

ORDER OF SERVICE

10:00 A.M.

The Prelude
* Call to Worship Deacon Franklin Dobbins

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
People: which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
All: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, from this time on and forevermore.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer
The Gloria Patri

*** Worshippers May Enter ***

* Congregational Hymn "Higher Ground" #222

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Musical Selection Sanctuary Choir
Words of Welcome Sister Dorothy Edmond

* The Offertory Prayer

- * Prayer of Consecration and a Musical Selection
- * The Giving of Tithes and Offerings
- * Prayer of Dedication and the Doxology

Dance Ministry High Class Theater Group

The Altar Call

Musical Selection Sanctuary Choir

Scripture ~Philippians 3:13-14~ Rev. Elizabeth Perry Tisdale

Sermon "Stay Focused" Rev. Tisdale

* Invitation to Discipleship

* Benediction

*** CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND**

BETHANY NEWS

BCI GOLF CLASSIC - Bethany Cares, Inc. is pleased to be holding its 15th Annual Bethany Cares, Inc. Golf Classic on Monday, July 17, 2017, at Cedar Hill Golf and Country Club in Livingston. We are asking for your participation and support in our effort to sustain the Bethany Cares Freedom School. You can support this activity in a number of ways - hopefully Bethany golfers will join us and also notify their friends who are golfers about the outing; those of you who do not golf may join us for the dinner; sponsor or identify sponsors; and contribute sports or golf related items or gift certificates to be raffled. We hope you will consider the participation opportunities listed in the Golf Classic brochure. We need your help if we are to continue the important work of the Bethany Cares Freedom School. For further information and the BCI golf brochure, visit Bethany Cares website at www.bci-newark.org.

PRAYER REQUEST - **Sister Patricia Moore-Brown** had knee surgery last Wednesday and has requested prayers from her church family.

Brother Archie Tyson passed and his funeral is Tuesday, July 18th at 11:00 a.m.

Sister Elmira Yancey's brother is quite ill in Portland, Oregon, and she asks for prayer for him and for her family.

We heard from **Deacon Bobby Scales**. He will not be attending the Annual Golf Outing this year because of his family reunion, but his heart will be with you. He is requesting prayer.

WELCOME - The Bethany Baptist Church Liturgical Dance Ministry would like to welcome the High Class Theater Group. We're grateful for your presence and your worship.

WORSHIP SERVICE DURING JULY AND AUGUST - The Bethany family will worship together in ONE SERVICE at 10:00 a.m. until September 3rd, when the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services will resume. During the summer, Sunday School and New Members' classes will be conducted at 8:30 a.m.

THANK YOU - **Glorious M. Crooms** and family would like to thank **Reverend Jones, Mrs. Sharon W. Graddy, Mrs. Beatrice Pollard**, the Altar Guild and the entire Bethany family for all of the selfless acts of kindness, thoughts, and prayers as she grieved the loss of her sister, Marie Martin Johnson. The amount of love and support has been beyond overwhelming and is received with much gratitude.

CONGRATULATIONS - **Deacon Carl** and **Deacon Connie Watson** celebrated their 49th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, July 13th, 2017. May the Lord continue to bless you richly!!

Kelsey Edwards graduated Summa Cum Laude from The George Washington University **Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration** with a MPA degree. **Kelsey is a member of the Pi Alpha Alpha** national honor society for graduate students in public affairs.

WOMEN'S RETREAT FINAL PAYMENTS ARE DUE - Payments can be made outside of the Seminar Room after service. Also there is limited space for women interested in attending Saturday only. Saturday registration cost is \$140.00 which includes breakfast, lunch and hand-outs. For further details, see Deacon Debra De Ramus or Deacon Brenda Brown.

THE PROCESS - The Process Young Adult Ministry is an inter-generational war cry for discipleship, aimed specifically at Millennials and individuals from Generation X. Our services take place ever 4th Tuesday; our topic for the month of July will be "Building Wealth". The Talk Gospel Worship Experience will take place at Bethany on the Plaza on Tuesday, July 25th. Our service will be held outdoors as we kick off with a Meet & Greet starting at 6:00 pm and worship will begin at 7:00 pm sharp. Join us and bring a friend or family member because you don't want to miss this experience! For more information or if you are interested in becoming a part of what God is doing in the life of our ministry, please feel free to contact us at 862-955-2018 or email us at theprocessbbc@gmail.com. Connect with us on social media via Twitter, Facebook and Instagram @theprocessbbc.

AIDS/HEALTH MINISTRY - 10 Tools to live your life well: 1) Connect with others; 2) Stay positive; 3) Get physically active; 4) Help others; 5) Get enough sleep; 6) Create joy and satisfaction; 7) Eat healthy; 8) Take care of your spirit; 9) Deal better with hard times; 10) Get professional help if you need it. Source: <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/live-your-life-well>

ORDINARY TIME (GREEN) - Today the color on the Altar is green. The time of year following Pentecost is known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the color green. Rather than meaning "common" or "mundane", this term comes from the word "ordinal," which simply means "counted time" (First Sunday after Pentecost, etc.). Counted time after Pentecost always begins with Trinity Sunday (the First Sunday after Pentecost) and ends with Christ the King Sunday or the Reign of Christ the King (last Sunday before the beginning of Advent). Therefore, the color green will remain on the altar through October 31st.

DEACONS' CORNER

PRAYER SERVICE - Please join us for Prayer Service and Bible Study every Thursday, throughout July at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. **WE WILL NOT MEET IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.**

TRUSTEES' CORNER

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS TO BETHANY - Please be aware that two convenient methods of donating to the church electronically are available to members and guests. For automatic debits, please ask any Trustee for an ACH Authorization Agreement, by which you can specify the account, amount, frequency and designation of your donations to the church. Please remember to include your full name on your envelope, especially if you are including cash, so that the Trustees can accurately apply your contribution. If you do not remember your envelope number, you may check with the Church Clerk or refer to your contribution statement. Also, online donations can be made at any time via PayPal on Bethany's website.

DONATE TO THE CHURCH VIA PAYPAL ON BETHANY'S WEBSITE - Donations are now available via PayPal on the front page of www.Bethany-newark.org. You may donate any amount, and select "Add special instructions to the seller" on the PayPal checkout page to give instructions on how you want your gift to help. Please see the Trustees if more information is needed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Youth Choir Rehearsal, each Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Noon Day Service, each Wednesday

Line Dancing, each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Service and Bible Study, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

There will be no meetings in August.

SPECIAL GUESTS FOR AUGUST WORSHIP - As is our custom during the month of August, the choirs and musicians will take a little summer break, and very special guest musicians will be featured in our morning worship. This year's artists are as follows:

August 6th ~ Ruth Naomi Floyd and her trio

August 13th ~ Cyrus Chestnut Trio

August 20th ~ Marcus Miller group (saxophone)

August 27th ~ Alexis Morrast Trio

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of 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.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us toward its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of differences of opinion in the Church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the Word of God; to educate our children in matters of faith; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will toward humanity, to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and to stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and, with tender sympathy, bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior set forth in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Should we remove from this place, we shall unite as soon as possible with another church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

Adopted, April 27, 2011

PLEASE RESPECT THIS TIME OF QUIETNESS

The Worship Committee has asked our musicians to provide soft music prior to each service so that we might quieten our spirits from the noise of our daily living with the anticipation of being in the presence of our Lord.

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