

Church Information



Patience Smalls ~ May 2nd  
Rosemary Burns ~ May 11th  
Taylor Eugene ~ May 15th  
Lennetta Pollock ~ May 21st  
Margie W. Gregory ~ May 27th  
Sally (Mayola) Jenkins ~ May 28th  
Andre' Pollock ~ May 31st



Bethesda Congratulates All couples who were joined in Holy Matrimony during the month of May.

April Sermon Recap

Theme: Repairers of the Breaches

April 4th- "It Must Needs Be (It Must Have to Be)" - I Corinthians 15:60-58; John 10:17-18

April 11th- "The Cost of Being Unprepared" - Genesis 6:5-22; 7:12

April 18th - "The Signs of Unpreparedness" - Genesis 6:3

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 auxiliary.
- 4) The applicant must have been a participant in the two most recent Tuesday/Wednesday Evening Academies.
- 5) The applicant must have attended at least two Young Men and Women Auxiliary workshops in the last calendar year.
- 6) The applicant must have at least one 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

Any information shared with Bethesda concerning college scholarships will be available on the Church's website. (Message Board | Bethesda Christian Fellowship)

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- Bethesda Christian Fellowship Facebook page Bethesda Christian Fellowship - Home | Facebook
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- Our webpage Bethesda Christian Fellowship (revmediatv.com)

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Please join us for "Just A Word" segment that's livestreamed every Wednesday at 1:00 pm on Facebook.

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The Bethesda Herald

A Ministry of Bethesda Christian Fellowship



Then It Came To Me...

"...Even there..." This is all about trusting God. Our trust stands on what we know about Him. What we come to know experientially (through life) only confirms and affirms what we know from His Holy Word. God has revealed Himself in His Word. So, we must hear and know His Word. Then, as life unfolds, the truth of His Word takes on added personal relevance.

Psalm 139:10 teaches, "Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." In a word, this psalm recognizes and emphasizes these ultimate attributes of God: His Omniscience (verses 1-6), Omnipresence (verses 7-12), and Omnipotence (verses 13-19). Then, the writer concludes affirming his identity with God and absolute dependence on God to lead him.

The believer finds comfort knowing that there is no place in creation that prohibits the presence of God. Heaven, hell (Sheol -the place of the dead), the uttermost parts of the sea, the darkness of night may all intimidate the man. These places, however, are part of God's dwelling place. Places I might not dare to travel alone are no problem in the company of God. "Even there," He promises to be.

The confidence in God's company is not just for the future. Again, Psalm 139:10 teaches, "Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." This is a prophetic promise for the present. His promise to be "even there" is for present reality as well as the future. Then, the promise to be "even there" extends beyond simple presence. Our God's promise is that He is there doing particular things, "leading" and "holding." What an encouragement to the hearts of believers! God is "even there, leading and holding." We have the promise of guidance and protection. So, where Satan may be trying to intimidate and cause confusion, this simple verse from the Word of God brings illumination which dispels doubt and fear. Fanny Crosby says it well in the hymn, "All The Way My Savior Leads Me." Our Lord concludes the matter in His commissioning of the disciples as recorded in Matthew 28:20b: "and, lo, I am

with you always; Even to the end of the world. Amen" Yes, saints, "Even there!!!"

Shalom, my Friends,  
Pastor Kenneth C. Doe

"A CALL TO PRAY"

- 1. Pray without ceasing: 1 Thessalonians 5: 17
- 2. Make your request known to God: Philippians 4:6
- 3. Cry out to God: Psalm 55: 17
  - a. Morning.....6 AM
  - b. Noon.....12 NOON
  - c. Evening.....6 PM
  - d. Midnight.....12 AM

We are praying for the body of Christ to rise to the occasion with a spirit of BOLDNESS so the world can see JESUS:

FOCUS PRAYER:

- 1. Souls for the Kingdom: Revelation 2 and 3 ... "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Jeremiah 6:11-17
- 2. Against the spirit of fear 2 Timothy 1:7
- 3. The peace of God: Philippians 4:7
- 4. Spiritual Healing and Physical Healing: Isaiah 53:5; Jeremiah 17: 14
- 5. The love of God to abide within us: 1 John 2:15-17

NOTE: Suggested scriptures: Psalm 50, 142, 141 91, 90, 46-49 etc.

DEACONS AND WARDS

- 1. Deacon Fields - Beaufort, Port Royal, Parris Island, Hardeeville, Ridgeland
- 2. Deacon Elliott - Laurel Bay, Grays Hill, Seabrook, Dale, Sheldon, Jenkins, Burton, Big Estate,
- 3. Deacon Holmes - Warsaw, Lady's Island, Oaks
- 4. Deacon Middleton - Saxonville and Seaside road
- 5. Deacon Rivers—Lands End, Scott, Orange Grove, Ann Fripp, 11.5

- 6. Deacon Bailey ~ Indian Hill, Tom Fripp, John Fripp, Cedar Grove, Molly Hill, Folly Road, Coffin Point
- 7. Deacon Glover ~ Wallace, Edding Point, Croft, Mary Jenkins

Proverbs 31:10-12 and 25-31

<sup>10</sup>Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.<sup>11</sup>The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. <sup>12</sup>She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. <sup>25</sup>Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. <sup>26</sup>She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. <sup>27</sup>She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. <sup>28</sup>Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. <sup>29</sup>Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. <sup>30</sup>Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. <sup>31</sup>Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

Bethesda Christian Fellowship Women of Excellence Ministry



Cynthia Holmes  
Leader



Theresa Jenkins  
Assistant Leader

The purpose of this ministry is to assist women and young and older girls in fully understanding and fulfilling God's plan for them. We seek to educate and train our young and adult ladies in behavior that exemplifies holiness and godliness through the Word of God so that they become better mothers, wives, teachers and spirit-filled women taking their rightful place in God's divine plan as expressed in Titus 2:3-5 and Proverbs 22:6. This ministry's purpose is

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achieved through opportunities to work with young and older girls and adult women during our Tuesday Evening Academy sessions. During the Academy sessions, women and girls are exposed to biblical teachings, activities, and worship that help to mold and develop them. The Women of Excellence Ministry also facilitates Intercessory Prayer on the third Saturday morning of each month. We share in the work of the Lord through evangelism as we share with those who are unsaved, backslidden and in need of spiritual uplifting. The Facilitation of Women's Day is another way the Ministry achieves its purpose in this body. The Women of Excellence Ministry's function is important to the wholeness in our fellowship. In order to bring healing and deliverance in the lives of women and girls, the Ministry strives to help others experience God's mighty hand and graciousness through the power of His Word. We are blessed with a sweet bond of sisterhood through the precious presence of the Holy Spirit. We strive to help women and girls.



**Cynthia Holmes**  
Leader

**Theresa Jenkins**  
Assistant Leader

Hello Bethesda Ladies!

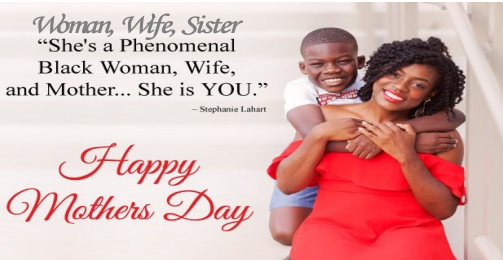
We pray that you and your family are all doing well. What can we say about the awesomeness of our Lord?

During our last session together, we did not know that GOD would allow us to all be in the same season of life, “Seasons of A Woman’s Life”. GOD and GOD alone in his infinite wisdom has allowed us to experience Him in such a way to help us put things in perspective. The call, as we learned in our Bible study, has helped some of us to reflect upon what is truly important; what my specific call is to the world; how we each need to reach out to others; and, the need to restore family relationships (Isaiah 55:6-7; John 4:24). God is spirit, invite the spirit of God into

your life to guide you (John 14:16). Everything has a time and season. Ask the Lord to help us get our houses in order spiritually, mentally and physically, and to clean up the clutter in our spirits, hearts and minds in order to prepare us for our true calling, for such a time as this (Esther 4:14).

God Bless You!

Sincerely,  
Bethesda Christian Fellowship Women’s Ministry  
Sister Cynthia Holmes, Leader  
Sister Theresa Jenkins, Assistant Leader



*Black History Month spotlight:*  
*Faith, family and culture pave way for Savannah supervisor*



**Harriston Holmes Jr.**

A native of Saint Helena Island, home of the Gullah Geechee culture, I’ve prevailed against the odds. The first of a household of five to graduate from college, receiving a Bachelor’s in Science degree from Voorhees College, an HBCU (Historically Black College and University), located in Denmark, S.C. I initially wanted to be a professional basketball player, but unexpected life challenges led me to make a career change. I found an opportunity to follow in my father’s footsteps. From a family well-respected in the community for our ability to build and restore; utilizing those inherited skills, I decided to pursue a career in aviation. Saint Helena Island, which is a part of Beaufort County, sits on the Coast between Hilton Head Island, SC and Charleston, SC. It bares descendants

Africa, Sierra Leone and Ghana, which is also known as the “Ivory Coast.” Many inherited land was given to ancestors. This was land that was deserted by plantation owners when the storm of 1893 came through and killed thousands of residents. Even with the land being left in ruins, the land was still fertile enough to bring forth crops that were sold in supermarkets around the region to this day. I cherish my roots and I credit my ambition, motivation and success, thus far, to God and my parents who taught me that through Christ, nothing is impossible. (Fun Fact: Saint Helena Island, SC hosts a “Black Heritage Festival” the second week of November every year. I would recommend anyone interested in exploring and learning about different cultures make a point to experience it. It’s a three-to-four day event, consisting of vendors, entertainment and a variety of food.)

I’ve been in the aviation industry for 12 years and have worked on aircraft as far away as the Middle East. I’ve worked in challenging environments, from commercial, to military-civilian assignments, to manufacturing. In 2015, while working at the CAE (Charleston) Airport, I found time to give back to young athletes as Head Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach at Allen University. It was truly one of the best times of my life, reuniting me with a sport that taught me many life skills. Unfortunately, it ended abruptly when the Maintenance base where I worked shut down. Fortunately, I was able to join a company that was expanding right away, and continued pressing toward building my career. In January 2020, I was hired at PSA as a Lead Mechanic. Six months later, I was promoted to my current position of Maintenance Supervisor. My goal daily is to learn through my endeavors in aviation. If I were asked to give advice to someone looking to be a part of this highly-competitive and ever-changing field, I would say pray and BELIEVE without a modicum of doubt. Most importantly, work hard daily, as if you are years behind. Lastly, building a positive network is key. Negativity is highly contagious.

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## May Health Awareness Month

ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. A-myo-trophic comes from the Greek language. "A" means no. "Myo" refers to muscle, and "Trophic" means nourishment. "No muscle nourishment." When a muscle has no nourishment, it "atrophies" or wastes away. "Lateral" identifies the areas in a person's spinal cord where portions of the nerve cells that signal and control the muscles are located. As this area degenerates, it leads to scarring or hardening ("sclerosis") in the region. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The motor nerves that are affected when you have ALS are the motor neurons that provide voluntary movements and muscle control. Examples of voluntary movements are making the effort to reach for a smart phone or step off a curb. These actions are controlled by the muscles in the arms and legs. There are two different types of ALS, sporadic and familial. Sporadic, which is the most common form of the disease in the U.S., accounts for 90 to 95 percent of all cases. It may affect anyone, anywhere. Familial ALS (FALS) accounts for 5 to 10 percent of all cases in the U.S. Familial ALS means the disease is inherited. In those families, there is a 50% chance each offspring will inherit the gene mutation and may develop the disease. Most people who develop ALS are between the ages of 40 and 70, with an average age of 55 at the time of diagnosis. However, cases of the disease do occur in people in their twenties and thirties. and it is estimated there are at least 16,000 Americans who have the disease at any given time (although this number fluctuates). For unknown reasons, military veterans are approximately twice as likely to be diagnosed with the disease as the general public.

### Symptoms

The initial symptoms of ALS can be quite varied in different people. One person may have trouble grasping a pen or lifting a coffee cup, while another person may experience a change in vocal pitch when speaking. Not all people with ALS experience the same symp-

toms or the same sequences or patterns of progression. However, progressive muscle weakness and paralysis are universally experienced.

### Diagnosis

ALS is a difficult disease to diagnose. There is no one test or procedure to ultimately establish the diagnosis of ALS. It is through a clinical examination and series of diagnostic tests, often ruling out other diseases that mimic ALS, that a diagnosis can be established.



SC Ready/SCPASS State Testing Students in 3rd-5th grade will take the SC Ready and SCPASS State Tests beginning May 18th-June 2nd. Please see the scheduled days for testing below. All virtual students are encouraged to come into the building for testing. Students will not be able to test at home. More information will be sent home later as we get closer to these dates.

May 18th: ELA 1  
May 19th: ELA 2  
May 20th-21st: ELA Make-Ups  
May 25th: Math  
May 26th: Science  
May 27th-June 2nd: Make Up Testing



As a reminder, if you are having issues with your child's device, here are the steps you need to follow:

1. Bring the device to the school
2. Fill out the technology paperwork that is on the outside next to the front door (on the cart)
3. Ring the bell and let someone know you completed the paperwork
4. A staff member will come out to collect the device and assist you.



Parents, if your child is sick in any way, (coughing, sneezing a lot, fever, etc.), PLEASE keep them home. If everyone does their part, we will continue to remain in school and healthy. As a reminder, please make sure that your child wears a mask to school daily. Please encourage students that are bus riders to remain in their assigned seat. This helps us to have accurate information if we need to do contact tracing.

## Online Giving

We thank God for your financial support of Bethesda Christian Fellowship. Online Giving is an option to give without having to write checks or donate using cash. If you prefer to write a check, send it to our mailing address. Thank you and God bless you.

### Ways to Submit Your Tithes and Offerings:



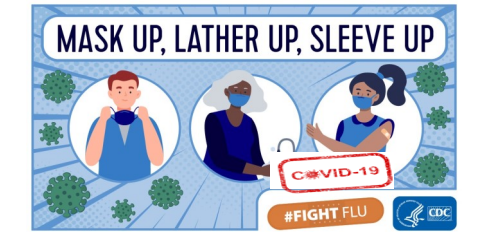
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