



2025 Theme

Alive and Revived, Impacting Lives

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BBC Newsletter – September 2025

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." 1 John 4:12 (NIV)

BBC Deacon's Corner:

By Deacon Michael Glover

WHY?

Why do we come to church?
Why do we sing God's praises?
Why do we pray?
Why do we seek His face?

I hope the answer is this: **to draw closer to God and to discover the plan He has for each of us.**

The prophet Jeremiah reminds us of God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

So then, what is God's plan for you—today, tomorrow, or for eternity?

Is it to walk closer with Him? To reflect His love? To become who He created you to be?

These are questions every Christian must reflect on. God desires His people to be a **light in a dark and hurting world**. As Jesus said in Matthew 5:16:

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

What draws people outside the church to Christ?

Is it something they see in **you**?

Is it the way you love, the joy you carry, the peace you share?

Do they see something in your life or in our church that they can't find anywhere else?

Do they see God?

Our prayer should be that when others see us, they see **Him**—for **God is love**. Jesus said:

"If I be lifted up, I will draw all people to Myself."

Let's lift Him up with our lives, so they will see the fruit of the Spirit—**love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control** which should be the evidence of God at work in us.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another... as Christ forgave you. And over all these virtues put on **love**... and let the peace of God rule in your hearts... and be thankful." Colossians 3:12–15

Let's live in a way that when the world sees us, they see the love of Christ.

MIRRORING NATURE'S CYCLE OF GROWTH

by: Evangelist Laura Gantt

September, the month for cultivating a growing ability to obey GOD'S voice, quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to get angry, slow to act and the ability to translate your knowledge into practice, mirroring nature's cycle of growth.

No matter how long you have walk with the LORD - GOD always has new things for us to learn. Either way, it's not enough to just learn the truth; and not act on it. "Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourself. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was"(JAMES 1:22-24).

If we don't do what the Word says, we not only forget the Word but we also forgets who we are in the process. As we read GOD'S Word, let us practically ask GOD to help us apply it to our life. AMEN

Meet BBC's Newest Members



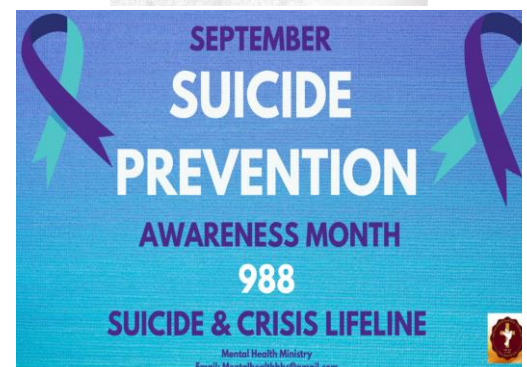
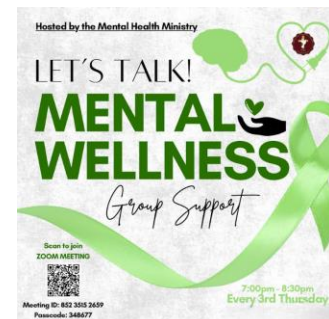
Kelly Gordon



Grant Roary



Baptism of April Smith ~ August 3rd



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Technology Corner:

By: Deacon Randy Gilbert

End of Life

If you're using a Windows 10 machine, it's a good idea to start thinking about upgrading to Windows 11. Microsoft will officially end support for Windows 10 on October 14, 2025. After that date, your device will no longer receive important security updates, which are essential for protecting against viruses and malware.

Depending on your hardware, you may be able to upgrade to Windows 11 directly through Windows Update. If your device is compatible, just make sure to back up your important files before starting the upgrade process.

Keep in mind:

- You can still use your Windows 10 machine after support ends, but it will be more vulnerable to security threats.
- Not all machines can be upgraded. If your device doesn't meet the requirements for Windows 11, you may need to purchase a new computer with Windows 11 pre-installed.

To stay current with updates:

- Type "update" in the search bar on your taskbar.
- Click "Check for updates" to make sure your system is up to date.

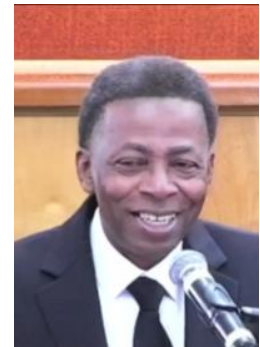
While upgrading isn't mandatory, choosing not to upgrade leaves your device exposed to potential risks. Staying on a supported operating system is one of the best ways to keep your machine safe and running smoothly.

2025 Woman of the year**Mabel Ham**

She serves diligently on the Usher, Culinary, and Food Pantry Ministries

**2025 Man of the year****Randy Gilbert**

He serves diligently on the trustee, choir, greeters, media and Deacon ministries

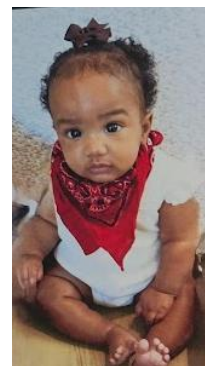
**Men's Day Committee Boots and Bows Contest Winners ~ August 16th****1st Place****Miss Camryn Corley**

Parents:
Brittany
Jackson
and
Reginald
Corley

Age: 1
years old

2nd place**Master Chayce Shaw**

Parents:
Sha' Taria
Bell
and
Chance
Shaw
Age: 1
years old

3rd Place**Miss Carmyn Adams**

Parents:
Cierra and
Christopher
Adams

Age: 5
months old



Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Pictured

Pastor Anthony A. McCallum
–Chief Servant

Sister Lavon Ross Purdie
Deaconess Diana Squirewell
Rev. Gail Dudley

Deaconess Sharon Gladman
(Ministry Leader)

Deacon Michael Gladman
(Ministry Leader)

Sister Denita Gaulman
Evangelist Lottie Brown
Minister Michael Shepherd
(not pictured)

Joined by

Deacon Michael Glover

The Power of Prayer

Prayer is the cornerstone of our Christian faith; it is a powerful means of communicating with God. When we pray, it is not so we can get what we want from God; rather, prayer is a way to connect with Him and align our heart with His heart. As followers of Jesus, prayer is one of the most important aspects of our lives and should never be neglected.

Prayer helps us to stay close to God:

The bible says in James 4:8 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (NKJV). The more time we spend talking to Him, the closer we will become. The closer we become the more we will know His voice.

Prayer helps us to understand Gods will and find direction:

In Psalms, 143:10 says "Teach me to do Thy will; for Though art My GOD: Thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Whenever we are faced with a difficult situation or need to make a decision that may have significant impact in our lives or the lives of others we can go to God in prayer, and He will direct our path. As Christians, we should always seek Gods guidance by praying on the matter and then wait on His instructions. We must know and believe by faith that God hears us and that He will answer our prayers according to His will.

Prayer strengthens our Faith:

As Christians, we often face many obstacles that can test our Faith. By going to God in prayer, we can release our Fears and doubts to Him. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us that when we cast our cares onto God with prayer and thanksgiving, we can experience His peace. This peace helps us to Trust more in God than in our own abilities. Jude 1:20 encourages believers to build themselves up in their most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit. Prayer builds us up spiritually helping us to grow in our Faith.

There are many examples in the bible of prayers:

The prayer of Faith: James 5:15

The prayer of Agreement (corporate prayers) Acts 1:14, Acts 2:42

The prayer of Supplication/Thanksgiving: Philippians 4:6

The prayer of Consecration: Matthew 26:29

The prayer of Intercession: John: 17

Gods answer to the prayers of His people are in accordance with His word as revealed to us through the Scriptures, and in accordance with His will for each of our lives, as He has planned for each of us individually. We are exhorted to bring all of our requests to God in prayer and with thanksgiving, for all that, He has promised and for all that, He is accomplishing for us, even though the many troubles of this present life.

Prayer is the Key that unlocks the Heavens and brings forth the supernatural into our lives; before we can unlock the Heavens, we must grab hold of the key!

2025 Women's Day ~ August 10th

Committee members: Ebony Ellison, Jennifer Gooden, Caryn Burgess Watson, Tracy Salley, Eleanora Spann



Women's Day Speaker

**Minister
Crystal Myers Sullivan**



Ms. Bethlehem Pageant ~ August 9th



Ms. Alesia Ellison was named the winner of the Ms. Bethlehem pageant. Though absent, her faithful service and devotion brought glory to God and encouragement to our church family.



Ms. Reatha Hair's commitment during the Ms. Bethlehem pageant was deeply admired, as her efforts greatly supported our church and reflected her generous spirit of giving.

Women's Day Pageant Host

Danon Barfield



2025 Men's Day Committee

Committee members: Wes Moore Kenneth Brunson Anthony Watson Barnard Glover David Brown George Scott Chico Carter Anthony Watson



Men's Day Speaker

**Reverend Dr.
Williams Moore**



Men's Day Boots and Suits ~ August 23rd



Just for Fun

Match the men and women pairs

_____ and Rebekah – Their union came through prayer and God's providence.

Genesis 24:64–67

_____ and Ruth – A story of loyalty and God's redeeming love.

Ruth 4:13–17

_____ and Hannah – Their faith and prayer brought forth Samuel.

1 Samuel 1:19–20

_____ and Elizabeth – Righteous before God, chosen to raise John the Baptist.

Luke 1:5–7, 57–60

_____ and Priscilla – A married team devoted to ministry and teaching.

Acts 18:2, 24–26

_____ and Sarah – A covenant couple through whom God promised nations.

Genesis 17:15–16

_____ and Abigail – Though married to a foolish man, her wisdom outweighed his folly.

1 Samuel 25:3, 23–31

Abraham

Aquila

Boaz

Elkanah

Isaac

Nabal

Zechariah