLESS!

The Bethel Baptist Afterschool program and church salutes **Tasha Pine** and **Sarah Harris** for their faithfulness to the afterschool program. They will be moving on to higher heights of employment in







their future. The children and the White Plains Youth Bureau as well as our Pastor had a final celebration in their honor wishing them well.







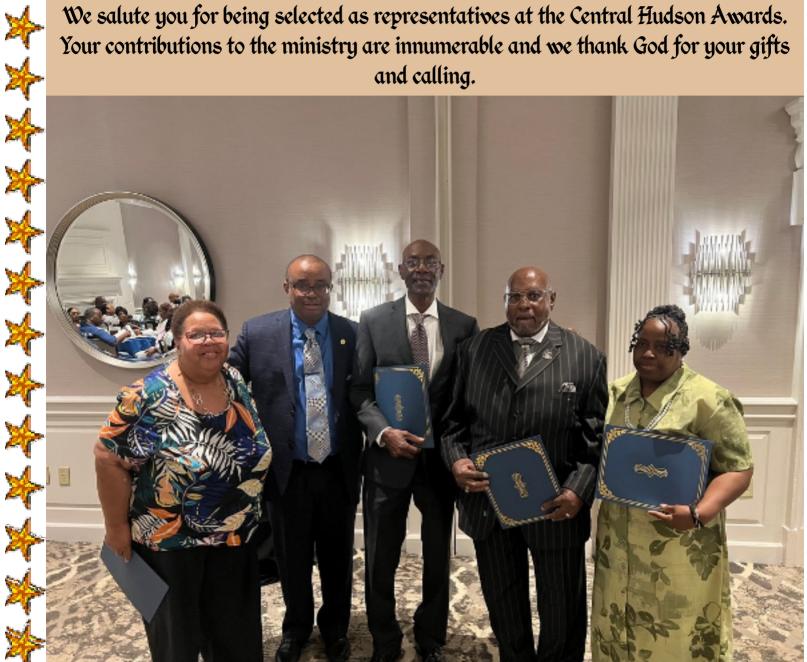






Central Hudson Baptist Association Honorees

Congratulations! To the honorees for 2023 representing Bethel Baptist Church's finest! We salute you for being selected as representatives at the Central Hudson Awards. Your contributions to the ministry are innumerable and we thank God for your gifts and calling.



Right to left: Sis. Sandra Jenkins (standing in for Kaylie Hall), Pastor Williamson, D.I.T. David Coleman, Deacon Wallace McIver, and Sis. Pamela Earl.

Glorious Grandparents in Government presented by AARP



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We are excited to announce that you have been selected as an honoree at City & State's first ever Glorious Grandparents in Government presented by AARP NY. Our Special Issue, publishing September 11th (in honor of Grandparents Day on September 10th).





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Mr. & Mrs. Brett & Tina Mayes - August 5, 2023





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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



Mother Nancy Fitch
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Special prayers and condolences to all those who have lost loved ones.

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Certulia Brice	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	
Mia Ruff	Sept. 19	
Sonia Coleman-Cosby	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
Donavan Lang	Oct. 3
Deaconess Brenda Mills	Oct. 3
Serenity Crump	Oct. 4
Rev. Virginia Young	Oct. 5
Louise Blair	Oct. 6
Tasha Pine	Oct. 6
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
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
Lena Anderson	Oct 19
Sherrell Drysdale	Oct 20
Dea. Frank Williams	Oct. 22
JoAnn Lee	Oct. 24

Wiley Swann

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<u>September</u>

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 26

Paul & Gilda Strudwick - Sept 15

Pastor & Rev. Williamson - Sept. 21

Joi & Steven Culler - Sept. 21

Michael & Stephanie Coaxum - Sept. 18



<u>November</u>

Dea. Dewitt & Dr. F. Smith - Nov. 9

Wayne & MaryFrances Perkins - Nov. 11

Christie & Lloyd Scrubb - Nov. 15

<u>October</u>

Sydney & Karl Hall - Oct. 5















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