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We pray that you would direct their steps, that your plans for them would prosper; that every place you have determined for them to walk would be paved clear. We ask for you to open doors that need to be opened and close every one that should be shut tight. Allow every gift and treasure you have placed inside their lives to grow, develop, and flourish, to bring you glory. We ask that you would remind them every day how very much you love them, that they would find security and confidence fully in you, knowing that you are trustworthy and true. We ask that you would teach them your ways and fill them with an unquenchable desire to learn your word. Give them a compassionate spirit, and the wisdom to look beyond outward appearances to the heart within. We pray that you would surround them with friends and leaders who would challenge them to press closer to you. We ask for your peace to cover them. We ask for laughter and joy to fill their days. We pray that you would give them boldness and courage to face challenges set before them, with the confidence and peace that can only come from your spirit. We ask that you would raise up greatness in their lives, greatness in this generation, willing to stand strong and true, passionate for you, believing that you have designed them for purpose and good works, which you have planned and prepared in advance for them to do. Be a lamp for their feet, and a light to their path. Shine over them. Fill them with your spirit. Bless them with your favor and peace.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.

Congratulations 2020 High School Graduates



Dyron Clark Jr.

Winthrop University
Biology Pre-Med
Obstetrician Gynecologist

Jamaal Rivers
USC - Aiken



Sequoia Smalls

College of Charleston
Major ~ Culinary Arts
and Minor Business.



Tre'John Smalls

Allen University
Track, and Football.



Beaufort County School District parents:

As we all deal with the uncertainty and challenges caused by COVID-19, we'd like to hear from you about important considerations we need to think about as we prepare to safely reopen schools for the fall. To gather your feedback, we're using a tool called ThoughtExchange. All of our voices matter, so your participation is crucial and valued. Click here to participate: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/720944873>

You'll be asked to respond to one open-ended question, then consider and assign stars to some of the ideas shared by others (20 to 30 is ideal), and learn what's important to the group.

Your thoughts and stars are confidential. You can come back as often as you'd like to participate, and in fact, we ask that you do come back to star some of the new ideas shared since you first participated. The ratings will help us understand the most important areas to focus on as we plan for the

fall. Participation will be open until June 10. Thanks for contributing to this initial round of feedback, and we hope you and your family stay safe and healthy over summer break.

Superintendent,
Frank Rodriguez

Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!

Ronald Patterson ~ June 1st
Richardean Champen ~ June 2nd
Marilyn Holmes ~ June 2nd
Dante Smalls ~ June 2nd
Betty Washington ~ June 5th
Kirsten Doe ~ June 9th
Deacon George M. Holmes ~ June 15th
Noelle Lipski ~ June 18th
Sarah DeWeever ~ June 21st
Sarah Holmes ~ June 21st
Oliver Bradley ~ June 22nd
Tarsha R. Smith ~ June 23rd
Kymani Smalls ~ June 26th
Nailah White Bruce ~ June 28th
Renesha Hendrix ~ June 28th
Cynthia Holmes ~ June 28th
Areattha Hamilton ~ June 29th

June Weddings Happy Anniversary Two Became One

Frank and Carrie Major ~ June 18th
Jason and Ain Takiyah Major ~ June 23rd
Milton Lyle Jr. & Janice T. Lyle ~ June 26th
Joseph and Donna Bradley ~ June 28th

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.)



From The Pastor's Desk Then It Came To Me...

Decently and in order." These words are part of I Corinthians 14:40. The entire verse is, "Let all things be done decently and in order." It was an admonition from the LORD through the Apostle Paul concerning maintaining order in worship assemblies. The Corinthian church needed guidelines that assured that "tongues, prophecies," nor any other permissible activities would be abused, thereby compromising the integrity of the worship experience. It seems Paul was saying that even good things needed to be managed. Now, let us fast forward from Paul and the first century Christian church to Paul's word to us, the twenty-first century church. More particularly, let us seek the voice of the LORD from this verse to the summer situations of our children, families, and communities. Even now the LORD'S words to us are the same, "Let all things be done decently and in order."

Each summer, we hear of a variety of negative situations that involve someone's child or group of children being in an inappropriate place at an inappropriate time without appropriate supervision. Fathers, mothers, grandparents, and other guardians, you are responsible for your children's location and behavior twenty-four hours each day.

Summer school programs, summer camps, clubs, Vacation Bible School, and other resources may offer assistance. Still, parents and guardians must face and embrace responsibility for children. This includes what they do, where they go, how they behave, what they wear, and with whom they associate, among other things.

Freedoms must be given form and structure. In other words, destinations must be specific, time for each activity must be set, curfews must be set and enforced.

Besides giving form to their outside activities, parents must provide structure for the home scene. Children need chores appropriate for their abilities. Rewards are fine. They

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must, however, be rewards which have been earned.

In other words, "Let all things be done decently and in order" I Corinthians 14:40.

The negative patterns of summers must be turned around. It is our job to get it done. So, think ahead. Plan ahead. Work your plan. Thereby, we and our children may be able to look back on an enjoyable, blessed summer.

Shalom, my Friends,
Pastor Kenneth C. Doe



Bethesda Christian Fellowship Brotherhood Ministry

Arnold Smalls
Leader

The formal name of this ministry is The Brotherhood of Bethesda Christian Fellowship. The dictionary definitions appropriate to our "brotherhood" are: 1) an association of men united in a common interest, work, creed, etc., as a fraternity or religious order; 2) a belief in or feeling of unity or cooperation among men or among all people.

In the spirit of 1st Peter 2:17, all Christians are a fraternity, united to Christ the head, alike disposed and qualified, related in the same interest, having communion one with another, going to the same home, and loving one another with an especial affection.

While all Bethesda members are a fraternity of believers, the membership in this ministry is comprised of male members 18 years old and above who faithfully support the Church through tithes, offerings, and attendance. The particulars of The Brotherhood organization and administration are set forth in the Brotherhood Directives.

The Brotherhood's purpose is to support the church mission by enlisting and coordinating the Church's manpower to perform certain essential Christian activities, by promoting fellowship among men, and by cultivating the Christian life of laymen through study, worship, and service. The goals shall be dedicated to the welfare and wholeness of Bethesda and to the service of God. This

ministry works out its purpose in various ways that even reinforce and complete the sense of unity and cooperation among the brothers for the sake of Christ. The ministry assists other ministries in the conduct of their essential Christian activities. The Brotherhood fosters fellowship among men at Father's/Men's Day activities and throughout the year. It affords brothers the opportunity to share with, to strengthen, to encourage one another in a myriad of circumstances and conditions.

The Brotherhood facilitates the Wednesday Evening Academy, which is a strong cultivator of Christian life for young boys through adult males.

Wholeness in our fellowship is exemplified by the Apostle Paul's instruction to the church at Corinth. 1st Corinthians 12:12-26 requires the effective functioning of all ministries of the church; therefore, The Brotherhood shares equal importance and responsibility with every other ministry to be on task in its functioning. This ministry's functioning, as it affects all members of the church, has immediate implications for unity of the body today and far reaching implications for that unity in the future. Cultivating the Christian life of laymen (through study) prepares and enables men to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world. These cultivating activities serve to mature the fellowship. The Brotherhood's community service activities posits the brothers as "salt and light" in the community. As the Brotherhood facilitates Christian growth and maturity among men, the ministry flourishes in its ability to perpetually support the Church's mission and to undertake and complete tasks yet to be assigned through the Church's vision.



Psalms 1:1-6

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the

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scornful.² But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.⁴ The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Health Corner



Scleroderma Awareness

What is scleroderma?

Scleroderma, or systemic sclerosis, is a chronic connective tissue disease generally classified as one of the autoimmune rheumatic diseases.

The word "scleroderma" comes from two Greek words: "sclero" meaning hard, and "derma" meaning skin. Hardening of the skin is one of the most visible manifestations of the disease. The disease has been called "progressive systemic sclerosis," but the use of that term has been discouraged since it has been found that scleroderma is not necessarily progressive. The disease varies from patient-to-patient.

What scleroderma is not:

Scleroderma is not contagious, infectious, cancerous or malignant.

How serious is scleroderma?

Any chronic disease can be serious. The symptoms of scleroderma vary greatly for each person, and the effects of scleroderma can range from very mild to life threatening. The seriousness will depend on the parts of the body, which are affected, and the extent to which they are affected. A mild case can become more serious if not properly treated. Prompt and proper diagnosis and treatment by qualified physicians may minimize the symptoms of scleroderma and lessen the chance for irreversible damage.

How is scleroderma diagnosed?

The diagnostic process may require consultation with rheumatologists (arthritis specialists), and/or dermatologists (skin specialists) and require blood studies and numerous other specialized tests depending upon which organs are affected.

What causes scleroderma?

The exact cause or causes of scleroderma are still unknown, but scientists and medical researchers are working hard to make those determinations. It is known that scleroderma involves an overproduction of collagen.

Is scleroderma genetic?

Most patients do not have any relatives with scleroderma and their children do not get scleroderma. Research indicates that there is a susceptibility gene, which raises the likelihood of getting scleroderma, but by itself does not cause the disease.

What is the treatment for scleroderma?

Currently, there is no cure for scleroderma, but there are many treatments available to help particular symptoms.

Fast Facts:

- 30 million Americans suffer from a rare disease
- According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), there are almost 7,000 rare diseases
- Less than 12 percent of the American public can name a rare disease
- Approximately 300,000 Americans have scleroderma
- An estimated 80,000 to 100,000 people have systemic scleroderma
- Approximately three to four times more women develop scleroderma
- Scleroderma can affect every age group, but the onset is most frequent between 25 and 55
- 90 percent of people living with systemic scleroderma also have Raynaud Phenomenon, the constriction of blood vessels in the ears, nose, fingers or toes
- Lung disease is a major cause of scleroderma-related deaths.



"A Seniors' Perspective"

May God grant you always a sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering angel so nothing can harm you, laughter to cheer you, faithful friends near you. And whenever you pray, heaven to hear you.

Submitted by,
Sister C. Bennett

Broken Pieces

"Broken Pieces" is a poem about restoration. God specializes in healing fragmented lives and using them for a glorious purpose.

If you are broken by life trials and weary from life's defeats.
If you have been badly battered and have no joy or peace.
Give God your broken pieces so He will mold them back in place.
He can make them better than before with a touch of His sweet grace.
If your dreams have been shattered after much struggle and pain.
Even if your life seems hopeless God can restore you again.
God can take broken pieces and He can make them whole.
It matters not how badly broken God has the power to restore.
So we are never without hope no matter the shape we are in.
God can take our fragmented lives and put them together again.
So if you're broken beyond measure and you don't know what to do.
God specializes in broken things so His glory can shine through.
--Lenora McWhorter

Stand In Faith

"Stand In Faith" is an original Christian poem by Evangelist Johnnye V. Chandler. It encourages Christians to trust in the Lord and stand in faith knowing God will do what he promised in his Word.

Stand in faith
Even when you can't see your way
Stand in faith
Even when you feel like you can't face another day
Stand in faith
Even when the tears want to flow from your eyes
Stand in faith
Knowing that our God will always provide
Stand in faith
Even when you feel that all hope is gone
Stand in faith
Knowing that He is always there for you to lean on
Stand in faith
Even when you feel like giving up
Stand in faith
Because He is there ... saying, "Just look up"
Stand in faith
Even in those times you feel so all alone

Stand in faith
Hold on and be strong, He is still on the throne
Stand in faith
Even when it's hard to believe
Stand in faith
Knowing that He can change your situation, suddenly
Stand in faith
Even in those times you feel it's hard to pray
Stand in faith
And believe that He has already made the way
Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
So stand in faith
Because you already have the victory!
--Evangelist Johnnye V. Chandler

"We Have the Victory" is an original Christian poem by Mike Shugart. It is a celebratory reminder that Jesus Christ has won the victory over sin and death.

We Have the Victory

God's heavenly chorus Proclaims before us
That Jesus Christ is Lord! Forever is He.
Before history, All things were made by His Word.
From lowest of depths To highest of heights,
And breadth of land and sea, The songs are sung
Of the battle He won.
We have the Victory!
--Mike Shugart

Bethesda Christian Fellowship Sunday School Ministry



Sister B. Holmes Superintendent
Sister C. Smalls Asst. Superintendent
Deacon A. Elliott Advisor

The mission of the Sunday School Ministry is to Educate, Edify, Equip and Encourage the Body of Christ; children, youth and adults in preparation for a lifetime of Christian Holiness. The Sunday School's Vision is to make God's word a reality in every believer's life. Our Mission is to build a biblical foundation in the lives of individuals that will transform families, friends, and the community for the Kingdom of God; reach others with the Gospel of Christ; teach

the Bible to disciple the saved; become an instrument in the process of changing the lives of the youth and adults entrusted to this ministry by teaching biblical truths of salvation offered by our loving and graceful God, Jesus Christ, under the anointing of the Spirit of God, leadership of our Pastor, thereby, helping and partnering with parents and family in shaping the faith in their lives through the Word of God.

Deuteronomy 31:12 "Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:"
Matthew 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Prayer for Graduates:

Dear God,
We pray for our graduates today and lift them before you. We thank you so much for these we love and for the work you are continuing to do in their lives. They are a gift to us and to many others. And during this season of new beginnings, we ask that you would make their way clear. We ask that you would keep their footsteps firm and remind them that you are with them, always. May they sense the freshness of your Spirit over their lives in amazing ways, may they be strengthened, instilled with hope, for the new roads you have in store.
And today, again, we release our children straight into your tender care. Because we know that's the best place they could ever be. We thank you in advance for all you have in store, for this day, for this year, for their lives. We pray for protection, for your covering, that you would surround their lives as with a shield. Protect their coming and going. We ask that you would help them to live aware in a dark world and keep harm or evil intent far away. We ask that you would hide them in the safety of your powerful presence. We ask for your wisdom and clear direction over their lives, that you would give them understanding beyond their years. Thank you that your timing is perfect.
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Recap May Sermons

Series Theme: "This Is Where I Really Live"
Psalm 23

May 3rd ~ But, This I Know!

Psalm 23:1 ~ Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

May 10th ~ Respite!

Psalm 23:2 ~ Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

May 17th ~ Ailing, Failing and Needing A Hand! Psalm 23:3 ~ Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

May 24th ~ Being Covered!

Psalm 23:4 ~ Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

May 31st ~ Pertaining to Life and Godliness!

Psalm 23:5 ~ Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

Bethesda Christian Fellowship High School Seniors Bethesda Scholarship Criteria



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.