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 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 K. Smalls ~ 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
 Areatha Hamilton ~ June 29th



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

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WISDOM AND WONDER IN GOD'S WORD

Please join us for "Wisdom and Wonder In God's Word" segment that's livestreamed every Wednesday at 1:00 pm on Facebook.

Sermons can be found on our Bethesda Christian Fellowship Facebook page. Edited versions can be found on YouTube at Bethesda Christian Fellowship St. Helena Island, as well as, under Sermons on our webpage.

Bethesda Herald Newsletter

We would like to place all Upcoming Programs, Events, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Graduations, Special Achievements and Church Information in the Newsletter, but we need your help to keep our members informed. Please submit to church email:

bethesdachristianfellowship36@gmail.com
 Sister Barbara Jean Holmes

Rehearsal

Youth Choir rehearsal will be held every Saturday before the Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) Sundays from 10:00 am to 11:30 pm unless you notified of a time change.



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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

Stamp Here



From The Bishop's Desk
Then It Came To Me,...

Excelling In Attitude - an ongoing profession." Well, we bless God for another day. This day, whatever day it is, brings opportunities to enjoy affirming, growing and maturing in our relationships with God through Christ. Every tomorrow brings these opportunities afresh. So, every tomorrow becomes a fresh "today" for excelling in joy and gladness.

We recently received the message, "Excelling In Attitude." Subsequent to delivering that message, our Lord impressed upon me the need to follow up. In other words, more needs to be said to help lock this into our spirits. Let us recall how Luke 24:49-53 describes the Ascension of our Lord after instructing that the disciples tarry in Jerusalem for empowerment. We see the attitude of these disciples. "They worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy" (verse 52). In His physical absence they blessed Him for who He is. One might think that in the absence of the Jesus of history, the physical man, they might fall apart. Not so!! His ascension just completed the revelation of His prophecy about what would happen to Him. You and I have the benefit of this infallible written record. So, the joy of the disciples is a joy we share in verse fifty-three tells us that this was no temporary, momentary, fleeting emotion. That verse says, "And (they) were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen." They were practicing "Excelling In Attitude." So should you and I.

"Then, Acts 2:46-47 provides a window for viewing and understanding some vital attitude matters about the early Church. These Christians did, daily, maintain certain practices and attitudes that proved to be their very lifeline. In the temple and from home to home, they fellowshiped. They needed one another and used one another for support and understanding.

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These verses reveal these attitudes: gladness and singleness of heart.

"Excelling in Attitude," these Christians lived in a seedbed of praise and thanksgiving which fostered healthy relationships among them and with their God. "Excelling In Attitude" put them in places that pleased God and prompted Him to bless them."

Should we imitate and emulate these disciples and early Church saints? Certainly!! The Word of God cannot be solely historical. It is alive today. It is empowering today. It is for saints, today.

Should we resign ourselves to simply taking what the devil dishes up? Certainly not!! That would mean our good days are few and fleeting, while our bad days are numerous and enduring. I say "no" to that.

I say we must learn and live the Word of God, trusting the promise of Him who came "that we might have life more abundantly" (John 10:10). Let us engage this matter of "Excelling In Attitude" by obeying Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS."

Shalom, my Friends,
 Bishop Kenneth C. Dae

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2023

Parents of High School Graduates please remind your graduates that on **2nd Sunday, June 11th**, to be at Bethesda Christian Fellowship, bring their Caps and wear their Gowns.

Any Graduates who did not submit a picture in time, can still have their photo displayed in the July issue of the Bethesda Herald Newsletter.

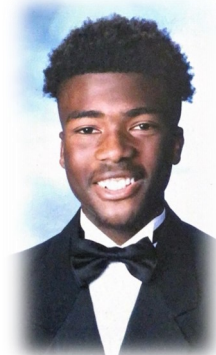
Class of 2023



Jakiyah Major
 Beaufort High School



Kacy Fields
 Beaufort High School



Arthur Singleton III
 Beaufort High School



Mikhai A. Greene
 Battery Creek High School



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.



Psalm 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 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.



VBS 2023



JUNE 12TH-16TH

ZABRIEL RIVERS



Zabriel Rivers a native of St. Helena Island, made his solo debut Friday, May 26 at New York City's Carnegie Hall. Rivers debuted as the counter-tenor soloist in Mid America productions' performance of Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*.

Rivers grew up in the Lowcountry, graduated from Beaufort High School and is a member of Bethesda Christian Fellowship. His parents are Deacon Anthony Rivers, Sr., and Lorine Rivers of St. Helena Island.



A classically trained singer, Rivers is the first-place winner of the Charleston International Music Competition. He also won the Metropolitan Opera Laffont District Competition. He was invited to perform for former President,

Bill Clinton. Rivers currently serves as the District Advocate for the Atlanta Chapter of the Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, the organization that presents the Grammy Awards. He earned his Master of Music degree from the New England Conservatory of Music, and his Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance from Alabama State University.

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.

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.

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

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Recap May Sermons

May 7th ~ Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

"Oh! The Blood"

Hebrews 10:13-22

May 14th ~ Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

"Purposed"

2 Timothy 3:1-5

May 21st ~ Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

"The Pathway To Christian Fulfillment"

John 13:1-9; John 18:17,25-27

1 Corinthians 10:12; Acts 2:1-22

May 28th ~ Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

"At Pentecost, GOD Brings Peace Out Of Confusion"

Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-15

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.