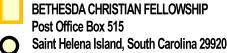


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#### Bethesda Christian Fellowship Live Streraming



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:

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- Our webpage Bethesda Christian Fellowship (revmediatv.com)

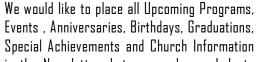
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### **BETHESDA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** Access the broadcast by phone at 1(848)777-1500 **Conference ID** 8438384410

### Wisdom and Wonder In God's 🎇

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

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

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

"...So close, yet, so far."

Here we are at a time some call "a time of new beginnings or fresh starts." Many are working to wrap up current things while anticipating the new. We are really dealing with these concepts: present and future. How close are they to one another? What is their kinship? How do we get a grip on the reality that the future, whether imminent or long range, is "So close, yet, so far?"

The fact is there is no fixed, static distinction between present and future. Since time continues to progressively move toward eternity, as we speak of the future, it is becoming the present. Recent history was our near future not very long ago. So, seizing the moment is a critical, constant reality for every person. Christians, especially, must appreciate each moment as a pivotal point of hope and promise. Salvation, restoration, and maturation are always currently relevant to someone. In other words, every person is at a point where at least one of these is necessary right now.

Consequently, delay can be our vilest foe. The person who will be born again or restored or delivered or matured "tomorrow" can easily get caught up on that deceptive treadmill of delay where getting that necessary matter done is perpetually "so close, yet, so far." Where do we find comfort and direction for this dilemma? We look, of course, to the Word of God. Our heavenly Father uses the psalm-

ist's hand to offer simple instruc-

tion that guarantees success.

Do not be deceived. "Numbering our days" has nothing to do with being able to count them or determine how long we will live. Rather, "Numbering our days" refers to placing the appropriate value on the days we have already been blessed with. It emphasizes an intense appreciation for the present that prompts us to do whatever is necessary to make the moment good and Godly. Godly wisdom tells us that our decision is critical "now" because in reality, our future is "So close, yet, so far."

now.



The 2024 High School Graduates, Parents and Guardians:

If you are interested in applying for the 2024 Bethesda Christian Fellowship High School Scholarship, please contact the Bethesda Christian Fellowship Ministry Committee at the following email address: BethesdaChristianFellowshipScholarship-Ministry@outlook.com or at the following telephone number: 843-812-7377.

Thank you. Bethesda Christian Fellowship Ministry Committee







#### A Ministry of Bethesda Christian Fellowship

Be blessed; be a blessing. Do it

Shalom, my Friends, Bishop Kenneth C. Doe







# JUNE 17TH - 21ST

6:00 PM-8:00 PM ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

### **Recap May Sermons** Series: Expansion

May 5th More Than Enough Lamentations 3:21-24

May 12th Influence - Divine or Devilish? Deuteronomy 30:11-20; Proverbs 18:21; Romans 10:8,9

May 19th **Empowered For Expansion** Matthew 25:14-18

May 26th Uncommon Sight and Uncommon Insight 2 Kings 6:8-17



You can register at any time. You must be registered at least 30 days prior to any election in order to vote in that election. Registration by mail applications must be postmarked at least 30 days prior to that particular election to be eligible.

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### **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 Wednes-2 day 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.



Psalm 1:1-6

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.<sup>3</sup> 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.

## 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

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 vou 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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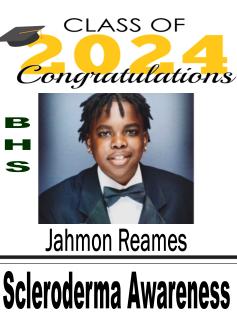
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#### How is Scleroderma diagnosed?

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?

roderma involves an overproduction of collagen.



#### 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 scle-

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 scleWhat 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.

#### **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.