

THE BETHEL CONNECTION

Quarterly Newsletter

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth!
Isaiah 43:19



*Greetings Beloved Bethelites and all our brothers and sisters in Christ! Welcome to the rebirth of **The Bethel Connection**, our new and improved newsletter! We are excited that God has graced us with another opportunity to provide you with a literary modern of communicating*

the current events of our local congregation and connectional church along with spiritual, cultural, and wellness insights. Please join us by sharing your events and relevant commentary for quarterly publication.

Contributors Welcomed!
Beverly J. Scott Campbell

Weekly Events

Bible Discovery Hour
Sunday Morning
8:30 AM

The Church at Worship
Sunday Morning
10:00 AM

Plug into the Power of Prayer
Weekday Mornings
6:30 AM
1-641-715-3273
Pin: 983986

The Church at Study
Noon Day Bible Study
Tuesday 12 Noon
Evening Study
Tuesday 6:30 PM

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Reverend Eddy J. Moise, Junior
Senior Pastor

The Pastors Word

Greetings My Beloved Bethel Family!

I pray that God is blessing you superabundantly! I am most excited about what God is doing in the life and breath of our ministry. As we enter, "**A Season of Discipleship**," I am expectantly awaiting what God has in store for us. As a catalyst in our transformation from church membership to discipleship, we have begun our journey through a concentrated study series entitled *MasterLife*. This series

is a 24-week journey that will "enable you to make Christ **MASTER** and to **MASTER** life by developing a personal lifelong, obedient relationship with Him." All are encouraged to come out to Bible Discovery Hour and discover the pathway of Christian disciplines that will lead to a closer relationship with Christ. Set your heart on *Spending Time with Jesus, Live in the Word, Pray in Faith, Fellowship with Believers, Witness to the World and Minister to Others. DISCIPLESHIP!*

Discipleship mandates that we be Mission Minded. We are happy that Bethel has reached beyond the four walls of the church and adopted both Sanders Park and Markham Elementary Schools. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have provided Thanksgiving Baskets and Turkeys for over 25 families as well as providing Christmas gifts. Additionally, in response to the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, several pallets of water were sent to our sister church in that area. Food and clothing items were sent to an orphanage in Haiti, and much needed assistance was given to our fellow brothers and sisters in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. We are endeavoring to present a *Living Active Gospel* that will impact the world that they may know that Jesus Loves them and so do we.

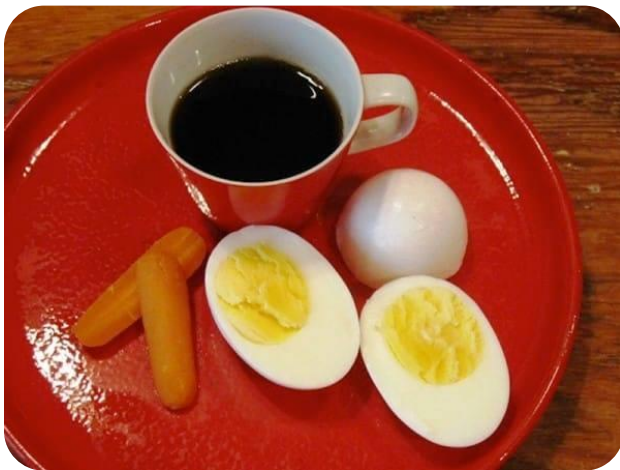
During this season of discipleship, I am reminded of the mandated challenge rooted in the scripture Matthew 28:18-19, "Then Jesus came to them and said, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. *Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations...*" God has given us the authority and now is the time for us to *grow, go, and spread the Word of God to all nations*. I solicit your Kingdom partnership and joint agreement with me as we take this discipleship journey together. To honor our covenant, please pray, sign, and submit the Disciple's Covenant you will receive by mail. I pray that God is blessing you more and more each day as you strive to spend more time with Him. *We are the Church Connecting Ordinary People to An EXTRAordinary GOD!*

Jesus Loves You and So Do I,

Eddy Moise, Jr. Senior Pastor



Dew Drops of Encouragement



Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds. James 1:2

A young woman went to her grandmother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her – her husband had cheated on her and she was devastated. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as soon as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her grandmother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil; without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl

Turning to her granddaughter, she asked, 'Tell me what you see.'

'Carrots, eggs, and coffee,' she replied

Her grandmother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The grandmother then asked the granddaughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, the grandmother asked the granddaughter to sip the coffee. The granddaughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The granddaughter then asked, 'What does it mean, grandmother?'

Her grandmother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her granddaughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat?

Do I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart?

Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level?

**HOW DO YOU HANDLE ADVERSITY? ARE YOU A CARROT,
AN EGG OR A COFFEE BEAN?**

-Author Unknown

Bethel in Black History

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of Faith. Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

To purport the scripture as key to the spiritual, social, and cultural impact of Bethel A.M.E. Church in the Greater Pompano Community would certainly be deemed as significantly sound and relevant. As we participate in the February observance of Black History Month, one could easily conclude that Bethel is Black History. Do you think that my statement is a little too broad or perhaps without adequate merit? Let's take a brief look at what has come out of the Spiritual and Social Engines of Bethel, the House of God.

Established in the year of our Lord and Savior Nineteen Hundred and Nine, Bethel has been described by one writer to be started by what was then known as the "stick of Pompano" and may have in all probability been the first black church in the area. Early services were held in warehouses and tool sheds. Parson Ella Rolle, a local minister from the West Indies was the leader of the early group of Methodist worshippers.

From meager beginnings, Bethel with its acumen of community minded and socially conscious parishioners, has been a beacon of light, both spiritually, socially, and culturally.

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Having resourceful and gregarious members who were willing to commit the little they had to the *Hands of a wonderworking God*, their little became more than enough to build a house of worship and service to their God. With the same mind to work, they also were endued with a mind to be a hand extended to their fellow man. *Mary Streeter*, namesake of our present WMS, was said to have walked the streets of Pompano as the city's own Good Samaritan. *Always giving a hand out and a hand up!*

Upcoming Events

Christian Education Ministry Fair
Sunday, February 10, 2019

11th Episcopal District Founder's Day
February 14, 2019

**11th Episcopal District
YPD Black Heritage Weekend**
February 15-17, 2019

Celebrated Central District Conference
Bethel A.M.E. Church, Clewiston
February 18-19, 2019

Annual Men's Day Observance
*Men Teaching, Reaching, & Living Their
Best Lives for Christ*
February 24, 2019

Anderson-Kelly/Morgan Stebbins
Annual Prayer Breakfast
Bethel A.M.E. Pompano
Saturday, March 2, 2019

Lay Scholar Luncheon
Saturday, March 9, 2019
Signature Grand Hotel – Davie, FL.

11th Episcopal District Mid-Year Meeting
March 13-15, 2019
Rosen Centre Hotel – Orlando, FL

Although time and space will not allow me to list the accomplishments of them all, let us take a pause and call some of their names. *Florence Ali* (Ali Cultural Arts Center), *Karl Weaver*, first Black City Commissioner (Weaver Community Park), *Annie L. Weaver* (Annie L. Weaver Health Center), *Edgar Mills* (Edgar Mills Health Center), *Annie Lee Gillis* (Annie Adderly Gillis Park), *Rev. Albert Johnson* (Albert Johnson Avenue), *Mercy Mitchell*, *Willie Wooten*, *Harold Abel*, *Cherian Cooper*, *Samuel and Millicent Sworn*, *Elijah Wooten*, *Attorney Johnny McCray, Jr.*, and numerous other unsung heroes and heroines not mentioned in this writing.

As we celebrate *Black History*, we celebrate **BETHEL!**



Men's Day 2019 February 24, 2019
Special Guest Speaker
Linnes Finney, Jr., Esquire
Greenspoon Marder LLP

**"Men Teaching, Reaching, & Living
Their Best Lives for Christ"**

Reppin at the Ministry Fair



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EDUCATION MINISTRY FAIR

DR. KATHERYN GILLIS, DIRECTOR
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY
FEBRUARY 10, 2019

MINISTRIES ON PARADE