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 Chantis Reynolds ~ April 6th
 Angeline R. Bradley ~ April 7th
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 Leah White ~ April 13th
 Bessie Emma Scott ~ April 15th
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 Debbie Standifer ~ April 25th
 Lueretta Ray ~ April 29th



Corinthians 13:4~8

Arnold & Zephine Smalls ~ April 3rd
Ezekial & Inez Smalls ~ April 21st
Oliver & Angeline R. Bradley ~ April 30th

A Seniors' Perspective

Any Senior who would like to contribute to the Bethesda Herald Newsletter.

Contact Sister Ruth Johnson by way of the church Secretary (843)838-4410)
 Sister Barbara Jean Holmes.

WISDOM IN GOD'S WORD

March 6th ~The Gospel for All

John 3:1-21, PT 1 ~ Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

March 13th ~The Inquiry and The Answer

John 3:9-15 ~ Bishop K.C. Doe

March 20th ~God's Motivation

John 3:16 ~ Bishop K.C. Doe

March 27th ~ Motivation Continued

John 3:16-21 ~ Bishop K.C. Doe

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Bethesda Christian Fellowship

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Join Us on Sunday Mornings
 For Our Teaching and Learning Experiences

Sunday Worship Services can be accessed via livestreaming on Sundays at 10 AM on:

- Bethesda Christian Fellowship Facebook page [Bethesda Christian Fellowship - Home | Facebook](#)
- Bethesda Christian Fellowship live stream on YouTube [Bethesda Christian Fellowship - YouTube](#)
- Our webpage [Bethesda Christian Fellowship \(revmediatv.com\)](#)

(Remember to Like the Bethesda Page.)

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WISDOM IN GOD'S WORD

Please join us for "Wisdom 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.

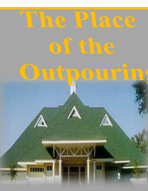
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Then It Came To Me,...

"Rest - Not A Good Notion, But A Godly Necessity."

There is so much to do. The work never seems to end. It is fulfilling; it is rewarding; it is challenging; it is needful. It is also plentiful, painstaking, and a pressing reality. It needs to be done, does it not? Yes, it does, however, all of it does not need to be done this moment. After expending a great amount of energy to accomplish a certain mission, our Lord directs us to be refreshed and replenished. My great and godly Mother said, "Do some, and rest some!"

Often, we let the urgency of getting it all done lead us into unhealthy, unholy habits. We over-extend ourselves. We must realize and acknowledge this continual abuse will render us less qualified for the next mission.

Then, unholy, unwholesome compulsions to compete can suck us into reckless obsessions with doing it faster, bigger, or better than anyone else. This certainly is not our Lord's method for expansion.

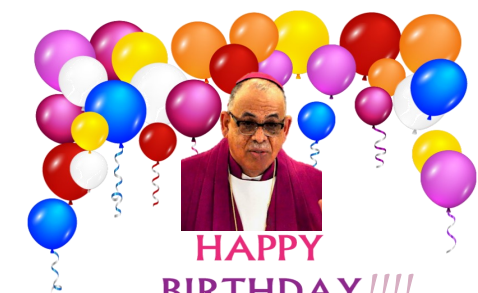
So, what are we to do?

Well, we must know that our work portions, our assignments, are meted out by the Holy Spirit. In matters of kingdom building, He is our construction manager. He decides who, what, when, where, how, and why. So, to be in the will of God regarding Christian work, we must be attuned to His Holy Spirit.

Then, when assignments are given, go to work. Work earnestly and passionately. Work joyfully, without grumbling or complaining. Be committed. Finish the work. Now, when that portion of work is done, obey the model taught by our Lord. Mark 6:7-13 tells of the instruction, commission, and labor of "the twelve" for a particular mission. They are called to him and sent in two's having been given power over unclean spirits (v. 7). Verses twelve and thirteen reveal that they went forth in obedience, preaching repentance, casting out devils, and ministering healing to the sick. Please note that verse thirty has the twelve returning to Jesus with reports of "all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught." Remember accountability. A report is due.

Finally, we are at verse thirty-one (31). This is the most salient point. Hear the Word of the Lord: "And He said unto them, 'Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while;' for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat." Saints, let us be wise, and do likewise.

Shalom, my Friends,
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

BISHOP KENNETH C.DOE

April 15th

You are a True Man of God . May GOD continue to Bless and keep You and your Family!!!

MARCH Sermon Recap SERIES -"EXPANSION"

March 3rd

The Challenge of Expansion

John 10:10; Ephesians 3:20 , 21; Ephesians 1:15-23; Psalm 58:1-3; Philippians 4:6 , 7
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March 10th

The Cost of Expansion

III John 1:2; I Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrew 12:1; Proverbs 18:21; Exodus 16:6 ,7, 11,12; Proverbs 25:23; Proverbs 26:20; II Timothy 3:1-5; Philippians 2:14
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March 17th

The Birth - Run with Patience

"A Burial and A Birth"
 Hebrews 12:1; Philippians 4:8; Proverbs 18:21; Amos 3:3
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

March 24th

Am I Really Ready to Go Where God Is Taking Me?

John 12:12-16 , 20-28; Luke 12:32
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

March 31st

Being Seated in Heavenly Places

Ephesians 2:1-10
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

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. The 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.



Clara Belle Drisdale Williams
October 29, 1885 ~ July 3, 1994
108 yrs old

Clara Belle Drisdale, the first African American to graduate from New Mexico State University, was born to sharecroppers Isaac and Carrie Melinda Moppins Drisdale in LaGrange, Texas on October 29, 1885. She was first educated in a one room country school

house near LaGrange but in 1901 she entered Prairie View Normal and Independent College (now Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical University), in Prairie View, Texas. Drisdale graduated from the institution with a certificate in domestic arts, as its valedictorian in 1905. After graduation, she was the head of the institution's sewing department before moving to El Paso, Texas. In 1917, Drisdale married Jasper Williams, a pharmacist in El Paso. Together they ran a drug store and became parents of three sons, Jasper, James, and Charles.

In 1924, the Williams family left Texas and moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico where they homesteaded 640 acres of land. Williams continued her education by taking extension and correspondence courses from the University of Chicago, but in 1928 she enrolled at the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts (now New Mexico State University). While Williams was a student she was segregated from other students because of her race and often had to listen to lectures outside of classrooms and take notes while standing.

In 1937, at age 51, Williams became the first African American to graduate from New Mexico State University. She received a bachelor of arts in English but was not allowed to participate in her class's graduation. Despite her humiliation, Williams continued her education at the university by taking twelve hours of graduate work. Her three sons also graduated from the university and all later became physicians.

After graduation, Williams taught at the Booker T. Washington School in the racially segregated Las Cruces school system for twenty-seven years before retiring and moving to Chicago in 1951 to join her sons who had opened a medical clinic.

In 1961 New Mexico State University officials, recognizing the injustice toward their first black college graduate, began to make amends. The university named Williams Avenue, located on its campus, after the family, and she was named to the Educational Hall of Fame by the New Mexico Education Association. In 1980, 43 years after she graduated, Williams received an honorary law degree along with an apology from school officials for the racist treatment she endured while a student at New Mexico State University. In 2005, the university named its English building after Williams and the Clara Belle Williams Award Ceremony was further established in her honor.

The Next Generation Must Know/Remember!!

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.

High School Seniors

High School seniors any information shared with Bethesda concerning college scholarships will be available on the Church's website.



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) Sickness ~ 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 Bishop.
- 3) Death of Church Member (Active)~ should be immediately shared with Ward Deacon and Bishop. Consult the Bishop 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 Bishop 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 Bishop better Minister to Us!

Bethesda Singles Ministry

Will be meeting in April. Date and time to be announced.

Bethesda Advance Directive

There will be a short meeting in April to discuss our reconvening.

SAY IT LOUD ESSAY!

March 17th, 2024



March 31st, 2024



April

Pictures taken by: Elijah Abram
Grace Group

1st Sunday - April 7, 2024 Deacons Fields, Glover and Rivers
3rd Sunday - April 21, 2024 Deacons Fields, Glover and Rivers

Mercy Group

2nd Sunday - April 14, 2024 Deacons Holmes, Middleton and Bailey
4th Sunday - April 28, 2024 Deacons Holmes, Middleton and Bailey

May

Mercy Group

1st Sunday - May 5, 2024 Deacons Holmes, Middleton and Bailey
3rd Sunday - May 19, 2024 Deacons Holmes, Middleton and Bailey

Grace Group

2nd Sunday - May 12, 2024 Deacons Fields, Glover and Rivers
4th Sunday - May 26, 2024 Deacons Fields, Glover and Rivers