

Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-Teacher

B uilding Hope

B uilding Relationships

C hanging Lives



HAPPENINGS











Oh, send out Your light and Your



eNotes From the Pastor's iPad:

"Doing a Great Work Together - Building Hope, Building Relationships, and Changing Lives"



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,

That whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations. John 3:16 remains for me one of the greatest and most beautiful passages of scripture in the Bible. Those few words encapsulate the true extent of

God's love for humanity. The essence of Christmas is found in the love of God expressed in the gift of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world. When we fully grasp the extent of God's love and sacrifice, we cannot help but respond to him in love and gratitude. We can also show love to others because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts. The love of God expressed on that first Christmas not only impacted those alive at the time of Christ but also continues to have an impact on the world today but will also continue to have an impact that extends into eternity. Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season. Share the love of God with family and friends this holiday season.

I recently preached a sermon from John 2:1-11 entitled "Being Open to New Things." The setting is a wedding in Cana of Galilee where Jesus and his disciples and the mother of Jesus were present. During the celebration, the wine ran out. At the urging of his mother, Jesus turned water into wine. When the wine was tasted, it was determined that the best wine was served last. This is the first miracle recorded in the gospels performed by Jesus. As we preparer to enter the new year, let us not forget to invite Jesus to share in the everyday events of our lives. When we are overwhelmed or faced with crisis, let us turn our problems and challenges over to Jesus. Above all, let us trust Jesus and do whatever he says. If we trust him and do what he says, we experience miracles and joy in the New Year. (Pastor eNotes continued on page 10)

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A Difference

44th Annual SSPB Conference, Memorial, Birthdays, Anniversaries, What's Happening, and Wedding Pages 18-23



- 12/16 Children & Youth Christmas Craft Fair 9:00 a.m.
- 12/17 Children & Youth Christmas Presentation 10:00 a.m.
 - 12/31 Watch Night Service 10:00 p.m.
 - 1/1 1/7 7 Nights of Prayer 7:00 p.m.













DECEMBER 17, 2023 10:00 AM EST

(Luke 1:26-38)

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PASTOR-TEACHER Dr. Edward O. Williamson



JANUARY 1 - 7, 2024 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM EST



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OCTOBER 30, 2023

OCTOBER 31, 2023

OCTOBER 29, 2023

Livestream ▶ YouTube Film

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers Acts 11:19-26

Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers is the BBC theme for 2024 with Scriptural reference found in Acts 11:19-26 (NKJV). In an epic Christian Education collaboration Rev. Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-Teacher of Bethel Baptist Church and Rev. Erwin Trollinger, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church united White Plains, New York to deliver a phenomenal Christian Education Trilogy focused on "Discipleship Matters". Rev. Eric Williams, Sunday School Publishing Board, Senior Director of Christian Education, encouraged us on Sunday, October 29th in Acts 3:1-10 to "Take Him by the hand". On Monday October 30th Dr. Williamson lead us in an in-depth and engaging discourse on intergenerational discipleship followed by a powerful presentation from Dr. Rodney Payne on Vision Connection. We journeyed to Calvary Baptist Church on our final evening to receive instruction from Rev. Trollinger in a continuation of discipleship and service then Rev. James Furman ran an amazing anchor leg edifying us on evangelism and discipleship. "We can't be an effective evangelist without first being a disciple" I encourage you to visit our YouTube Channel &/or Facebook page to view these 3 days of transformational Christian Education.



Pastor Williamson, Rev. Deb., Sis. Christian, Min, Robinson, and, and Rev. Eric Williams





Rev. Rodney Payne

Rev. James Furman



DANIEL

Sight & Sound Theater Lancaster, PA SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

- Bus pickup at Eastview Middle School 350 Main Street, White Plains,
 NY parking is allowed in the lot by the bus loop
- 7:00 AM Departure 7:30 AM (A light breakfast snack will be served on the bus)
- Buffet lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord Bus #1 11:30 AM; Bus #2 12:00 pm.
- Sight and Sound Theater Performance starts at 3:00PM (3-5:30pm).
- Return to Eastview Middle School approx. 9:30pm

For tickets and more information: COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE IN THE CHRISTINE MITCHELL FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES

The Price of your ticket includes:

A delicious buffet lunch at Millers' Smorgasbord

Round Trip transportation via motor coach

A Dynamic live theater performance

Great fellowship, games & fun

\$250.00 (Deposit: \$125.00)

PAYMENTS

Deposit due by - DECEMBER 3, 2023
FINAL payment due by - FEBRUARY 28, 2024
Please note that all payments are
NON-REFUNDABLE



WOMEN'S DAY SERVICE

Theme: "Getting Outside The Box - Breaking Through Barriers"

Guest Preacher: Scripture: Natthew 15:21-28

Rev. Dr. Dollyann Newkirk-Briggs, CHBA Vice-Moderator

Pastor of Baptist Temple Church, Newburgh, NY

OCTOBER 8, 2023 | 10:00AM

1 FISHER COURT, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601 W W W . B E T H E L B A P T I S T C H U R C H W P . O R G DR. EDWARD O. WILLIAMSON, PASTOR-TEACHER





Bethel Baptist Church celebrated its annual Women's Day during the morning worship on Oct 8, 2023. Our guest speaker was the *Rev. Dr. Dollyann Newkirk-Briggs, who is the newly elected first female Central Hudson Baptist Association Vice-Moderator and Pastor of the Baptist Temple Church, Newburgh, NY*. The choir was especially anointed that morning and the spirit of the Lord took over the services. Rev. Dr. Briggs preached a soul stirring and life changing sermon entitled "Something's Gotta Break" (*Matthew 15:21-28*). Her sermon reminded us of how the power of God is able to change a dire situation.









200+ Families Blessed for the Thanksgiving Holiday!



Bethel was pleased to be able to give food from the Mobile food Bank Feeding Westchester to our community to help celebrate Thanksgiving that included plump turkeys! Our Deacons and Trustees donated baskets and turkeys throughout the church and the White Plains Fire Department contributed turkeys to our efforts. All totaled we were able to brighten over 200+ families for the holidays! To God be the Glory!!!



DR. EDWARD O. WILLIAMSON, PASTOR-TEACHER







Bring a box, cart or re-usable bags to carry food. Must be present to receive food. No one will be allowed to pick up for friends, neighbors or family etc...

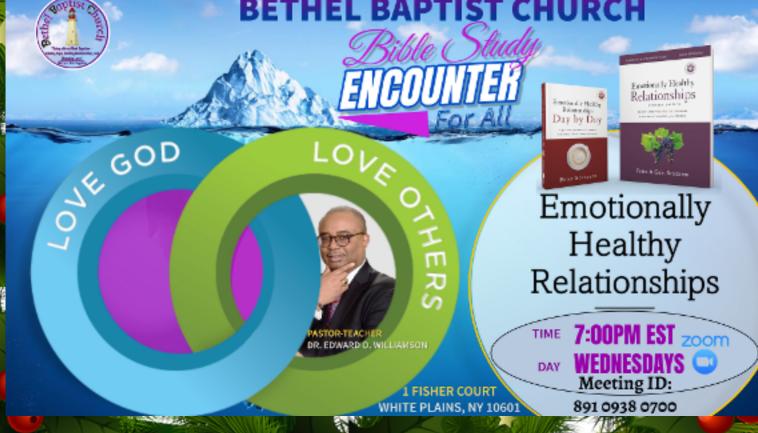
UPCOMING 2023 DATES (9:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

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JUNE 8

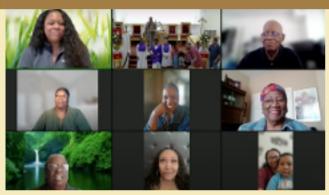






National Postor APPRECIATION Month





Pastor Appreciation Day, on Sunday, October 8th, 2023, was a wonderful surprise that underscored the profound connections within the congregation, especially in celebrating the invaluable leadership and guidance of Pastor Williamson. Despite the geographical distances, the eMembers of the church showcased an unparalleled spirit of unity and gratitude. Through Zoom, eMembers showed their love for Pastor Williamson's unwavering dedication and compassionate

service. As Pastor Williamson looked upon the digital presentation of gratitude and love, it was a poignant reminder that the spirit of togetherness and appreciation knows no limits, thriving and flourishing in all areas of the church, whether in person or virtually.







BBC Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator



Bethel Baptist Church of White Plains, New York is blessed to extend a warm welcome to Evangelist Camille Holmes in His service as BBC Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Evangelist Holmes was a licensed speech-language pathologist in Mount Vernon Public Schools with 12 years of dedicated service. She obtained her Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and serves as Mental Health Clinician for both community base and private practice agencies. Evangelist Holmes is happily married and they have 4 amazing boys.

Evangelist Holmes values emotionally healthy spiritual relationships. She has openly expressed her desire to collaborate with BBC Children,

parents/guardians and volunteers to maintain a vibrant and effective Children and Youth Ministry.

We encourage families to actively engage in the Children and Youth Ministry worship experience by contacting Children-YouthMinistry@BethelBaptistChurchWP.org.

BBC Passage to Excellence After School Program





BBC Passage to Excellence is proud to offer in partnership with the City of White Plains Youth Bureau another year of Afterschool programming for approximately 20 grade school children. This programming ensures not only a safe place for children in the community, but also academic support and fun projects. We welcome all parents to apply.

Happy 107th Birthday to Mrs. Cornelia Evans



On November 16th Mrs. Cornelia Evans (oldest member of Bethel Baptist Church) welcomed her 107th Birthday. She was presented with flowers by Janice Griffith - President, White Plains Greenburgh NAACP



Branch and Treasurer Jonette Mines. Yvonne B. Bert of the Westchester County Press wrote: On Sunday, November 19th, it was a great day for all as family and friends gathered at the Epic Rehabilitation & Healthcare at White Plains to celebrate the 107th birthday of Mrs. Cornelia Evans.

Church Officers Christmas Fellowship Dinner



On Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 the Officers and members of the Deacons, Deaconess, Trustees, Treasurers, Church Clerk celebrated with Pastor and First Lady a delicious Holiday dinner at Rini Restaurant in Elmsford. The fellowship was loving and joyful laughter permeated the room. Each person shared what they were thankful for in life and particularly at Bethel. God has been good towards us!













BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

We Welcome E-MEMBERS Join US HERE

If you desire to become a member of our church and can not physically attend due to distance, health or work schedule you may join us as an eMember. Our eMember campus is evolving into an engaging and interactive form of church membership.



Worship Service



Bible Study THURS 12PM

Noon Bible Study



Friday Night Sunday School PASTOR-TEACHER DR. EDWARD O. WILLIAMSO

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WHAT A CELEBRATION!!!

On September 10, 2023, we enjoyed giving kudos and accolades to our very own Sis. Barbara Andralliski (our church Administrative Assistant) upon her retirement. Her family, church family, and friends from all over helped celebrate her many years of dedicated service to the Lord and Bethel Baptist Church! We Salute You Sis. Andralliski,

enjoy your retirement!!!!













Beta Alpha Alpha Foundation

The White Plains Juneteenth Heritage Committee was honored by the Beta Alpha Alpha Foundation of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Inc. of which Pastor Edward O Williamson and Deacon Frank Williams are members of the Fraternity on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at the VIP Country Club, New Rochelle. Bethel Members in



attendance: Pastor Williamson, Deacon Frank Williams, Asst Treasurer - President of WP Juneteenth Heritage Jonette Mines, Treasurer Felecia Hudson, Trustee Monica Andralliski, Deaconess Ann Williams, Sis. Deveria

Searcy, Rev. Virginia M Young, Brother Michael Young, Sis. JoAnne Lee, Sis. Jennifer Lee.



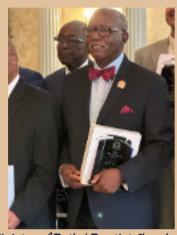








Men of Integrity Award Brother Tommy Bouyer





The Men's Ministry of Bethel Baptist Church choose Brother Tommy Bouyer to be the recipient of the Central Hudson Baptist Association Men of Integrity Award, where our very own Pastor Williamson is the Moderator. Brother Bouyer was one of the many men of the Association that was honored and recognized as a Man of Integrity. As he has shown nothing but being a man of integrity over the years with his extensive fight for Civil Rights, volunteering with the food mobile distribution along with his grandchildren. In addition, he is a willing participant in our church doing anything and everything he's asked to do. Most importantly he is a servant of the Lord!

Congratulations Sheran Lyons



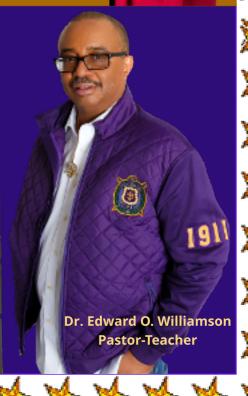
Mr. George Latimer said: "I am honored to recognize this year's group of seniors and induct them into our NIOR HALL OF FAME Westchester County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. The Senior Citizens Hall of Fame gives us the opportunity to thank the seniors in our communities for the contributions they have made for the betterment of our County. The accomplishments and contributions from this year's honorees make me proud to be your County Executive.'

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Congratulations to Pastor for his plaque of recognition 'Certificate of Life Membership" with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He will celebrate 40 years as an Omega Man next year!







DR. ERROLD D. COLLYMORE, SR. -D.D.S.

HONORED in the Overture at Brookfield Commons in White Plains



Dr. Errold D. Collymore, Sr. - D.D.S, 'Westchester's Fighting Dentist" - Fought for Justice and Change.

On November 15, 2023, the White Plains Community honored Dr. Errold D. Collymore, Sr. at The Overture at Brookfield Commons Community Room with a Plaque Dedication Ceremony.

Known as "Westchester's Fighting Dentist", a brief history of Dr. Collymore's advocacy was given by Lena Anderson, Past President of the White Plains/Greenburgh NAACP Branch. An Invocation was delivered by Rev. Erwin Lee Trollinger, Jr., President of the Ministers Fellowship Council of White Plains and Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. Valerie Simmons, a retiree of the White Plains Housing Authority and Life Long Winbrook Community Member introduced the

guests and was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Remarks by Mayor Thomas M. Roach and Rev. Dr. Tyrone H. Robinson, Pastor, First Community Baptist Church vitalized the program before the unveiling of the plaque by James L. Collymore, Dr. Collymore's son, and Brian Wallach, a long-time friend and supporter.

Dr. Collymore was unafraid as a consistent fighter for justice, and this recognition is well deserved and long overdue.

In a sermon he delivered in 1944, Dr. Collymore challenged our community of faith, "Here we have a veritable oasis of faith. Let us continue to build; - let us try to make it grow so that its example in brotherhood and faith in the essential decency of man might spread across the land and usher in the good life even beyond where we can see "far down the futures broadening way".

The Bethel Family was represented by Rev. Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Rev. Dr. Frozine R. Smith, Lena Anderson and Jonette Mines, pictured here with son, James L. Collymore and White Plains Housing Board of Directors President, Nicholas Wolff.

One of his greatest White Plains Civil Rights achievements was "making way for five nine-story buildings with 450 apartments that eventually housed hundreds of black and white families. Dr. Collymore was the catalyst to build decent, safe, low-income housing built in White Plains in the late 1940's known as the "Winbrook Housing Development a.k.a. "The Projects).

Originally, the White Plains "city fathers" had agreed to the location, cost, size, and budget for the housing project. But then they decided that they'd rather build a new post office on the site and postpone the building of the needed housing and relegate it to a less-desirable location. In 1948, Dr. Collymore and other black leaders were outraged at this, and Dr. Collymore wrote a letter directly to then, President Harry Truman. President Truman wrote back and told the "city fathers" that he was directing them to keep to their original agreement. The housing project went ahead as originally planned. The White Plains Winbrook apartment complex was built between March 1949 and August 1950 at a cost of \$5,500,000.00. The name WINBROOK was derived from the two streets, the first 3 buildings (33 Fisher Ave., 11 Fisher Ave., and 225 Grove Street/ MLK Jr.) were constructed on, WINchester and BROOKfield Streets.





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Bethel Baptist Church JOIN US IN-PERSON FOR Children & Youth SUNDAY SCHOOL





9:00 AM

2nd Thru 5th Sunday

5 Yrs - 18 Yrs Old







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November 26-29, 2023
GAYLORD OPRYLAND • NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CONFERENCE THEME

THE **ISSACHAR** IMPERATIVE:

To Serve the Present Age

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do —1 Chronicles 12:32a (NRSV)



This annual conference was held on Nov. 26-29, 2023 at Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, TN. The conference theme was centered around "The Issachar Imperative: To Serve the Present Age -

1 Chronicles 12:32 a. This conference was well attended with over 1100 delegates from across the country.

The conference schedule included morning and afternoon classes, Plenary Sessions, Lectures, Panel Discussion and Sermons based upon the theme. Some of these included Dr. Marcus D. Cosby, Dr. Howard John-Wesley, Dr. Brianna K. Parker and Dr. Lashante Parker.

Pastor Williamson served as Presider of the plenary session

on Tuesday and taught the class on "The Innovative Church: How leaders and their congregations are adapting in an ever changing world." Rev. Deb attended classes on the Hybrid Church.







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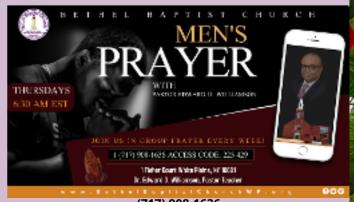


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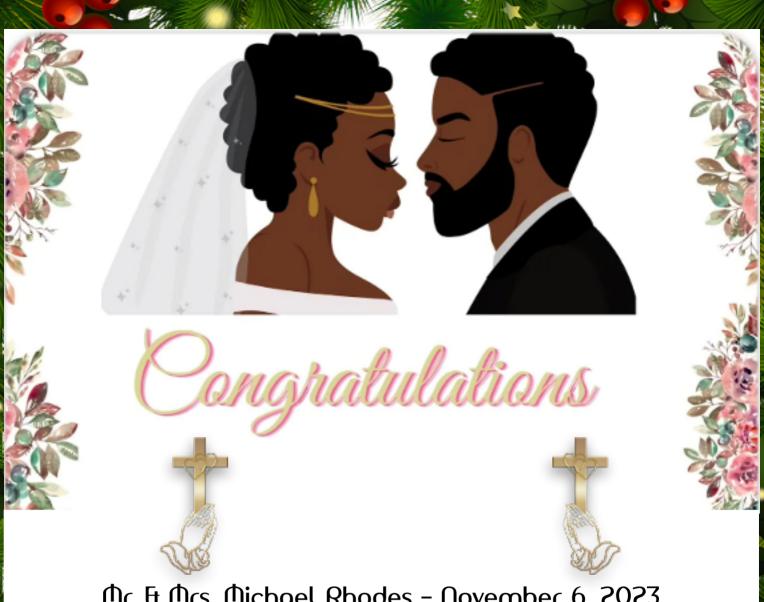


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Every Sunday: 9:00 AM EST



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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



Ernestine Bryant - 1/17

Kevin Vample - 2/24

Deborah Hardy Giles - 3/30

Mother Nancy Fitch - 7/4



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

Men's Prayer Line: Every Thursday at 6:00 AM - (717) 908-1636 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#



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Carol Robinson	Dec. 4
Deaconess Florence Gree	ene Dec. 8
Shirlee Hilton	Dec. 9
Jasmin Wilson	Dec. 10
Jennifer Lee	Dec. 10
Christy Scrubb	Dec. 10
Pearl Edwards	Dec. 11
Jacquie Shoulders	Dec. 13
Myanna Jefferson	Dec. 15
Delphine Burton	Dec. 16
Mary Frances Perkins	Dec. 16
Gail Harris	Dec. 16
Robert Tuck	Dec. 17
Amaya Collins	Dec. 17
Sheryl Royster	Dec. 18
Janet Allen	Dec. 19
Henry Mills, Jr.	Dec. 20
Deaconess Brenda Norm	nan Dec. 21
Michael Rhodes	Dec. 21
Monica Andralliski	Dec. 23
Angela Dixon	Dec. 24
Barbara High	Dec. 24
Mae Basnight	Dec. 25
Althea Jackson-Wilson	Dec. 31

January	
Shirley Hall	Jan. ′
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. 1
Martha Rogers	Jan. 13
Ann W. Miller	Jan. 1
Malinda White	Jan. 16
Beverly Powerful	Jan. 1
Mildred Patricia Blackwell	Jan. 1
Desiree Smith	Jan. 19
Anthony Smith, Jr.	Jan. 20
Natasha Jackson	Jan. 23
Stefanie Powell	Jan. 2
Min. Latisha Robinson	Jan. 2
Schneider Thompson	Jan. 30
Betsy Mitchell	Jan. 30
Bertha Keller	Jan. 3
Dolores Manigault	Jan. 3

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Danesha Johnstone	Feb. 1		
Sydney Jenkins	Feb. 1		
Deaconess Gwendolyn Ridgway			
	Feb 5		
Nicole Gooden	Feb. 6		
Pamela Vample	Feb. 7		
Helen Callaway	Feb. 8		
Carol Tribble	Feb. 8		
Michael Young	Feb. 10		
Barbara Carelock	Feb. 12		
Patricia Mann	Feb. 12		
Carolyn Carelock-Bowens	Feb. 17		
Monet Jackson Wilson	Feb. 20		
Deacon Dewitt R. Smith	Feb. 25		
Lorna Williams	Feb. 26		
Emma Cheese	Feb. 26		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

<u>December</u>

Michael & Rev. Virginia Young Dec. 7
Randy & Monetta Abraham Dec. 6
Derrick & Pearl Davis Dec. 10
Eddie & Rosemary Young Dec. 27

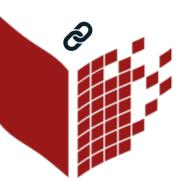


<u>February</u>

Debbie & Bay Brown Feb. 21

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