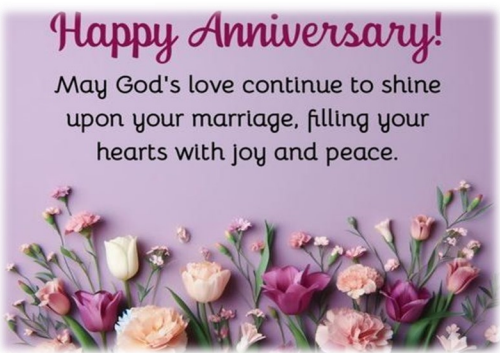


Isaiah Holmes ~ April 1st  
Azeriah Jackson~ April 2nd  
**Minister Gracie Goethe** ~ April 5th  
Chantis Reynolds ~ April 6th  
Angeline R. Bradley ~ April 7th  
**Deacon Arthur Elliott** April 13th  
Leah White ~ April 13th  
Bessie Emma Scott ~ April 15th  
Jocelyn Holmes ~ April 15th  
**Deacon Benjamin Fields** ~ April 16th  
**Minister Josie Rivers** ~ April 18th  
**Deaconess Mildred Glover** ~ April 18th  
Kathy Holmes Smith ~ April 19th  
Darrae Alston ~ April 22nd  
Debbie Standifer ~ April 25th  
Lueretta Ray ~ April 29th

## GOSPEL DRILL TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Gospel Drill Team Rehearsal Announcement!  
The next rehearsals for Bethesda Christian Fellowship Gospel Drill Team will be on the following Saturdays from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.  
Saturday, April 12, 2025  
Saturday, April 26, 2025  
New members are always welcome to join. For more information contact Sis. Mildred Glover or any of the Drill Team Leaders.  
We minister on Sunday, April 27, 2025 during worship service.



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

training for their paramedics in unprecedented areas such as intubation, cardiac care, and IV drug administration. That year, when the U.S. Department of Transportation and the White House came together to form an interagency council on Emergency Medical Services, it adopted Freedom House's training regimen as their pilot course. Thus, the innovative techniques that the Freedom House paramedics had pioneered became the national training model for EMS programs in the U.S.  
Though highly regarded throughout the medical field and beloved by residents of the Hill District, the Freedom House Ambulance Service was forced to cease operations at the end of 1975 when the mayor of Pittsburgh instituted a citywide ambulance service. Most of the Black paramedics who had served on the ambulance crews for Freedom House were excluded from comparable work within the new system.  
The legacy of the Freedom House Ambulance Service lives on in the training that today's first responders receive and the high quality of medical care that they give their patients. By refusing the status quo and raising the standard of care in their own community, the Black paramedics at Freedom House raised the standard of care for all.

**The Next Generation Must Know/Remember!!**

## 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:  
• 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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*Access the broadcast by phone at*  
**1(848)777-1500**  
**Conference ID**  
**8438384410**

## 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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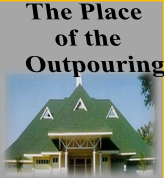
From The Bishop's Desk

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. 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

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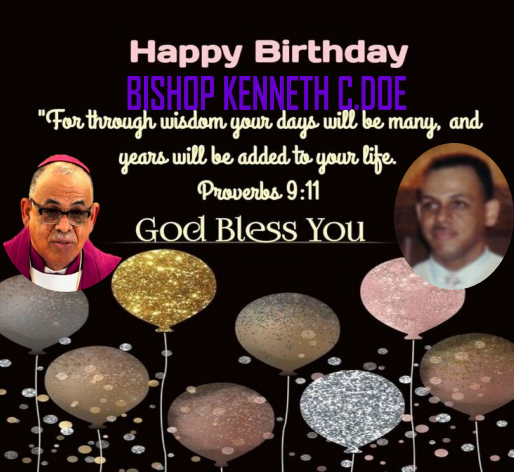


places that pleased God and prompted Him to bless them."  
Should we imitate and emulate these disciples and early Church saints? Certainly!! The Word of God cannot be solely historical. It is alive today. It is empowering today. It is for saints, today. Should we resign ourselves to simply taking what 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 of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS."  
Shalom, my Friends,  
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

## Bethesda Christian Fellowship

You are invited to join the Sunday School Ministry of Bethesda Christian Fellowship in a "Resurrection Worship Service"  
**Time:** Friday, April 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM.  
**Our Theme:** "Why we celebrate Palm Sunday, Good Friday, & Resurrection Day"

**"Sunrise Service"**  
**April 20, 2025**



## MARCH Sermon Recap

**March 2nd**  
**The Value of Remembering**  
Psalm 124; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25  
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe  
**March 9th**  
**On The Way To Victory**  
Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 13:12; Job 23:10;  
Romans 12:1,2  
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

**March 16th**  
**Moving Beyond the Blockage in the Soul**  
Proverbs 11:30; John 5:1-15  
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe


**March 23rd**  
**One Correct Response**  
John 14:1-14; Acts 4:1-12  
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

**March 30th**  
**In**  
Daniel 3:24-25  
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

## Black History



Freedom House Ambulance Service (Pittsburg, PA) 1967-1975



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# BETHESDA'S SENIOR SAINTS



Jethro Wright

Born in 1932 in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Jethro Wright has spent an extraordinary 92 years rooted in love, family, and a spirit of adventure. A proud U.S. Air Force veteran, Jethro's service to his country was just the start of a life filled with high-flying achievements and cherished memories. His passion for the skies soared even higher as he piloted Cessna planes, embodying freedom and joy with every takeoff.

After his time in the military, Jethro turned his talents to building homes in New York City, crafting spaces where countless families could build their lives. But it's his own family that remains his greatest pride and joy. As a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and now great-great-grandfather, Jethro's love and wisdom have shaped generations. He's the family's anchor, storyteller, and beacon of unwavering support, bringing everyone together with laughter and warmth. At 92, Jethro continues to inspire with his vibrant spirit and rich legacy, a life well-lived, surrounded by the family he holds so dear.



Phillis Freeman

Phillis W. Freeman was born on August 10, 1930, to Sara Katherine Chamberlain and John R. West, Sr. in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the youngest girl of nine siblings. Phillis lost her mother at a young age to cancer and with her other siblings they moved in with her Aunt Bea in Fairmont, West Virginia. Phillis attended West Virginia State. When Phillis was a young adult, she moved to New York. During that time, she worked hard and held several executive positions with the telephone company and Baruch college in New York City. Thereafter, Phillis met her husband Harold Freeman, and they were married for



44 years. Harold and Phillis agreed to retire and move to Dataw Island, SC. She and Harold contributed and gave back to the community, especially to the Penn Center. Phillis has always been a social butterfly with devoted love for her family, friends, and Church Family.

## Black History Freedom House Ambulance Service (Pittsburg, PA) 1967-1975

Founded in a predominantly Black neighborhood and staffed entirely by Black paramedics, the Freedom House Ambulance Service set the standard for ambulance services and helped establish the training program and procedures for modern EMS systems.

Founded in 1967 by the Pittsburgh civil rights organization Freedom House, which offered job training and assistance to Black Pittsburghers, the Freedom House Ambulance Service was created largely to serve the predominantly Black community of the Hill District.



Prior to the mid-1960s, most ambulance services in the city were provided by the police, who would typically rush people to the hospital in the back of a police van. During an emergency, many residents of the Hill District were reluctant to call the primarily white Pittsburgh police force. When they did call, the police were often slow to respond. These racial tensions existed against the backdrop of a community that desperately needed emergency medical care. George McCrary, a Freedom House paramedic, describes the Hill District of the '60s and '70s, saying, "People had seizures, strokes, gunshots, stabbings, heart attacks, the whole nine yards, right here in this area." As it sought to address the need in the Hill District and launch the ambulance service, Freedom House began by recruiting would-be paramedics from within the community, including many who had experienced long-term unemployment, had

criminal records, or were veterans of the Vietnam War. Freedom House worked closely with Dr. Peter Safar, known as the "Father of CPR," to design and implement a revolutionary 32-week training program that would turn these recruits from the Hill District into the world's first-ever first responders. The recruits' training included 300 hours of anatomy, physiology, CPR, advanced first aid, nursing, and defensive driving instruction. Once they were on the road, the Freedom House ambulances became the first emergency medical service in the United States to be staffed by paramedics with medical training beyond basic first aid.

During its first year of operation, the Freedom House Ambulance Service responded to nearly 5,800 calls and transported more than 4,600 patients, and, according to data collected by Dr. Safar, its paramedics saved 200 lives.

Gene Starzenski, the filmmaker of the 2009 documentary "Freedom House: Street Saviors," witnessed the work of the Freedom House paramedics firsthand and attributes their effectiveness to their compassion for the community.

"That's the number one thing they brought to the table," Starzenski says, "they cared." Even as they faced racism from hospitals, patients, and local government, Freedom House paramedics came to be known for the high standard of care they provided. Eventually, even the police began requesting them for urgent, life-threatening calls throughout the city.

Freedom House Ambulance Service Paves Way for EMS to Come

As Freedom House became a leader for ambulance services in the U.S. and internationally, they helped develop the first national training standards for paramedics and the first nationally recognized design for ambulances, making EMS history. By 1975, Freedom House had instituted ongoing

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## 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. This 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.

## 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 Chritian 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 = APPROPRATE 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!