

Hear God's Word



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Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

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Dates to Remember

May 2009

3rd Pastor Michael & Kimberly Eaton
2nd Pastor's & Wife

Anniversary

10th Mother's Day

24th Graduates Day

31st Brian Frizell will preach 1st Sermon at 6:00 PM

Hello Bethlehem,

Pray for Humility

Amen, I say to you, unless you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, he is the greater in the kingdom of Heaven."

(Matthew 18:3-4)

The month of May has been designate "Humility Month". We will learn the nature of people who live for God. That nature is humbleness. Humbleness has power. When you first think of humility, Power is the last word that would be used to describe humility. When you think of humility, you may think of meekness. When you think of meekness, you may think of weakness. Weakness is the very opposite of power. Therefore, with this mind set, it would not be plausible to think that you could get power from humility. However God says that you can get power from humility.

Canice Bourke has written a book entitled "**The Power of Humility: Why Humility Must Be the Heart of Your Spiritual Life -- and How to Make It So.**

Bourke begins The Power of Humility with Matthew's account of the apostles arguing over who was the greater. Overhearing this, Jesus set a child in their midst and stated, "*Amen, I say to you, unless you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, he is the greater in the kingdom of Heaven.*" *(Matthew 18:3-4)*

Jesus' words, "Amen, I say to you," mean "pay attention. This is very important." The virtue of humility is so critical, Jesus said, that a person cannot enter Heaven without it. Saint Augustine wrote, "If you should ask me what are the ways of God, I would tell you that the first is humility, the second is humility, and the third is still humility. Not that there are no other precepts to give, but if humility does not precede all that we do, our efforts are fruitless."

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The Word of the Month

By Pastor Michael Eaton



With that in mind, anyone who seeks to follow the Lord is seeking humility. Bourke points out "that resemblance to our Lord is imperative if we wish to be saved." And how did Jesus say we are to be conformed to Him? "Learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart." (Matthew 11:29) Bourke directs us to the Infant Christ. "If humility is a lowering of self, then as you kneel at the crib before the little newborn Infant, the eternal Father's Almighty Word who leapt down from His royal throne, you can in some poor manner realize how He has lowered Himself and what a long journey He has made to appear in such a condition."

Impressing upon the reader the necessity for humility in the spiritual life, Bourke then goes on to give some ways in which one can foster that virtue. The first is through prayer for humility. Humility also grows when one contemplates God's greatness and meditates on Christ's Passion. Fostering the virtue of humility by:

1. Praying of Humility
2. Contemplate God's Greatness
3. Meditate Jesus' Death

Everyone who is serious about growth in the spiritual life ought to humble themselves under the mighty hand of God.

Prayer for Humility by Merry del Val

He was accustomed to recite this prayer daily.

O Jesus meek and humble of heart, Deliver me.

From the desire of being esteemed,
 From the desire of being loved,
 From the desire of being extolled,
 From the desire of being honored,
 From the desire of being praised,
 From the desire of being preferred to others,
 From the desire of being consulted,
 From the desire of being approved,
 Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated,
 From the fear of being despised,
 From the fear of suffering rebukes,
 From the fear of being forgotten,
 From the fear of being ridiculed,
 From the fear of being wronged,
 From the fear of being suspected,
 Deliver me, Jesus.

That others may be loved more than I,
 That others may be esteemed more than I,
 That in the opinion of the world, others may increase, and I may decrease,
 That others may be chosen and I set aside,
 That others may be praised and I unnoticed,
 That others may be preferred to me in everything,
 That others may become holier than I, provided that I become as holy as I should,
 Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it. Amen.

Truly in Christ,
 Pastor Michael Eaton

Will you Become a Disciple?

By: Morrie Baltzell-President: Brotherhood



Genesis 1:9-13 (King James Version)

9And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13And the evening and the morning were the third day.

We all have a title to which our job describes to us whether you are a lawyer, doctor, LPN, RN, mechanic, engineer, steward, pilot, chef, dishwasher, writer professional baseball, basketball, football golf, hockey, tennis, truck driver, taxi driver, general contractor, chairman of the board or president. Whatever your title is, one must have the title of disciple. One should be a follower of Jesus! A Disciple is a follower of a person or idea; also one of the twelve original followers of Christ.

Luke 14:26 (New International Version)

26"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple.

John 13:34-35 (New International Version)

34"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

This can be a testimony for what the Lord has done for you. If and when your experience with God's love, grace and mercy is heard from our mouths with what Jesus can do.

Psalms 37:4 (New International Version)

4 Delight yourself in the LORD
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

So Bethlehem, let us delight ourselves in the Lord. Let us be witnesses unto the Lord and be obedient. I have already envisioned Bethlehem's love and the ministries in which people will receive the knowledge of God's will being done especially "Our own individual purposes being worked out in God's Kingdom."

What is man's reasonable service?

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Bethlehem, let us move to a higher level, let us grow stronger all together as one body. Catch the vision of Kingdom building! When we quit the journey, you stop following the Spirit of God.. Hew won't be able to do a work in your life. I am going forward towards my individual mission of the journey in the Gospel.

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Building a Church to Build a Congregation



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Bethlehem: Yes God Can!

Vision To Reality: Building A Church To Build A Congregation (Matthew 16:18)

We need your help for Vision To Reality. Vision To Reality is Bethlehem Baptist Church building program. **Give a love gift of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$1000 more or less.** If you do not have a church home send your tithes and offering to our church marked Vision To Reality. We believe God will bless you for your giving! Give online @ www.HearGodsWordatBethlehem.com.

“The Heart of a Christian Woman”

By First Lady Kimberly Eaton



Proverbs 3:5-6(NIV)

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.*

The Heart of a Christian woman is a curriculum designed to explore the different areas of the Christian Woman's Heart.

In the fifth class , we studied ”A Praying New Heart”:

Thesis: Christian Women Should Pray in Faith and Forgive Others So That Their Prayers Can Be Answered.

Scripture: Mark 11:24-26 (NIV)

²⁴For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it].

²⁵And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop.

But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your failings and shortcomings.

"Points:

- 1. A Faithful Heart v.24**
- 2. A Forgiving Heart v25**
- 3. A Freeing Heart v26**

As Christians, we should understand that just because we go to church does not make us useful in God's Kingdom. We may work around the church, but just like the fig tree, it did not bear fruit. We must pray in faith and believe that our prayers will be answered. Christians must forgive those who trespass against us in order for God to forgive us.

This is Women's Month and the pastor taught a wonderful lesson last Wednesday. He will be preaching this month on Compassion and Women. You don't want to miss any of these powerful lessons this month. Also, let's be in support of the Revival as the feeling is in the air that God is going to move in a mighty way.

Women of Bethlehem, this month concludes this wonderful study “The Heart of a Christian Woman. If you have not been in attendance, you just don't know what you have been missing. We want you to be a part of this awesome group of women who are committed to discovering their destiny.

You were placed on this earth for Kingdom Building. As we continue in our study, we will begin a course entitled “The Heart of Intercession” on Monday evening. Why don't you join us as we move forward into hoping, dreaming and desiring what God has for us as Women of Bethlehem.

Why don't you prepare your heart and become a part of God's Kingdom Let's become a part of His agenda today.

The Culinary Ministry
By Pam Sanders

**The Youth Ministry
By Rev T.B & Jocelyn Rushing**

Pauls Valley High School Prom 2009





**Brian & Ellen Frizell
Primary Leaders
New Members Orientation
Ministry
“Christianity 101” Curriculum**



Every Thursday,

6:00 PM

See You There!

Our New Members Orientation Ministry known as “*(Christianity 101)*” is a threshold to a wonderful beginning at Bethlehem. Its primary responsibility is to orient new believers in God's Word. Thereby, we present an orientation curriculum that offers foundational classes.

The complete series of studies will cover the beliefs and doctrines of Bethlehem that are based from Holy Scriptures. In addition, New Member Orientation acquaints new members with various areas of service in the church.

If you are a new member (one year or less) it is expected that you enroll in this course.

See Brian or Ellen Frizell for more information.

Happy Mother's Day; Congratulations to All Graduates



Nurse's Meeting	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
April	Brotherhood	Usher Meeting	Bible Study
May 17th	1st & 3rd Monday	2nd & 4th Tuesday	6:00 pm
Immediately after service	6:00 pm	May 12th	May 6th
March 31st	May 4th	May 26th	May 13th
Brian Frizell will preach his first sermon	May 18th	Choir Rehearsal	May 20th
6:00 PM	Women's Mission	6:00 pm	May 27th
	1st & 3rd Monday	May 5th	
	6:00 pm	May 12th	Saturday
	May 4th	May 19th	
	May 18th	May 26th	Brotherhood
	Light House Ministry		My Brother's Keepers
Thursday	May 11th		Men's Breakfast
Christianity 101	May 25th	Friday	May 2, 2009
6:00 pm	Deaconess	Ministers Meeting	June 6, 2009
	6:15 pm	6:00 pm	8:00 am
	May 25th	May 1st	
		May 8th	
		May 15th	
		May 22nd	
		May 29th	

Bethlehem is for People Like You!

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Share the Love!

There is a time
for everything,
and a season for every
activity under heaven...



Proverbs 3:1

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Calendar Of Events for March 2009

Sunday: School : 9: 30 AM-10: 30 AM

Sunday: Worshi p Servi ce: 11: 00 AM

Monday: Women' s Mi ssi on

1st and 3rd Week: 6: 00 PM-7: 15 PM

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Sunday School

Leaders and Ministries

Superintendent

Sis. Audrey Jones

New Member Minis- try

Brian & Ellen Frizell

Brotherhood

Bro Morrie Baltzell

Usher Ministry

Sis. Claudia Newton

Nurse Ministry

Sis. Kim Jackson

Culinary

Ministry

Sis. Denise

Stafford

Director of

Women's Ministry/ Women's Mission

Sis. Kimberly Eaton

Youth Director

Youth Pastor

Rev. T. D. Rushing

Mimes

Sis. Theola Jackson

Sis. Audrey Jones

Youngest Member Ministry

Sis. Isom Davis

Mother's of the Church

Sis. Gladys Mc Cowen

Sis. Ella Watkins

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man Jack-
son

Sis.
Theola
Jackson

Sis. Isom
Davis

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Bro Al
Jackson

Bro. Her-
man Jack-
son

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Sis. Jocelyn Rush-
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Deaconess

Sis. Kim Jackson

Sis. Audrey

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