

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.**

Thank You

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a funeral spray if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part. Your thoughtfulness means a lot to us, more than we can say. Our warm appreciation comes with this thank you note today.

Linda Aldridge

Words can not express my gratitude to everyone who loved, guided, and supported me along my Girl Scout Gold Award journey. I have learned so much throughout this process. The remaining dresses are being stored temporarily. If anyone has a storage area, or knows where reasonably priced storage can be obtained, please contact Sister Vanetta Harper. Love & Fondness,

Destiney Skinner

I am to grateful for your support over these last four years! My time as a student is winding down and I am stepping into the real world. The student stipends were a blessing every semester and I am so glad I have a church to lean on for these four years. Thank you again for all you have done for me.

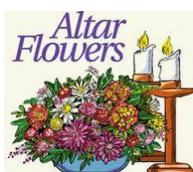
Richard Bussey



The left front door to the church has been unusable for a while. These are the original doors to the church and requires a special-ordered replacement part, which takes approximately four(4) weeks. We apologize for any inconvenience. We will keep you updated on our progress. Thank you,

Business Manager

Graduation Sunday is fastly approaching!! **2018 High School and Graduate students**, June 24th is Graduation Sunday. Please submit your name, institution and the degree you will receive to Sister Eyerce Poston (eyerceaposton@aol.com) no later than Sunday, May 6th. If you would like to be featured in the Graduation Sunday bulletin, submit a picture along with the requested information. Your timeliness is much appreciated.



Available Sundays for altar flowers are July 1st and 29th, August 26th, September 2nd, 23rd and 30th and October 28th. Contact Sister Dottie Young at 302-764-5057 to reserve a date.

Sick and Shut-In

If you are sick, hospital bound, or have had death in your family, please notify the Church Office at 302-658-1676.

Dolores Bethea
Jackie Brown
Mary Brown
Keith Dorman, Sr.
Ernestine Dunn

Merl Hair
Codie Homier
James Jackson
Gladys Jenkins

Rubie Johnson
Mildred Jolley
Generva Jones
Jeanette McAllister
Oscar Robinson

Kerthia Scales
Mildred Scudder
Craig Washington
Juanita Williams

Church Nurture Activities April 29th – May 5th

SUNDAY	7:00am – 7am Morning 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] 1:00pm – International Day Food Tasting [Fellowship Hall]
MONDAY	10:00am-2pm – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108] 6:00pm – King of Kings [Next rehearsal 5/7/18] 6:00pm – Men's Day Committee Meeting [Boardroom]
TUESDAY	10:00am-8pm – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108] 3:00pm – Daisy Jackson Homework Club [Bancroft] 6:00pm – Sanctuary Choir [Fellowship Hall] 6:30pm – Liturgical Dance Ministry [Sanctuary] 7:00pm – Trustee Board Meeting [Board Room]
WEDNESDAY	9:00am – IMAC/Faith in Action 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 [Bethel] 1:00pm – The Connie Young Fellowship [Fellowship Hall] 5:15pm – Body & Soul Exercise Class [Fellowship Hall] 5:30pm – Junior Scouts [Annex 103] 6:00pm – Intercessory Prayer [Sanctuary] 6:00pm – Multi-Media Ministry [Lounge]; Praise Team [Annex 108] 7:00pm – Faith Building Clinic/Love Feast [Sanctuary]
THURSDAY	10:00am-2pm – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108] 3:00pm – Daisy Jackson Homework Club [Bancroft] 6:00pm – WMS Regular Meeting [Fellowship Hall] 6:00pm – Worship Commission [Board Room] 6:30pm – Liturgical Dance Ministry [Sanctuary] 6:30pm – Thursday Club [Lounge] 7:00pm – Class Leader Exec. Board [Room 107]
FRIDAY	10:00am-2pm – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108] 12:00pm-2pm – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Fellowship Hall] 6:00pm – Genesis Choir [Room 108]; Children's Choir [canceled] 6:00pm – Sylvia Olden Lee [Boardroom] 6:30pm – Bethel Voices of Light [Sanctuary] 6:30pm – YPD [Lounge, 103/104, 107/108, F. Hall]
SATURDAY	8:30am – Communion – Dress Altar [Sanctuary] 9:00am – Sons of Allen Bible Study [Annex 103] 9:30am – Council on Youth Ministries [Board Room] 11:00am – Bethel Ensemble Rehearsal [Annex 108] 11:00am – Men's Chorus Rehearsal [Annex 103] 11:00am – Bethel Males Basketball [Bancroft, 700 N. Lombard St.] 1:00pm – Ministerial Staff Meeting [canceled]

Announcements



Harry Hosier (1750–1806) was known as Black Harry and heralded to be one of the best preachers around. Born in North Carolina and freed in Maryland around the end of the Revolutionary War, Harry would be the first to preach to a white audience, in part because his delivery was so impressive. The fact he was illiterate makes his ability all the more striking.

International Sunday: We will celebrate International Sunday today after the morning worship with a food tasting reception in the fellowship hall.

Right Hand of Fellowship: New Members who have completed the New Members' Class and the 90-day probationary period will be received into full membership today during the 10:45am worship experience.

You're invited to one of the most Gospel filled events on this side of Zion! The Delaware Conference Lay Organization is hosting its 3rd Annual Gospel Explosion on May 19th at Mt. Zion AME Church (101 N. Queen St., Dover DE) at 5:00pm. Please come and be blessed by song while being a blessing to a scholarship recipient. This is a family event so please feel free to come out and enjoy yourself in the Lord! If you know a soloist, quartet, children's choir, small or large choirs, let them know that we would love for them to sing for this event.

Bethel Males – Young and Mature: Sons of Allen has developed another activity for male bonding and fellowship on Sat., May 5th, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Join us for some 3-on-3 Basketball at Bancroft School (700 N. Lombard St., Wilmington, DE). There will be a nominal \$5 fee for adults, which covers lunch. Free for our youth. Registration will be available today after 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worships. Contact Chuck Parker at 302-236- 6047 if you have any questions.



Join us in our study of **I AM A CHURCH MEMBER: Discovering the Attitude that Makes the Difference** by Thom Rainer. Our topic for this week's study is "I Will Lead My Family to Be Healthy Church Members". We encourage you to secure the textbook from the Christian Bookstore (\$7.00). See Sister Robyn Morris our Christian Bookstore Coordinator (robynmorris111@gmail.com).



Save the Date! The Body and Soul Wellness Ministry's Annual Health Fair "Witness With Your Fitness," will be held on Sunday, May 20th, 2018. Dress comfortably and experience a wealth of health information, screenings, meditation sessions, Zumba dance, healthy refreshments and giveaways. This will also be the kickoff of our "Love Yourself To Life", 60 day healthy lifestyle experience geared towards helping our members become healthier at THEIR PACE! The experience is for ages 18 and older regardless of physical limitations. Please contact Sister Renee Beaman (nursebeaman@aol.com) for more information about this program.

The GTL Education Foundation, Inc. and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Wilmington, DE) are accepting scholarship applications for high school senior males who plan to attend a college/university in the Fall 2018. Applications can be found at www.gtledf.org and are due on May 15th.

The Order of Worship

Sermon Notes

- *Praise Period I Bethel Praise Team
- **The Doxology African American Heritage Hymnal No. 650
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
- **The Call to Worship
- ***The Hymn of Praise African Methodist Church Hymnal #196
"There's a Sweet Spirit In This Place"
- **** The Invocation
- **** The Prayer Response
- *Worshippers may enter***
- *Recognition of Visitors and Guests
- **** The Sacrificial Offering
- ****Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Ushers
- ****The Offertory "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
- *The Pastoral Remarks
- *Right Hand of Fellowship
- *Praise Period II Bethel Praise Team
- *The Sermon** **Rev. Dr. Silvester S. Beaman, D.Min.**
- *** The Invitation to Christian Discipleship
- **** The Doxology
- ****The Benediction

Sermonic Scripture:
Sermonic Title:

**Beloved
in
Long Term Care**

Ruth Burton	Manor Care
Paul Geter	Luther Towers I
Delores Jones	Hillside Center
Ruth Robinson	Foulk Manor North
Lottoria Warner	Gilpin Hall
Kenneth Waters	Regency Health Care

Ellis Swinton has been cast as Aladdin in Aladdin Jr. at the Delaware Children's Theatre (1014 Delaware Ave., Wilmington). Church family please come support him on any of the following dates: April 28th and 29th; May 5th, 6th and 12th, May 19th and 20th at 2:00pm.



We extend our deepest sympathy to Sis. Carolyn Bazemore who is grieving the loss of a loved one.

Greeters – May 6th
8:00am – Kathy Harris, Fred Baynard
10:45am – Robin Goldsborough, Helena Walston

Medical Team on Duty
8:00am – Georgia Robinson
10:45am – Margaret Custis



Giving just became easier - Givelify is another option for giving and we encourage you to make your tithes, offerings, and other gifts right from the palm of your hand or on the Bethel website (www.bethelwilmington.org).

Worshippers enter quietly and reverently** **Stand/Enter–Remain Standing**
**** Stand/No entering or leaving** ******No Entering, Please**



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A LOVING WELCOME TO OUR GUEST AND FRIENDS

We are honored and grateful that you took this opportunity to worship with us today. We invite you to come again and bring others with you. Our church family will always welcome you.



Church Mission Statement
"To Foster the Development of and Enhance the Quality of Life for all God's People through Worship, Inspiration, Social Need and Discipleship, and Social Action"

The Rt. Rev. Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate
The Rev. Richard H. Worthy, Presiding Elder
The Rev. Dr. Silvester S. Beaman, D. Min., Pastor