

# *Bethlehem Baptist Church*



*Where God is the Main Attraction!*

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**Dr. Michael A. Evans Sr. ~ Senior Pastor**

*Edifying, Equipping, and Encouraging  
the Saints for the work of the Kingdom!*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**  
**March 12, 2023**

**Theme:**  
**"Pruning is For Our Growth "**

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# welcome

On behalf of Dr. Michael Evans Sr., Senior Pastor, Official Ministry, Staff, and the members of The Bethlehem Baptist Church Family, we thank you for coming and being a part of our worship service. We pray that you have been encouraged and uplifted. If you are without a church home, you are welcome to come and join the BBC family. Once again, thanks and please come again!

REMEMBERING  
YOU IN OUR  
*Prayers*

\*Jarryl Jenkins - \*Freddie White - Sis. Francis White - \*Bro. Fred Hall - Farr Family - Sis. Barbara Poux - Bro. Rudolph Fisher - Sis. Ametta Wright - Sis. Sharon Drayton and family - Sis. Nanny Porter - Dea. Jonathan Wilson - Bro. Eddie Hall - Sis. Gwendolyn Hewitt and family - Sis. Verlilah Burris - Sis. Mildred Dears - Sis. Laura & Johnnie Clay - Sis. Sherri Henderson - Bro. Joshua Johnson - Sis. Dorothy Williams - James and Claudia Williams - Sis. Beverly Steward - \* Benjamin Madlock-Dent - Damien Reed - Dominick Reed - Sis. Cellia Long - Bro. Maddlen Douglas - Steve Murray - Horace Purvis - Sis. Shirley Green - Sis. Frances Flemings - Michael Lassiter - Julie Noble - Sis. Lorraine Hutson Johnson - Fry Family - Cheyenne Thomas - Barbara Harrison - Sis. Teleri Evans - Derrick McCraw - Smith family - Sis. Monifa Randolph - Sis. Della Ross and family - Bro. William Green - Deac. Terrance Sims - Sis. Jennie Curtis - Willie Bragg - Sis. Kate Outlaw-Thompson \*Military Families

*We offer our sincere condolence to Bro. Kirt Salone and family in the homegoing of his love ones.*

## Pray Ye One For Another!

# Responsive Reading

## THE CHURCH COVENANT

**LEADER:** By what common and gracious experience do we enter into spiritual fellowship with God and one another?

**CONGREGATION:** Having been led, as we believe, by the spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, Angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

**LEADER:** What is the great bond of our union with God and each other?

**CONGREGATION:** We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian Love.

**LEADER:** What are our great privileges and duties in this, our church?

**CONGREGATION:** To strive for the advancement of this Church in Knowledge, Holiness, Ordinances, Discipline, and Doctrines.

**LEADER:** What vows do we gladly make as stewards of that which God has entrusted in us?

**CONGREGATION:** To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

**LEADER:** For the sake of our home and our loved ones, what gracious task do we humbly assume?

**CONGREGATION:** We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children, to seek salvation of our kindred and acquaintances.

**LEADER:** For what sake of the unsaved for whom our Saviour died, to what manner of life and conversation are we solemnly and sincerely pledged?

**CONGREGATION:** To walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale of, and use of, destructive drugs or intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to shun pornography; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

**LEADER:** Since one is our Master, even Christ, and we are all one body, by what fraternal ministries are we to strengthen each other and adorn the teachings of our Lord and Saviour?

**CONGREGATION:** We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

**LEADER:** What is our duty in moving from this place?

**ALL:** We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word. And now unto Him, who brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, the power and glory forever, Amen.



**“God prunes us when He is about to take us into a new season of growth and expansion.”**

**By Christiane Caine**



# Announcements

Announcement articles must be submitted to the church office either by phone, fax, or email no later than 12:00 p.m. on **TUESDAY** of each week (except when the office is closed).

DO NOT give last minute announcements to the Announcement Clerk or the Tech Ministry! Thank you.

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2023 Graduates – here is your opportunity to apply for a scholarship to help with continuing their education beyond high school. Applications must be submitted by April 10, 2023.

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Spring Break

March 13-17

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Holy Week

April 3-7

**More information to come.**

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This year, our **YMCA family** is also excited to announce that **Dr. Michael A. Evans, Sr., Pastor, and Mayor of Mansfield**, will receive our distinguished Bill & Shari Bowie Community Leadership Award for his integral service in our community.

**Date: April 14, 2023 at 11:30am – 1:00pm**

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## **Numbers 30:2; Deuteronomy 23:21 (KJV)**

**TITHER:** If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

**ALL:** When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

**PRAYER.** Amen.



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# Weekly Ministry Schedule

## Monday

Discipleship Training (Adult)	11:00 a.m.
Health Ministry Mtg.	7:00 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> Mon. ea. mo.)
Brotherhood	7:00 p.m. (conference call)
Church Business Meeting	7:30 p.m. (quarterly)
Youth Advisory Committee	7:00 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> Mon.. ea. mo)
Intercessory /Decision Team	7:00 p. m. (every Mon. ea. mo)
Women Ministry Mtg.	7:00 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> Mon. ea. Mo /Zoom)

## Tuesday

Ministry Leader's Mtg.	6:30 p.m. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon. ea. mo.)
Discipleship Training (Adult)	7:00-8:30 p.m.
Grief Discovery Classes	6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday

Bible Study	11:00 a.m. (in Billingslea Hall)
Children/Youth Meeting.	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Evening Worship Service	7:00 p.m. (in Sammon's Chapel)
Education Ministry Mtg.	7:00 p.m. (4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. ea. mo.)

## Thursday

Mass Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.(before 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)
Women's Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. (Thursday before 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)
Technology Ministry Mtg.	7:00 p.m.

## Friday

Fine Arts Meeting	7:00 p.m. (4 <sup>th</sup> Fri. of ea. mo.)
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## Saturday

Deacons/Trustee Mtg.	8:00 a.m. (4 <sup>th</sup> Sat. of ea. mo.)
Pastor's Aid Mtg.	10:00 a.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of ea. mo.)
Deaconess	9:00 a.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of ea. mo.)
Room Full of Sisters	9:00 a.m. (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> ea. mo.)
Male Chorus	9:00 a.m. (before the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun.)
Media Ministry	9:00 a.m. (4 <sup>th</sup> Sat. of ea. mo.)
Minister's Wives	9:00 a.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of ea. mo.)
Joint Usher's Mtg.	10:00 a.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of ea. mo./Zoom)
JWA	9:00 a.m. (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> ea. mo.)
Hospitality Committee Mtg.	11:00 a.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of ea. mo.)
Seasoned Saints Mtg.	10.30 a.m. (4 <sup>th</sup> Sat. of ea. mo.)
GEMS Meeting	11:00 a.m. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of ea. mo.)



# Children/Youth Worship Schedule

**Youth/Children Worship is every Sunday except the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday is Youth Sunday;  
Youth/Children remain in the  
11 a.m. Worship Service with their parents!**

Youth are encouraged to go directly to their places of worship.  
*(Need help? Children/Youth Ambassadors are in purple vests)*

## **NURSERY**

18 mos. – 3 years of age  
*(The nursery is available during all worship services.)*

## **CHILDREN’S CHURCH (Pre - K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

## **YOUTH WORSHIP (6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

<u>DAY / TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7:45 a.m.	Parent Check-in (all students)	Kids Zone
9:00 a.m.	Mime Practice	Ed Bldg.
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (all students)	Kidz Zone
10:45 a.m.	Parent Drop-off (2 <sup>nd</sup> worship service)	Kids Zone
11:00a.m.	Praise and Worship (all students)	Kidz Zone
11:00-12:15 p.m.	Youth Spiritual Growth	Kidz Zone
12:15-1:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice	Sammons Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Children Reassemble	Kids Zone
12:20-12:35p.m.	Children’s Class Review	Kids Zone
12:45 p.m.	Parent Pick-up	Sammon’s Chapel

# Children/Youth Weekly Schedule

DAY / TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b><u>Monday</u></b>		
7:00 p.m.	Bibles and Basketball	Gymnatorium
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>		
<b>Youth Meeting</b>		
6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Billingslea Hall
7:00-8:15 p.m.	Children Choir (Pre-K - 5th Grade)	Gymnatorium
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Praise Dance Ministry	Gym
7:00-8:15 p.m.	Student Bible Study (6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> )	Kidz Zone
8:15-8:30 p.m.	Free Time/ Parent Pick-up	Gymnatorium
<b>YAC Meeting</b> (Youth Advisory Committee)		
7:30 p.m.	On the Wednesday following the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Kidz Zone
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>		
8:00-10:00 a.m.	College Prep (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. ea month)	Kidz Zone
10:00-12Noon	SEAAMS (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. ea month)	Kidz Zone
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>		
7:45 a.m.	Parent Check-in (all students)	Kidz Zone
7:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	G.A.P. (Special Needs)	Sammons Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Speaker's Ministry	Ed. Library
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (all students)	Kidz Zone
11:00 a.m.	Parent Drop-off (2 <sup>nd</sup> worship service)	Kidz Zone
11:00 – 1:00 p.m	Praise and Worship (all students)	Kidz Zone
	Pre k - 10th grade	Sammons Chapel
	Nursery (18 months - 3yrs)	Gym



# Worship Schedule

## 7:45 A.M. Worship Service

Call to Worship/Welcome .....	Minister
Devotion.....	Deacons/Appointee
Song of Praise & Worship .....	Choir
Welcome .....	Associate Minister
Song .....	Choir
*Altar Call ( <i>remain in place</i> ) .....	Pastor Evans/Minister
*Hymn of Preparation.....	Congregation
Message from God.....	Pastor Evans/Minister
Invitation To Discipleship.....	Pastor Evans/Minister
Recognition of Guest .....	Pastor Evans/Minister
*Benediction .....	Pastor Evans/Minister
Offertory Period ( <i>place in baskets at doors upon exit</i> ) ...	Tithes, Benevolence, Public

**Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 A.M. and 10:00 - 10:45 A.M.**

**Breakfast 9:30**

**New Members Class 10:00 A.M.**

## 11:00 A.M. Worship Service

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Devotion.....	Deacons/Appointee
Song of Praise & Worship .....	Choir
Welcome .....	Associate Minister
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(\*) Congregation Standing

## *The Lord's Abundant Crop*

*Lord you're doing  
So much in our lives  
To bring a deeper growth  
A time of pruning  
The withered branches  
So healthier ones can grow*

*Though it is painful  
And hard to endure,  
It is needful in our lives—  
For without it we'd be  
An unhealthy tree  
And may wither away and die*

*To keep on producing  
The fruit of the Lord,  
We need to have sin cut out  
Then new branches will come  
And we'll flourish again  
As the new shoots begin to sprout*

*Then we will produce  
From the seeds God planted  
Fruit that will never rot  
Ripened by God  
And picked in its season,  
Is the Lord's abundant crop!*