

# Bethel Baptist Church

## "Good News" Newsletter

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## Message from Pastor

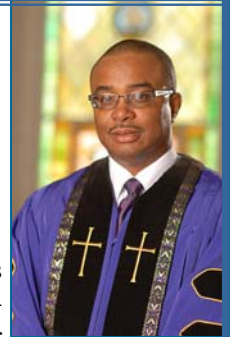
**2011 Church Theme:** "Building for the Future"

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

**Scriptural Foundation:** Ephesians 4:11-16

**Emphasis for May:** Evangelism

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! The Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations. We encourage all our members, friends, and the community to join us in our Annual Spring Revival Services, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Our guest preacher for the week is the Rev. Myron Taylor, pastor of the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church located in East St. Louis, IL.



Dr. Williamson

Bethel will be honored by the Grace Community Center for its community service and outreach to the homeless in our community. The Senior Ministry is highlighted because of their annual program to the clients and residents of the shelters sponsored by the Grace Community Center. The Homeless Ministry is recognized because of their monthly meals service and other ministry services extended to the homeless. We also acknowledge the efforts of our Young Adult Ministry for their involvement in the Midnight Run Ministry Program collecting coats, shoes, and other goods to distribute goods to the homeless in areas of New York City. Taking the love of Christ and the message of the gospel through ministry, missions, and outreach is a core value and priority of our church family. Our vision is to be a beacon of hope to individuals, families, the community, and the world.

Look for Bethel on social network sights Twitter and Facebook. We are already on the next level and seeking to serve and minister to a new generation. One of the ways we will be connecting and communicating with members of our congregation and the community is through the use of Twitter and Facebook. We have formed a new information and technology team for our congregation. They will help us use Twitter and Facebook as well as update our computer lab and use technology for ministry, programs, and administration. They will also develop and conduct workshops and seminars to help us transition into the new information age and use technology safely and efficiently. The group will provide a brief introduction at the leaders meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Rev. Frozine Reece Smith. Rev. Smith has completed requirements to be conferred the Doctor of Ministry terminal degree. Graduation service will be held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and a special worship celebration service will be held here at Bethel on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Let us commend Rev. Smith for her accomplishment. Special thanks to the women who participated in her degree project and the committee that served as advisors to aide in her work.

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## Junior Ushers 75th Anniversary April 10, 2011



The 75th Anniversary celebration for the Junior Ushers was a joyous event. Guest ushers from sister churches responded in a spirit of love. Every aspect of the service worshiped God in a spirit of truth. Thank God for our church family who came out to support our junior ushers. We also thank God for the Matrons (Sisters Linda Nichols and Jonette Mines) of this ministry and New Creations Choir who praised the Lord in song. Min. Young was the guest preacher and the text came from Psalm 101 and Romans 2. Our children and youth demonstrated that they too are "Building for the Future."



Submitted: Min. Virginia Mebane-Young

## Bethel Honoree



On Thursday, May 19th The Working Churches of Westchester and vicinity will honor **Sis. Ann Hadley**. This celebration will take place at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in Peekskill, New York at 7:00 p.m.

## Bethel Baptist Church Sunday School

Presents the children of Bethel

### “What Easter Means to Me”

Directed by: Deaconess Karen Jackson and Sister Diane Hadley



“What Easter Means To Me” was the theme of our annual Sunday School Easter Program. The twenty-five children that participated in the program did an outstanding job conveying their interpretations of true meaning of Easter through their recitations of speech, poetry and musical selections.

The program began with a high spirited march led by Tarra and Farrah Blanca. The children carried crosses as they echoed the words marching into the sanctuary, “Let me tell you what Easter means! It’s more than bunnies and chocolate beans!!” Their speech presentations were delivered impeccably, demonstrating their sincere commitment to giving God their best and most importantly showing their heightened level of knowledge and understanding of the Easter story about Jesus and His love.



Committee Chairpersons

Deaconess Karen Jackson and I served as committee chairpersons. The parents of our children are to be commended for their efforts and **ALL** who contributed their time and talents in making the Easter program a blessing to our children, our church and all who attended.

Submitted with sincere gratitude and love,  
Sister Diane Hadley



### Sister Marlene High Honored

On April 16, 2011 at Lake Isle Country Club in Eastchester, NY, Sis. Marlene High was presented The Sojourner Truth Award, presented by Mrs. Annie R. Lucas, Governor of the Northeast District of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club Inc.

This annual award was given to Sister High for her dedication and service. She was on the Negotiating Team for county employees, which was the driving force for obtaining Martin Luther King's Birthday as a holiday for all county employees. In addition, in 1979 she was the first black woman to be elected to the Westchester County Local 860 Civil Service Association and the first black woman to be elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Westchester County Unit of C.S.E.A. She also, along with other members, formed and is a chartered member of the Westchester Federal Credit Union.

She was presented with beautiful flowers by Sis Rosalind Keys from Rev. Edward O. Williamson and the Bethel family, along with many other congratulatory flowers and gifts from her family and friends.



### Maya Adelakun

Celebrates 1st Birthday, April 19th

Granddaughter of  
Sis. Dolores Manigault  
Daughter of our photographer,  
Sis. Andrea Manigault



### by Birthday



### We're Praying for You

### Church Calendar - May

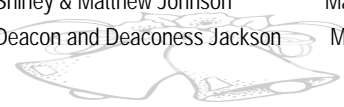
Wilbur Gibbons	May 1
Richard Jackson, Sr.	May 1
Juanita Rice	May 4
Jard DeBron Long-Hobbs, Sr.	May 5
Rosalind Sledge	May 5
Saliym Fitch	May 6
Victoria Wilson	May 8
Brandon Abney	May 10
Florence Roberson	May 10
Darrel Ward	May 10
Cameron Orr	May 11
Francine Burnett	May 11
Amanda Hay	May 11
Eddie Williams	May 11
Brenda Johnson	May 13
<b>Rev. Deborah Williamson</b>	<b>May 15</b>
Deaconess Monetta Abraham	May 15
Georgetta Kent	May 16
Wynette Bates	May 16
Robine Guillaume	May 16
David Hadley	May 17
Taheera Mushatt	May 17
Tenisha Robinson	May 19
Terri Vample	May 19
Victoria Johnson	May 21
Glady's R. Wiggins	May 22
Ethel Bethune	May 23

Edna Adams	Matthew Johnson
Elaine Barnett	Rose Johnson
Louise Bennett	Zennie Johnson
Ethel Bethune	Samuel Leary
Janie Mae Blair	Constance Lee
Robert Blair	Luvenia Lunn
Mildred Carelock	Benzina Mazyck
Marie Cochrane	Constance Moody
Charlene Coram	Rubelle Myers
James Evans	Aaron Nixon
Bennie Felder	Aretha Powell
Glenda Felder	Mary Ramey
Emily Garnett	Luvinia Robertson
William Grayson	Priscilla Robinson
Larry Gunn	Izetta Shoulders
Hattie Hall	Jackie Smith
Pearlie Harper	Raymond Smith
Annie Horton	Karen Watts
William Jenkins	Clara Weston
	Dora Williamson

<b>Happy Birthday Cont'd</b>	
Shirley Johnson	May 24
Dea. Emily Rowe-Smith	May 24
Erica Walker	May 28
Diane O. Diggs	May 28
Julia Hardy	May 28
Tracey Williams	May 31

Shirley & Matthew Johnson	May 9
Deacon and Deaconess Jackson	May 6

<b>May 2</b>	Women's Ministry, <b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>May 2-4</b>	Annual Spring Revival Rev. Myron Taylor, pastor New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church E. St. Louis, Il., <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>May 5</b>	Education/Scholarship Ministry, Scholarship Applicants, <b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>May 7</b>	Associate Ministers, <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Leaders Meeting, <b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>May 9</b>	Men's Ministry, <b>6:30 p.m.</b> VBS Volunteers, <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>May 10</b>	Senior Ministry, <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Boy Scouts, <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Senior Ushers, <b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>May 12</b>	Grace Church Community Center Hon ors Bethel's Senior and Homeless Min istries, Ritz-Calton Hotel, <b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>May 14</b>	Women's Ministry Workshop 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Registration, <b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>May 15</b>	Missionary Ministry Meeting following <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Service
<b>May 16</b>	Pastor's Aid, <b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>May 22</b>	Special Recognition Service Rev. Frozine Reece-Smith, <b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>May 28</b>	Senior Ministry Book Review, <b>10:00 a.m.</b> 5th Saturday Session





## 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
- Submit a copy of high school transcript
- Majoring in one of the following areas: music, education, counseling, technology



**The Education/Scholarship Ministry is requesting contact information from Bethel's graduating High School seniors. (phone numbers..home/cell...email addresses etc.)**

**There will be an important informational meeting for graduating Bethel Baptist Church High School seniors and their parents on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.  
HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES TOUR**

April 17 -22 2011



This tour visited 10 HBCU's located in the southern and northeastern sections of the United States. Namely: Tennessee State University, Fisk University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, Southern University at New Orleans, Dillard Univ, Norfolk State Univ, Xavier Univ, Clark-Atlanta University and Hampton University Our special thanks to the **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.** for hosting this yearly event of over 80 youth from Westchester County; the Bethel Church family for its financial support and prayers. Our continued gratitude to **Sis. Tasha Pine** and **Trustee**

**Andre Early** for taking time to invest in the lives of our youth by chaperoning the (6) teen members. Your sacrifice is so appreciated by our church body and our youth.

**Dianna Brice, Brittney McKenzie, Asjea Bowry, Joshua Orr, Raymond Jackson and Breon Ruff.**  
**Our youth are the BEST!**

We wanted to share some comments and pictures of their experience. **To God be the Glory!**

Rev. Deb Williamson - Coordinator



## College Tour Students' Comments...

During spring break, I attended the 2011 College Tour and found it to be quite a learning experience. It narrowed down my options significantly as well as prepared me for college next year. Prior to the tour, the word "college" alone made me apprehensive, however, now that I've been given the mindset needed, I'm ready. Although we visited nine colleges, I found Spelman College to be my absolute favorite. Despite it being a beautiful campus, it offers numerous opportunities for young black women such as myself. The college is known as #1 for producing the majority of black females in the sciences and is highly respected. I also found myself meeting a variety of new people. Within the college tour itself, there were other high school students from Yonkers, Mount Vernon, Greenburg, Elmsford, and even the Bronx. It was fun getting to know them as well as their interest and future goals. If given this opportunity again, I would definitely take it. Thank you Bethel family for this wonderful experience.

Brittney McKenzie

I was very fortunate to be able to attend the college tour sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity from April 16th to April 23rd. On this tour we visited many HBCU's including: Howard University, Xavier University, Dillard University, Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University and many others. It was very interesting to see these different schools and to be able to see the different cities that each school was located in. I enjoyed seeing people like me in such a large capacity working towards a greater education. My favorite school on the tour was Spelman College located in Atlanta, Georgia. The campus is beautiful and small and everything is located on one campus which is something that I look for in a college. The students seemed to be passionate about learning and getting an education and this attracted me to the school even more. When I go to college I want to be surrounded by people who have the same passion for learning as I do. Overall I had a great experience and I am very thankful that I had the opportunity to go on this tour. Without you Bethel this would not have been possible, thank you again and again. I will make you proud!

Dianna Brice

I am very fortunate and grateful for this opportunity given to me by generous people in my community. I thank all of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity members that constructed this tour for naive students like me, to the variety of historically black colleges around the United States. Ohio State was my college of choice for many years now; and this tour helped broaden my perspective to other, more beneficial fall backs than my initial plans. Tennessee State University, Alabama State University, Clark Atlanta University and Morehouse College are now a part of my registration plan being set up by my guidance counselors and I. I can honestly say this would have never become reality without the time and consideration of my parents, church, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and all of the chaperones that donated their time to attend this "journey" with us. Thank you all.

Raymond Jackson

The historically black college and university tour, sponsored by the men of Kappa Alpha Psi was a very beneficial trip. During this college tour I received a new opinion on southern school, I wouldn't expect to find an interest in any other schools then the ones in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina; but this tour to Tennessee, Louisiana, and Alabama has changed that perspective. The chaperones from the tour were absolutely outstanding. They helped you get information for whatever you felt you might want to major in. One of the schools I really enjoyed was Clark Atlanta. The vibe that I received when walking on to the campus made me really want to consider attending that university. Thank you Bethel for your investment in us.

Asjea Bowry

The college tour was a very interesting trip. Although there were many obstacles in the way of us getting from place to place we still managed to get there with a positive mindset. The tour guides were great and the chaperons were phenomenal. I felt that all the people in our group who attended this event handled themselves accordingly and with respect. We saw many colleges on this trip which allowed us to have an idea of what's out there for us. We also had the opportunity to think about what we would like in our future colleges. It also gave me the opportunity to rule out colleges that were not in my area of interest. If I had the opportunity to go on a trip like this again, I would be interested because it was very informative. I also enjoyed myself with my friends that came on this trip. It gave us the chance to spend a great time together.

Josh Orr

I liked Tennessee State University. I liked the campus grounds including the campus store that was available to the students. I also liked the courses that were part of their curriculum. Thank you Bethel for helping me see a bigger picture of a college education and what it can do for my future.

Breon Ruff



**ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH AND FRIENDS!!!**

The next "Building Christian Relationships Among Women" Workshop sponsored by the Women's Ministry, will be held on:

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Registration and Continental Breakfast begins at 9:00 a.m.

Workshop will be facilitated by Rev. Frozine Reece-Smith

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served - \$5.00 per person

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



*For more information, please contact the church office @ 914-949-2792*



***Easter Sunday***



Sunday School Program

Baptism after 6:00 a.m.

Sunrise Service



We continue to emphasize evangelism and discipleship as primary functions of our church as the body of Christ. We are called to be witnesses and proclaimers in the world telling the good news about salvation and new life through Jesus Christ. We are also charged to make disciples of all nations. Every member of the church is a witness and a minister. Attend prayer meeting and bible study. The current focus of bible study is on the SEED small group discipleship series one, "Discipleship and New Life In Christ". Move from membership to discipleship and discover the joys of new life in Christ. Remember our motto, **"We're all in this together, being the church God has called us to be."**



### **God's Masterpiece is Mother**

God took pieces of everything wonderful to make moms

God took the fragrance of a flower...

The majesty of a tree...

The gentleness of morning dew...

The calm of a quiet sea...

The beauty of the twilight hour...

The soul of a starry night...

The laughter of a rippling brook...

The grace of a bird in flight...

Then God fashioned from these things

A creation like no other,

And when his masterpiece was through

He called it simply – Mother.

Herbert Farnham



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