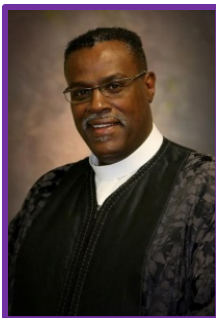


The Call to Worship

- L: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord; our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
- P: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**
- L: Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.
- P: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.**
- L: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.
- P: For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silent before Him.**
- L: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.
- P: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.**



Pastor Beaman

"The Burden of Hate" Leviticus 19:9-18

The burden of hate is a heavy load. As America struggles with its identity and stands at the crossroad of race and relationship with each other, we all have an opportunity to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. God has created us **in** love and He created us **to** love. This is God's divine purpose and will for our lives.

We see in our sermonic text that God's standard for relational and personal conduct requires we live blameless before God. Poverty was never God's plan for anyone. The strong and the prosperous were to make sure the poor were allowed to harvest in the same fields. God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others.

We are not to lie or deceive one another. Lying is wrong no matter who tells the lie. Injustice toward the poor, showing partiality to the rich, slanderous gossip or bearing a grudge against someone decreases one's spiritual capital. Hate corrodes the inside and haters are miserable people. There is no fear in love.

If anyone claims to love God, they must love their brother and their sister. Hate disqualifies us from God's promises. The change must happen in the heart. Hatred is a heart condition. Let go of the burden, the desire for revenge and the unforgiving spirit.

Church Calendar Week of February 18th – February 24th

SUNDAY	7:00am – 7:00 a.m. Worship Service [Fellowship Hall] 8:00am – 8am Morning Worship [Sanctuary] 9:00am – Church School [Youth: Annex; Adults: Board Room] 9:45am – Adult Church School [Sanctuary] 10:45am – 10:45am Morning Worship [Sanctuary] 10:45am – Youth Enrichment Service (Y.E.S.) [Lower Annex]
MONDAY	Church and Church Offices Closed
TUESDAY	10:00am-8pm – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108] 3:00pm – Daisy Jackson Homework Club [Bancroft School] 6:00pm – Sanctuary Choir [Fellowship Hall] 6:30pm – Liturgical Dance Ministry [Sanctuary] 7:00pm - Body & Soul Wellness Meeting [Panera Bread-Fairfax]
WEDNESDAY	9:00am – IMAC/Faith in Action [Board Room] 10:00am-2pm – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108] 10:45am – Morning Bible Study/Faith Building Clinic [Board Room] 12:00pm – Hour of Power [Sanctuary] 1:00pm – The Connie Young Fellowship [Fellowship Hall] 3:00pm – Daisy Jackson Homework Club [Bancroft School] 5:15pm – Body & Soul Exercise Class [Fellowship Hall] 5:30pm – Junior Scouts [Annex 103] 6:00pm – Intercessory Prayer [Sanctuary]; Praise Team [Annex 108] 6:00pm - Financial Pitfalls & Attitudes About Money [Lounge] 7:00pm – Faith Building Clinic/Bible Study [Sanctuary] 7:00pm – Women's Bible Study [Fellowship Hall]
THURSDAY	10:00am-2pm – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108] 11:00am – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Fellowship Hall] 3:00pm – Daisy Jackson Homework Club [Bancroft School] 6:00pm - Ministry to Women [Fellowship Hall] 6:30pm – Scholarship Committee Meeting [Annex 108] 6:30pm – Liturgical Dance Ministry [Sanctuary]; Thursday Club [Lounge] 7:00pm – Strategic Planning & Steering Committee [Board Room] 7:00pm – Class Leader Executive Board [Annex 107] 7:00pm – Missionary Society Exec. Board [Conference Call]
FRIDAY	10:00am-2pm – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex Lower Level] 6:00pm – Genesis Choir [Room 108]; Children's Choir [Annex 103] 6:30pm – Bethel Voices of Light [Sanctuary]
SATURDAY	9:00am – Sons of Allen Bible Study [Annex 103] 9:00am – Sensational Seniors Luncheon [Fellowship Hall] 10:00am – 7am Worship Choir Rehearsal [Annex 108] 11:00am – Men's Chorus [Annex 103] 11:00am – Board of Christian Education [Board Room]

Greeters – February 25th
8:00am – Daphane Davis, Gloria Walls
10:45am – Carolyn Kegler, Cecelia Sanders



The flowers on the altar were given by Dr. Gladys McGuire Glover in loving memory of Milton McGuire and the Sharp Shooter Sample Family.



Congratulations to our Founder's Day Celebration Winners and Honorable Mentions! Faith Skinner (2nd Place Essay), Deanna Sinclair (3rd Place Essay, tie), Faith Skinner (3rd Place Poster), Ellis Swinton and Faith Skinner (MultiMedia, Honorable Mention), Aliya Valle, Troy Beverly and Rashid Flonnory (Poster Contest Honorable Mention). They competed against youth from over 300 churches in the First Episcopal District. **Brother Kevin Coleman, Jr.** earned a Masters of Business Administration from Delaware State University.

Please submit all bulletin announcements to Sis. Vanetta Harper by calling the church office 302-658-1676 or vharper@bethelwilm.org by Monday at 5:00pm.

Official Board will be held on Monday, February 26th at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

The **Sylvia Olden Lee Music Guild** presents "A Festival of Negro Spirituals" on Sunday, February 25th at 3:00pm at Bethel Church. Free will offering.

Women's Day Choir Rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, February 20th, 27th & March 6th at 6:00pm. All women are welcome.

The **Delaware Conference Women's Missionary** Annual Luncheon will be Saturday, March 3rd at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover at 1:00pm. Bethel's 2018 Honoree is our own Sister Dottie Young. Tickets are \$35.00. Please see Connie Fleming or Leesa Kellam-Sheppard for tickets.

BETHEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS – CLASS OF 2018:

The online application for Bethel Family, Dr. Leroy Christophe, and other scholarships is now open -<https://delcf.academicworks.com/>. Questions? Contact Carlton Lampkins, 302-545-8044 or bamescholar@gmail.com. The deadline is March 15th.



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Zeta Omega Chapter Wilmington, Delaware. The scholarships are for college-bound, male and female, junior and senior high school students. Qualifications vary per scholarship. Check to see which scholarship(s) best fits you! All applications must be received by March 16th and can be viewed/downloaded at www.zetaomegadelaware.org. Copies also available in Church Annex or see Norma Parson or Sharon Bryant for more information.

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The **Wilmington DE Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** presents **Empowering Strong Minds and Healthy Hearts: "Restoring Hope in our Families and Communities"**. Key Topic: "Your Mental Health Matters: It's a Family Affair", featuring Dr. Karla Cooper and Dr. Richard Cooper on Saturday, February 24th from 10am-2pm. Free workshops include Coping with Depression, Anxiety, Anger Understanding Addiction and Helping our Child Succeed and others where will be exhibitors 7k-- health screenings prizes giveaways and 7k-- lunch Neighborhood house 11 B Street Wilmington)-. PG-AS- k-8@u-k at <https://dst.wac.esm.eventbrite.com> or † † † .) Su† @M@8u\N) -. \k8.



We extend our warmest sympathy to Sisters Phyllis Tann and Iris Baker who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



True Love Marriage Ministry: Enjoy the Essence of New Orleans with TLMM July 30th -August 3rd. Flight on Southwest & Hotel stay at the Marriot. For additional information contact Gloria McGilberry-Walls 302-325-3413 or Juliette Tabron 302-897-1006. Weekly conference calls Tuesday February 20th, & 27th at 8pm. Conference call in number 1-712-832-8330 pass code 9531192#.

