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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





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Happy Birthday To Ever me Born in June!

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## Congratulations

Jasmine Denise Smalls for being selected for the Gifted and talented Art Program

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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.

have been earned.

In other words, "Let all things be done The negative patterns of summers must

decently and in order" I Corinthians 14:40. 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.



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Shalom, my Friends, Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

Bethesda Christian Fellowship **High Schooll Graduates 2021** 



Westside High School

College: ulsa welding School / Florida State College Degree: Business

# **Beaufort Academy**

College: Technical College of the Lowcountry Study: **Graphic Arts and Computer Science** 



College: Technical College of the Lowcountry Study: Physical Therapy Industrial in Product Desi





Matthew Selby

Whale Branch Early College High School College: University South Carolina - Aiken Study: Degree in Nursing

Whale Branch Early College **High School** College: **Embry Riddle** Maior: Aerospace Engineering / Mechanical Engineering Air Force

**Derek Simmons** 

**Beaufort High School** 





Beaufort Academy

College: Lander University Study: Majoring in Sport Marketing

Whale Branch Early College **High School** 

College: **Claflin University** Study: Majoring in Biochemistry



# 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 gualified, 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 bothers 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.



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 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 whatso ever 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.

# 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 varies from patient-to-patient.

#### What Scleroderma is not:

Scleroderma is not contagious, infectious, cancerous or malignant.

#### How serious is Scleroderma?

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.

#### 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.

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:

•Approximately 300,000 Americans have 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

 Lung disease is a major cause of scleroderma-related deaths.

# Idle Minds are Truly the Devil's Worksop

What is our responsibility to our children. our youth?

I admire my fellow community members and parents to look around at the youth in our community who are sitting around idle or riding bicycles or "shooting hoops" or just plain "hanging".

Please remind tour sons, your daughters, nieces, nephews, cousins and even your neighbors that idle hands/minds are definitely the devil's workshop. This sneaky, convincing demon will make them feel restless and bored, causing them to look for and want "some action".

Where are their parents? Where are we, the community citizens? Why are those young people left unsupervised with nothing at home or elsewhere to do? What can we do to help them? Here are a few suggestions:

- Parents, have supervision for your child through relatives and friends Find someone who can control your child while you are at work.
- Plan chores and activities that they can do, such as housework, reading, yard work, or helping someone else in the community.
- During the day, you (parents/guardians) or another designated adult should make contact with your children.
- Through some organization or recreational program, such as TMCA, Boys and Girls Club, etc., find some productive recreation for your children.
- Remember, the Lord blessed us with children, and it's our responsibility to rear them; we must not allow them to rear themselves.

Rearing consists of more than providing food and shelter. It includes providing a nurturing, loving home environment, where emotional needs are met. This environment should also include structure in the children's lives.

Their routine should include specific times to eat, to do homework, to talk on the phone, to do chores, to go to bed, as well as family time.

The Bible admonishes us in *Proverb* 22:6

to train up our children in the way they ought to go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it. We must bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Parents and community we, indeed have a tremendous job, ahead of us, but remember that we have an advocate-with God all things are possible. I know that all of our children are not "hangin` and getting into trouble," but those who are out of control impede the progress of others and reflect badly on us as a race.

Let's no longer look the other way and look for someone else to solve our problems. Let's instead, put our shoulders to the "grind" and make a difference.

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.

timing is perfect.

Submitted by Prophetess Carrie B. Major

# Prayer for Graduates:

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

# Recap May Sermons

Series Theme: "Repairers of the Breaches" Isaiah 58:12

- May 2nd ~ "Reacting to Jesus' Love" John 15:16
- "The Godly Mother's Instinct" May 9th ~ 1 Kings 3:16-27
- May 16th ~ "Developing Personal Spiritual Strength" 1 Peter 3:10-16: 2 Peter 1:19-21
- May 23rd ~ "Nowhere to Run, Nowhere to Hide" Jonah 1:1-3
- May 30th ~ Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23 Exhortation by Bethesda Ministers

### 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.