

# Sunday Worship Bulletin May 3, 2020

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# **SURPRISED BY HOPE!**

Order of Service May 3, 2020

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

**Leader:** Protect me, O God, for in You I take

refuge.

**People:** The LORD is my chosen portion and my

cup; You hold my lot.

**Leader:** I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in

the night also my heart instructs me.

All: I keep the LORD always before me;

because He is at my right hand, I shall

not be moved.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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READING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** 

"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" #51

**WORDS OF WELCOME** 

**PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**OFFERING** 

DOXOLOGY

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC** 

**ALTAR PRAYER** 

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC** 

**SCRIPTURE** 

Acts 9:1-20

**SERMON** 

"(Re)Building the Body Part 3 –

Open the Eyes of My Heart"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

**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**

#### **BE STILL MONDAYS**

In response to Mayor Ras Baraka's request for all business to be close on Mondays', the church will be closed on Mondays. The food pantry will also be closed on Monday's but will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays until further notice.

### **CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS**

The church office will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tueseday – Friday during this time for social distancing.

### **VIRTUAL MEETING**

Bethany Women's Ministry will hold a virtual meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

#### **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.

# "5 IN 5" INITIATIVE

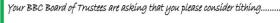
Counselling and outreach aren't limited to our ministers, however. Consider participating in the "5 In 5" initiative. As part of this initiative, you--yes, YOU! -- can reach out to at least one member a day, especially one who is outside of your usual social circle, resulting in 5 members in 5 days. We hope this initiative will enable us to stay connected and, perhaps, emerge from this even stronger than before.

## **GET READY FOR (VIRTUAL) SUPER SATURDAY!**

Super Saturday is a new annual event at Bethany. It is an opportunity for students beginning in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade through senior year of college to prepare for College and/or Corporate America. The day will provide a number of professional opportunities. More information can be found on the following link https://bit.ly/BBCSUPERSATURDAY https://bit.ly/BBCSUPERSATURDAY



## TRUSTEES' CORNER



Giving money to the church is a

WORSHIP ACT

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

How much should I give?





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:

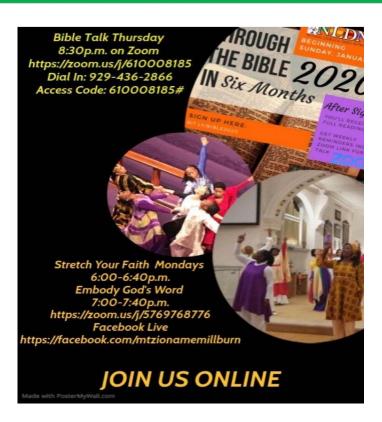
For example, \$2 or \$3 per week for every \$1000 of annual incom Others set aside a PERCENTAGE of their income.



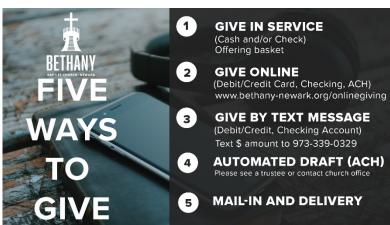
Weekly Income	3%	5%	8%	10%	15%
\$150	4.50	7.50	12.00	15.00	22.50
\$200	6.00	10.00	16.00	20.00	30.00
\$300	9.00	15.00	24.00	30.00	45.00
\$400	12.00	20.00	32.00	40.00	60.00
\$500	15.00	25.00	40.00	50.00	75.00
\$700	21.00	35.00	56.00	70.00	105.00
\$1000	30.00	50.00	80.00	100.00	150.00

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# **Staying Connected**



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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: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/workplace-school-and-home-guidance.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/workplace-school-and-home-guidance.pdf</a>



# **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