



“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.” ~ Romans 15:13 (KJV)

BBC Deacon's Corner:

By: Deacon Michael Gladman

Yet, We Have Hope!

The writer of Psalm 42 asks a question that Jesus' followers, in every generation, face during difficult times: *“Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?”* (v. 5). Aren't we supposed to rejoice always and be victorious through Christ?

The psalmist inserts the secret for reigniting our prayer and praise when disappointments seem insurmountable: *“Put your hope in God, for I will praise Him my Savior and my God!”*

Jeremiah may have remembered this psalm as he grieved the destruction of Jerusalem and other afflictions. He offers the consummate answer to life's dilemmas—*hope in God!* The weeping prophet then defines the anchor of our hope as the Lord's infinite love, unfailing compassions, and abounding faithfulness.

“This I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lam. 3:21-23)

Life can bring stress, grief, disappointment, family challenges, financial concerns, loneliness, and unexpected changes. Sometimes we may feel overwhelmed, anxious, sad, tired, or simply not like ourselves. These experiences do not mean that we lack faith.

As joint heirs with Jesus Christ, we can unite our voices with the psalmists' and the prophet's voices, declaring this:

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever (Ps. 73:26). I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in His Word, I put my hope (Ps. 130:5).

The LORD is my portion; therefore, I will wait for Him. The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.” (Lam. 3:24-26).

Times of waiting strengthen our character. And the Lord reveals His character as He pours His love into and out of our hearts.

We may feel more like lamenting than rejoicing in our suffering, but God tells us to persevere and to allow Him to lovingly transform our character through repentant prayer and grateful worship.

Ultimately, we will always cycle back to hope when we recall God's compassions never fail, and He continually pours His love into our lives.

Take care of your mind. Nurture your spirit. Care for your body. And remember that God cares about the whole you.

Men's Day on the Lake ~ Aug 22nd



Men's Day ~ August 23rd

Speaker: Reverend Michael Allen McClain

James T. Marshall Scholarship recipient: Braylen Jamieson

Man of the Year: Minister Thomas Corbett



JUST FOR FUN

BIBLE REBUS Challenge

Can you figure out the Bible phrase or saying represented by each picture?

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Bethlehem Baptist Church

Monthly Ministry Rotation & Food Focus System

We are implementing a Ministry of the Month rotation. This distributes the responsibility across the church and ensures a steady variety of supplies.

Monthly Ministry Rotation & Food Focus

This schedule aligns food types with seasonal needs.

Month	Local Ministry Team	Topic	Rotation Food Focus is Count!
July	Congregation	Kit Friendly Lunch	Refrigerator, jelly, canned soups, and hot condiments
August	Sunday School / Dev Ministry	Bath to School	Wet & chemo, individual snack packs, and shelf stable milk
September	Intercessory Prayer Ministry	Garden Harvest	Canned corn, green beans, peas, and canned tomatoes
October	Choir/Women's Bible Study	Baking Bites	Flour, sugar, cooking oil, and boxed cake/muffin mixes
November	Music/Media Ministry	Thanksgiving Feasts	Canned jam, cranberry sauce, gravy, and frozen birds
December	Entire Church	Christmas Parties	Canned meats, coffee/tea, and "luxury" treats (lookin' fancy!)

Back to School Bash ~ Aug 8th



By: *Deacon Randy Gilbert*

Tech Tip: When “Virus Warnings” Are Really Just Unwanted Notifications

I’ve shared this before, but it’s worth repeating because it continues to confuse a lot of people. Sometimes your laptop may look like it has a virus — pop-ups, flashing warnings, fake antivirus alerts — but the real issue is much simpler. These are often **unwanted website notifications** you accidentally allowed at some point. They aren’t system messages at all; they’re just spam disguised to look official.

The good news: you can turn them off quickly.

Below are steps for both Windows and Mac computers to remove these unwanted notifications and stop the fake warnings from appearing.

Windows: Turn Off Unwanted Notifications

1. Open **Settings**.
2. Select **System** → **Notifications**.
3. Scroll to **Notifications from apps and other senders**.
4. Look for any unfamiliar or suspicious website names.
5. Toggle them **Off** or click into them and select **Turn off notifications**.

Mac: Turn Off Unwanted Notifications

1. Open **System Settings**.
2. Select **Notifications**.
3. Scroll through the list of apps and websites.
4. Find any website you don’t recognize or trust.
5. Switch the notifications **Off**.

Jewels of The Most High Scholarship Ceremony ~ August 1st



BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
COLLEGE PLACE

FALL REVIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 – 3:00 PM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 – 7:00 PM

REVIVAL THEME
"On Fire for A Revival"
Psalm 99:9



DR. LAVONIA K. MCINTYRE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 – 3:00 PM
West Side Community C.M.E. Church
Atlanta, Georgia



DR. KEVIN R. SHEPPARD, SR.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Chapin, SC



REVEREND ALGERRON WILLIAMS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 – 7:00 PM
New Dimensions Church
941 Two Notch Road, Columbia, SC 29223
Zion Chapel Baptist Church
11 Reeder Point Drive, Columbia, SC 29209



DR. TRAVIEN L. CAPERS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Zion Benevolent Baptist Church
201 Meeting House Road, Hopkins, SC 29061



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Revival PRAYER BREAKFAST

Speaker
REV. LORRAINE ANDERSON

THEME:
Is Your All on the Altar?

ROMANS 12:1-2
I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.
WILEY KENNEDY FAMILY LIFE CENTER
1037 Eastman Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29203

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God's Diamonds IN THE ROUGH MINISTRIES

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

All Dudes and Dolls ARE WELCOME!

Dress in your best denim and shine like a diamond!

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
— BUILDING BELIEVERS • STRENGTHENING FAMILIES • SERVING OUR COMMUNITY —
Through Christ

WEDNESDAY Bible Study

NOON | 6:30 PM
IN-HOUSE SERVICE

NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES
UNDERSTANDING THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF DISCERNMENT
SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:10

Join us as we discover how God equips believers to recognize truth, avoid deception, and walk in wisdom through the Holy Spirit.
Everyone is welcome!

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"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 TIMOTHY 2:15

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
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DEAF MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER DEAF AWARENESS MONTH

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor... to let the oppressed go free.
Luke 4:18 (NIV)

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Bethlehem Baptist Church honors and celebrates the Deaf community. We are committed to creating a welcoming space where everyone can worship, grow, and serve together in Christ's love.

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FROM THE BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH DEAF MINISTRY

WKFLC

- Aerobics: ` Tuesdays & Thursdays – 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
- Children's Church: 2nd & 4th Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekly Programs

- Food Pantry Distribution: Fridays – 10:00 AM
- Senior Bingo: 3rd Tuesday - 10:00 AM

You're Invited!

JOIN BBC GOD'S DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

for the **PRISMA HEALTH® BREAST CANCER**

Walk for Life FAMOUSLY HOT PINK .. 2026 ..

10K & 5K

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2026 SEGRA PARK COLUMBIA, SC

PLEASE MEET AT THE TOP of the STOP @ 7:30 AM

THE WALK BEGINS AT 8:15 AM

We walk for hope. We walk for love. WE WALK FOR LIFE.

Just For Fun Answer Key Rebus phrases:

- #1 God Is Good All the Time
- #2 He's an On-Time God
- #3 Abundance of Hope
- #4 Trouble Don't Last Always
- #5 Count Your Blessings
- #6 Joy Comes in the Morning



MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

A Monthly Message from the Bethlehem Baptist Church Mental Health Ministry

Back-to-School: Preparing Hearts, Minds, and Spirits

By Dr. Crystal M. Russell, EdD, LPC/S, LPC, LAC, NCC
Chairperson, Mental Health Ministry

As another school year begins, many families are focused on purchasing school supplies, new clothes, and preparing schedules. While these are important, let us also remember to prepare our children's hearts, minds, and spirits.

The beginning of a new school year brings excitement for some students, but for others it may bring anxiety, fear, loneliness, academic pressure, or uncertainty. Adults are not immune either. Parents, grandparents, teachers, and caregivers often experience stress as they balance work, family responsibilities, and the demands of a new school year.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

— 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

How We Can Help

- Pray daily for students, teachers, school staff, and families.
- Listen without judgment when someone shares their struggles.
- Encourage children to talk about their feelings.
- Create peaceful routines that promote rest, healthy eating, and quality family time.
- Seek professional help when emotional challenges become overwhelming. Asking for help is a sign of strength—not weakness.

A Prayer for the New School Year

Heavenly Father, we ask for Your protection over every student, teacher, administrator, bus driver, and school employee. Grant them wisdom, patience, courage, and peace. Calm anxious hearts, strengthen weary minds, and remind each person that You are always with them. Help us as a church family to encourage, uplift, and support one another throughout this school year. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you."
Numbers 6:24-25 (NKJV)

PASTOR ANTHONY A. McCALLUM

UPCOMING PREACHING ENGAGEMENTS

- JULY 29, 2026 – 7:00 PM**
Little Beaver Dam Baptist Church
599 Gift St • Newberry, SC 29108
Wednesday Night Revival
- AUGUST 16, 2026 – 10:15 AM**
Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church
1200 S. Caledonia Rd • Laurinburg, NC 28352
42nd Church Anniversary
- SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 – 3:00 PM**
Antioch Baptist Church
5715 Koon Road • Columbia, SC 29203
- OCTOBER 14, 2026 – 7:00 PM**
Olive Grove Missionary Baptist Church
305 Old Elmore Road • Orangeburg, SC 29115

PREACHING • TEACHING • REACHING • LUKE 4:18

CHARLESTON Shopping

SISTERHOOD. SHOPPING. SOUTHERN CHARM.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2026

EARLY BIRD \$65 PER LADY **EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**

SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE VESTIBULE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE ANY LADY ON THE PASTORAL 25th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

ONE DAY. GREAT MEMORIES. SISTERS Forever!

Prayer Walk ~ Aug 8th



Prepare Before the Storm

On August 11, 2026, a powerful storm left thousands in Gary, Indiana, without electricity, some for nearly two weeks. Hurricane Helene devastated Chimney Rock, NC, in September 2024, washing out roads and cutting off communities. Closer to home, Columbia's historic October 2015 flood devastated neighborhoods and left tens of thousands without water.

Preparation begins before a storm is in the forecast. Watch for sales and gradually build your supplies. Consider a generator, portable power station, indoor-safe emergency heater, weather radio, and heavy-duty extension cords.

Also gather a carbon monoxide detector, fire extinguisher, flashlights, batteries, power banks, approved gasoline cans, water containers, coolers, tarps, rope, pruning saw, first-aid supplies, heavy-duty garbage bags, non-clumping kitty litter for emergency toilets, and hygiene supplies.

Prepare now, so when the storm comes, you can stay safely at home while others search empty shelves for supplies.



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JOIN THE COALITION OF COMMUNITY FELLOWS!

WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE:
(STIPEND WHEN YOU COMPLETE THE PROGRAM!)

- * GAIN EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
- * Meet and engage with elected officials
- * Learn problem-solving and conflict resolution skills
- * Build financial literacy and money saving skills
- * FIELD TRIPS AND FUN * GROW LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

CALL 803-397-0758 OR 803-704-4149
Email: projectmgr@wileykennedy-foundation.org



The Coalition of Community Fellows
YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM
[GET YOUR APPLICATION NOW!]



[ARE YOU AGES 13-17?]
READY TO LEAD, LEARN, & MAKE A REAL IMPACT?
SATURDAYS 2026-27
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
(ONCE A MONTH)
ORIENTATION
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24th
(WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN)
APPLICATION DUE:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th
ARE YOU READY TO STEP UP?

The Wiley Kennedy Foundation invites your students to join the Coalition of Community Fellows Program. This initiative builds leadership, civic engagement, and advocacy skills through monthly sessions from October 2026 to June 2027.

We seek your help in identifying promising candidates, sharing application details, and encouraging families to attend the mandatory orientation on Thursday, September 24. Completed applications are due Friday, September 25.

Please contact us for flyers or to schedule a school visit. Thank you for partnering with us to empower Columbia's youth and foster the next generation of community leaders.




FALL 2026 Recruitment

Scouts & Junior Brotherhood

Registration & Information Session

 Saturday, September 12, 2026
  10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
  Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall



Parents and young males interested in participating this year are invited to come out and register.



Parent Session and Youth Session will happen at the same time. Both sessions are necessary for participation.



Parents will join GroupMe for updates, reminders, and announcements.



Youth will complete registration, uniform measurements, track times, and activity feedback.



Parents will receive program information, join GroupMe, ask questions, and share feedback on upcoming activities.

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Rev. Dr. Anthony A. McCallum, Pastor
Reverend Stanley M. Nash, Youth Pastor

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

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Congratulations to Deacon Chico Carter who will be inducted into the Morris College Hall of Fame on September 19th.



Anniversary Fundraiser Dinner ~ Aug 2nd

