



July 8th ~ Carolyn Smalls  
July 11th ~ Deeborah Lashawn Greene-Small  
July 13th ~ Cynthia Toi Grant Green  
July 19th ~ Kwaglyn Drake  
July 26th ~ Kasia Fields  
July 29th ~ Tiffany Ford  
July 29th ~ James K Mack III  
July 29th ~ Jawan Mack  
July 31st ~ Inez Smalls  
July 31st ~ Isaac Smalls



Deacon Benjamin & Jenny Fields ~ July 7th

## Bethesda Herald Newsletter

If you would like to have your anniversary, birthday, graduation, special achievements or church announcements included in the newsletter, please submit the information to Sister Barbara Holmes, Church Secretary @ bethesdachristianfellowship36@gmail.com.



BETHESDA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
Post Office Box 515  
Saint Helena Island, South Carolina 29920

## Church Invitation

**Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
Pastor's Anniversary  
Sunday, July 20, 2025 - 2:00 PM

## Bethesda Senior Saints

Seniors 80 to 89 years old are asked to submit a brief bio and picture to the church secretary to be featured in the Bethesda Herald Newsletter. We will be reaching out to family members of those senior saints.

**Dr. Charles Cuthbert Scholarship**  
(\$750) - Honoring Deacon Wesley Smalls

## Young Men Social Club of Saint Helena

Young Men Social Club of Saint Helena is offering four (4) scholarships to high school seniors who will be attending college this fall. Information is posted in the administration area.

## Bethesda Members

Training for Broadcast, Sound, Preparing Messages for Radio Broadcast, and Livestreaming Ministries will take place soon. If you are interested in being trained, let the church secretary know.

## Bethesda Christian Fellowship Livestreaming



### 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.)

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

Wonder and Wisdom in GOD's Word

Please join us for "Wonder and 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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Bishop Kenneth C. Doe



From The Bishop's Desk

### Then It Came To Me...

"Use It!!" Okay. We have the answer, "Use It." But what question does this answer? Here is the question: What should I do with the knowledge I have gained about living for the LORD?

Some time ago, it was said to me that most people use only about two percent (2%) of their brain's capacity. I do not actually know if this is accurate. But, let us assume for a moment that it is factual. I immediately begin to wonder and ponder. What could or would the average person be doing intellectually if he pushed himself just a little more? What new heights might be reached or problems solved if he tried a little harder?

Then, we look at ourselves in Christ. He has saved all who call upon His name. He has sanctified us to the extent that we have relinquished our carnal minds. He continues to lead and mature us in knowledge and understanding. He feeds us in many ways. We can enjoy personal/private daily devotions, corporate worship, study of the Holy Bible, prayer, and fellowship. Many enjoy Christian broadcasts by radio, television, and online. We have audio tapes, CD's, and DVD's. Obviously, accessing Christian teaching is not a problem for most Christians in our area.

The chasm, or gap, seems most real between accessing (getting it) and assimilating (letting it get to us). We are addressing the flaw that keeps information from becoming inspired instruction. What do we do to bridge the chasm or remove the flaw, thereby empowering us to live in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Empowerment comes for individual and corporate destinies as you and I begin using what we already have. Destiny is attainable as we use those things we already know. Another book may help; another version of the Holy Bible may help; another video or audio cassette may help; so, might another conference. But what can really begin to turn your world around is already with you and me. Simply, "Use It!"

Those things, which ye have both learned and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." (Philippians 4:9)

Shalom, my Friends,  
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

# The Bethesda Herald

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The Place of the Outpouring

## June Sermon Recap

**June 1, 2025**

**Manifested**

June 3:1617; Matthew 5:14-16; 1 John; 4:9  
1 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 116:12

Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

**June 8, 2025**

**Excuses**

Luke 14:15-24  
Elder Fred Furman

**June 15, 2025**

**Following GOD's Plan Not My Mood**

Psalm 1:1-6  
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

**June 22, 2025**

**Choosing Wisely**

Psalm 19:7-4; Proverbs 18:21; James 3:5  
Ephesians 4:26,27  
Prophetess Marvalyn Holmes

**June 29, 2025**

**For Sure**

Psalm 34:11-22  
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

## Bethesda Christian Fellowship Sunday School Ministry



Sister B. Holmes  
Superintendent



Sister C. Smalls  
Asst. Superintendent

## Vacation Bible School 2025

Imagine your life as a road trip and during your travel meeting the most important man ever ~ a man who was not just a man, but also God. One who turned the world upside-down. One who existed outside of time.

This year's Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 16th through June 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. It was a wonderful and blessed experience. The theme for this learning experience, "Road Trip - On The Go with GOD".

VBS  
2025



**Monday June 16th**

**Bible Story**

Abraham and Sarah Follow God (Genesis 12:1-9)

**Mile Marker**

God is with us on the journey.

**Green Light Verse**

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

**Tuesday June 17th**

**Bible Story**

The Israelites Take the Scenic Route (Exodus 13:17-22)

**Mile Marker**

God is with us when we go off course.

**Green Light Verse**

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

**Wednesday June 18th**

**BIBLE STORY**

Mary & Elizabeth's Family Reunion (Luke 1:39-56)

**MILE MARKER**

God is with us when we're joyful.

**GREEN LIGHT VERSE**

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

**Thursday June 19th**

**Bible Story**

Jesus Visits Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

**Mile Marker**

God is with us when we're lonely.

**Green Light Verse**

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

**Friday June 20th**

**Bible Story**

On the Road with Paul (Acts 18:1-11)

**Mile Marker**

God is with us near and far

**Green Light Verse**

The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

# BETHESDA'S SENIOR SAINTS

**Anchored in Love and Legacy:  
James and Bertha Bradley Celebrate 66  
Years of Marriage and Over 50 Years as  
Owners of Bradley's Seafood Market**

In a world where few things last, James and Bertha Bradley are shining examples of enduring love, faith, and dedication. On July 14, 2025, the couple will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary, marking more than six decades of partnership in life, love, and business.



**A Lifelong Bond**

James and Bertha were married on July 14, 1959, beginning a journey that would see them raise their children, build a business, and become pillars of their community. Their love story is one of mutual respect, shared dreams, and a deep-rooted commitment to each other.

**The Heart of the Market**

In the early 1970s, the Bradley's opened Bradley's Seafood Market, a small but ambitious venture that quickly grew into a beloved local staple. For over 50 years, the market has been known for its fresh catches, friendly service, and the warm, familiar faces of Bertha behind the counter and James in the back cleaning the seafood, when not on his boat. James was a commercial fisherman for over 50 years, and he was the captain and owner of Bradely's Pride shrimp trawler.

Now in their 80s, the couple still runs the market themselves, greeting customers with the same energy and care that built their reputation decades ago.



**A Month of Celebration**

August will be a special month for the Bradley's. James will celebrate his 90th birthday on August 18, and Bertha will celebrate her 84th birthday on August 22. Their birthdays, just days apart, are

another reminder of the life they've built together full of milestones, memories, and meanings.

**Faith and Fellowship**

The Bradleys are devoted Christians and has been members of **Bethesda Christian Fellowship Church**, formally St. Joseph Baptist Church for close to 60 years and they still attend services every Sunday, unless not well. Their faith is a cornerstone of their lives, and they cherish the fellowship and support of their church family.

**A Lasting Legacy**

As they celebrate 66 years of marriage, James and Bertha Bradley continue to inspire those around them with their strength, kindness, and unwavering dedication. Their story is not just one of personal triumph, but of a legacy built on love, faith, and service to others. They have begun to pass the torch to their son James Bradley Jr. who is also a commercial fisherman and owner of his shrimp trawler and dock.



## BETHESDA'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2025



Azariah Jackson



Ariele Lynard



Jasmine Reames



Iyanna Williams

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025

# Black History



## Another Black Wall Street

Durham, North Carolina, is a city steeped in history, culture, and resilience. Among its many historic neighborhoods, the Hayti District stands out as a shining example of African American entrepreneurship, community building, and cultural heritage. Often referred to as "Another Black Wall Street," Hayti was once a thriving hub of Black-owned businesses, educational institutions, and cultural landmarks. This article delves into the history, rise, fall, and legacy of Durham's Hayti District, exploring its significance as a cornerstone of African American achievement and its enduring impact on the community.

**The Origins of Hayti: A Community Built on Resilience**

The story of Hayti begins in the aftermath of the Civil War. As formerly enslaved African Americans sought to build new lives, many migrated to urban centers like Durham. The city's tobacco and textile industries provided employment opportunities, and African Americans began to establish their own neighborhoods. Hayti, named after the Haitian Revolution as a symbol of Black independence and resilience, emerged as a self-sufficient community.

By the late 19th century, Hayti had become a vibrant district with its own schools, churches, businesses, and cultural institutions. The neighborhood was a testament to the determination of its residents to create a space where they could thrive despite the systemic racism and segregation of the Jim Crow era. The community's founders envisioned Hayti as a place where African Americans could achieve economic independence and cultural pride.

The name "Hayti" itself was a powerful statement. By naming the district after Haiti, the first Black republic in the Western Hemisphere, residents drew a direct connection to the ideals of freedom, self-determination, and resistance to oppression. This sense of pride and identity was

woven into the fabric of the community, shaping its development and guiding its residents as they built a thriving neighborhood from the ground up.

**The Rise of Black Wall Street**

Hayti's reputation as "Another Black Wall Street" was well-earned. The district was home to a remarkable concentration of Black-owned businesses, including banks, insurance companies, theaters, and retail stores. One of the most notable figures in Hayti's history was John Merrick, a former enslaved person who co-founded the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1898. This company became the largest Black-owned insurance company in the United States and served as a cornerstone of Hayti's economic success.

North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company was not just a business; it was a symbol of hope and progress for African Americans. It provided financial security to families and supported other Black-owned businesses in the community. The company's success inspired other entrepreneurs to establish their own enterprises, creating a thriving ecosystem of economic activity.

Other prominent businesses in Hayti included Mechanics and Farmers Bank, which provided financial services to African Americans who were often excluded from mainstream banks, and the Durham Drug Company, which was one of the first Black-owned pharmacies in the South. These enterprises not only provided essential services but also created jobs and fostered a sense of pride and self-reliance within the community.

The success of Hayti's businesses was not limited to local impact. The district became a model for other Black communities across the country, demonstrating what was possible when African Americans pooled their resources and worked together to build economic power. Hayti's entrepreneurs were pioneers, breaking barriers and challenging the racial inequalities of their time.

## July Health Awareness Sarcoma

Sarcoma is a rare cancer accounting for 1% of all adult cancer and 21% of childhood cancers. There are two main types: tumors that form in bones, tumors that form in muscles, fat, nerves and other soft tissues.

Approximately 17,000 people are diagnosed with sarcoma each year in the United States,

approximately 4,000 bone sarcomas and 13,000 soft tissue sarcomas. At any one time, more than 50,000 patients and their families are struggling with sarcoma.

There are over 100 subtypes of sarcoma as classified by the World Health Organization (WHO). Sarcomas can arise anywhere in the body and from a variety of tissue structures (nerves, muscles, joints, bone, fat, blood vessels – collectively referred to as the body's "connective tissues"). The most frequent location are the limbs since this is where the majority of the body's connective tissue resides.

- 40% occur in the lower extremities (legs, ankles, feet)
- 30% occur in the trunk (chest wall, abdomen, pelvis)
- 15% occur in the upper extremities (shoulders, arms, wrists, hands)
- 15% occur in the head and neck

Sarcomas are commonly hidden deep in the body, so sarcoma is often diagnosed when it has already become too large to expect a hope of being cured. Although a lot of the lumps and bumps we get are benign, people should have them looked at by a doctor at an early stage in case it is sarcoma.

Sarcoma is sometimes curable by surgery (about 20% of the time), or by surgery with chemotherapy and/or radiation (another 50-55%), but about half the time they are totally resistant to all of these approaches-thus the extreme need for new therapeutic approaches.

## Extreme Heat

Stay safe during hot-weather exercise by drinking enough fluids, wearing proper clothing and timing your activities to avoid extreme heat. In whatever activity you do outdoors, take care when the temperatures rise. If you exercise outdoors in hot weather, use these commonsense precautions to prevent heat related illnesses.

Exercising in hot weather puts extra stress on your body. If you don't take care when exercising in the heat, you risk serious illness. Both the exercise itself and the air temperature increase your core body temperature.

To help cool itself, your body sends more blood to circulate through your skin. This leaves less blood for your muscles, which in turn increases your heart rate. If the humidity also is high, your

body faces added stress because sweat doesn't readily evaporate from your skin. That pushes your body temperature even higher.

Avoid midday sun. Exercise or outdoor chores should be done in the morning or evening, when it's likely to be cooler outdoors. If possible, exercise in shady areas ~ or do a water workout in a pool.

Wear sunscreen. A sunburn decreases your body's ability to cool itself and increases the risk of skin cancer.

Have a backup plan. If you're concerned about the heat or humidity, stay indoors. Work out at the gym, walk laps inside the mall or climb stairs inside an air conditioned building.

Understand your medical risks. By taking some basic precautions, your daily activities don't have to be sidelined when the heat is on.

## Summer Reading Reminder



All school age kids to High school are asked and expected to submit a weekly summary of a book or chapter of a book that you read to Bishop.

To include Title and Author.

Bishop Kenneth C. Doe



## "A Seniors' Perspective"

Any senior interested in contributing to the Bethesda Herald Newsletter senior section, Senior's Perspective, is asked to please contact Sister Ruth Johnson, via the church secretary, Sister Barbara Holmes.