

Sunday Worship Bulletin October 4, 2020

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"EXILIC LIVING"

ORDER OF SERVICE October 4, 2020

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has given us breath to live and

spirit to sing.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: God has gathered us into a community

of care and worship.

All: Let us worship God with love,

thanksgiven, and praise.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
GLORIA PATRI

READING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT

CONGREGATIONAL SONG "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #61

WORDS OF WELCOME

PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Angela Birchett

ALTAR PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Angela Birchett

SERMON

Exilic Living Part 3

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

BENEDICTION

WELCOME

It is our sincere prayer that something said or done today will be an inspiration and a blessing to you. The doors of Bethany Baptist Church-Newark are always open to all. If you are searching for a church home, we encourage you to seek God in prayer and ask if this is where you should join. We thank God for you and hope you will worship with us again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP TODAY

Sister Carvetta Freeman will be receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship today.

THANK YOU

"Thank you so much to everyone who wished me well on my birthday. I am blessed to be a member of a congregation that has been here for me through both my tragedies and celebrations. I hope to be able to serve you all even better this year." -- MIT H. Rebekah Keazer

Thank you for the many cards, and calls I received from my Bethany family during my recent hospital stay. Thank you for calling name and lifting me up in prayer. It's so good to be a part of a loving and caring church! **Sister Laurel Pryor**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bethany Cares is looking for volunteers with grant writing experience to assist in seeking funding as BCI will soon celebrate its 20th year of operation. For more information, contact Bill Lee or the church office.

VIRTUAL MEETING

The Men's Fellowship will hold a virtual meeting on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at Noon. Please check your email inbox for communication with further details.

SEASONAL DEVOTIONAL BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

"Our Daily Bread" and "The Secret Place" devotionals for the fall are now available. You may pick up a copy at the church.

UPDATE MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Members: please call or submit your contact information (address, phone number, email address, birthdate, etc.) so we can keep communicating essential information to you. In times like these, having the correct contact information for you all is incredibly important. You may call the church office at 973-623-8161 or email Alice Turner at aperson@bethany-newark.org or Brenda Galarza at bgalarza@bethany-newark.org.

REMINDER FROM THE EXAMPLE YOUTH MINISTRY

Parents and youth, please email theexample@bethany-newark.org and provide your name, child's name, date of birth, phone numbers for both parent and youth, address, and email address. Thank you!

PASTORAL COUNSELLING

In these difficult and unprecedented times, members of the Bethany Baptist Church - Newark ministerial staff will be available to provide pastoral counselling to anyone who is in need. Appointments are available via phone call or Zoom conference. Just call the church office for more information and to see all available appointments.



253 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



Words: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–1886 Music: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918 Ireland/U.S.A. 8.7.8.7.D. CONVERSE





Angela Birchett is said by many to be "an incredibly connected singer with vocal skills as that of a master angler." She is a seasoned lead vocalist and has appeared in musical offerings that span the musical theatre, classical, jazz, gospel and pop worlds. She hails from Detroit, Michigan. She has been featured at various NYC nightlife venues and is the host of the electrifying Monday night curated open mic, "Lights Out On Broadway" in the heart of Times Square.

Angela made her Broadway debut in the 2015 Tony Award winning revival of The Color Purple and has several regional and touring credits including: The Color Purple (First National tour), Dreamgirls (Effie White), Once On This Island (*Asaka*), Smokey Joe's Café (*BJ*) and Hairspray National Tour(*Motormouth*). Television credits include CBS' "Kevin Can Wait" and NBC' "Blindspot." Most recently she starred in Lifetime's movie event "The Clark Sisters: First Ladies of Gospel as Jacky Clark Chisholm which reached 11 million viewers in its opening weekend, making it the most viewed premiere on cable television of 2020! www.angelabirchett.com



VOTING INFORMATION FOR BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERS

WE ARE ASKING ALL BETHANY MEMBERS TO PLEASE VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE EXERCISE OUR CIVIC DUTY.

VOTER REGISTRATION

- 1. If you are not registered to vote, the last date to register is October 13th. There is no same day registration.
- 2. You may register on line at the N.J. Division of Elections. Follow instructions on the screen. You must enter your Driver's license number on the screen, or a Social Security Number. You may also contact the Essex County Clerk for a registration form at 973-621-4921, or 4922.
- 3. Prudential Center in Newark will host a Registration Drive on September 22, 2020. The Center will also be the super voting center for people who want to vote on Nov 3rd. and do not have mail in ballots. Prudential Center will also have drop boxes for mail-in ballots on November 3rd.

MAIL IN BALLOTS

- 1. Because of the COVID Virus mail in ballots are supposed to be mailed out starting September 27th. As soon as you receive your ballot, please fill it out immediately. Any member needing information, or assistance in completing the mail-in-ballots, or delivering a ballot to the drop boxes, please contact the church office and leave your name and phone number with Ms. Alice Person, or Ms. Brenda Galarza. You will receive a call from a volunteer to assist you.
- 2. The earlier you complete your ballot, the better. You can mail it, however the drop boxes are faster because they will be emptied every evening. The Post Office, if overloaded with ballots, may not be able to deliver before November 3rd.
- 3. Drop boxes for mail in ballots will be secured at various locations (to be announced) with cameras. The ballots will be picked up every night at 8 p.m.
- 4. You can only vote once. You cannot submit a mail-in ballot and go to the poll to submit a provisional ballot. That is illegal. The Board of Elections will check all ballots. All polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. for anyone who has not received a mail in ballot.
- 5. Nursing home residents can use the nursing home address, or their home address. Some residents prefer to receive mail-in ballots from their home address.
- 6. Homeless populations can register at the Hall of Records. The home address would be the shelter they are residing in.
- 7. Soldiers deployed may request overseas ballots by September 18th, via email.
- 8. Any voters whose signatures may have changed, (many seniors due to strokes, or health issues) please get a form from the Essex County Clerk's office and fax your signature in.
- 9. All votes will start to be tabulated ten days before Election Day.

POLL WORKER ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED. YOU WILL BE PAID FOR YOUR SERVICES. FOR HIRING AND TRAINING BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, PLEASE CALL 973-621-5072.



TRUSTEES' CORNER

Your BBC Board of Trustees are asking that you please consider tithing.......

Giving money to the church is a Giving is a PRACTICAL

WORSHIP ACT matter, too, because the offering

-The offering of OURSELVES in Service and devotion to God.

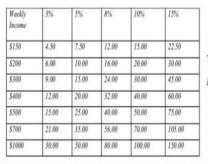
How much should I give?

matter, too, because the offering makes it possible for the church to pay its bills and carry out its mission in Christ's name.

The Bible says that we should set aside our "first fruits"-that our offering to God should be the first portion we set aside, not what remains.

Some people give by PROPORTION:

For example, \$2 or \$3 per week for every \$1000 of annual incom Others set aside a PERCENTAGE of their income.



THE OLD TESTAMENT GUIDELINE FOR GIVING WAS THE TITHE (USUALLY 1/10).

How close do you come to the giving expected of the early Christians?







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ADDRESSING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Dear Bethany Family,

As the COVID-19 strain of the Coronavirus spreads, it is in our interest to keep you informed and protected. We encourage you to practice proper hygiene habits and be careful when interacting with others. Here are some precautions to take:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, or cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- If you are sick, stay home.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Instead of shaking hands, greet others with a fist bump, elbow bump, "Wakanda Forever," or anything that does not require direct physical contact.
- Do not use your fingertips to touch shared surfaces. For example, you may use paper towels to open doors, press elevator buttons, etc.
- Keep hand sanitizer and disinfectants within reach and in locations you frequently access, such as the entrance to your home, your car, and any personal bags that you carry.
- Stock up on medications and other essentials you may need in the event of quarantine, such as nonperishable food items.

We especially encourage our seniors to take extra precautions, as data has proven that they are most at risk of catching the Coronavirus. For more information, see the following publication from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/workplace-school-and-home-guidance.pdf



Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of 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.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us toward its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of differences of opinion in the Church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the Word of God; to educate our children in matters of faith; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will toward humanity, to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and to stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and, with tender sympathy, bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior set forth in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Should we remove from this place, we shall unite as soon as possible with another church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

Adopted, April 27, 2011