



**Deacon Wesley C. Smalls ~ Nov. 8th**  
Carolyn Theodore ~ Nov. 10th  
Lisa Johnson ~ Nov. 15th  
Kathy LeGree Williams ~ Nov. 17th  
Patricia Green Simmons ~ Nov. 17th  
A ~Shonna Padgett ~ Nov. 22nd  
Berlynn Renae Simmons ~ Nov. 25th  
Denzel D. Green ~ Nov. 29th  
Keith Ellis ~ Nov. 30th

**New Youth Choir Members Welcome!**  
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 are notified that rehearsal time has changed or will be cancelled.  
If you are in grades Sixth (6th) to Twelfth (12th) and you're interested in becoming a member of the Youth Choir Ministry please join us during those rehearsal times.  
Thank you,  
Youth Choir Director  
**Sister Gwen Smith**



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Saint Helena Island, South Carolina 29920

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**"A Seniors' Perspective"**

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**Just think,**  
You're here not by chance,  
But by God's choosing.  
His hand  
formed you  
And made you the person you are,  
He compares you to no one else -  
**You are**  
**one of a kind**  
**You lack nothing**  
That His grace can't give you.  
He has allowed you to be here  
At this time in history  
**To fulfill**  
**His special purpose**  
For this generation.  
Roy Lessin

**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 [live stream 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**

**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.



Bishop Kenneth C. Doe ~ Overseer

# The Bethesda Herald

A Ministry of Bethesda Christian Fellowship




The Place of the Outpouring

November 2025 Issue

*Then It Came To Me...*  
**Anniversary-** "What's it all about?"  
Webster's *Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary* teaches that, among other things, anniversary is from the Latin "*anniversarius*" meaning returning annually; an annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event. Now, in the context of the anniversaries being celebrated this month by our church family, what does all of this mean?  
For me, this first of all means regular, but not routine. Every year we do it. We plan, and then we do it, regularly. Visitors come to celebrate with us; we enjoy great fellowship and food every year. The economy does not stop it, nor does the weather. It does not even stop if some of us choose to be elsewhere during that time. It's regular. Generally, elements of the worship experience are constant. While leading participants change and we choose between the mini or expanded versions of the history, it still happens regularly ~ annually.  
Yet, Church and Pastor Anniversaries are not routine. They simply cannot be since each time it happens, another year has passed. Just as January 1 is the New Year on our calendar, so are our Church and Pastor Anniversaries the marking of a New Year, another year. That means, we have been kept together another year; we have worked together another year; we have cried and laughed and hurt and celebrated and overcome together for another year. What a blessing!  
Since October 27th, 1937, this fellowship has come together annually to celebrate another year of kingdom building. Her evangelistic fervor continues to intensify. Reaching and teaching are our desires. We work to make Christ known. Why has this fellowship sailed safely through all manner of storms and adversities? I think it is because we realize that the Message ~ Jesus Saves, the Mission ~ the Spreading of that Message to all Mankind, and the Ecclesia, the called out ones, all belong to and are part of the Providential plan of our and are part of the Providential plan of our Sovereign God, Jehovah. We anticipate reunion with all the Saints who have gone on before us when anniversaries are no more. Praise the LORD.  
Then, in July, 1975, this fellowship followed the lead of the Holy Spirit, and with a view toward the present and the future, this mainly middle and senior aged congregation went against the traditional grain by extending the call to a young, single seminarian to serve as Pastor. Since the first Sunday in August of that year, I have sought to serve God and mankind. I have learned and grown so much. I often thank God for His and your love and patience. As with the Church, we gather regularly in November to thank God for another year. The Spirit of God has married, meshed and made us one. Our LORD, Jesus, prayed that we may be one as He and His Father are one (John 17:20-22). Bethesda, formerly Saint Joseph, you have been and are a blessing to me, Gwen and the Doettes. Thank you.  
So, let us celebrate. It's Anniversary time. Sunday, November 9th, Church's Anniversary and November 16th, Pastor's Anniversary, is a day Holy unto the LORD. We must do all things as unto Him. Let us consecrate ourselves to another year of kingdom building, excited about "Walking in Excellence, Participating in God's Plan."  
"Anniversary - that's what it's all about!!!"

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**BETHESDA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 88TH ANNIVERSARY**




In 1937, a small prayer band was organized under the leadership of the late Reverend Joseph S. Heyward. On October 27, 1937, Saint Joseph Baptist Church was born. The Old Ashley Baptist Association provided ministers to serve that day on its Recognition Council. To this council's inquiry concerning "the grounds on which the church was organized," the Clerk read: "This church is being organized for the sake of peace and harmony toward all mankind." This young fellowship worked hard spreading the

Gospel of Jesus Christ and building a house of worship. With the favor of God among men, much was accomplished in the first few years. Several auxiliary ministries were organized. The first Pastor, Board of Deacons and Congregation set an impressive benchmark of excellence and hard work. The names and length of service of our Pastors are:

- \*The Reverend Joseph S. Heyward**  
*October 1937 through 1942*
- \*The Reverend R.H. McDonald**  
*September 1942 through April 1959*
- \*The Reverend Mark E. Sharpe**  
*1960 to 1963*

**Shalom, my Friends**  
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

- \*The Reverend Blanton Black**  
*1963 to 1965*
- \*The Reverend Nathaniel Smalls**  
*1967 to 1974*
- \*Bishop Kenneth C. Doe**  
*August 1975 to the present time*



After noticing that our current physical plant was seriously challenged because of numerical growth, in 1995 we embraced, in concept, a multi-phased master building plan. In October 1999, the Lord caused us to dedicate and occupy Phase I, a worship center and administrative offices.

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At this time, we began transitioning to the new name given to us by our Lord – Bethesda. So, the new building was called Bethesda Temple of Saint Joseph Baptist Church. In December 2006, this church family obeyed the voice of the Lord and formally embraced the name–Bethesda Christian Fellowship.

**BETHESDA** – that name which embodied and describes our Lord’s plan to move mightily among us;

**CHRISTIAN** – that it shall be crystal clear that we are Christian only, having no measure of mixture of any other beliefs/ faiths / religions;

**FELLOWSHIP** – the nature of Christian community; a branch of God’s Kingdom which agrees to consolidate for mutual edification and accountability.

Currently, our facilities remain the same. Our means of governance remains the same. Our association with local churches remains the same. We are open to fellowship with others. We are open to learn from others and to have others learn from us .Our reliance on the Holy Bible as the Authority in all matters of faith and conduct remains the same. Our History remains the same, having been organized in October 1937.

From time through eternity, we remain grateful to our one true God, Yahweh, who offers salvation through the blood and in the name of Jesus Christ only, and empowerment through the Holy Spirit. We constantly seek to know, understand, and make known our Lord’s VISION for this house, and participate in His plan, while **Pursuing Holiness and Walking in Excellence.**

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BISHOPS' 50TH APPRECIATION



We shall celebrate the Church’s 88th and Bishop Kenneth C. Doe’s 50th Appreciation through worship. Let us participate in these times of worship with the spirit of thanksgiving and praise, for we are truly blessed to be called to participate in God’s plan right here at Bethesda.

Tribute To Our Dad

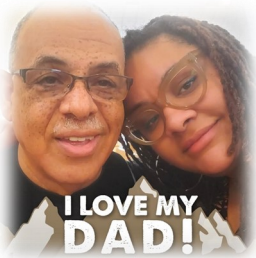


Ariel Doe

Tribute to my father:

How does one put into words the kind of father you have been. You are always there even when I don’t expect it and right on time. I have not met anyone like him. He is the greatest example of what a real man is and should be. He is the real MVP - most valuable pastor most valuable person to me. I love you beyond words.

Congratulations on your 50th anniversary!!



Julia-Louise Doe

Daddy,

You'll be happy to know I did a little research for this! According to Strong's Concordance, the Hebrew word for Jubilee is yobel, which also means ram's horn or trumpet. I believe prophetically, a trumpet is sounding in the spirit for you, the man, and the minister. Like the sounding of the horn in Joshua 6 when the walls of Jericho fell, I believe that any and all obstacles you've faced over these years are falling in the spirit and the natural to make way for a victorious entry into your next phase. And like the Israelites who honored release, restoration, and rest during the year of Jubilee in Leviticus, I anticipate you doing the same. You have been a faithful steward of this flock. May all that God has divinely appointed for you in your life and all that your heart has prayed for be fulfilled this year. I love you truly Daddy mine. Thank you for raising me, loving me, and protecting me. Receive without reluctance all that God has in store for you.

Love your Sunshine



Kirsten Doe

To call fifty years on the job an accomplishment is an understatement. It’s a milestone. A hallmark. An indelible footprint. For my father specifically, it is a testament to faith, determination, and a love for God’s people. And to those who know him best, it is hardly a surprise.

My father values people. He values relationships and champions potential. He expects excellence and requires your best. And when hard work meets success, the pride he feels is evident in



his demeanor. I never was afraid to try new things or to push my brain to its limits because since I

was a little girl, he has championed me every step of the way. He helped me believe in myself and my capabilities. Whether cheering for me the first time I counted to 100, making me read an article in the newspaper before he let me read the comic strips, or listening to me vent and providing wise counsel, he helped me develop academically, emotionally and spiritually. He always wanted the best for me, and he did everything in his power to guide me towards my greatest potential.

Simply put, he is one of my favorite people. Someone I can talk to and someone I can laugh with. A fully authentic person who operates in truth and love. I never had to look far for a hero with him as my father. My admiration for him has persisted not because of what he does, but who he is. I am blessed to call him father and friend, and it is my honor to join in celebrating this great milestone. Congratulations!

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Senior Saints

The Bethesda Newsletter would like to highlight our senior saints in the upcoming months and will be reaching out to family members of those senior saints.

CELEBRATING A JOYOUS OCCASION!  
Church's 88th Anniversary



November 9th ~ 10 AM

To honor this special day, we invite everyone to wear beautiful **fall colors** such as **Burgundy, Gold, Orange, Brown, or Olive Green.**

Let’s come together in unity and thanksgiving for all that GOD has done.

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Bishop Kenneth C. Doe Appreciation

We will Honor Bishop’s 50 years of Servanthood on the third Sunday, November 16th, 2025.

Sunday Worship ~ 10 AM

Jubilee Banquet ~3:00 pm ~ Holiday Inn  
Semi-Formal Attire

Anniversary 2025

All Members of Bethesda and any other well – wishers are asked to share encouragement to our Bishop through the depository for Tithes at the LORD’S House or through the Church’s postal address.

Wards Of Bethesda

The Deacons are asking ward members for any gifts that they want to give to the Bishop, to be shared through the Deacons or dropped off on Saturday, November 15th before the appreciation.

Please contact your Ward Deacon.  
God Bless.

Gifts can also be sent via mail see address below:



Bethesda Christian fellowship  
P.O. Box 515  
Saint Helena Island, S.C. 29920

Please indicate Tithes and Offering or Love gift for Bishop on envelope. Your Sharing can begin November 2nd, through Sunday, November 16th.



Health Corner  
Dr. Ardra Davis-Tolbert

The holiday season is upon us. Historically, this has been a time of food, fun and fellowship. We have no doubt that

many traditions will remain. We would like to take this opportunity to provide alternative suggestions to make this a healthier holiday season.

If you use:

Whole Milk  
Eggs  
Butter  
Sugar  
Ground beef

Try:

Skim (nonfat) or 1% milk  
Egg Whites  
Margarine  
Artificial sweetener/Honey  
Lean ground beef or ground turkey  
Chicken/Turkey (No skin)  
Brown Rice  
Whole wheat pasta  
Low fat cheese  
Applesauce  
Low fat yogurt  
Low fat yogurt  
Fruit

Chicken/Turkey  
White Rice  
Pasta  
Cheese  
Cooking Oil  
Cream Cheese  
Ice cream  
Cakes, Pies

Remember, recommended physical activity is 30-45 minutes of aerobic activity 5-7 days a week. Aerobic activity includes walking, running, aerobics, swimming, raking and cycling. This is even more important during this season of festive foods. Enjoy in moderation!!

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October Sermons Recap

October 5th, 2025

Fundamental Faith - Direct Access

II Corinthians 3:15-16; Hebrews 20

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October 12th, 2024

Spirit and Truth

Leviticus 10:1-11

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October 19th, 2024

Moving Forward by Going Back

Hosea 1:1-11

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October 26th, 2024

Demonstrating Gratitude and Confidence

Proverbs 3:9,10

Bishop Kenneth C. Doe



Church Information

Praise 94.5 FM – Minister Share – Bethesda Ministers

will share on Wednesdays at 12 noon.

Tune in on Sunday Mornings – 9:00 – 9:30 AM – 94.5 FM

Tune in on Sunday Afternoons– 2:30– 3:30 PM – WKWQ 100.7

Prayer Vigil



This Week’s Prayer Vigil for Safety and Security for Our Families and Communities, the Body of Christ, Leadership at All Levels, Educational Institutions, Our Military, Our First Responders (11/2/2025 through 11/8/25) – 6:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

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Bethesda Christian Fellowship Fall Academy



November 4, 2025



November 5, 2025

The Tuesday Evening Academy and the Wednesday Evening Academy are ministries which share a common training mission for female and male participants 4th grade to adult respectively.

Each ministry begins at 6:00 pm and ends at 7:30 pm and desires your participation.