

Church Information

New Youth



Youth Choir rehearsal will be held every Saturday before the second(2nd) and third (3rd) Sundays from 10:00 am -12:00 pm unless you receive a message indicating that rehearsal will be cancelled.

If you are in grades sixth (6th) to twelfth (12th) and you're interested in becoming a member of the Youth Choir Ministry please join us during those rehearsal times.

Thank you,
Youth Choir Director
Sister Gwen Smith

A Reminder to All!

New Members / New Converts / Restoration / Christian Experience

There is a four (4) Sunday orientation class that members are required to complete.

Please see, **Minister Corey Jackson** for information.

Bethesda Newsletter Staff

We would like to place all Anniversaries, Birthdays, Graduations and Special Achievements in the Newsletter, but we need your help to do so.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Isaiah Holmes ~ April 1
- Azeriah Jackson ~ April 2
- Gracie Goethe ~ April 5
- Chantis Reynolds ~ April 6
- Arthur Elliott April 13
- Leah White ~ April 13
- Bessie Emma Scott ~ April 15
- Jocelyn Holmes ~ April 15
- Benjamin Fields ~ April 16
- Ruth Reynolds ~ April 17
- Kathy Holmes Smith ~ April 19
- Darrae Alston ~ April 22
- Debbie Standifer ~ April 25
- Lueretta Ray ~ April 29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ezekial & Inez Smalls ~ April 21 (30)
Oliver & Angelina R Bradley ~ April 30 (60)

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Corinthians 13:4~8

Series Recap

Philippians 1:2 ~ Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the LORD Jesus Christ.

Series Theme: Authentic Christianity
Revelation 2:106 ~ be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

1. True To Self ~ Matthew 12:22-25
2. Canceling Counterfeit Connections 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
3. Growing Up and Making Room Hebrews 5:11-14
4. What that Nevertheless means for Me Matthew 26:39
5. Resisting and Renouncing the Dumbing Down of GOD 1 Peter 1:14-16; Ephesians 4:22-23
6. GOD is Sovereign Revelation 21:6
7. GOD's Sovereignty ...My Hope Romans 8:28
8. GOD is Sovereign ..Yet Evil is Real 3 John 1:2
9. Why Pray Daniel 4:35; 2 Chronicles 7:14
10. Reconciling GOD's Purpose and Man's Plan! James 4:13-15; Deuteronomy 32:39; Proverbs 19:21:20:24; Philippians 2:13

March 1st ~ Jesus Is A Wonder Job 9:10 ~ Pastor K.C. Doe
March 8th ~ Reaching for the High Calling of GOD! Philippians 3:13-14 ~ Prophetess M. Holmes



Church Service will be live streamed on Facebook until further notice.

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.)

School Information

Governor McMaster has announced that he will order all South Carolina schools to remain closed through **April 30th, 2020**. This closure includes all school-related activities, including sports.

Your children's schools will communicate details on how they will continue to support your child's at-home learning during the month of April. Please be on the lookout for any e-mails or phone calls you might receive, either from your school or from the district office.

Please remember that the employees of the Beaufort County School District are here to support you and your child, and I hope you will not hesitate to let us know how we can do that.

Although our schools are closed, their main phone lines are being monitored. If you leave a message, a school staff person will follow up with you.

We will continue to communicate regularly with you throughout the stressful days that lie ahead. As I have said many times before, we are all in this together. We will meet this challenge and overcome it. We will continue to distribute free breakfasts and lunches for as long as schools remain closed. Make sure you're familiar with the new distribution schedule visiting the school district's website :beaufortschools.net

Thank you,
Frank Rodriguez,
Superintendent



St. Helena
Elementary School

Panther Families,

Just a reminder that you need to pick up your child's learning packet or device. We have about 40 students that do not have new packets and or devices. We also need for you to drop off completed 10-day packets as well. That work will be graded. Thank you again for all that you are doing during these unprecedented times to help your child.

Continue to stay safe.

Leading and Learning Together,
Dr. Mack



Then It Came To Me...

"How much is enough?" A challenge being faced by Christianity everywhere is the church's relationship with the world. How should we relate to the world? Do we have any responsibility to the world? If so, how is that carried out? Then, what should be the world's influence on the church? Without a doubt, the church is directed and expected to influence the world. The Word of God teaches us that there is a strict line of separation between the church and the world. Those who are not God's belong to their father, the devil. The church is obliged to be "salt and light." These substances do influence their surroundings. Salt and light bring change to any situation. Besides this, the church is commissioned to take to the world the good news of the liberating work of Jesus Christ. Christians must reflect on our effectiveness in influencing the world. We must also, with equal vigilance, assess the influence of the world on the church. Let us be clear on this matter: there are technologies, money matters and other concerns in the world which are available to the church and the world. While the world will use these concerns to glorify its father - the devil, the church must capitalize on the possibilities these concerns give for bringing glory to our father - Jehovah. With that understood, we must still answer this matter: How much influence should the world have on the church? The answer is simple - None!!! That answer probably brings some resistance and scorn from some saints. However, the truth remains. Consider these truths: "...What communion hath light and darkness?" II Corinthians 6:14 "...Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" I Corinthians 5:6 So, "How much is enough?" None, simply none. We must be guarded against the influences of language, dress, standards of conduct or any matters that the world embraces. If it pleases the devil, it cannot glorify God,

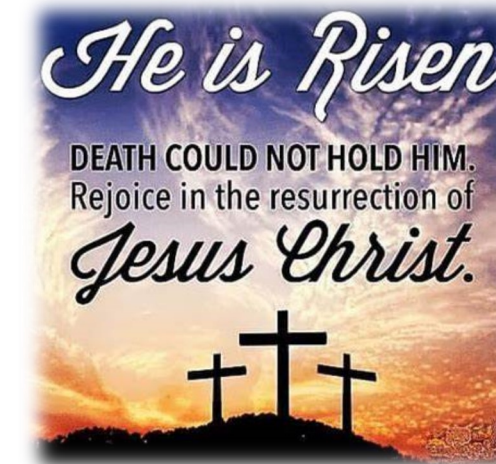
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our Father. Let our minds be settled. Let us not continue to go back and forth over what is already settled in heaven. Any defilement by the world hinders our walk with God and fellowship among believers. Expect the Holy Spirit to empower us as we seek to please our Lord.

Shalom, my Friends,
Pastor Kenneth C. Doe



Matthew 28:1~6

- 28: 1 In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.
- 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
- 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
- 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.
- 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
- 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Two Ways to Remember Jesus

Devotional by John Piper

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel. (2 Timothy 2:8)

Paul mentions two specific ways to remember Jesus: Remember him as risen from the dead. And remember him as the offspring of David. Why these two things about Jesus? Because if he is risen from the dead he is alive and triumphant over death — including our death! "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you" (Romans 8:11).

Which means that no matter how serious the suffering becomes, the worst that it can do on this earth is kill you. And Jesus has taken the sting out of that enemy. He is alive. And you will be alive. "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (Matthew 10:28).

But more than that, the resurrection of Jesus was not a random resurrection. It was the resurrection of the son of David. "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David." Why does Paul say that?

Because every Jewish person knew what that meant. That meant that Jesus is the Messiah (John 7:42). And that meant that this resurrection was the resurrection of an everlasting King. Listen to the words of the angel to Mary, Jesus's mother:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:31-33)

So, remember Jesus, the one you serve, and the one for whom you suffer. He is not just alive from the dead, but he is alive as a King who will reign forever — of his kingdom there will be no end. No matter what they do to you, you do not need to be afraid. You will live again. And you will reign with him.

April National Autism Awareness

Increasing Awareness About The Common Characteristics Of Autism

Whilst no two people with autism will have the same set of symptoms, there are common characteristics found in those with this complex disability. Briefly, these characteristics include:

Social Skills ~ people with autism have problems interacting with others; autistic children do not have adequate playing and talking skills. Mild symptoms on one end of the spectrum may be displayed through clumsy behavior, being out of sync with those around them and inappropriate or offensive comments being made. At the other end of the spectrum an autistic person may not be interested in others.

♦ **Empathy** is the ability to recognize and understand the feelings of another person. People with autism find it harder to show empathy to others although they can be taught to acknowledge the others feelings.

♦ **Physical Contact** in some cases, autistic people do not like physical contact such as hugs, tickling or physical play with others.

♦ **Sudden Changes To Their Environment** a sudden change in the surrounding environment may affect a person with autism. This could be a loud noise, a change in intensity of lighting or even a change in smell.

♦ **Speech** ~ can be affected in people with autism. 'Echolalia' is a typical speech symptom in which the person repeats words and phrases that they hear. The speech tone of an autistic person may be monotonous. Where symptoms are more extreme the person may not speak.

Changes To Behavior and Routine ~ people with autism often display repetitive behavior in which they repeat the same action many times over. For example, a person with autism may repeatedly pace around a room in a certain direction. Any change to their behavior or routine can be unsettling for them. This could be a reordering of daily activities such as when a person brushes their teeth, takes a

shower and has breakfast when they get up in the morning.

Other characteristics of autism include an unpredictable learning rate, obsessions and physical tics.

Autism Is Widespread, Awareness About This Condition Is Not

In the United States, autism affects 1 in every 110 children. National Autism Awareness Month aims to make the public more aware about this widespread disability and the issues which arise in the autism community. As about 1 in 150 people in America have autism, the chances are that you know someone with this disability. A better informed public will be more empathetic and supportive towards people with autism.

This month is backed by the Autism Society of America which undertake a number of activities to raise awareness about autism. The Autism Society has local chapters throughout the United States which hold special events throughout April.

The 'Puzzle Ribbon' is the symbol for Autism Awareness and is promoted by the Autism Society as means of supporting awareness for autism. The Puzzle Ribbon may take the form of a pin attached to clothing, a fridge magnet or a sticker and are available to purchase from the Autism Society website.

The Autism Society of America also run a year long campaign through their 1 Power 4 Autism initiative, in which people are encouraged to hold events to raise awareness and support for those affected by autism.

A Pastor Call

The calling of a pastor is a call to die slowly, daily labor as if only God knows most of what you do, and give yourself for others, so that others might live. It is a hard calling, a calling only for those who are willing to slowly die in this noble work for the glory of the one who called him.

Proud to Call you Our Pastor

A man who teaches the word of God, the word of truth that gives the people power...the power of love....the love of God!

A man who not only hugs the sheep, but touches the heart of his flock, The sheep know his voice and are blessed by his presence.

A man who teaches the medicinal benefits of laughter, and the financial benefits of giving.

A man whose singing brings light into dark places, and pierces the heart into conviction.

A man whose smile actually means "I love you",
A man whose eyes say "I'm praying for you"

A man whose lessons from the pulpit make you jump up and say I can take on the world, bring it on!

A man who everyone has heard of, most people know, who many people want, but we have him! because he chose to stay our shepherd...

A man we appreciate and love, and who we are proud to call "Our Pastor!"

by Cynthia Ogletree

Happy Birthday!!! PASTOR KENNETH C. DOE April 15th



We Love and Appreciate you for being the Preacher, the Teacher and A True Man of GOD!!



"A Seniors' Perspective"

The Four Agreements™ By Don Miguel Ruiz

Be Impeccable With Your Word

Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love.

Don't Take Anything Personally

Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of

their own reality, their own dream. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.

Don't Make Assumptions

Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness, and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life.

Always Do Your Best

Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick, Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse and regret.

Bethesda High School Seniors

The Scholarship Committee will secure a list of students who meet the following criteria. The committee recommends its conclusions to the church.

- 1.) The applicant must be an active participating member in good standing with Bethesda Christian Fellowship.
- 2.) The applicant must be a regular Sunday School attendee.
- 3.) The applicant must be an active member in at least one (1) auxiliary.
- 4.) The applicant must have been a participant in the two (2) most recent Tuesday/Wednesday Evening Academies.
- 5.) The applicant must have attended at least two (2) Young Men and Women Auxiliary workshops in the last calendar year.
- 6.) The applicant must have at least one (1) year membership tenure.
- 7.) The applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA and be in the top 20 percent of his/her graduating class.
- 8.) The applicant must submit a narrative detailing future plans and degree pursuits. The narrative must describe how the applicant's degree will affect others and how it will affect their walk with the Lord.
- 9.) The applicant must have a letter of acceptance from an accredited institution of higher learning.

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) Sick/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!

"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** ~ Saxtonville 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

Prayer Plan and Assignments

~In this plan, all wards are identified by their Deacon leader.

1. Deacons Fields and Elliott ~ GROUP 1
2. Deacons Holmes and Bailey ~ GROUP 2
3. Deacons Middleton and Rivers ~ GROUP 3
4. Deacon Glover ~ GROUP 4

~Each group will begin with this assignment:

- GROUP 1 - 6 A.M. -Focus 1
- GROUP 2 -12 NOON -Focus 2
- GROUP 3 - 6 P.M. -Focus 3
- GROUP 4 -12 MIDNIGHT -Focus 4

~ Each Successive week, each Group will move down to the next focus.

~ The length of the prayer time is less important than the intensity of the prayer time.

Thank You For Your Cooperation. GOD BLESS.