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THIS IS YOUR VOICE, LET IT BE HEARD! **2024** Register To Vote

YOUR VOTE MATTERS.

Voting is one of the most important rights and responsibilities that U.S. citizens have. Nobody can force a citizen to vote but voting lets us, the people, tell the government what they want it to do.

Voting was designed to maximize the power of the people, that's its true power. In times of racial, social and institutional inflection, we have the power to choose our leaders.

Voting lets us tell the government what we want it to do. If citizens want change, more services, lower taxes, racial equality, etc. We can vote for someone who will promise to spend funds the way you want.

Presidents, Governors, Sheriffs, our Police Chiefs, our District Attorneys, our Mayors and our Judges are people we put in powerful spaces, facilitate the change we demand, or block the future we deserve and they are on the ballot every year, which is why voting is much bigger than just the Presidency.

🧸 🛮 How You Can Make a Difference!

- By choosing our leaders and changing our laws by voting.
- If you're 18 or older, vote in every federal, state, and local election.
- Learn about the candidates and issues before you vote in any election.
- Know what's going on in your country and community.
- Respect your right to vote!

It's a privilege that many people in the world don't have.

Reasons to Vote

- Did you know that the turn out in most communities is under 50%?
- Every vote matters!
- It's YOUR constitutional right and a privilege. Every citizen of the United States has right to vote. Let your voice be heard.
- If you don't vote for your own interests, who will?
- "Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the people and burn their behinds, then they will have to sit on their blisters" – Abraham Lincoln
- Young voters account for half of the voting population, making them a powerful political force. Young people need to vote to directly influence issues that might affect their lives for years to come.
- It is easier than ever to be an educated voter.
- You may not care now but you will in the near future.
- Voting is a right that generations of Americans have struggled to win.
- Everyone has a voice and wants to be heard in one way or another.

ReminderBeaufort County Youth Conference



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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER MERCY GROUP

Deacon Holmes, Deacon Middleton and Deacon Bailey

Sundays ~ 1st and 3rd September 3rd and September 17th Doors Secured at 10:00 am

GRACE GROUP

Deacon Fields, Deacon Glover and Deacon Rivers

Sundays ~ 2nd and 4th September 10th and September 24th Doors Secured at 10:00 am

MONTH OF OCTOBER

GRACE GROUP

Deacon Fields, Deacon Glover and Deacon Rivers

<u>Sundays</u> ~ 1st and 3rd

October 1st and October 15th

Doors Secured at 10:00 am

MERCY GROUP

Deacon Holmes, Deacon Middleton and Deacon Bailey

Sundays ~ 2nd and 4th October 8th and 22nd Doors Secured at 10:00 am

October 29th ~ 5th Sunday — Will Be Announced Doors Secured at 10:00 am



Then It Came To Me,...

"Can We Be Friends? I know this question sounds like an invitation to engage in a special relationship, to share special times good and bad, to hold out a special hope for one another. While these phrases describe some of the good things about friendship, the initial question is not an invitation to these things.

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"Can We Be Friends?" For our purpose, this question goes to the foundational matter that should be settled before any invitation is extended. Our theme begs a broader understanding of and commitment to key foundational concepts upon which friendship is built. "Do we have what it takes to be friends? Do we understand the depth and breadth of friendship? Are we walking in sacrificial, unconditional love? Are we stable? Do we guard trusts and keep -confidences? Do we speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)? While these questions are not exhaustive, they do point to matters essential for good, godly friendships,

Christians will profit greatly by embracing the larger issue, "Can we be friends?" before making the invitation, "Let's be friends."

It is lamentable to see the decaying remains of aborted friendships too often marring the landscape of our church and para-church groups. These rotting heaps of fallen friendship reflect what could have been, should have been, used to be, or never should have been.

The mounds of decaying friendship flesh become the breeding ground for infections that are carried into new "friendships." Persons who leave trails of decaying friendships are usually unready for the next friendship. Friendships predicated on the hurts brought from failed friendships most often fail themselves.

The quick-fix, fast paced drive for momentary satisfaction is part of the seducing spirit bringing havoc to so many areas of the body of Christ, including friendship. We must resurrect the drive for enduring, committed, tried and true, godly friendship.

We must learn and follow the patterns of Jesus the Christ, other scriptural models, and saints around us who evidence a mastery of the Word of God as it relates to "friends" and "friendship."

Let us notice a few scriptural reflections and directives on the matter.

- Proverbs 16:28b ~ "and a whisperer separateth chief friends."
- Proverbs 17:9 ~ "He that covereth (not covers up) a transgression seeketh (secures) love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends."
- Proverbs 17:17 ~ "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."

May you and I be challenged to bear fruit worthy of our Lord's name. May we be led to personalize the theme of this writing and deal with the matter, "Can I Be A Friend?". Do I have what it takes? Do I possess the skill and will to be a godly friend? If not, what am! going to do about that?
"Can We Be Friends?"

Shalom, my Friends, Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

August Sermon Recap

August 6th
Amazing Grace ~ Bishop K.C. Doe
Philippians 3:12-15; I Corinthians 14:1
Romans 14:19: Luke 9:23

August 13th
The Spirit Of Ornan's Offer
1 Chronicles 21:1-7,23
Bishop K.C. Doe

August 20th
Guarding GOD's Gift In Me

Psalm 139:14

Evangelist K. Wright, Evangelist C. Jackson

August 27th

Maximized Healing ~ Bishop K.C. Doe

Philippians 3:12-16;

Romans 12:14-25;8:1







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September Awareness Month

Ovarian Cancer

At present, there is no known method to prevent ovarian cancer, but some things appear to reduce a woman's risk of developing the disease. They in-

- Oral contraception: Birth control pills reduce the risk of ovarian cancer especially among women who use them for several years. Compared with women who never used oral contraceptive, those who used oral contraceptives for 3 years or more have about a 30%-50% lower risk of developing ovarian cancer.
- Breast feeding and pregnancy: Having one or more children, particularly if the first is born before age 25, and breast feeding may decrease a woman's risk.
- Tubal ligation: This is a surgical procedure in which the fallopian tubes are tied to prevent pregnancy. This procedure reduces the relative risk of developing ovarian cancer. Its use as a risk reduction strategy may be appropriate for high risk individuals and should be discussed with your physician.
- **Hysterectomy:** A Hysterectomy has been demonstrated to reduce the relative risk of ovarian cancer. A woman should not have a hysterectomy exclusively to avoid the risk of ovarian cancer, but if one is being performed for valid medical reasons and she has a family history of ovarian or breast cancer or is over age forty, she should discuss concurrent ovary removal with her physician.

Prophylactic oophorectomy: Oophorectomy is the surgical removal of one or both ovaries. Only recommended for certain high-risk patients, the operation eliminates the risk for ovarian cancer, but not the risk for a less common cancer called Primary Peritoneal Carcinoma. This cancer is similar to ovarian cancer in spread, presentation and treatment. Discussion with your physician is necessary to determine your individual risk and options for prophylactic surgery.

Prostate Cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, and the second leading killer of men, behind lung cancer. Prostate cancer is generally very slow growing and most men die with prostate cancer (meaning that they die of some other cause) rather than from it. Still, it kills approximately 30,000 men each year. But detected early, it can be cured.

In its early stages, prostate cancer usually doesn't cause symptoms. However, as the disease progresses, the patient may develop symptoms that are the same as for prostatitis and/or BPH (see above). Additional symptoms in-

- Chronic pain in the hips, thighs, or lower back
- Blood in the urine or semen

The lack of early symptoms and the overlap of symptoms with noncancerous conditions makes prostate cancer difficult to diagnose. That's why it's essential that you get screened regularly.

Prevention

- Get your prostate checked yearly after age 40
- Eat right. Studies show that people who eat a high fat diet have a greater risk of developing prostate cancer. On the other hand, fiber, soy protein, fruits, and cooked tomatoes have all been shown to reduce risk.
- Watch your weight. Obesity may be a contributing factor to a number of cancers, including prostate.
- Exercise regularly
- Don't smoke
- Limit alcohol and avoid caffeine.
- Drink a lot of water. This can help flush out your bladder. Urine should be almost clear
- Consult your doctor about other prevention tips.

Continue to Practice Covid Protocols

Cloth face coverings helps prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth face covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people.

"A Seniors' Perspective"



Growing In Grace!!!

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. 2nd Peter For Our Teaching and Learning Experiences A Confession of Faith in a Time of

Right now, we are doing just that, we are growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Savior. Those around us see this growth and realize that the Master artist is at work. They honor Him as a result. Someday soon, when this life ends the paintbrush and palette will be put away. The last stitch will have been added, the tools will go back in the sculptor's tool kit. We will be at last what our creator intended from the first. Others will see that, and for all eternity they will praise His artistry.

Submitted by, Sis C. Bennett

Church Information



Bethesda Christian Fellowship

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 receive a message indicating a time change or rehearsal 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

Bethesda Christian Fellowship Livestreaming





Join Us on Sunday Mornings

Sunday Worship Services can be accessed via livestreaming on Sundays at 10 AM

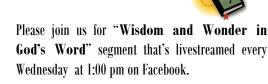
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Wisdom and Wonder In God's Work



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

We would like to place all Anniversaries, Birthdays Graduations and Special Achievements and church information in the Newsletter, but we need your help. Please submit to church email:

bethesdachristianfellowship36@gmail.com

Sister Barbara Jean Holmes

Reclaiming Jesus

We are living through perilous and polarizing times as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership at the highest levels of our government and in our

churches. We believe the soul of the nation and the integrity of faith are now at stake.

Crisis. It is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else nationality, political party, race,

ethnicity, gender, geography our identity in Christ precedes every other identity. We pray that our nation will see Jesus' words in us. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

When politics undermines our theology, we must examine that politics. The church's role is to change the world through the life and love of Jesus Christ. The government's role is to serve the common good by protecting justice and peace, rewarding good behavior while restraining bad behavior (Romans 13). When that role is undermined by political leadership, faith leaders must stand up and speak out. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state." It is often the duty of Christian leaders, especially elders, to speak the truth in love to our churches and to name and warn against temptations, racial and cultural captivities, false doctrines, and political idolatries and even our complicity in them. We do so here with humility, prayer, and a deep dependency on the grace and Holy Spirit of God.

This letter comes from a retreat on Ash Wednesday, 2018. In this season of Lent, we feel deep lamentations for the state of our nation, and our own hearts are filled with confession for the sins we feel called to address. The true meaning of the word repentance is to turn around. It is time to lament, confess, repent, and turn. In times of ANCE crisis, the church has historically learned to return to Jesus Christ.

Jesus is Lord. That is our foundational

confession. It was central for the early church and needs to again become central to us. If Jesus is Lord, then Caesar was not—nor any other political ruler since. If Jesus is Lord, no other authority is absolute. Jesus Christ, and the kingdom of God he announced, is the Christian's first loyalty, above all others. We pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Our faith is personal but never private, meant not only for

heaven but for this earth. The question we face is this: Who is Jesus Christ for us to day? What does our loyalty to Christ, as disciples, require at this moment in our history? We believe it is time to renew our theology of public discipleship and witness.

Applying what "Jesus is Lord" means today is the message we commend as elders to our churches. What we believe leads us to what we must reject. Our "Yes" is the foundation

for our "No." What we confess as our

leads to what we confront. Therefore, we offer the following six affirmations

we believe, and the resulting rejections of practices and policies by political leaders which dangerously corrode the soul of the nation and deeply threaten the public integrity of our faith. We pray that we, as followers of Jesus, will find the depth of faith

to match the danger of our political

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Radio Broadcast

- 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

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR AND WITH THOSE WHO ARE WAIT-ING FOR HEALING AND DELIVER-