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

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"God Is With Us"

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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!



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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 is With Us

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

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!

To our First Lady, Sis. Lisa Evans.

Happy Birthday praying for blessings, joy, and peace to you.

Grief Support

The holidays can be an especially challenging time for those grieving, and we want you to know this is a place where your feelings matter. So join us during the Sunday School hour from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in the Sammons Chapel for the month of December.

In observance of Christmas and New Years, the church offices will be closed December 22nd to January 2, 2026.

Watchnight service will be held Wednesday, December 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

Registration for Spring 2026 Discipleship Training will begin December 22th. Come and grow alongside your BBC family as we deepen our knowledge of God, spiritual Disciplines, and scripture to faithfully walk our this Christian journey.



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.





Weekly Ministry Schedule

7:00 p.m. (1st Mon. ea. Mo /Zoom)

1:00 p.m. (4th Sat. of ea. mo. Billingslea)

Monday

Discipleship Training (Adult)

Health Ministry Mtg.

Brotherhood

Church Business Meeting

Youth Advisory Committee

Intercessory /Decision Team

11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. (1st Mon. ea. mo.)

7:30 p.m. (quarterly)

7:00 p.m. (1st Mon. ea. mo)

7:00 p.m. (1st Mon. ea. mo)

Women Ministry Mtg.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study

Children/Youth Meeting.

Praise Team Rehearsal

Youth Choir Rehearsal

Evening Worship Service

Education Ministry Mtg.

11:00 a.m. (in Billingslea Hall)
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
(in Sammon's Chapel)
7:00 p.m. (4th Wed. ea. mo.)

Thursday

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

Friday

Fine Arts Meeting 7:00 p.m. (4th Fri. of ea. mo.)

Saturday

GEMS Meeting Culinary Ministry

8:00 a.m. (4th Sat. of ea. mo.) Deacons/Trustee Mtg. Pastor's Aid Mtg. 10:00 a.m. (1st Sat. of ea. mo.) 9:00 a.m. (1st Sat. of ea. mo.) Deaconess Room Full of Sisters 9:00 a.m. $(2^{nd} & 4^{th} \text{ ea. mo.})$ Male Chorus 9:00 a.m. (before the 1st & 3rdSun.) 9:00 a.m. (4th Sat. of ea. mo.) Media Ministry Minister's Wives 9:00 a.m. (1stSat. of ea. mo.) 10:00 a.m. (1st Sat. of ea. mo./Zoom) Joint Usher's Mtg. 9:00 a.m. $(2^{nd} & 4^{th} ea. mo.)$ JWA 11:00 a.m. (1st Sat. of ea. mo.) Hospitality Committee Mtg. 10.30 a.m. (4th Sat. of ea mo.) Seasoned Saints Mtg. 11:00 a.m. (2nd Sat. of ea. mo.)

Children/Youth Worship Schedule

Youth/Children Worship is every Sunday except the 2nd Sunday. The 2nd 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 - 5th Grade)
YOUTH WORSHIP (6th- 12th Grade)

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



Worship Schedule

7:45 A.M. Worship Service		
Call to Worship/Welcome Minister		
DevotionDeacons/Appointee		
Song of Praise & Worship		
Welcome		
Hymn		
Song Choir		
*Altar CallPastor Evans/Minister		
*Hymn of Preparation		
Message from God		
Invitation To Discipleship		
Recognition of Guest		
*Benediction		
Offertory Period (place in baskets at doors upon exit) Tithes, Benevolence, Public		
11:00 A.M. Worship Service		
Call to Worship/Welcome Minister		
DevotionDeacons/Appointee		
Song of Praise & Worship		
TV 1 /O :		
Welcome/Occasion		
Hymn		
HymnCongregation		
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Hymn		

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Christmas Prayer Points for Families

- **Gratitude:** Thanking God for family, each other, and the miracle of Jesus' birth.
- Unity & Love: Asking for strengthened bonds, patience, and compassion within the family.
- **Peace:** Praying for peace in the home and for a world in need.
- **Reflection:** Focusing on the true meaning of Christmas, beyond gifts, to the hope found in Christ.

Blessings: Asking for protection, guidance, and a spirit of giving and forgiveness.

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