

Bethel Baptist Church

“Good News” Newsletter

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Message from Pastor

CELEBRATE EASTER -THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST - JOIN US AT 6:00 A.M. RESURRECTION MORNING!!!

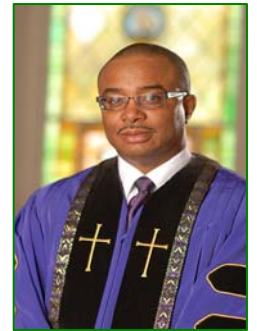
2011 Church Theme: “Building for the Future”

Emphasis for the Year: Evangelism, Ministry, and Missions/Outreach

Scriptural Foundation: Ephesians 4:11-16

Emphasis for April: Evangelism

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may be saved. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” The Words of Jesus, John 3:14-16



Dr. Williamson

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) God continues to richly bless our congregation as we have sought to navigate the challenges, changes, and opportunities we have faced in the first quarter of a new year. We thank God for the efforts of new church officers and ministry leaders to learn from the past and build for the future. We thank our church family for the tremendous support and prayers that have been shared as we make adjustments and sharpen our focus on the true mission of the church -- evangelism, ministry, and missions/outreach.

Our emphasis for this month will once again be upon evangelism. Tony Evans in his book *What Matters Most* states, “At its core, evangelism is making known the good news of Jesus Christ to a dying world. A more formal definition might be that evangelism is the verbal and visible declaration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the sins of mankind, done with the intent of leading people to salvation.”

Let us be intentional about sharing the gospel message and love of Christ with those we meet and encounter this month and throughout the year for the purpose of persuading them to follow Christ. Do you know the Roman Road? Following is a series of biblical passages from the Book of Roman that can be utilized to witness to someone and lead them to follow Christ.

The Roman Road Plan of Salvation

Romans 3:23 – all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:8 – God demonstrated his love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 – the wages of sin is death.

Romans 10:9 – if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raise Him from the dead...YOU WILL BE SAVED!!!

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2011 Men's Day Celebration

On Sunday, March 20, 2011, the Men's Fellowship Ministry celebrated their annual Men's Day celebration during the 10am worship service. The theme for the annual celebration was "***Mobilizing Men for Evangelism, Ministry, & Missions/Outreach***". The keynote speaker for the Men's Day service was **Rev. Charles Grant, Jr.**, Church Consultant in the Black Church Relations Division of LifeWay Christian Resources located in Nashville, Tennessee. Other featured guests for the Men's Day event were the Westchester County Chapter of **Omega Psi Phi**.

Rev. Grant's message, entitled "***The Mobilized Mighty Warrior***", gave an insight on how men can be "mobilized" to be effective in today's ministry. Scriptures referenced in his message came from **Ephesians 2: 8-10, Mark 2: 1-5, and Mark 3: 13-15**. The main points highlighted in Rev. Grant's message included:

Purpose for Mobilization (Ephesians 2: 8-10)

Profile for Mobilization (Mark 2: 1-5)

Power for Mobilization (Mark 3: 13-15)

Rev. Grant challenged the men to have the knowledge that we must be saved to serve, commit ourselves to be persistent in a team approach to ministry, and to be confident in the healing power of Jesus Christ. He also gave examples of ways to reach out to men in the community through creating bible studies and coordinating special events.

The Men's Day Choir, directed by **Bro. Joseph Mosley** and accompanied by **Bro. James Patterson**, Director of Music on keyboards, ministered to the congregation with selections uplifting our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Omega Psi Phi presented Bethel Baptist Church with a generous donation towards Men's Day and held a dedication service for deceased members of the organization. After the dedication service, a repast fellowship was held in the Christine Mitchell Fellowship Hall with Omega Psi Phi and all of the men who attended the Men's Day Celebration.

Overall, the Men's Day Celebration was a huge success and the men were truly blessed by receiving God's word from Rev. Grant as well as the fellowship from the large number of men who attended the event.

To God Be The Glory!!!



Submitted by: Bro. Irvin Jones
President, Men's Ministry



Pastor Williamson Honored

On March 19, 2011, at a NAACP breakfast the Westchester Region NAACP ACT-SO presented Pastor Williamson with the Community Service Award.

At the same breakfast the Westchester County Board of Legislators honored him with a proclamation, "Whereas throughout history Westchester County has been blessed with outstanding men and women whose commitment to their profession and community has greatly enriched the lives of the citizens they serve..." The Honorable Ken Jenkins, chairman of Westchester Board of Legislators was the guest speaker.

Congratulations to our Pastor!!



Happy Birthday



We're Praying for You

Church Calendar - April

Dana Wiley	April 1
Darryl Jenkins	April 2
Linda Robertson	April 2
Kenan Weaver	April 3
Renee Davis	April 5
Brandon Clack	April 6
Deaconess Ann Williams	April 9
Pastor Williamson	April 12
Catherine Bennett	April 13
Cleo N. Daniels	April 15
Carolyn Lynk	April 19
Gracie Smith	April 19
Wideon McKoy	April 20
Yvonne Hamme	April 20
Thomas Miller, Jr.	April 21
Eddie Garnett	April 21
Livvie Fillyow, Jr.	April 26
Raymond Mitchell	April 27
Robin Turner	April 27
Kendra Waller	April 28
Clara Weston	April 30
Sian Fletchman	April 30

Happy Birthday ...Pastor Williamson

Edna Adams	Rose Johnson
Elaine Barnett	Zennie Johnson
Ethel Bethune	Sylvia Latimer
Janie Mae Blair	Samuel Leary
Robert Blair	Constance Lee
Cynthia Bowen	Luvenia Lunn
Marie Cochran	Benzina Mazyck
Charlene Coram	Constance Moody
James Evans	Rubelle Myers
Bennie Felder	Aaron Nixon
Glenda Felder	Aretha Powell
Judy Foster	Mary Ramey
Tyrone Foster	Luvinia Robertson
Emily Garnett	Priscilla Robinson
Altheia Gilham	Izetta Shoulders
Lolita Glover	Desiree Smith
William Grayson	Jackie Smith
Larry Gunn	Lillian Smith
Hattie Hall	Raymond Smith
Pearlie Harper	Karen Watts
Annie Horton	Clara Weston
Matthew Johnson	Dora Williamson

Happy Anniversary

Leon & Barbara High	April 12
Robert & Louise Blair	April 12
Clarence & Marlene High	April 13

(37 yrs.)

April 4	Men's Ministry, 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Aid, 6:30 p.m.
April 5	Homeless Ministry, 7:00 p.m. Youth PraiseDancers, 7:00 p.m. Senior Ushers, 7:30 p.m.
April 6	Star of Bethlehem Baptist, Ossining, NY Happy Hour Service, 7:00 p.m. Pastor Williamson, guest preacher
April 9	Associates Ministers, 9:00 a.m. Leaders Meeting, 10:00 a.m. New Members Luncheon, 12 noon
April 10	First Community Baptist, Greenburgh, NY, 3:30 p.m. 50th Church Anniversary, Pastor Williamson, guest preacher Junior Ushers 75th Annual Sermon 3:30. p.m.
April 11	Women's Ministry, 6:00 p.m.
April 12	Senior Ministry, 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, 6:00 p.m.
April 14	Mt. Hope AME, Pastor Maddox Anniversary, 7:00 p.m. Pastor Williamson, guest preacher
April 16	Adult Praise Dancers, 3:00 p.m. Homeless Ministry, 3:30 p.m.
April 22	Ministers Fellowship Council Good Friday Service, Mt. Hope AME, 7:00 p.m.
April 24	Ushers' Annual Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.



Bethel Baptist Church To Be Honored

By Grace Church Community Center

Grace Church Community Center (GCCC) is pleased to announce that it will be honoring Bethel Baptist Church at our annual "Oasis of Hope" cocktail fundraiser on May 12th.

We are extremely grateful for all that Bethel Baptist Church has done to support our Open Arms men's shelter and Samaritan House women's shelter over the past six years. The annual dinner hosted by your Senior Ministry for our shelter clients is one of the highlights of their year and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to formally recognize and thank you for your support.

We are also very pleased that Ted Lee has agreed to be part of our evening's entertainment.

We hope that many of you will join us as we honor your church and its contributions to our agency or that you will take the opportunity to send a congratulatory message through our event journal.

GCCC is a 501 (c) (3) non-sectarian, social services agency. Every year we assist 3,900 of Westchester County's neediest men, women and children and provide 100,000 meals to the hungry and 26,000 nights of shelter to the homeless. No hungry or homeless person is ever turned away.

OASIS OF HOPE COCKTAIL FUNDRAISER

Ritz-Carlton

Thursday, May 12, 2011

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Cocktails, Food Stations & Silent Auction

Entertainment- Featuring Ted Lee and the Virgil Scott Swing Band

Tickets \$150 each or \$1400 for Group of 10

Opportunities for Sponsorships, Journal Ads & Silent Auction Donations

Contact Chris Schwartz 914-949-3098 ext. 135

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Saturday, March 12, 2011

Missionary Ministry Presents a Workshop

on

Mission, Ministry and Outreach

Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Facilitator

Bethel Baptist Missionary Ministry was joined by 22 other Missionaries from neighboring churches plus 22 from our Missionary Ministry & the church for this very informative workshop on "**The World-Wide Mission of the Church**".— A presentation for Bethel Baptist church Missionary Ministry on Mission, Ministry, and Outreach. The focus of the workshop was how to conduct yourself when visiting the sick in hospitals, nursing homes and in their homes.

Bethel's Missionary Ministry will go out into the vineyard on April 17th to visit the sick and shut-in members that aren't able to attend worship service. Our goal is to minister, fellowship and assist in any way we can.

The workshop was enjoyed by all, especially our guests. We are all looking forward to the next workshop.





Beatrice Jones (former Bethel Member Turns “100”)

Beatrice Jones celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at the Cedar Ridge Retirement community, in Burlington, North Carolina, in conjunction with the center’s “Love Is In The Air” event.

She was born February 5, 1911, in Alamance county. Her parents were John Wiley and Enolia McBroom Wiley, both deceased. Beatrice has two sisters, Ophelia Baynes of Green Level and Lorine Fanville of Burlington.

Beatrice attended school in Green Level and moved to White Plains, NY where she was a member of Bethel Baptist Church. She worked at General Motors, where she met her husband John M. Jones of South Carolina. They married in 1934 and had one son, now deceased. After her husband passed away in April of 2007, she moved back to Green Level to be closer to her sister. She has been a part of the Cedar Ridge Retirement Community for three years and can be found playing Bingo along with the rest of the residents at least three days of the week.

Nurses’ and Women’s Ministries



On March 13, 2011, the Nurses’ and Women’s Ministries collaborated on hosting a luncheon and educational health forum on UTERINE FIBROIDS and other treatment options. In addition, this was a partnership with Gold Star Communications based in Chicago, Illinois and it was a HUGE SUCCESS with a significant number of women in attendance on that day.



We experienced a wonderful, healthy luncheon provided and served by ShopRite of White Plains’ management team after which we came together in the sanctuary for the presentation.

A representative from Gold Star Communication, introduced the speaker, Dr. Ted Chambers of Access Care Physicians/Vascular & Interventional Specialist, Westchester, who delivered an informative presentation addressing what uterine fibroids were and how women have options, other than having a hysterectomy, to solve symptoms caused by fibroids.

It was noted that approximately three-out-of every four American women have uterine fibroids. African-American women-and those of any race with a family history- are more likely to develop fibroids than other women. It’s estimated that between 50% and 80% of American women will develop fibroids.

The procedure, UFE or uterine fibroid embolization, was not known to most of the women in the audience. It was presented as being clinically proven to reduce the major symptoms of all types of fibroids, including pain, excessive and prolonged bleeding and frequent urination.

There were many questions that followed the presentation and further follow-up was offered by way of a free consultation with Dr. Chambers.

Many thanks to all those that made this event a success and we look forward to other opportunities that may address health issues in the communities in which we live.

Submitted by Min. Leatrice Tyler



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY CRITERIA

Bethel Baptist Church Scholarship

An “active” member (a baptized participating member of the church)
 List involvement in the church ministries /activities /programs
 Essay
 Completed application – high school transcript, college acceptance letter, etc...

Community service

Attendance at pre-scholarship meetings/functions and June recognition service

Bethel Baptist Church Book Award

- Member of Bethel Baptist Church
- Limited participation in church ministries/activities/programs

Lucille Grayson Scholarship

- An “active” member of the church
- Student must be accepted/entering an HBCU(Historically Black Colleges & Universities)
- Submit a college acceptance letter
- Submit a copy of high school transcript
- Attend the recognition service on the fourth Sunday in June

Louis H. Wade Scholarship

- An “active member of the church
- Active participation in community activities
- Active in school activities
- Must have a 2.5 overall GPA or better to be considered
- Must be attending a 2 or 4 year college/university
- Well rounded student
- Submit a copy of college acceptance letter
- Submit a copy of high school transcript
- Attend the recognition service on the fourth Sunday in June

Robert Armond Scholarship

- An “active” member of the church
- Active in school and community
- Submit a college acceptance letter
- Majoring in one of the following areas: music, education, counseling, technology
- Submit a copy of high school transcript



The Education Ministry was very blessed to collect enough items to be able to send 15 care packages to our college students that are away in college. Our students were very thankful and grateful to be remembered in such a special way, thank you cards came pouring in thanking the church and the Education Ministry for such thoughtfulness & kindness shown to them. For some of our students having food that was very easy to prepare was great because they were studying for finals. This gesture is always a big hit with our college students. Thank you to Bethel for all of your love and support shown to the Education ministry.

*Submitted by Sis. Mary Frances Perkins
 Chairman, Education Ministry*

**WANT TO LOSE WEIGHT,
GET HEALTHIER
AND
FEEL BETTER?**



**The New Weight Watchers PointsPlus Program
is coming to Bethel!!!**

Join us on this weight loss journey toward adopting a
healthier way to live and keep the weight off!!

This is a 12 week pre-paid program.

An Easy Payment Plan is also available!!!!

**If interested, you can call our church contact person, Sister Pat Manns
at 914 285-9108**

On the Streets Where We Lived,

A black pictorial history of White Plains, is a book being
published by the Roots of White Plains Association, Ltd.

Hard cover \$50, soft cover \$35. A fund raising reception will
be held May 15, 2011 from 2-4 pm, at the White Plains Public Library.

Please be our guest, and please place an order for this book which
will be a collectible item. Contact persons in Bethel Baptist church
are Jacquie Shoulders, Eddie Adams, Dennis Holland and Teddy Lee.

Book availability is expected to be sometime in April.

Submitted by Teddy Lee

Evangelism and discipleship go hand in hand for believers. For a believer to grow and develop spiritually, he or she must become a disciple. A disciple is a learner and follower of Jesus Christ. He or she learns the principles of Christ and applies them to his or her life. A disciple when fully trained will become like his teacher. (Luke 6:40) When a person is disciplined, he or she then is equipped to reproduce – to evangelize and disciple others.

On April 9th, following the Leaders Meeting, we will host a Fellowship Luncheon for newer members of our congregation. If you have not had the opportunity to attend a new membership luncheon, please attend and bring your family members. The deacons, deaconess, pastoral staff, and ministry leaders would like to welcome you to our congregation and tell you a few things about the ministry and programs/activities of our church.

In April we will begin to implement a special initiative of our Sunday School Publishing Board called SEED. SEED is an acronym for Spiritual Elements Essential for Discipleship. This is a small group study series designed to help move people from church membership to discipleship. We will be utilizing two series of the study over the next sixteen weeks to explore their impact upon our congregation. The first series is entitled, "Discipleship and New Life". The second series that will be implemented over the summer months is entitled, "Discipleship and Life Choices". Please join with us as we seek to grow and develop spiritually.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:28-30) Tell someone about Jesus. Join with us in our evangelistic efforts this month as we take our message to the streets, the community, and the world. Remember our motto: "We're all in this together, being the church God has called us to be." To God be the glory!



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