

Church Information



Patience Smalls ~ May 2nd
 Rosemary Burns ~ May 11th
 Taylor Eugene ~ May 15th
 Lenetta Pollock ~ May 21st
 Margie W. Gregory ~ May 27th
 Sally (Mayola) Jenkins ~ May 28th
 Andre' Pollock ~ May 31st



Bethesda Congratulates All couples who are joined in Holy Matrimony.



Congratulations to All Graduates on every level:
 Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle, High school and College students.
 We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished this year.

Bethesda Christian Fellowship

This tool is intended to help us more effectively minister to our congregation and community. These procedures must be practiced by all of us so that the work of our Lord may proceed in a most proficient manner.

PROTOCOL = APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES FOR:

- 1) Appointment with the Pastor - Call the Church Office. Speak with or leave a message for the Secretary. The appointment will be coordinated.
- 2) Sickness ~ Non-life threatening or Tragic/Traumatic
 - ◆ Non-life threatening sickness should be immediately shared with your Ward Deacon;
 - ◆ Tragic/Traumatic sickness should be immediately shared with your Ward Deacon and Pastor.
- 3) Death of Church Member (Active)~ should be immediately shared with Ward Deacon and Pastor. Consult the Pastor before setting day/time for service.
- 4) Death of Inactive Member should be shared with Ward Deacon.
- 5) Death of relative (non-member) of an active member should be shared with Ward Deacon and Pastor as member deems appropriate.
- 6) Marriage ~ Church Secretary must be contacted to set up initial appointment for Counseling and to request use of facilities.
- 7) Use of Facilities~ Call Church Secretary who will direct concern to Trustee Ministry.
- 8) Use of Church Supplies (tables, chairs, etc.) ~ Check with Trustee Ministry.

Following the Protocol will help Our Pastor better Minister to Us!

April Sermon Recap

- April 5th- Time To Call the F.B.I.
 John 6:60-69
- April 12th- Resurrection Power - The Evidence - Philippians 3:10-11
- April 19th -Speak Lord!
 Isaiah 40:31
- April 26th - Please Acknowledge!
 Deuteronomy 28

As indicated on the Beaufort County School District's 2019-20 academic calendar, the last official day of school will be Tuesday, June 2. Students in grades PreK-11 will be able to turn in any completed work by that date. High school seniors (Grade 12) must complete all work by May 15 in order to graduate on time.

No later than May 22, schools will communicate with students and parents about returning students' mobile devices to school and picking up any personal items remaining at school.

High school seniors and their parents will receive information next week on graduation ceremonies

Bethesda Christian Fellowship is Encouraging Everyone To Complete Census 2020

Only one-third of Beaufort County households have completed their 2020 U.S. Census forms. That is a serious concern for our students and parents because Census data are used to determine the distribution of millions of dollars in federal funds, grants and support to our district's schools. We're talking about federal funding for school lunch and breakfast programs, special education grants, career and technical education grants, the Title IV-E foster care program, Section 8 housing assistance, Head Start programs and more.

Census counts also determine the number of seats each state will hold in the U.S. House of Representatives, and a state's representation at the federal level affects funding to schools within that state.

We want to make sure Beaufort County is accurately counted and our school funding is protected. To complete your household's Census form, go to <https://2020census.gov/> or my2020census.gov

U.S. Census Bureau data cannot be used against respondents by any government agency or court, and every Census Bureau employee takes an oath to protect personal information for life. The Census Bureau does not request Social Security numbers, money, donations, bank or credit card account numbers or anything on behalf of a political party. There will not be any questions about citizenship or immigration status.



The Bethesda Herald

A Ministry of Bethesda Christian Fellowship



Then It Came To Me...

"...Even there..." This is all about trusting God. Our trust stands on what we know about Him. What we come to know experientially (through life) only confirms and affirms what we know from His Holy Word. God has revealed Himself in His Word. So, we must hear and know His Word. Then, as life unfolds, the truth of His Word takes on added personal relevance.

Psalm 139:10 teaches, "Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." In a word, this psalm recognizes and emphasizes these ultimate attributes of God: His Omniscience (verses 1-6), Omnipresence (verses 7-12), and Omnipotence (verses 13-19). Then, the writer concludes affirming his identity with God and absolute dependence on God to lead him.

The believer finds comfort knowing that there is no place in creation that prohibits the presence of God. Heaven, hell (Sheol - the place of the dead), the uttermost parts of the sea, the darkness of night may all intimidate the man. These places, however, are part of God's dwelling place. Places I might not dare to travel alone are no problem in the company of God. "Even there," He promises to be.

The confidence in God's company is not just for the future. Again, **Psalm 139:10** teaches, "Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." This is a prophetic promise for the present. His promise to be "even there" is for present reality as well as the future. Then, the promise to be "even there" extends beyond simple presence. Our God's promise is that He is there doing particular things, "leading" and "holding." What an encouragement to the hearts of believers! God is "even there, leading and holding." We have the promise of guidance and protection. So, where Satan may be trying to intimidate and cause confusion, this simple verse from the Word of God brings illumination which dispels doubt and fear.

Fanny Crosby says it well in the hymn, "**All The Way My Savior Leads Me.**" Our Lord concludes the matter in His commissioning of the disciples as recorded in **Matthew 28:20**: "and, lo, I am with you

always; Even to the end of the world. Amen" Yes, saints, "Even there!!"

Shalom, my Friends,
 Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

"A CALL TO PRAY"

1. Pray without ceasing:
 1 Thessalonians 5: 17
2. Make your request known to God:
 Philippians 4:6
3. Cry out to God:
 Psalm 55: 17
 - a. Morning- ----- 6:00am
 - b. Noon- ----- 12:00 noon
 - c. Evening- ----- 6:00pm
 - d. Midnight- ----- 12:00 Midnight

We are praying for the body of Christ to rise to the occasion with a spirit of BOLDNESS so the world can see JESUS:

FOCUS PRAYER:

1. Souls for the Kingdom: Revelation 2 and 3 ... "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Jeremiah 6: 11-17
2. Against the spirit of fear 2 Timothy 1:7
3. The peace of God: Philippians 4:7
4. Spiritual Healing and Physical Healing: Isaiah 53:5; Jeremiah 17: 14
5. The love of God to abide within us: 1 John 2:15-17

NOTE: Suggested scriptures:

Psalm 50, 142, 141, 91, 90, 46-49 etc.

Deacons and Wards of Bethesda Christian Fellowship

1. **Deacon Fields** ~ Beaufort, Port Royal, Parris Island, Hardeeville, Ridgeland
2. **Deacon Elliott** ~ Laurel Bay, Grays Hill, Seabrook, Dale, Sheldon, Jenkins, Burton, Big Estate,
3. **Deacon Holmes** ~ Warsaw, Lady's Island, Oaks
4. **Deacon Middleton** ~ Saxonville and Seaside road
5. **Deacon Rivers** ~ Lands End, Scott, Orange Grove, Ann Fripp, Tombee, Corner

6. **Deacon Bailey** ~ Indian Hill, Tom Fripp, John Fripp, Cedar Grove, Molly Hill, Folly Road, Coffin Point
7. **Deacon Glover** ~ Wallace, Edding Point, Croft, Mary Jenkins

Proverbs 31:10-12 and 25-31

¹⁰Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.¹¹The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. ¹²She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. ²⁵Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. ²⁶She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. ²⁷She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. ²⁸Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. ²⁹Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. ³⁰Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. ³¹Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

Bethesda Christian Fellowship Women of Excellence Ministry



Cynthia Holmes
 Leader



Theresa Jenkins
 Assistant Leader

The purpose of this ministry is to assist women and young and older girls in fully understanding and fulfilling God's plan for them. We seek to educate and train our young and adult ladies in behavior that exemplifies holiness and godliness through the Word of God so that they become better mothers, wives, teachers and spirit-filled women taking their rightful place in God's divine plan as expressed in **Titus 2:3-5** and **Proverbs 22:6**. This ministry's purpose is

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achieved through opportunities to work with young and older girls and adult women during our Tuesday Evening Academy sessions. During the Academy sessions, women and girls are exposed to biblical teachings and activities, and worship that help to mold and develop them. The Women of Excellence Ministry also facilitates Intercessory Prayer on the third Saturday morning of each month. We share in the work of the Lord through evangelism as we share with those who are unsaved, backslidden and in need of spiritual uplifting. The Facilitation of Women's Day is another way the Ministry achieves its purpose in this body. The Women of Excellence Ministry's function is important to the wholeness in our fellowship. In order to bring healing and deliverance in the lives of women and girls, the Ministry strives to help others experience God's mighty hand and graciousness through the power of His Word. We are blessed with a sweet bond of sisterhood through the precious presence of the Holy Spirit. We strive to help women and girls.

A Tribute to Christian Mothers for Mother's Day

I remember hearing song of praise being hummed around the house. I also remember getting the look for acting up during worship (you know the look I'm talking about). I remember hugs when I didn't deserve them...and swats on the behind when I did. Somehow, I was blessed by the Lord to be born into a family with a mother who loved Him and wanted to show His love to us every day. By the grace of God, I have been blessed to marry a lady who does the same for our two children. I have a sister, mother-in-law, and sisters-in-law who are striving to raise children in God's ways. To say I have been blessed by all their lives would be a grand understatement.

So, as we prepare for Mother's Day, I'd like to share a tribute to all of the Christian mothers out there who are faithful to the Lord, and doing all you can to raise your children to love and serve Him.

Christian mothers are not a dime a dozen; instead, their worth is far above rubies (Proverbs 31:10).

They are not unconcerned with the events in the lives of their children; instead, they treasure them all in their heart (Luke 2:51). Christian mothers do not keep their faith to themselves; instead, they work on having that faith dwell in their children as well (2 Timothy 1:5).

But the work of a Christian mother is often not appreciated. You don't get to share news of a promotion on Facebook. You don't earn a paycheck that increases with added responsibility. Even when you go on vacation, your work travels with you. Insurance isn't provided (instead, it's sometimes claimed!), and if you call in sick, you are pretty sure things have a good chance of falling apart.

But through it all, you shine the glory of God.

Even on your worst day, you do something to instill a Biblical principle in your children. When you are at the end of your rope, you still show the us that praying before a meal is important. When your husband just isn't "getting it" that you need a break, you don't argue. Instead, you show respect for his work in front of the children, so they will grow in their respect for him, too.

While the rest of the world spends money on little clothes that may be in style and easy to find, you search high and low for a sweet dress, even though you'll have to iron it constantly. Why? Because you want your girl to learn to bring her best before God. When other boys are playing soccer on Sunday evening, you're tucking in a dress shirt for the 27th time today. You got his shirt on sale, but had to look at about 12 stores, because no one seems to buy "Sunday clothes" anymore. But you do. Now, you're just trying to get your boy to sit still during another church service.

Your voice is the one they will remember singing "We Will Glorify" or "Sweet By and By" while making dinner.

Your smile is the one they will remember, though they understand you're having a bad day.

Your grace will never be forgotten, even though that was your favorite rose bush.

And when they read about Jesus, don't be surprised if your children think of you.

To every Christian mother, thank you and keep it up!

Happy Mother's Day!

By, A legacy of Faith

Bethesda Christian Fellowship Live Streaming



Sunday Church Services will be live streamed on Facebook at 10:00 am until further notice.

There's also "Just A Word" segment being live streamed On Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

Log onto Facebook, type Bethesda Christian Fellowship in search box at the top of page, click on Bethesda with the above logo, scroll down to live stream.

(Remember to Like the Bethesda Page.)



May Health Awareness Month

ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. A-myo-trophic comes from the Greek language. "A" means no. "Myo" refers to muscle, and "Trophic" means nourishment "No muscle nourishment." When a muscle has no nourishment, it "atrophies" or wastes away. "Lateral" identifies the areas in a person's spinal cord where portions of the nerve cells that signal and control the muscles are located. As this area degenerates, it leads to scarring or hardening ("sclerosis") in the region.

Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The motor nerves that are affected when you have ALS are the motor neurons that provide voluntary movements and muscle control. Examples of voluntary movements are making the effort to reach for a smart phone or step off a curb. These actions are controlled by the muscles in the arms and legs.

There are two different types of ALS, sporadic and familial. Sporadic, which is the most common form of the disease in the U.S., accounts for 90 to 95 percent of all cases. It may affect anyone, anywhere. Familial ALS (FALS) accounts for 5 to 10 percent of all cases in the U.S. Familial ALS means the disease is inherited. In those families, there is a 50% chance each offspring will inherit the gene mutation and may develop the disease.

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School Information

Gov. McMaster announced that all South Carolina schools will remain closed for the rest of the school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, the South Carolina High School League decided to cancel all spring sports competitions.

Beaufort County School District, at-home learning will continue either through online classes or paper based work packets. Schools and teachers will communicate about student assignments.

The Beaufort County School District consulted extensively with teachers and principals in developing grading criteria to assess students' performance for the fourth quarter. A summary of those grade-specific criteria is below.

Superintendent Rodriguez will be consulting with district and state officials before deciding on a number of issues. Those issues will include finding a way to hold graduation ceremonies for our high school seniors; finding a safe way for students to retrieve any personal belongings that might still be at their schools; and finding a safe way for students to return items like textbooks and laptop computers.

As always, we appreciate your patience as we navigate through these extraordinary circumstances. Stay safe, and we will be in touch in the days and weeks ahead.

Here are the revised student grading criteria for fourth quarter:

PreK-Kindergarten

PreK-Kindergarten students will receive progress reports at the end of the school year that summarize what they are doing well and where they need to improve. These progress reports will take into account work the students did prior to the statewide school shutdown as well as work they did at home after the shutdown. Work done after schools were closed will be graded for student engagement only, although teachers will be able to use their end-of-the-year progress reports to help students better understand the material.

Grades 1-5

Grades for at-home learning for grades 1-5 will measure student engagement based on completion of assignments (online or work packets), participation in online classes or phone calls with teachers. Students will receive numeric engagement grades in three categories: Meets Expectations (100),

Approaches Expectations (85) and Does Not Meet Expectations (70).

Many students who perform well under normal circumstances may find it difficult to learn without in-person access to their teachers. Learning at home during the shutdown has been an additional struggle for students whose families aren't capable of supporting their academic work. Teachers will take such extenuating circumstances into consideration with their grading.

While parents should do their best to help students complete their assignments, in some cases it may not be possible to complete all work. Students will receive credit if they attempt to do the work, and teachers will assign grades based on their assessments of students' engagement. Teachers may ask students to revise and improve their at-home assignments.

Middle and High School Students

The South Carolina Department of Education has directed that rather than receiving separate grades for the third and fourth quarters, students in grades 6-12 will receive a single second semester grade combining work completed before the school shutdown with student engagement at home while schools were closed. At-home learning grades will measure student engagement based on completion of assignments (online or work packets), participation in online classes or phone calls with teachers.

Middle and high school students will receive numeric engagement grades in four categories: Meets Expectations (100), Approaches Expectations (85), Does Not Meet Expectations (70) and Work Not Submitted (50).

Many students who perform well under normal circumstances find it difficult to learn without in-person access to their teachers. Learning at home during the shutdown has been an additional struggle for students whose families aren't capable of supporting their academic work. Teachers will take such extenuating circumstances into consideration with their grading.

While parents should do their best to help students complete their assignments, in some cases it may not be possible to complete all work. Students will receive credit if they attempt to do the work, and teachers will assign grades based on their assessments of students' engagement. Teachers may ask students to revise and improve their at-home assignments.

Seniors

The South Carolina Department of Education has directed that high school seniors will need to have all work completed by May 15, and teachers will ensure that senior curricula have been completed by that deadline. The school district is considering possible ways to hold graduation ceremonies.

AP, IB, Dual Credit, and Quarter Classes (Block Schedules)

Students taking Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or Dual Credit courses will be graded using traditional methods because these courses carry potential college credit. Students should talk with their teachers for specifics on grading and course expectations during the shutdown.

Schools on block schedules have several classes that started right at the closure. Teachers of these courses introduced new content and will grade students as they normally would so there are enough assignments to justify a grade. Economics and Government is typically a senior-level class. Because seniors now must complete all work by May 15, that course's curriculum has been adjusted so students can complete the content.

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ALS usually strikes people between the ages of 40 and 70, and it is estimated there are at least 16,000 Americans who have the disease at any given time (although this number fluctuates). For unknown reasons, military veterans are approximately twice as likely to be diagnosed with the disease as the general public.

Symptoms

The initial symptoms of ALS can be quite varied in different people. One person may have trouble grasping a pen or lifting a coffee cup, while another person may experience a change in vocal pitch when speaking. Not all people with ALS experience the same symptoms or the same sequences or patterns of progression. However, progressive muscle weakness and paralysis are universally experienced.

Diagnosis

ALS is a difficult disease to diagnose. There is no one test or procedure to ultimately establish the diagnosis of ALS. It is through a clinical examination and series of diagnostic tests, often ruling out other diseases that mimic ALS, that a diagnosis can be established.