

# *Bethlehem Baptist Church*



*Where God is the Main Attraction!*

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

**November 17, 2024**

**Theme:**

**"Let Everything Thing That  
Has Breath Thank Our Lord"**

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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 - Bro. Rudolph Fisher - Sis. Ametta Wright - Sis. Sharon Drayton and family - Bro. Eddie Hall - Sis. Gwendolyn Hewitt and family - Sis. Verlilah Burris - - Sis. Sherri Henderson - Bro Joshua Johnson - Sis. Dorothy Williams - James and Claudia Williams - Sis. Beverly Steward - \* Benjamin Madlock-Dent - Sis. Cellia Long - Bro. Maddlen Douglas - Steve Murray - Horace Purvis - Sis. Frances Flemings - Michael Lassiter - Julie Noble - Sis. Lorraine Hutson Johnson - Barbara Harrison - Sis. Teleri Evans - Derrick McCraw - S is. Della Ross and family - Deac. Terrance Sims - Sis. Jennie Curtis - Willie Bragg - Sis. Kate Outlaw-Thompson - Bro. James Gosa and family - Sis. Regina Davis - Bro and Sis. Scales - Gene & Tennie - Bro. Alfonso Frazier - Bro Eddie and Sis. Sheryl Hall - Bro. Samuel Fry - Sis. Diane Morris and family - Sis. Preshawn Ford—Rev. Charles Colston and family - Sis. Brenda Butler - Evon Jones - Bro. Vincent Wimbish - Glenda Tolliver - Bro. Andrew Bradley - Sis. Evette Griffin - Wilson family - Effie Robinson - Alex Davis - Sis. Della Sapp - Chinwe Okafor - Bro. Glover Brown - Sis. Stephanie Jackson - Bro. Kirt Salone \*Military Families

*We offer our sincere condolences to Sis. Brenda Farr, Sis. Leontyne, Sis. Toni, and the entire Farr family in the homegoing of our own Rev. Warren Farr.*

## 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.

*Let everything that have breath  
Praise ye the Lord.*

*Every breath is a gift from God  
and praise is the worthy response  
we should make for that gift.*

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# 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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Today, If you would like to make some child's Christmas special, go to the back up the Gym after each service to sign-up to sponsor a family for Christmas. The Faithful Friends will be at the table to help you with your donation.

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BBC offices will be closed November Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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## EDGA 2024 Annual Thanksgiving Day Mission

Join BBC and the Elm Grove District Association as we delivery thanksgiving meals to the seniors at the **Amelia Parc II Senior Apartments, 5301 Collett Little Road, Fort Worth, TX 76119. We will meet at the apartment at 8:30 a.m.**

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## EDGA 2024 Annual Holiday Revival

December 2-4

Time: 7:00 p.m. Nightly

First Missionary Baptist Church

4928 Miller Avenue

Fort Worth, TX 76119

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## Christmas Packing & Distribution Day

First Friend will be packing Gift On Friday, December 13th and distribution will be Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 8a.m. - 12 noon. If you would like to volunteer please contact Sis Marilyn Harris at 817-300-7920.

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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.





# 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.)
Culinary Ministry	1:00 p.m. (4 <sup>th</sup> Sat. of ea. mo. <i>Billingslea</i> )



# 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 .....	Pastor Evans/Minister
Hymn.....	Congregation
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

## 11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Call to Worship/Welcome .....	Minister
Devotion.....	Deacons/Appointee
Song of Praise & Worship .....	Choir
Welcome/Occasion .....	Pastor Evans/Minister
Hymn.....	Congregation
Song .....	Choir
*Altar Call ( <i>remain in place</i> ) .....	Pastor Evans/Minister
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(\* ) Congregation Standing

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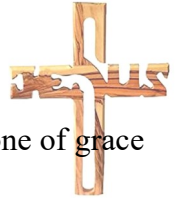
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# Fasting and Praying



## 1. John Wesley – Storm the throne of grace

“Have you any days of fasting and prayer? Storm the throne of grace and persevere therein, and mercy will come down.”

## 2. John Piper – Intensification of prayer

“That’s what I think fasting is at heart. It’s an intensification of prayer. It’s a physical explanation point at the end of the sentence, “We hunger for you to come in power.” It’s a cry with your body, “I really mean it, Lord! This much, I hunger for you.”

## 3. Jentezen Franklin – A duty of the Christian

“Three duties of every Christian are giving, praying, and fasting.”

## 4. Wesley Duewel – Fast to give yourself to prayer and meditation.

“Fasting in the Biblical sense is choosing not to partake of food because your spiritual hunger is so deep, your determination in intercession so intense, or your spiritual warfare so demanding that you have temporarily set aside even fleshly needs to give yourself to prayer and meditation.”

## 5. Gary Rohrmayer – Feed on the Word of God

“Fasting is more about replacing than it is about abstaining — replacing normal activities with focused times of prayer and feeding on the Word of God.”

## 6. D.L. Moody – Fast before God lays it on your heart.

“If you say ‘I will fast when God lays it on my heart, you never will. You are too cold and indifferent to take the yoke upon you.’”

## 7. Fulton J. Sheen – Fasting detaches you. Prayer reattaches you.

“Fasting detaches you from this world. Prayer reattaches you to the next world.”

## 8. Jeffrey R. Holland – Fast with purpose and devotion.

“Pray earnestly and fast with purpose and devotion. Some difficulties, like devils, do not come out save by fasting and by prayer. Ask in righteousness and you shall receive. Knock with conviction and it shall be opened unto you.”

