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Message From Evangelistic Outreach

(Excerpt from EVANTELL Pause and Ponder Blog by Larry Moyer, July 29, 2024)

"Making the Gospel Clear"

The greatest need in evangelizing today is to make the gospel clear. The reason why millions are unsure of their salvation is that they fail to understand that Christ did not make the down payment for their sins, He made the full payment. That is why upon dying in our place on a cross and taking the punishment we deserved, He could declare, "IT IS FINISHED!" (John 19:30) We are not saved on the basis of Christ "plus" (something we have done), but CHRIST period.

BETHESDA ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR WEEK OF August 25, 2024		
Sunday School	Prayer Meeting	No Bible Study
Men (5)	Tuesday (26)	Tuesday (0)
Women (20)	Praise Hour	Wednesday (0)
Phone (8)		Thursday (0)
Children (2)		

On Prayer by James Banks

(A Pastor and Writer for the Daily Bread)

Now sometimes we might mistakenly think that prayer has something to do with skill. Sometimes you hear someone who is very well meaning say “I don’t have the Spiritual gift of prayer.” But did you know that of all the spiritual gifts listed in Scripture, prayer is not among them? And there’s an excellent reason for that. Prayer is meant for all of us. “Why Pray?” “Because you prayed!” “Bend down, O LORD, and listen!” Isaiah 36 and 37. That doesn’t mean things will go our way every time we pray, but if we learn to pray proactively---making prayer our “first resort” and not “a last resort” ---we will or may see God do breathtaking things. He wants us to help us lift our eyes above our circumstances so that we can catch a glimpse of His goodness and love. He wants us to pray so that we will get to know Him---and that really is the best part about prayer. True prayer is about so much more than just request or answers---it’s about a relationship with the One who will love and sustain us even when the answers don’t seem to come.

ODBU.org/SF120 is worth reading on prayer. Listen to his lecture on “Why Pray” by James Banks.

- Why Pray
- Why Not Ask?
- When You Don’t know What to Say
- Obstacles to Prayer
- Praying for Others
- Prayer and Fasting
- What about “Unanswered” Prayer
- Persevering in Prayer
- Living a Prayer-Filled Life
(Course Completion)

RECURRING EVENTS

Hour of Power & Bible Study *Tuesday Bible Study will resume in September.*

Each Tuesday at 6:00pm followed by Bible Study at 7:00pm via *ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83096366206?pwd=J7wZ8bwAcBA1snP5SgRuYhW4E2DsU.1>

Meeting ID: 830 9636 6206 Passcode: 199366

To use your cell phone or land line, *please dial: 1. 301. 715. 8592

Meeting ID: 830 9636 6206#; Passcode: 199366#

We encourage all members to submit prayer requests as the Holy Spirit leads by 12:00 Noon on Monday.

Open Praise Forum & Bible Study

Every Tuesday leading up to Communion Sunday at 6:00pm followed by Bible Study at 7:00pm via ZOOM and on conference line referenced above. *

Bible Study Young Adult Edition

Each Wednesday at 7:30pm EST and 6:30pm CST via Zoom.

Register by text at 202-262-4476 or email kgoady07@gmail.com.

Men's Prayer Hour

Each Wednesday at 9:00pm via conference call: 1.717.908.1972; Access 875378#

Women's Prayer Hour

Each 4th Saturday at 9:00am via conference call: 1.605.313.5143; Access code 654522#

Questions and Answers *Q&A session will resume in September.*

Held each 4th Sunday at 6:00pm via conference call: 1.717.908.1972; Access code 875378#

Please submit your questions *today* by email to: SoulCare@Bethesdaweb.org or in Q&A box located on the table outside of the church office.

Bible Study *Thursday Bible Study will resume in September.*

Each Thursday at 12:00 Noon via conference call: 1.717.908.1972; Access code 875378#

THIS WEEK EVENTS

On Monday, September 2, in observance of the Labor Day holiday, the church office will be closed and will resume on Tuesday.

Wednesday, September 4

6:00pm Voices Business Meeting via conference call

Thursday, September 5

6:00pm Sunday School Meeting via conference call:
1.717.908.1972; Access code 875378#

Saturday, September 7

10:00am DC Aglow, Room 128

11:30am Combined Choir Rehearsal, Room 120

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVANGELISM OUTREACH UNIT (EOU)

EOU meeting for September 2nd is rescheduled to Monday, September 9 at 7:30pm.

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT MEETING

Spiritual Discernment meeting will be held on Saturday, September 21, at 10:00am in person.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

After prayer meeting on Tuesday evenings, starting at 7pm, a video will be shown entitled, Think Biblically, Vote your Faith sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry. Topics include What is a Christian Worldview, What does God say about Justice, What does God say about the Sanctity of Life, What does God say about sexuality and Gender, What does God say about Socialism and lastly What does God say about politics. There will be a short discussion after each session. Please plan to join us.

Thank you for your participation.

BIBLE STUDY/EVANGELISM CLASS

Bethesda is invited to join the continuation of a Bible Study/Evangelism class entitled, "How to Share Your Faith." Every Saturday, at 8:00pm via zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81573580531?pwd=MEXxLhfnBYuUvAJB6sYz9RKRqUzPJa.1> Meeting ID: 815 7358 053, Passcode: 954917; or via conference call number: 1.301.715.8592 Meeting ID: 815 7358 0531#; Passcode: 954917#

The teacher is Brother Larry Butler. For those of you who don't know Larry, he came out of Catholicism and became a Christian while studying at the University of MD in the early 70's. Since his conversion, he has devoted his life to evangelism and reaching the lost especially on college campuses. Description: This is an introductory Bible study class focusing on how to not only clearly understand what it means to be saved but how do we share what we believe about Jesus Christ with others. Invite as many family members and friends you wish.

SIGHT AND SOUND-OCTOBER 24, 2024

Time for the Excursion to see Daniel is quickly approaching! We still have seats and tickets waiting for you, your relatives and friends. If you have already signed up to go, please make your payments. We are looking forward to a time of fellowship, fun, great production, and delicious food.

God bless you!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Women's Ministry will host an annual Breast Cancer Awareness Concert on Sunday, October 27th at 4:00pm. *All are welcome to come.* During the month of October, the Women's Ministry is asking each member and friend of Bethesda for a financial gift to the Howard University Breast Cancer Center and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Your gift can be sent by mail to the church, or you can bring it each Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Online donations cannot be used for this purpose. Checks are to be made payable to: Bethesda Baptist Church and on the memo line indicate "Cancer Awareness." Thank you for your support.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORNER

TO ALL MINISTRY HEADS OR FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Please check your ministry mailbox that's located in the lounge for any mail or reports you may be expecting from the Finance Office.

COPIER IN THE LOUNGE

When using the copier in the lounge please be sure to log in your name or ministry name and the number of copies you are producing. Thank you for your cooperation.

IT SUPPORT MINISTRY

Dear Ministry Leaders,

As we continue to promote our church events, we want to make sure that we are doing so in the most effective and efficient way possible. To help us achieve this, we are introducing a new form that will allow you to upload flyers for your events and have them posted on our social media platforms. Please use the following form to submit your promotional materials:

<https://form.jotform.com/bbcitsupport/ministry-submit-form>

Please ensure that you submit any promotional flyers at least one week in advance of your event to allow enough time for us to post them.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us spread the word about our events. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

BBC IT Support Ministry

MINISTRY ACTION PLAN

Ministry Leaders, this is a reminder to complete the Ministry Action Plan Special Event Form for any major events six (6) months in advance of the planned activity for approval. The objective of this process is to help ministries of our church plan activities prior to committing resources to them. Please see the church office if you are in need of a form. The pastor will meet with each leader to review the proposed activity. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORNER CONTINUED:

MINISTRY LEADERS

If you would like to hold your ministry meetings or events on Zoom, please contact Sister Bobbie Taylor at 202.635.2883 or submit your request by email: btaylor@bethesdaweb.org.

MINISTRY MAILBOX

All ministry heads or secretaries, please remember to check your mailbox.

RECRUITMENT

1 Thessalonians 5:11: "Therefore encourage one another and build up one another,"

We are seeking volunteers to join our comfort ministry. The cause and effect of comfort is biblical when we comfort others with the comfort that we have received from God and others. Please contact the church office to express your interest.

ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND

We have established a goal of raising \$62,000 over the next 12-months for replacement of the church's roof Section M. We are asking each member to give an extra \$62 per month or \$15.50 per week to the church's Building Maintenance Fund. If 100 members do this on a regular monthly basis over the course of 1-year, we will raise the \$62,000 necessary to finance the first phase of roof repairs. Please use the special "Roof Replacement" envelopes found outside of the church office and Sanctuary vestibule. Thank you in advance for your faithful giving, Bethesda!

"With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible." Mark 10:27