



Bethlehem
Baptist Church

June 2026
Newsletter

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good... Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." ~ Luke 6:45; Jeremiah 17:7 (KJV)

BBC Deacon's Corner:

By: *Deacon Franklin Black*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

What Is The Holy Communion?

The Holy Communion, known also as the Lord's Supper, represents the greatest expression of God's love for His people. Two items are used in the Holy Communion—the bread which represents Jesus' body that was scourged and broken before and during His crucifixion, and the cup which represents His shed blood.

When Jesus walked on earth, He was vibrant, and His body was full of life and health. He was never sick. But before Jesus went to the cross, He was badly scourged by the Roman soldiers, and His body was torn as He hung on the cross.

At the cross, God also took all our sicknesses and diseases and put them on Jesus' originally perfect and healthy body, so that we can walk in divine health. That is why the Bible says by His stripes, we are healed (Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24).

In Luke 22:20, Jesus tells us that the cup is the "new covenant in My blood", and the apostle Paul tells us that the blood of Jesus brings forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:14, Ephesians 1:7).

Why Do Believers Partake Of The Holy Communion?

Besides being born again in Christ, a healthy body and mind are the greatest blessings anyone can have. And the Holy Communion is God's ordained channel of healing and wholeness.

On the night that He was betrayed, Jesus ate His last supper with His disciples. And knowing what He would accomplish through His sacrifice, He instituted the Holy Communion (Luke 22:19–20, 1 Corinthians 11:24–25).

His loving instruction is that we are to remember Him as we partake of the Holy Communion. Jesus wanted us conscious of how His body was broken for our wholeness, and His blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. And whenever we partake in this consciousness, we "proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Today, when we partake of the bread, we are declaring that Jesus' health and divine life flows in our mortal bodies. And when we partake of the cup, we are declaring that we are forgiven and have been made righteous. Jesus' blood gives us right standing before God, and we can go boldly into God's presence (Hebrews 4:16). When we pray, we can be sure that God hears us!

How Do I Partake Of The Holy Communion?

Before you partake, remember that the Holy Communion is not a ritual to be observed, but a blessing to be received. Because it is not a ritual, there is no prescribed day or time to partake of the Communion table.

To partake, first, hold the bread in your hand and say:

Thank You, Father, for the gift of Your Son. By the stripes that fell on His back, my body is healed from the crown of my head to the very soles of my feet. Every cell, every organ, every function of my body is healed, restored, and renewed. In Jesus' name, I believe and I receive. [Eat the bread.]

Next, take the cup in your hand and say:

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your precious blood. Your sin-free, disease-free, poverty-free life is in Your blood. And Your shed blood has removed every sin from my life. Through Your blood, I am forgiven of all my sins—past, present and future—and made completely righteous in your site. Today, I celebrate and partake of the inheritance of that righteousness which is preservation, healing, wholeness and provision. Thank You Lord Jesus, for loving me. Amen. [Drink the wine.]

Notice of Election: June 9, 2026

Early Voting: The no excuse early voting period for the Special Election begins on Tuesday, **May 26 and ends on Friday, June 5, 2026.** The following Early Voting Center will be open during the early voting period from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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| Richland County Voter Registration and Elections Office | 300 Columbia Mall Blvd, Ste 210 Columbia |
| University of South Carolina Blatt PE Center | 1300 Wheat Street Columbia, SC 29201 |
| Ballentine Park | 1009 Bickley Road Irmo, SC 29063 |
| Columbia College Vandiver Commons | 4801 Colonial Dr Columbia SC 29203 |
| Garners Ferry Complex AAC | 8620 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC |
| Brookland Baptist Church Northeast | 1203 Summit Pkwy Columbia, SC 29229 |

Voters should check their polling locations for Election Day at SCvotes.gov



A Joyful Day of Baptism and Faith

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH COLLEGE PLACE
ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND
JUNE 13TH | 11:00am - 4:00pm
ANNIVERSARY COOKOUT
 WATER SLIDES ENTERTAINMENT
 BOUNCE HOUSES LOTS OF FOOD
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
150TH ANNIVERSARY
 COLLEGE PLACE
 1896-2026
JUNE 14TH | 3:00pm
ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
 FOLLOWING SERVICE | WKFLD
 PASTOR
 LARRY ANDREWS
 MCCALLUM
 GUEST SPEAKER
 DAVID
 BRADLEY
 BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH | 1025 EASTMAN STREET COLUMBIA, SC

Meet BBC's Newest Members

Contributor: Randy Gilbert



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FAITH IN ACTION. LOVE IN COMMUNITY. HOPE FOR OUR YOUTH.

June is GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." - Matthew 5:9

As people of faith, we are called to protect life, promote peace, and stand in the gap for our youth.

Gun violence continues to take the lives of far too many children, teens, and young adults across our nation. It leaves families grieving, communities wounded, and a future filled with fear instead of hope.

This June, let us commit—individually and collectively—to raising awareness, taking action, and working together to end gun violence and build a culture of peace.

OUR CALL AS THE CHURCH
 God calls us to be peacemakers, protectors, and advocates. That means speaking out against violence, supporting healing, and equipping our youth with tools to resolve conflict in healthy, Christ-centered ways.

We can build communities where:

- Every child feels safe and valued
- Conflict is resolved with respect, not retaliation
- Hope replaces fear, and love overcomes violence



THE IMPACT ON OUR YOUTH

- Gun violence is a leading cause of death for children and teens in the United States.
- Exposure to violence—whether directly or indirectly—can cause lasting emotional trauma, anxiety, and fear.
- Easy access to guns increases the risk of impulsive acts, accidental shootings, and suicide.
- Communities most affected by gun violence often experience cycles of poverty, trauma, and hopelessness.

But there is hope—and the Church has the power to be a change agent.

TEACH PEACE. MODEL LOVE. BUILD A BETTER FUTURE.

HOW CHURCH PARENTS & COMMUNITY CAN GET INVOLVED

- 1. START THE CONVERSATION**
 - Talk with your children about the value of life, the impact of violence, and healthy ways to handle anger.
 - Create a safe space for open dialogue at home and in church.
 - Listen with love and guide with wisdom.
- 2. TEACH & PRACTICE CONFLICT RESOLUTION**
 - Encourage skills like listening, empathy, compromise, and forgiveness.
 - Role-play scenarios with your children to help them respond (not react) in conflict.
 - Promote programs and workshops that build these skills.
- 3. BUILD STRONG, FAITH-FILLED YOUTH**
 - Keep youth connected to church through mentorship, discipleship, and service.
 - Create safe, fun, and engaging spaces where young people belong.
 - Uplift their voices and empower them to be leaders for peace.
- 4. PARTNER WITH OUR COMMUNITY**
 - Support local violence prevention programs and youth centers.
 - Collaborate with schools, law enforcement, and community leaders to create safe spaces for our youth.
 - Attend community forums and stay informed.
- 5. ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE**
 - Support policies that reduce gun violence and increase safety.
 - Encourage responsible gun storage.
 - Use your voice—write, call, vote, and stand for justice and peace.

A PRAYER FOR OUR YOUTH
 Lord, protect our children from harm. Surround them with Your love, wisdom, and peace. Heal our communities and end the cycles of violence. Help us to be peacemakers, advocates, and instruments of Your grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TOGETHER, WE CAN END GUN VIOLENCE.
 Our prayers matter. Our presence matters. Our actions matter. Let's rise in faith and unite in love for the next generation. A safer future starts with us—today.
BE THE CHURCH. PROTECT OUR YOUTH. CHOOSE PEACE.

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." - Romans 12:17-18

HAPPY Father's Day

A Father's Instruction
 Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. For I too was a son to my father.
 Proverbs 4:1-3
 Sunday, June 21, 2026

Flowers made by the Sunday School were distributed to the residents of White Oak Manor.



Sunday School Celebrates Mother's Day



Oldest Mother and Youngest Mother Honored



Mother's Day hats were delivered by our O.E.S. Church members to Life Care Center of Columbia.

JOIN US.
A 3-day, high-impact conference for **MEN 18+** focused on real solutions to real health challenges
WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:

**STRONGER MEN.
STRONGER FAMILIES.
STRONGER COMMUNITIES.**

JUNE 5 - 6, 2026
Columbia College,
1301 Columbia College Drive
Columbia, SC 29203

JUNE 7, 2026
Bible Way Church of Atlas Road
2440 Atlas Road
Columbia, SC 29209

MEN are losing years of life that could be saved. The H Conference is your chance to fight back—for yourself, your family, and your neighborhood. Straight-talk sessions on blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, prostate health, mental health, addiction, and more. A brotherhood of **MEN** committed to living longer, stronger lives.

Chris Webber, 5-time NBA All-Star, NBA Analyst
Dr. Cedrick McAllen, Colorectal Surgeon, News Contributor, CBS's "Survivor"
Pastor Darrell Jackson, of BWAAC, SC Senator District 1

eventbrite or contact Gwendolyn Singletary @ 803.704.4149 or gsingletary@wileykennedy-foundation.org

Inspiration Corner:

Contributor: Evangelist Laura Gantt

IT'S JOY IN THAT LAND

"You will make known to me the path of life:

in Your presence is fulness of joy;

in Your right hand there are pleasures forever" (PSALM 16:11).

This Psalm is referring to JESUS Christ's bodily resurrection.

We don't have to figure out life on our own. If you are facing decisions, changes, or uncertainty today, take comfort because GOD, your Shepard knows the road ahead. The joy and benefits of a life lived in companionship with GOD is rich and deep and we can enjoy these benefits now and eternally, If we would just believe.

It's Joy In That Land!!!





Understanding the Difference Between Being Hacked and Being Spoofed

A few months ago, I shared a story about a scam involving a fake dinner invitation that asked recipients to RSVP. At first glance, it looked legitimate, but it turned out to be a scam designed to trick people into sharing personal information. Recently, I encountered someone who experienced a very similar situation. They received a message requesting that they fill out a form with their personal details — a major red flag.

To help them verify the request, I encouraged them to call the person who supposedly sent it. As expected, the sender confirmed they had not sent anything. Their immediate response was, “I’ve been hacked.” That phrase gets used often, but in many cases, it’s not accurate. What happened here wasn’t hacking — it was **spoofing**.

It’s important to understand the difference. **Being hacked** means someone has gained unauthorized access to your actual account or device. They can read your emails, send messages, and change your settings because they are inside your account. This requires immediate action, such as changing passwords and enabling multi-factor authentication.

Spoofing, on the other hand, is when someone impersonates you without ever accessing your account. They simply make a message look like it came from you. Your account remains untouched, but others may receive fraudulent messages in your name.

Why does this matter? Because knowing the difference helps us respond appropriately and avoid unnecessary panic. When something seems suspicious, always verify by contacting the person directly — not through the message you received, but through a trusted method like a phone call. A few seconds of caution can prevent a lot of trouble.

Join Us In...

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY
Seeking God's Presence • Standing in the Gap • Praying for Others

POWERFUL PRAYER
Interceding for needs and breakthroughs

SCRIPTURE & WORSHIP
Praying with God's Word & Spirit-led worship

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Come and be a part of our prayer community

MEETING TIMES:
MONDAY | 6:00PM | WEDNESDAY | 6:00AM VIA ZOOM
bethlehemprayerministry.org click on Contacts

If you would like to request prayer you can text or call 803-240-9911

MEET US AT THE ALTAR FOR PRAYER
EVERY 1ST SUNDAY @ 8:00AM

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS!

LESSON: WE'RE ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN THE FAITH – PART II

SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 3:14-17

FACILITATORS:

PASTOR DR. ANTHONY A. MCCALLUM – 12:00 NOON

REVEREND STANLEY NASH – 6:30 PM

WE'RE TAKING OVER CHICAGO!

September 2-5 2026

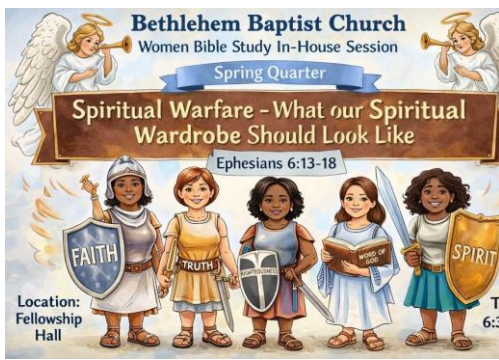
Eagle Travel Agency and the Wiley Kennedy Family Life Center invites you to enjoy an exciting getaway to Chicago. Guests will stay at Embassy Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown, located in the heart of downtown Chicago on the Magnificent Mile. Departure will be from Columbia, SC. Travelers will also have the opportunity to visit Obama Presidential Center, where the 1st and 3rd floors are free, while the 2nd floor may require a ticket purchase.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Hotel and Transportation included in full price

Single Room	2 Per Room	3 Per Room	4 Per Room
\$1080	\$785 each	\$650 each	\$595 each

Deposit of at least \$100 due: May 7, 2026
Final Payment Due: August 7, 2026

MONEY ORDERS AND CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED
S \$vstevens1960 Zelle 803-414-3329
Mailing Address: 58 Roundtree Rd. Blythewood SC 29016
ALL PAYMENTS MADE OUT TO: EAGLE TRAVEL AGENCY




Governor Andy Beshear was introduced by **Reverend Michael McClain** during his visit to Bethlehem Baptist Church, where he joined Pastor Michael McCallum, church members, and guests.



JUST FOR FUN

Father's Day Bible Character Sudoku

Use the Bible fathers to complete the grid!



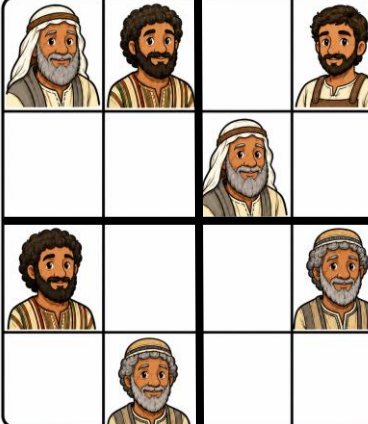
How to Play

Each row, each column, and each 2x2 box must include all four:

Abraham • Jacob • Jesse • Joseph

Do not repeat the same father in any row, column, or 2x2 box.

Fun with Dad



Happy Father's Day!

Storm Preparedness Reminder

Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE WIND STARTS BLOWING

A Think-Ahead Summer Storm Checklist for Our Church Family




Most people remember food and water. This checklist covers the easy-to-forget items that can make a big difference during hurricanes, summer storms, earthquakes, power outages, and cleanup.

1 AROUND THE HOUSE

- Plastic sheeting or tarps
- Duct tape, painter's tape, or packing tape
- Heavy-duty garbage bags
- Work gloves
- A handsaw or small chainsaw
- Rope, bungee cords, or zip ties
- A hammer, nails, screwdriver, and basic tools
- Plywood or boards
- Towels and old blankets



2 BEFORE THE STORM

- Bring in or secure patio chairs, umbrellas, plants, trash cans, flags, and decorations
- Check that gutters and drains are clear
- Know where your main water shutoff is
- Know where your electrical breaker box is
- Take pictures of your yard, roof, and property before damage happens



3 IF THE POWER GOES OUT

- Battery packs charged
- Car charger ready
- Battery-operated fan or cooling towels
- Cooler and ice packs
- Paper plates, cups, napkins, and plastic utensils
- Manual can opener
- Cash in small bills



4 IMPORTANT PAPERS AND PEOPLE

- Put insurance cards, IDs, medical lists, prescriptions, and emergency contacts in a waterproof bag
- Write down important phone numbers on paper
- Have a plan for checking on elderly family members, neighbors, and church members
- Keep pet food, leashes, carriers, and vaccination records ready



5 AFTER THE STORM

- Do not walk or drive through floodwater
- Watch for downed power lines, broken glass, snakes, insects, and unstable tree limbs
- Take pictures before cleaning up major damage
- Check on someone who may not be able to check on themselves



A little preparation now can save a lot of stress later. Let's be wise, ready, and willing to help one another.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Weekly Scripture & Encouragement

Week 1: Let Go of Anxiety
 "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."
 — 1 Peter 5:7
 Remember, you don't have to carry your worries alone. Lay your burdens down and trust in God's care.

Week 2: Do Not Fear
 "Do not fear, for I am with you... I will strengthen you and help you."
 — Isaiah 41:10
 God is always by your side, ready to lift you up and give you peace in times of trouble.

Week 3: The Lord Hears You
 "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles."
 — Psalm 34:17
 Cry out to God in prayer. He is listening and He will respond to your need.

Week 4: Renew Your Mind
 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."
 — Romans 12:2
 Take time to feed your mind with God's Word, rest in His promises, and be renewed.

Let us support one another as we find strength in our faith and community.

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2026 SUMMER CAMP

June 8 - July 23
 Monday-Thursday
 7:30 AM-5:00 PM

\$25
 REGISTRATION
 \$80
 WEEKLY

Bethlehem Baptist Church (host location)

1028 Eastman Street
 Columbia, SC 29203

Meet & Greet Information Night

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026
 5:30pm-6:30pm

Call today! 839-224-6252

This event is hosted at Bethlehem Baptist Church but is managed and coordinated by After School Adventure Care, LLC. Please contact After School Adventure Care, LLC for any questions regarding this summer camp event.

Register here



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Father's Day Bible Character Sudoku Answer Key

Each row, column, and 2x2 box includes Abraham, Jacob, Jesse, and Joseph.

Abraham	Jacob	Jesse	Joseph
Jesse	Joseph	Abraham	Jacob
Jacob	Abraham	Joseph	Jesse
Joseph	Jesse	Jacob	Abraham

Happy Father's Day!

Don't let your ministry's efforts or personal accomplishments go unnoticed.

Send your special moments and ministry highlights to

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