

Happy Birthday
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




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 secretary.

Sister Barbara Jean Holmes
 email: bethesdachristianfellowship36@gmail.com
Honor Roll Students ~ Submit a Photo

Bethesda Christian Fellowship
 JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 ADULT & CHILDREN CLASSES
 In - Person Sunday School
 Every 2nd and 4th Sunday
 Arrive : 8:50 am


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

Important: Continue Practice Covid Protocols

Cloth face coverings may help 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.

"A Seniors' Perspective"

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 Streaming



- 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.

November 2024 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 Sovereign God, Jehovah. We anticipate reunion with all the Saints who have gone on before us when anniversaries are no more. Praise the LORD.

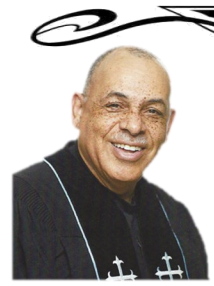
Then, in July, 1975, this fellowship followed the lead of the Holy Spirit, and with a view toward the present and the future, this mainly middle and senior aged congregation went against the traditional grain by extending the call to a young, single seminarian to serve as Pastor. Since the first Sunday 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 10th, Church's Anniversary and November 17th, 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!!!"

Shalom, my Friends
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe



BETHESDA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 87TH ANNIVERSARY BISHOPS' 49TH APPRECIATION

We shall celebrate the **Church's 87th** and the **Bishop Kenneth C. Doe 49th 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.



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



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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
- *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. 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.**

Church Anniversary



We will Celebrate the Church's Anniversary on the 2nd Sunday, November 10th, 2024.

Anniversary Dinner

Drive through dinner on Saturday, November 16th from 1200 noon to 1:30pm. Dinner will be **To Go Only**. Please inform your Ward Deacon if you are getting dinners for any Seniors unable to get out themselves.



Bishop Kenneth C. Doe Appreciation

We will Celebrate our Bishop's 49th Appreciation on the third Sunday, November 17th, 2024.

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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 16th 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 3rd, through Sunday, November 17th.

Month of November 2024

MERCY GROUP

WARDS

Deacon Holmes, Deacon Middleton and Deacon Bailey

Sundays - 1st and 3rd
November 3rd and November 17th
10:00 am
Doors Secured at 10:00 am

GRACE GROUP

WARDS

Deacon Fields, Deacon Glover and Deacon Rivers

Sundays - 2nd and 4th
November 10th and November 24th
10:00 am
Doors Secured at 10:00 am

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

October Sermons Recap



October 6th, 2024

The Blessings of Access
I Corinthians 11:27-29; Matthew 27:50-54;
Hebrews 10:19-25
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

October 13th, 2024

Didn't I Tell You?
Zephaniah 3:14-15
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

October 20th, 2024

Hope Re-Claimed
Jeremiah 17:7; Hebrew 13:8
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

October 27th, 2024

Choosing to Abide
John 15:1-8; Psalm 91
Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

Month of December 2024

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Sundays - 1st and 3rd
December 1st and December 15th
10:00 am
Doors Secured at 10:00 am

MERCY GROUP

WARDS

Deacon Holmes, Deacon Middleton and Deacon Bailey

Sundays - 2nd and 4th
December 8th and December 22nd
10:00 am
Doors Secured at 10:00 am

5th Sunday~ December 29th
To Be Announced
Doors Secured at 10:00 am



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

Chicken/Turkey (No skin)
Brown Rice
Whole wheat pasta
Low fat cheese
Applesauce
Low fat yogurt
Low fat yogurt
Fruit

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!!

PRAYER VIGIL NOVEMBER 2024 AND BEYOND

Colossians 4:2 "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."

Praise God almighty from whom all blessing flow. Thank the Lord for His keeping and oversight. Lord leads me to appeal to His community for the continuance of the prayer vigil.

The Lord instructs us to shift our actions from appealing and requesting to praise and thanksgiving for His ongoing attention to our appeal and requests.

So, may we please maintain our vigil schedule with this powerful focus.

I thank our Lord for you and your pursuit of His will "On Earth As It Is In Heaven".

Bishop Kenneth C. Doe,
Overseer

get
ready
to **VOTE**

NOVEMBER 5th, 2024

**Don't Be Silenced
your VOTE
is your VOICE**

Our elected officials make decisions that impact our lives every day. Our streets, houses, schools, businesses, health, safety, and environment are all impacted by the choices and judgements those officials make on our behalf. So let Your Voice be heard, Vote!!!

Locations: Check [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) or contact your [county voter registration office](#).

Voters will be asked to present Photo ID when checking in to vote.

November 28th, 2024



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 receive a message indicating 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