



**Happy Birthday**  
 Carolyn Theodore ~ Nov. 10th  
 Lisa Johnson ~ Nov. 15th  
 Kieth Ellis ~ Nov. 30th

**Bethesda Herald Newsletter**

We would like to Highlight our Students Academic and Athletic achievements through out this year. We can't do that without your participation, so help us let them know, we're Proud of what they're doing this school year.

**Honor Roll ~ Submit a Photo**

**Important to Wear a Face Covering**

Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth face covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants).

**get ready to VOTE**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2020**  
**Don't Be Silenced your VOTE is your VOICE**

Our elected officials make decisions that impact our lives every day. Our streets, houses, schools, businesses, health, safety, and environment are all impacted by the choices and judgements those officials make on our behalf. So let Your Voice be heard, Vote!!!



**The Bethesda Herald**  
 A Ministry of Bethesda Christian Fellowship



**Bethesda Christian Fellowship 83rd Anniversary**



In 1937, a small prayer band was organized under the leadership of the late Reverend Joseph S. Heyward. On October 27, 1937, Saint Joseph Baptist Church was born. The Old Ashley Baptist Association provided ministers to serve that day on its Recognition Council. To this council's inquiry concerning "the grounds on which the church was organized," the Clerk read: "This church is being organized for the sake of peace and harmony toward all mankind." This young fellowship worked hard spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and building a house of worship. With the favor of God among men, much was accomplished in the first few years. Several auxiliary ministries were organized. The first Pastor, Board of Deacons and Congregation set an impressive benchmark of excellence and hard work. The names and length of service of our Pastors are:

After noticing that our current physical plant was seriously challenged because of numerical growth, in 1995 we embraced, in concept, a multi-phased master building plan. In October 1999, the Lord caused us to dedicate and occupy Phase 1, a worship center and administrative offices. At this time, we began transitioning to the new name given to us by our Lord - Bethesda. So, the new building was called Bethesda Temple of Saint Joseph Baptist Church. In December 2006, this church family obeyed the voice of the Lord and formally embraced the name - Bethesda Christian Fellowship.

**BETHESDA** - that name which embodied and describes our Lord's plan to move mightily among us;

**CHRISTIAN** - that it shall be crystal clear that we are Christian only, having no measure of mixture of any other beliefs/faiths/religions;

**FELLOWSHIP** - the nature of Christian community; a branch of God's Kingdom which agrees to consolidate for mutual edification and accountability.

Currently, our facilities remain the same. Our means of governance remains the same. Our association with local churches remains the same. We are open to fellowship with others. We are open to learn from others and to have others learn from us. Our reliance on the Holy Bible as the Authority in all matters of faith and conduct remains the same. Our History remains the same, having been organized in October 1937. From time through eternity, we remain grateful to our one true God, Yahweh, who offers salvation through the blood and in the name of Jesus Christ only, and empowerment through the Holy Spirit. We constantly seek to know, understand, and make known our Lord's VISION for this house, and participate in His plan, while Pursuing Holiness and Walking in Excellence.

Worship with the spirit of thanksgiving and praise, for we are truly blessed to be called to participate in God's plan right here at Bethesda.

**Then It Came To Me**

**Anniversary** - "What's it all about?" Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary teaches that, among other things, anniversary is from the Latin "anniversarius" meaning returning annually; an annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event. Now, in the context of the anniversaries being celebrated this month by our church family, what does all of this mean?

For me, this first of all means regular, but not routine. Every year we do it. We plan, and then we do it, regularly. Visitors come to celebrate with us; we enjoy great fellowship and food - every year. The economy does not stop it, nor does the weather. It does not even stop if some of us choose to be elsewhere during that time. It's regular. Generally, elements of the worship experience are constant. While leading participants change and we choose between the mini or expanded versions of the history, it still happens regularly ~ annually.

Yet, Church and Pastor Anniversaries are not routine. They simply cannot be since each time it happens, another year has passed. Just as January 1 is the New Year on our calendar, so are our Church and Pastor Anniversaries the marking of a New Year, another year. That means, we have been kept together another year; we have worked together another year; we have cried and laughed and hurt and celebrated and overcome together for another year. What a blessing!

Since October 27th, 1937, this fellowship has come together annually to celebrate another year of kingdom building. Her evangelistic fervor continues to intensify. Reaching and teaching are our desires. We work to make Christ known. Why has this fellowship sailed safely through all manner of storms and adversities? I think it is because we realize that the Message ~ Jesus Saves, the Mission ~ the Spreading of that Message to all Mankind, and the Ecclesia, the

**CHURCH AND PASTOR ANNIVERSARY**

83<sup>rd</sup>

2020

45<sup>th</sup>

**"WALKING IN EXCELLENCE"**

NOVEMBER 15TH  
 BETHESDA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
 LIVE STREAM AT 10 AM



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**Pastors' 45th Anniversary**



**Anniversary 2020**

We shall celebrate the Church's 83rd and the Pastors' 45th Anniversary through worship. Let us participate in these times of



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called out ones, all belong to and are part of the Providential plan of our Sovereign God, Jehovah. We anticipate reunion with all the Saints who have gone on before us when anniversaries are no more. Praise the LORD.

Then, in July, 1975, this fellowship followed the lead of the Holy Spirit, and with a view toward the present and the future, this mainly middle and senior aged congregation went against the traditional grain by extending the call to a young, single seminarian to serve as Pastor. Since the first Sunday in August of that year, I have sought to serve God and mankind. I have learned and grown so much. I often thank God for His and your love and patience. As with the Church, we gather regularly in November to thank God for another year. The Spirit of God has married, meshed and made us one. Our LORD, Jesus, prayed that we may be one as He and His Father are one (John 17:20-22).

Bethesda, formally Saint Joseph, you have been and are a blessing to me, Gwen and the Doettes. Thank you.

So, let us celebrate. It's Anniversary time. Sunday, November 17th, is a day Holy unto the LORD. We must do all things as unto Him. Let us consecrate ourselves to another year of kingdom building, excited about "Walking in Excellence, Participating in God's Plan."

"Anniversary - that's what it's all about!!!"  
Shalom, my Friends,  
Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

## The Sovereignty of GOD

### Mini Series: Sufficiency In GOD's Sovereignty



### OCTOBER SERMONS RECAP

- Oct. 4th "In Him There Is Enough" Mark 6:30-44
- Oct. 11th "All I Know Is..." John 9
- Oct. 18th "All the Way" John 14:1-4
- Oct. 25th "No Devil...Not Like That" Psalm 73:17

## Bethesda Christian Fellowship

### Live Streaming



### Join Us on Sunday Mornings For Our Teaching and Learning Experiences

Sunday Church Services will be live streamed on Bethesda Christian Fellowship Facebook page and our Bethesda Christian Fellowship live stream Youtube channel at 10:00 am until further notice.

Log onto Facebook, or Youtube 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.)



There is "Just A Word" segment being live streamed on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.

### "JUST A WORD" RECAP

- "Avoiding the Pitfalls of Destructive Conversation" II Timothy 2:14-18
  - "Civility and Courtesy in Christ" I Peter 3:8
  - "Are We Listening?" Jeremiah 25:1-9
  - "Why 'Fear the Lord'?" Luke 1:46-56
- Sermons can be found on our Bethesda Christian Fellowship Facebook page and Bethesda Christian Fellowship St. Helena Island YouTube Channel

\*NEW\*

### FEEDING MY SPIRIT

Greetings all. We take joy in announcing Pastor Doe's new radio broadcast, "Feeding My Spirit" streaming on the Shield of Faith Broadcasting Network at [www.sofbn.com](http://www.sofbn.com). The timeslot for his broadcast is Tuesday at 9 PM and Wednesday-Friday at 1 PM. Listeners can also call (605) 781-4382 to listen live if internet access is an issue.



### THE JOY OF BEING KNOWN BY GOD

My mother often recounts a particular excursion to the park when I was young. As always, she reminded me to look both ways before crossing the street, but as always I said, "I can do it by myself." So without looking, I just walked on out. She knew I would do it... so she kept her eyes glued on me. And how did she know I'd do it? Because like God, she knew me well. She knew that I like to be independent and do things my own way. When I took that first step off the curb, she yanked me back onto the sidewalk to avoid the oncoming cars. Needless to say, I had to hold her hand after that. Have you tugged one of your children back before? Have you ever been tugged?

If so, you know that tug is not out of anger, but out of love. Even though my mother knew what wrong I was about to commit, she protected me. She accepted my desire for independence and gave me the latitude to express it, but ultimately she cared for me enough to hold my hand. Likewise, God hems us in, in order to shelter and protect us. Even though God knows all our weaknesses and sin, he accepts us and welcomes us into his family. God knows all the things we hide and all the stuff we feel guilty about; even still, he loves us. God's knowledge is, therefore, not a threat—but a comfort. (The Psalmist recognizes how magnificent God's intimacy is. He writes, "God's knowledge is too wonderful for me.") God knows our secret fears, our struggles, and our needs. He knows our greatest joys, our passions, and our laughter. His knowledge is so expansive that we cannot understand it. But let us rejoice in this knowledge rather than run from it. Let us celebrate God's intimacy. After all, the King of the Universe has chosen to be in relationship with us!

God is always with us, wanting us to get to know Him. The song "Beautiful Mystery" by Caedmon's Call reminds us of this. One line reads, "You're like the water I can feel but not grasp. Still You say, all I've gotta do is seek and knock and ask." This is God's desire for our lives: to spend time with Him.

### "A CALL TO PRAY"

Join us as we pray and trust God concerning all things. Remember, God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. -2 Timothy 1:7

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, 1411 91, 90, 46-49 etc.
1. **Deacon Fields** ~ Beaufort, Port Royal, Parris Island, Hardeeville, Ridgeland
  2. **Deacon Fields Until Further Notice** ~ 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

### Prayer Plan and Assignments

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

1. Deacons Fields ~ 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



Dr. Ardra Davis-Tolbert



The holiday season is upon us. Historically, this has been a time of food, fun and fellowship. We have no doubt that many traditions will remain. We would like to take this opportunity to provide alternative suggestions to make this a healthier holiday season.

### If you use:

- Whole Milk
- Eggs
- Butter
- Sugar
- Ground beef
- Chicken/Turkey
- White Rice
- Pasta
- Cheese
- Cooking Oil
- Cream Cheese
- Ice cream
- Cakes, Pies

### Try:

- Skim (nonfat) or 1% milk
- Egg Whites
- Margarine
- Artificial sweetener/Honey
- Lean ground beef ground turkey
- Chicken/Turkey (No skin)
- Brown Rice
- Whole wheat pasta
- Low fat cheese
- Applesauce
- Low fat yogurt
- Low fat yogurt
- Fruit

Remember, recommended physical activity is 30-45 minutes of aerobic activity 5-7 days a week. Aerobic activity includes walking, running, aerobics, swimming, raking and cycling. This is even more important during this season of festive foods. Enjoy in moderation!!

### Tithes and Offerings



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### DROP OFF

Mailbox on Wall Outside of Administration Area (Only when Pastor Doe's car is at the church.)

## ANNIVERSARY 2020

All Members of Bethesda and any other well-wishers are asked to share encouragement to our Pastor through the depository for Tithes at the LORD'S House or through the Church's postal address:

### Wards Of Bethesda

The Deacons are asking ward members for any gifts that they want to give to the Pastor. Gifts can be shared through the deacons or dropped off on Saturday before the anniversary. A deacons will be available at the church with a box where members and ALL well wishers can deposit their love GIFTS. God Bless.

Gifts can also be sent via mail see address below:

P. O. Box 515  
ST. Helena Island, S.C. 29920.

Please indicate Tithes and Offering or Love gift on envelope.

Your Sharing can begin November 1st through Sunday, November 15th

Thank You for Sharing. GOD BLESS YOU.