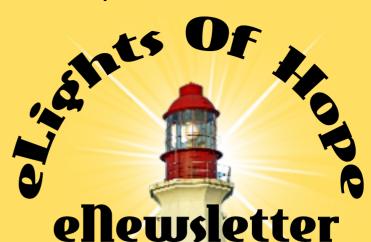
# **Bethel Baptist Church**

Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-Teacher

**B** uilding Hope

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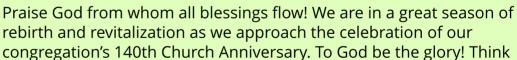
*Theme for 2025:* 

"Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers"/Emphasis: "A Time to Build"

Scriptural Foundation: Nehemiah 2:17-18; Ecclesiastes 3:1-3

Focus for May: "Mentoring & Disciple Making"

Scripture: Acts 11:25-26



about it, Bethel has been serving God and this community for 140 years. Think about the many lives of individuals and families that have been touched. Think about how the community has benefited from the presence of the church in the community. God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:13a, 14-16, "You are the salt of the earth...14 You are the light of the world, A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Serving as a "beacon of hope to individuals, families, the community, and the world" is the essence of what it means to let our light shine. We are witnesses for Christ and change agents in the world. Let us embrace this season of change and revitalization for our church by embracing the development of a new congregational growth life cycle with prayer and support of our Strategic Planning Team. The new strategic plan will enable us to be strategic and intentional in pursuing our mission and vision for the future. The strategic plan will allow us to set goals and objectives that will take us from where we are to where we want to be in the next three to five years.

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# White Plains Heritage Committee

## **2025 GRAND MARSHAL**







## Rev. Dr. Edward O. Williamson

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY JUNE 14, 2025- JUNETEENTH PARADE & FESTIVAL

11 AM PARADE

12 PM FESTIVAL



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**AFTER SERMON SCOOP** 

Beyond the Podcast:

Dr. Edward O. Williamson's "Stay Woke" Sermon Ignites a Call to Action

You might have encountered the term "stay woke" within the context of social commentary, especially through platforms like the "Stay Woke Podcast." But now, it's time to delve deeper and experience the transformative power of the message through a different lens. Dr. Edward O. Williamson, the esteemed Pastor-Teacher of Bethel Baptist Church, delivers a powerful and compelling sermon titled "Stay Woke," and it's an imperative listen for anyone striving for awareness and positive change in today's world.

This sermon transcends the simple definition of being aware of social injustices. Dr. Williamson masterfully weaves together spiritual guidance with a critical examination of the realities we face, urging listeners to go beyond passive observation and embrace active participation in building a more just and equitable society.





### BBC Youth & Children's Quarterly Report:

January 3rd- Kicked off the year with an IN-person event for the Youth: Skating at Ebersole Rink

February: Relationships/Love – When we love Him, we keep His commandments. We can't love others (or ourselves) without the love of Christ (1 Corinthians 13:1; John 13:34)

March: God is in Control

1 Peter 5:7 – We become anxious and overwhelmed when we lose sight of the fact that God is in control (discussed testing anxiety, peer pressure, homework, being in large crowds)

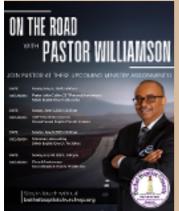
April: ABC's of Salvation Romans 10:9

#### **Accept, Believe, Confess!**

#### Looking Ahead:

- May is Mental Health Awareness Month: Children Connect (5/13), Youth Connect (5/20), Parent Connect (5/27) via zoom 7p
- June 6: In Person Children & Youth Night: Made in His Image (Teens and children will be separate)
  Teen Girls and Guys will have their own sessions
- Camille will create new group chat (via WhatsApp) to include ALL parents/guardians who may
  have not been on the initial text thread. Be sure to look out for the link and follow steps to
  ensure you are connected.

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



Two key elements of revitalized churches are essential to our success in this stage of our strategic planning. They are accepting responsibility and choosing meaningful membership. These are two findings by author Thom Rainer and his research staff in his book entitled, Anatomy of a Revived Church. In this book, Rainer explains seven factors discovered by studying churches who avoided death and experienced revitalization. Churches, communities, and cultures change and are impacted by change. Without adapting to the changes that are happening and being experienced around them, churches will die. That's what's exciting about this time in our churches history. God says in Isaiah 43:19, "Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Join with us as God is doing a new thing in Bethel! It will start with obedience to the "Great Commission" found in Matthew 28:18-20 to make disciples of all nations. God is drawing new converts to our congregation. We must meet the challenge and overcome the barriers and challenges to build in this season of rebirth and revitalization. We must be disciples who make disciples. Disciple making is Jesus's strategy to build the church and advance the kingdom of God. In the coming weeks we will have strategic training on discipleship, being disciples and making disciples. We want to be where God is working, not where God was. Remember our motto: "We're all in this together, being the church God has called us to be."

#### Peace and Blessings,

Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-teacher



#### **Upcoming Worship Experiences and Events:**

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

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# BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO HELP US PROMOTE GOOD MENTAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN

# CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH



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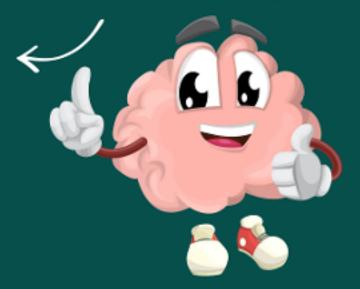
> Children Connect (ages 6-11) May 13

Youth Connect (ages 12-17) May 20

> Parents Connect May 27

Zoom Meeting ID#: 363 565 2266 is important!

HERE ARE A FEW
SIMPLE WAYS YOU CAN
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EMOTIONAL GROWTH



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Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-Teacher

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify[a]you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ









join us for

# VACATION BIBLE

6:30 PM TILL 7:30PM

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July 22nd - 24th, 2025

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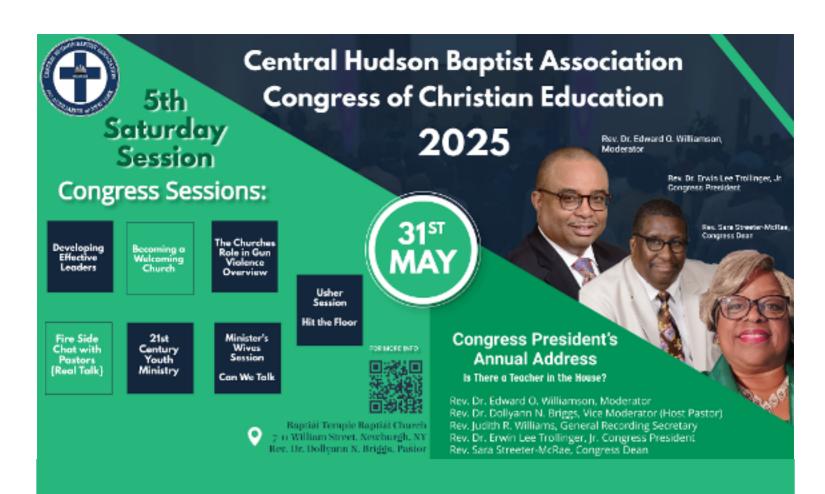
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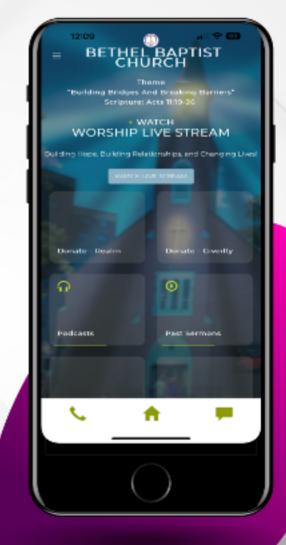
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## "Brother You're on My Mind" Mental Kealth Awareness Seminar

For far too long, mental health within the Black community has been a hushed topic, burdened by stigma and often ignored. This silence rings especially loud for Black men, who navigate unique societal pressures that significantly impact their well-being. A recent seminar, "Brother You're on My

Mind," served as a powerful catalyst for change, bringing together men to explore these challenges, emphasizing the critical importance of dismantling stigma and accessing essential care.

Hosted by the Men's Ministry in collaboration with the Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the event featured a crucial discussion facilitated by Dr. Shawna Aarons-Cook and Dr. Camille Banks-Lee. Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins also attended, highlighting the accessibility of mental health resources within the county.



The conversation centered around several key themes,

beginning with the vital importance of emotional regulation. Participants explored the difficulties of managing emotions within a society that often demands unwavering stoicism and resilience from Black men, leaving little room for vulnerability. The expectation to constantly embody strength, provide for their families, and navigate systemic racism creates an immense burden, leading to suppressed emotions that can manifest as anxiety,

depression, and even physical ailments.

A significant portion of the discussion delved into the crushing weight of societal expectations. Black men often carry the unfair burden of representing their entire community, constantly battling negative stereotypes, and proving their worth in various facets of life. This relentless pressure can foster feelings of inadequacy, isolation, and a fear of seeking

help, fearing they will be perceived as weak or incapable.



The urgent need for safe spaces where Black men can express vulnerability and seek support emerged as a crucial element. Participants emphasized the importance of cultivating environments free from judgment, where they can openly share their struggles, fears, and anxieties without feeling emasculated or misunderstood. These spaces can manifest in various forms, from therapy groups and community forums to informal gatherings where men can connect and build strong support networks.

"It's about creating a brotherhood where we can be honest with each other, where we can admit when we're struggling without feeling like we're letting anyone down," one participant shared. "We need to normalize the idea that seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness."

The conversation acknowledged the historical and societal factors that contribute to the persistent stigma surrounding mental health within the Black community. Distrust in the medical system stemming from past injustices, coupled with cultural beliefs that emphasize self-reliance, often deter Black men from seeking professional help.





# Women's Empowerment Brunch

### Women's Winning Weekend



March 15-16, 2025- The Women's Day committee put on a Women's Winning Weekend. The 2nd Annual Women's Day brunch held at the Harrison Meadows Country club kicked off on Saturday March 15, where under the direction of Rev. Frozine Smith a presentation of "Honoring the past, Pondering the present & Shaping the future was performed. This presentation held a captive audience, honoring 7 Bethelites who were recognized for their contributions: Pioneer/Trailblazer Lucy Emmanuel ( Robin Gulliaume), Missionary Field Nancy Bowser & Nannie Seward ( Dieulanie Philogen), Community Life Mamie Haynes, Elizabeth Johnson & Mark Cook ( Asjea Bowry) , Education: Public & Christian Bessie Emmanuel Mary Mitell ( Tins Stevens), Business Rubelle Myers Mary Ramey ( Monica Andaliski), Church Affiliations/Connections M. Inez Womack ( Sherleen Saintil) & Etiquette/Society Cornelia Evans & Zennie Johnson ( Felecia Hudson). They represent the legacy of the women whose shoulder's we stand on. The youth of the church helped us Ponder our Present and Shaping our future (Ariel Abraham, Susannah Mushatt, Zahar Grove,

Aspen Culler, Leiandra Abraham Trinity Smith & Riley Brooks). Brought forth with excellence, oh what a wonderful sight to see each young lady imparted with their insight.

The Biblical Silent Auction added a nuance of new reward for those who went after what they wanted to bring home. The Buffet Brunch was the pièce de resistance. Throughout the brunch you were invited to the Photo Booth (Ajsea Bowry) where we memorialized the event. Rest was needed for Sunday.













# Unnual Women's Winning Weekend

March 16, 2025- Ministry Latisha Robinson presided over service for our 91st Annual Women's Day and we were blessed with a multi-generational praise performance by the Fine arts ministry which included past and present women and children of Bethel, which was unlike no other. The spirit was with us that day as Hydrum Weaver introduced our Guest Minister Rev. Nicole Guns of Second Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk ,VA . Rev. Gun's sermon transformed the Sanctuary into a looking glass to the past as she delivered a powerful message that God was there in the beginning and is still on the Throne of Glory. This message was exemplified by the Holy Spirit's touching of souls during the invitation to discipleship. Such that, several youth and adults came forth to join the church as candidates for Baptism and under their Christian Experience!!!!!!! The balance of hovering in high heels and praise was seen and felt by all. Look no further than Genesis Chapter 1 of the bible to understand God was hovering over the land and he remains dominant over the land today. The weekend truly embraced the celebration of strength, sisterhood and fellowship.















### 2025 BBC SPRING REVIVAL

Bethel Baptist Church recently concluded its Annual Spring Revival, held from April 28th to 30th, leaving the congregation feeling invigorated and spiritually renewed. The revival was led by the esteemed Rev. Dr. Vernon D. Shelton, pastor of New Trinity Baptist Church of Amityville, NY, who delivered three powerful messages that resonated deeply with the congregation in-house and online.



Each night was marked by a high-spirited atmosphere, filled with prayer, praise, and a palpable sense of God's presence. Dr. Shelton, a gifted orator and dedicated servant of God, skillfully guided attendees through scripture, offering insightful interpretations and practical applications for daily life.

The revival kicked off on Monday evening with a message centered on the theme of "I'm Too Determined To Be Distracted," drawn from the Book of Nehemiah 6:1-4. Dr. Shelton explored the challenges and distractions that can hinder our spiritual progress, urging the congregation to remain steadfast in their faith and focused on their purpose. He encouraged attendees to emulate Nehemiah's unwavering commitment to rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem, despite facing opposition and discouragement.



Tuesday night, Dr. Shelton delivered a compelling sermon titled "Breaking Cycles: I'm Tired of Living Like This," based on the story of the woman with the issue of blood in Mark 5:25-28. He explored the power of faith and the possibility of breaking free from destructive patterns and limitations. The message resonated deeply, offering hope and encouragement to those struggling with personal challenges and the desire for positive change.

The revival culminated on Wednesday with a powerful message of hope and resilience, "When Life Gets You Down, Look Up!" taken from Isaiah 6:1. Dr. Shelton reminded the congregation that even in the darkest of times, there is always reason to look to God for strength, guidance, and comfort. He inspired attendees to keep their faith strong and to remember that God's love and support are unwavering.

Bethel Baptist Church extends its heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Shelton for his powerful ministry and for allowing God to use him to deliver such impactful messages. The congregation is deeply thankful for his commitment to sharing the Gospel and inspiring them to live more fully in faith. The revival has left a lasting impact, reminding the community of the importance of perseverance, faith, and looking to God in all circumstances. The spiritual renewal experienced during these three days will undoubtedly continue to strengthen and guide the Bethel Baptist Church community in the days and weeks to come.

Day 1 of Revival

Day 2 of Revival

Day 3 of Revival







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Questions Contact Deaconess Mae Henrie 518-527-5495



### Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.





Kairos Outside NYC (KONYC) is the local chapter of Kairos Prison Ministry International Inc. This organization addresses the spiritual needs of the incarcerated and their families. In many ways families "do time" right along with their incarcerated loved ones. Families are silent victims suffering with guilt, shame, isolation and rejection. KONYC offers these women, referred to as Guests, a Weekend Retreat at no cost to them. The next Weekend #24 takes place October 3-5,

2025. During this Weekend Guests share with other women that have similar concerns, allowing them to form support groups. This Weekend is facilitated by Christian volunteers that completed 36 hours of training and Team building. Please join us at The Thomas Berry Place, Jamaica, N.Y. for the Closing Ceremony on October 5th. You will witness what a wonderful ministry this is and experience God's love firsthand as the women share what the Weekend meant to them.

We are inviting you to support this ministry by donating your time and /or financial assistance. All donations are tax deductible. Kairos Outside N.Y.C. P.O. Box 1, Larchmont N.Y. 10538.Can you please donate to this ministry and help ensure that the next Weekend takes place.

Sincerely, Sharon Gilham

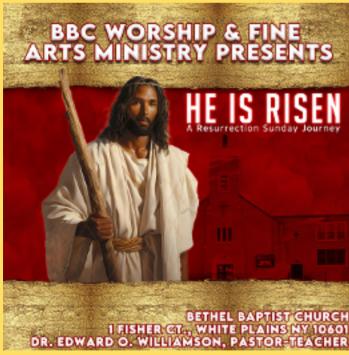
# Palm Sunday & Easter Baptisms Resurrection Sunday

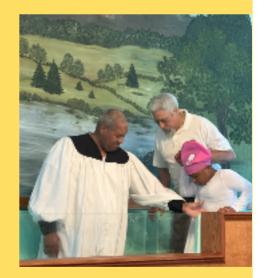


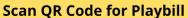




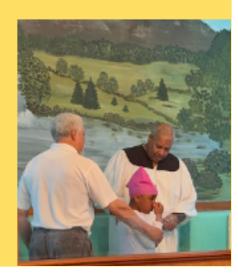












Written & Directed By: Sis. Marian Bobian

## Children's Easter Activities

Sponsored By: Youth Ministry and D&T Lab



























# 40 & Under: Vibe & Chill with Pastor Williamson Submitted by Marian Bobian



On Friday, April 11, 2025, the 40 & Under crew came together for a "Vibe & Chill" night with Pastor Williamson. The evening was filled with food, fun, fellowship — and plenty of laughs and memories!

The night kicked off with the "Hi, Pastor!" challenge, where Pastor Williamson had to guess who was greeting him just by their voice — and he got some surprises! Meanwhile, our younger guests (ages 10 and under and 11–17) enjoyed breakout sessions filled with arts, crafts, and lively games, while the young adults had a powerful and candid chat with Pastor.

The evening wrapped up sweetly with cake, ice cream, and a lively singing of "Happy Birthday" to Pastor Williamson!

A huge shoutout to our amazing support team:

Asjea Bowry, Evangelist Camille Holmes, Robine Guillaume, Giovanni Greene, Sherleen Saintil, Taheera Mushatt, Minister Delphine Burton, and Michelle Joseph.

Thank you to everyone in the 40 & Under crew who showed up and showed out! Let's keep building these meaningful connections and making the Bethel community stronger.





## Vibe & Chill With Pastor Cont.















## The Inauguration Ceremony for

### Westchester County Executive Kenneth W. Jenkins

Westchester County witnessed a historic moment today as Kenneth W. Jenkins was officially sworn in as County Executive, making history as the first Black County Executive in Westchester. The ceremony, held at Westchester Community College, was attended by dignitaries, elected officials and community leaders, all gathered to celebrate Jenkins' commitment to service, equity, and the future of the County.

#### Click Here to Watch the Inauguration Ceremony of Kenneth W. Jenkins



The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Belinda Miles, President of Westchester Community College, who highlighted the institution's alignment with Jenkins' vision for education and opportunity. The Emerald Society Pipes and Drums then delivered a stirring performance to set the tone for the momentous occasion.

New York State Senator Shelley Mayer, serving as Mistress of Ceremonies, led the formal proceedings, which included the Presentation of Colors by the Westchester County Police Department Color Guard

and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Westchester County Clerk Tim Idoni. Faith leaders Bishop Troy P. DeCohen and Imam Shaffieg Chace offered invocations to bless the event.

U.S. Senate Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer spoke at the event and commended Jenkins for his lifelong dedication to public service and his commitment to the people of Westchester County. Additional remarks were delivered by U.S. Congressman George Latimer, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, and Westchester County Democratic Committee Chair Suzanne Berger. The program also included a video message of congratulations from U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, New York State Attorney General Letitia James and New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

The event also featured a special poetry reading by Westchester County Poet Laureate Phylisha Villanueva, as well as a performance by the Calvary Baptist Church Youth Choir. A video presentation titled "Kenneth W. Jenkins – Strength in Public Service that Benefits the Most People" offered a reflection on his accomplishments and aspirations for the County.

The swearing-in ceremony was administered by The Honorable Kathie E. Davidson, Dean of the NYS Judicial Institute. During his remarks after the swearing-in ceremony Jenkins reaffirmed his commitment to Westchester County, emphasizing competency, civility and stability in his administration.

Jenkins: "You voted for stability, competency, and civility. You voted to chart a course that reflects our highest ideals. Here in Westchester we don't fly the airplane on the left wing, and we don't fly it on the right wing – we fly it right down the middle. And, we are on the journey, but the journey will be long. The work is just beginning. But we will not falter. We will rise to the challenge because, here in Westchester, we vote with our hearts, we vote with our heads, and we vote to enact laws that protect, defend, and uplift one another—always—regardless of skin color, gender, religion, or anything else that some try to use as weapons to divide us. We will not be divided. In Westchester, we respond and not react. Together, we will build a future that reflects the values we hold dear. The road ahead is long, but the strength and determination of this community will guide us every step of the way. And I stand here, humbly, to serve you and this great County. Our Westchester County."

Benedictions were delivered by Arun Bhagirath from the Hindu Temple of Tri-State and Rabbi Leora Frankel of Larchmont Temple, closing the ceremony with blessings for Jenkins' tenure ahead.

The event concluded with a celebratory reception at the David Swope Student Center, where attendees gathered to honor the new County Executive and look forward to a promising future under his leadership.





As many of you may already be aware, Vimeo is the parent company of Livestream.com and they have officially phased out Livestream.com platform. With that being said, our Livestream online viewing link is now www.Vimeo.Com/BethelBaptist ChurchWP. There

is **no subscription fee** to the viewers. You also are not required to register if you don't desire to do so, in order to chat with other online viewers. You can just enter your desired name and chat along with your fellow worshipers. You are also still welcomed to view our online worship on YouTube and Facebook as well.

#### www.Vimeo.com/BethelBaptistChurchWP



## **Mobile Food Distribution**

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Alyssa in the News

Univ. At Albany Recognizes Alyssa Jackson of White Plains for Fall 2024 Dean's List 🔗

The University at Albany has recognized Alyssa Jackson of White Plains for selection to the Fall 2024 Dean's List.

The Dean's List at the University at Albany recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of full-time undergraduate students.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher in their first semester of study and a GPA of 3.50 or higher in subsequent semesters.

November, 07 2024 - Verified by University at Albany

Alyssa Jackson was recognized for earning a spot on the Dean's List

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# It's Graduation Time!



JENNIFER VIGILLE IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE HER DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (ED.D.) IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP WITH A CONCENTRATION IN EDUCATION Friday, June 6, 2025



"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education." - Martin Luther King Jr.



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# CHBA Men of Integrity Recipient













Deacon McIver was selected to be this year recipient of the Central Hudson Baptist Association Man of Integrity by the Men's Ministry.

Deacon McIver's commitment led him to Bethel Baptist Church in White Plains, NY, under the leadership of Pastor-Teacher Dr. Rev. Edward O. Williamson. On February 9, 2020, he became a Deacon at Bethel, seamlessly integrating himself into the church's vibrant tapestry of ministries. He is actively involved in the Men's Ministry, lending his powerful voice to the Men's

Choir, contributing to Christian education initiatives, and dedicating his time to the vital Homeless and Food Bank Ministries. At Bethel, Deacon McIver continues to be a powerful influence, a vessel of encouragement not only to the church congregation but also to the wider community.

Deacon Wallace M. McIver is more than just a title; it represents a life devoted to God, family, and community. He embodies the very essence of a "Man of Integrity," serving as a paramount example of a God-led man. His unwavering commitment to service and his dedication to uplifting others are a source of inspiration to all who know him, especially to his children who are grateful to have such a dedicated father. He is a true blessing to those whose lives he touches, and a testament to the transformative power of living a life guided by faith.

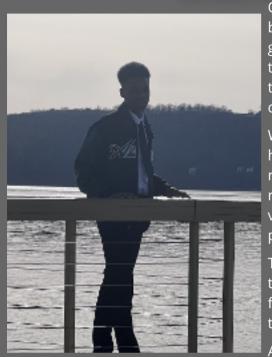
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#### Sending Love and Good Wishes: Amare Davis Embarks on a Ghanaian Adventure!



On April 10th, 2025, a very special young man named Amare Davis will be embarking on a journey of a lifetime. Amare, our beloved son and grandson, is traveling to Ghana, West Africa, with his classmates from the Learning Tree Cultural Preparatory School in the Bronx, NY. This trip is a momentous occasion, a celebration of his hard work and dedication throughout his 8th grade school year.

We, Jollanna and Sharon Gilham, couldn't be prouder of Amare and his classmates for this incredible opportunity. This journey to Ghana represents so much more than just a vacation; it's an immersion into a rich and vibrant culture, a chance to connect with history, and a valuable learning experience that will undoubtedly shape their perspectives for years to come.

The Learning Tree Cultural Preparatory School has clearly instilled in these young students a thirst for knowledge and a deep appreciation for global understanding. To witness Amare and his peers embrace this opportunity is truly inspiring.

As April 10th approaches, our hearts are filled with excitement and anticipation, but most importantly, with love. We are wishing Amare, his classmates, and the accompanying faculty safe and enriching travels. May their journey be filled with discovery, growth, and unforgettable moments. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures when they return!

Safe travels, Amare! We love you!



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# My 8th Grade Trip to Ghana

During my spring break I went on the most thought provoking trip in my life with my school. On April 10th, 2025 me and my class went on a trip to Ghana. Just like any person, I was very excited, but unlike most I wasn't nervous/ I was rather excited since this would be the first time I would be riding on a plane with my friends. When we arrived in Ghana it was very hot and I witnessed a lot of poverty. Yet at the same time I was amazed by the amount of gold there. Me and



my class also met some Kings which a few of the wore gold. Over all i learned a few lessons which were to always be grateful for what I have and never take my home, school, family, of life for granted.





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Dr. Vito Sessa, a retired physician and Ervan Caesar, a retired truck driver while having dissimilar backgrounds and experiences have become a force in the fatherhood community. Together, they have organized the JumpStart for Dads program - a 12-week virtual interactive program run by dads. It is based on the Fathering 15 Evidence-Based Skills Course just for dads. The goal of Jumpstart for Dads is to improve their children's overall emotional and social wellbeing, while helping fathers become the best they can be. Together, this power house team is changing the stigma of fathers' absences in the home and community.

Dr. Vito Sessa retired from his practice after a 40-year career teaching general pediatrics in Westchester and NYC metropolitan areas. Over those years he spent countless hours counseling parents and children. Retiring from pediatric practice in 2020, Dr. Vito has been an active volunteer with the White Plains Youth Bureau, serving as a Grandpas Mentor with Grandpas United.

Ervan Caesar has held several jobs throughout his life. As a truck driver, he traveled throughout the country hauling various products. He retired after a 42-year career. Ervan is an active member of the Bethel Baptist Church in White Plains, NY, where he is involved in various church ministries.

Together, Dr. Vito and Ervan are change agents, empowering and strengthening fathers to become productive members of the community.



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# Easter Sunday 4-20-2025 Parents:

# Jayquan Dayan Johnson & Danaiza Renee Saunders Grandparents:

**Bro. Earl & Sis. Cynthia Johnson** 







# 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

Sis. Sarah Juanita Bernard
Bro. Johnathan "Reese" Bertrand
Sis. Certulia Brice
Deaconess Florence Deloris Greene
Sis. Geogetta Kent

Deaconess Gwendolyn Ridgway

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#



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Wilbur Gibbons	May 1		
Richard Jackson, Sr	May 1		
Patricia Griffin	May 2		
Saliym Fitch	May 6		
Victoria Wilson	May 8		
Florence Robertson	May 10		
Brenda Johnson	May 13		
Rev. Deborah Williamson May 15			
Deaconess Monetta Ab			
Taheera Mushatt	May 17		
Zyaira Abraham	May 17		
Marie Ridgway	May 19		
Erieuse Brice	May 20		
Victoria Johnson-Taylor	May 21		
Dea. Wallace Mclver	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 P. Simpson	June 15
Georgeline Francois	June 16
Deaconess R. McMillan	June 22
Herbert Strobert	June 22
Willie Marie Butler	June 23
Julius Walker	June 23
Carol Reed	June 24
India Newman	June 25
Sandra J-Hadley	June 26
Asjea Bowry	June 26
Valerie Johnstone	June 28
Talia Jackson	June 30

July	
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
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> <u>June</u>

Dea. Richard & Deaconess Karen Jackson

May 6

Jemal & Katrina Mosley

May 6

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

June 28

Richard & Faye Gordon

July 1

Frank & Ann Williams

July 7

Dea Anthony/Deac Emily Sr

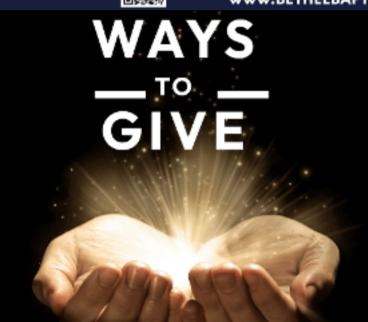
<u>July</u>

Dea. Anthony/Deac. Emily Smith
July 19





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MY ANNUAL SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Each member is encouraged to give their regular tithes and general offerings (percentage giving), based on individual/household income. Listed below are the special giving and sacrificial offerings for the year. Please select the tier of partnership which you and/or your household will give.

GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT
<ul> <li>First Fruit</li> </ul>	\$150/\$100
<ul> <li>Women's Day</li> </ul>	\$125
<ul> <li>Easter Sunday</li> </ul>	\$50/\$25
<ul> <li>Mother's Day</li> </ul>	\$50/\$25
<ul> <li>Church Anniversary</li> </ul>	\$150
<ul> <li>Men's Day</li> </ul>	\$125
<ul> <li>Stewardship Day</li> </ul>	\$50/\$25
<ul> <li>Christmas Offering</li> </ul>	\$50/\$25
<ul> <li>Capital Improvement</li> </ul>	\$125/\$100
<ul> <li>Loan Reduction</li> </ul>	\$125/\$100

DESIGNATED FUNDS     Missionary Day     Passage to Excellence     Scholarship	AMOUNT \$100 \$100 \$100
Million Dollar Fund     Memorial Funds	\$100 \$100
TOTAL	\$500

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

TOTAL \$1000/\$800



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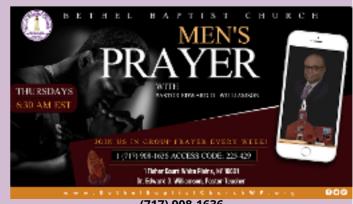


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Every Sunday: 9:00 AM EST



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