

BETHEL

African Methodist Episcopal Church

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October 26, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m.



The Rev. Brandon L. Thornton, *Pastor*

The Rev. Charles A. Lewis, *Presiding Elder, The Mobile District*
Bishop Julius H. McAllister Jr., *Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District*

Ministerial Staff

The Rev. Dr. Olivia Martin, *Itinerant Elder*
The Rev. Irmatine Chastang, *Itinerant Elder*
The Rev. Pamela Greene-Irby, *Itinerant Deacon*

The Order of Worship

Denim Johnson, Worship Leader

The Prelude The Musicians

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow: Praise Him all creatures here below: Praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Call to WorshipKassidy Foster

LEADER: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the House of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

PEOPLE: **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

LEADER: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

PEOPLE: **They are planted in the House of the Lord. They flourish in the courts of our God.**

LEADER: O Lord, I have loved the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

PEOPLE: **But the Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.**

LEADER: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

PEOPLE: **O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! I will sing of loyalty and justice to you, O Lord, I will sing.**

The Opening Song.....Voices of Praise

#351 - "I Once Was Lost in Sin"

I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in, And then a little light from heaven filled my soul;
It bathed my heart in love, and wrote my name above, And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer, And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day;
The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies, But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way.

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears, But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night;
I go to Him in prayer, He knows my every care, And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

Refrain:

Now let us Have a little talk with Jesus, let us, tell Him all about our troubles, He will Hear our faintest cry, and He will, answer by and by;
Now when you Feel a little prayer wheel turning, and you, know a little fire is burning, You will Find a little talk with Jesus makes it right, it makes it right.

The Morning Invocation & PrayerJasime Heard

The Choral ResponseChoir and Congregation

“God Has Smiled on Me” – No 152 -AAHH

God has smiled on me, He has set me free.
God has smiled on me, He’s been good to me,

Selection.....Voices of Praise

The ScriptureReginald Washam, Jr

No. 743 - Childhood and Youth

Leader: In that hour came the disciples to Jesus, saying Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

People: And He called to Him a little child, and set him in the midst of them and said,

Leader: Truly I say to you, Except you be converted, and become as little children,

People: You shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child;

People: The same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: Take heed that you despise not one of these little ones;

People: For I say to you, that is heaven the angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Leader: Then there were brought unto Him little children, that He should lay His hands on them, and pray; and the disciples rebuked them.

ALL: But Jesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. and He laid His hands on them, and departed thence.

The Decalogue.....Tacaree Washam

LEADER: Let us express our commitment to keep God’s law.

PEOPLE: God of our salvation, only You are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice Your name, O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be a false witness. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.

SING: NEARER MY GOD TO THEE!

LEADER: Jesus said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

PEOPLE: Jesus also challenged us with a sacred commandment which is like the first: We shall love our neighbor as our self! On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. (THE ANVIL, 2018)

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Selection.....Voices of Praise

The Acknowledgement of Visitors, Welcome and Announcements.....Sis. Morgan Peterson

The Chancel Call.....Rev. Dr. Olivia Martin

The Bringing of the Tithes and Offering

Selection Voices of Praise

The Preached Word.....Rev. Brandon L. Thornton

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Affirmation of Faith

I believe in GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day He arose from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of GOD the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Remarks.....Rev. Brandon L. Thornton, Pastor

The Postlude The Musicians

Known Sick and Shut-In

Sis. Margaret Clark
Sis. Ann Coleman
Sis. Latasha Hall
Bro. Claude Hollings, III
Sis. Lillie Johnson
Sis. Anita Lewis
Sis. Deborah Mack
Bro. Ulysses McNeail
Sis. Carolyn Oliver
Sis. Nicole Rocker
Sis. Geneva Williams
Sis. Viola Wills

Prayer List

Rev. Brandon L. Thornton and First Lady Shandra Thornton

Sis. Ardelia Andrews
Sis. Amelia Cade Bacon
Sis. Mary Bennett
Bro. Ronnie Blackmon
Sis. Emmer Bryant
Rev. Irmatine Chastang
Sis. Annie G. Cockrell
Bro. Chris & Sis. Lenor Drexler
Sis. Vernett Giles
Sis. Rosa Gordon
Sis. Julia James
Sis. Faydene Morris
Bro. Tamyrick Nunn
Sis. Jackie Erskine-Porter
Sis. Aquilla Rush
Bro. John Rush
Sis. Tataneshia Rush
Sis. Diane Smith
Bro. Eddie Smith
Sis. Omega Taylor
Sis. Katherine Parker-Williams
Bro. Charles Wills, Jr
Sis. Donna Wills
Bro. Ronald Witherspoon
Sis. Vanessa Young-Dickerson

Rev. Donna James' Mother

Bereavement

Please keep the following families in prayer:

Sis. Elaine Goubil Family

Rev. Charles Lewis, Presiding Elder Family

Bro. Leviticus Thomas Family

Rev. John L. Dees, Jr. Family

Sis. Maudette C. Witherspoon Family

Bro. Claude Dixon Family

Sis. Shirley Jones Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Activities

- **Sunday Church School** – 9:00 AM
- **Bible Study** – Will resume in December
- **Communion for Sick & Shut-In** – Wednesday after 1st Sunday.
 - Call the church office to schedule: 251-206-0013

Key Contacts

- **Facility Needs** – Sis. Dorothy Crittenden | 251-391-2810
- **Announcements** – Sis. Emma Prince | 251-554-6259
- **Admin Office** – | 251-206-0013
- **Pastor** – Rev. Brandon L. Thornton | 334-614-9217

Memorial Board Notice

The **Memorial Board** is accepting names for inclusion in this year's **Memorial Board Program**, to be held on **Sunday, November 16**.

- *Program Listing*: \$10.00 per name
- *Church Window Placement*: \$200.00 per name

Please submit all names and contributions to **Sis. Annie Cockrell** or **Sis. Ann Brown**.

We deeply appreciate your continued support as we honor and celebrate the memory of our loved ones.

*****Bethel YPD – Hallelujah Night Volunteers & Donations Needed!**

The **Bethel YPD** is seeking **volunteers and donations** to help make this year's **Hallelujah Night** an unforgettable evening of **fun, food, and fellowship!**

We're inviting **all Boards, Auxiliaries, Ministries, and members** of Bethel to **Serve, Participate, and Donate!**

We need your help with:

- 🍔 **Food and Activity Booths** for our carnival-themed event
- 🚗 **Decorated Trunks** for "Trunk or Treat"
- 🍪 **Lots of Treats and Prizes** for all ages

Your support—through **service, participation, and donations**—will ensure a joyful and safe celebration for our youth and community! For sign-ups, donations, or questions, please see **Sis. Morgan Peterson**.

*****Wade in the Water, monthly meeting will be held Monday, October 27, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Bethel AME Church.**

*****Montford Point Marines Ball**

Join the **National Montford Point Marines Association – Mobile Chapter** for the **16th Annual Marine Corps Ball** on **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, celebrating the **250th Marine Corps Birthday** and honoring the **Late Major General J. Gary Cooper**. For details, contact **Bro. Walt Dickerson** at **251-367-0336**.

FRIDAY
Oct 31
5:00PM-7:00PM

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH PRESENTS



Halloween Night
& TRUNK OR TREAT

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REVEREND BRANDON L. THORNTON, PASTOR

METROPOLITAN AME CHURCH



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Church

ANNIVERSARY
NOV. 9TH, 2025
2:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER
Rev. Brandon Thornton



750 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVE
MOBILE, ALABAMA

Bethel's College Students

Pray for their Success

Kennedy Black
Alivia Cannon
Chelsea Cooper
Khelsea Cooper
Sarah Fair
Kellen Fairley
Marlon Fairley
Jazzlyn Gaillard
Kierra Giles
Samiah Morris
Ethan Oliver
Jalen Prince-Woodland
Winston Salter
Wynstonee Salter

Bethel Highlights

Happy Birthday for the week
October Birthdays

Sis. Donna Wills – October 26

Sis. Omega Taylor - October 27

Sis. Barbara Burks – October 31

Sis. Angela Gailliard -October 31

November Birthdays

Sis. Mamie Giles – November 1

Sis. Vanessa Young -November 1

Regular Ministry Meeting Schedules

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Worship & Christian Education

- Sunday School (All Ages): Every Sunday, 9:00 A.M.
- Worship Service: Every Sunday, 10:30 A.M.
- Children's Church (Ages 3–12): 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays, 10:30 A.M. (Upstairs)
- Bible Study (Virtual): Wednesdays, 6:30 P.M.
- Prayer Meeting: *(Time/Day Needed)*

Boards & Committees

- Trustee Board Meeting: Tuesday after 2nd Sunday, 10:30 A.M.
- Sunday School Board Meeting: Tuesday after 2nd Sunday, 5:00 P.M.
- Steward Board Meeting: Tuesday after 2nd Sunday, 6:00 P.M.
- Preacher's Meeting: Friday after 2nd & 4th Sunday, 12:00 P.M.
- Class Leaders Meeting: Tuesday after 3rd Sunday, 6:00 P.M.
- Official Board Meeting: Thursday after 3rd Sunday, 6:00 P.M.
- Stewardess Board Meeting: 4th Saturday, 10:00 A.M.
- Quarterly Conference: 3rd Tuesday in October, January, April, & July, 6:00 P.M.

Ministries & Auxiliaries

- Lay Organization Meeting: *4th Sunday, After worship*
- Senior Usher Board Meeting: 3rd Sunday , After Worship
- YPD (Young People's Division) Meeting: 4th Sunday, After Worship
- Alice P. Lewis Usher Board Meeting: *(Time/Day Needed)*
- Henrietta Cheatham Women's Missionary Society Meeting: *3rd Sunday, After worship*
- Bethel Boosters Meeting: *2nd Sunday, After worship*
- Alert Board Meeting: *2nd Sunday After Worship*

Music Ministry

- 6:30-8pm Thursday, September 4, 2025 Mass Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30-8pm Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Voices of Praise Rehearsal
- 6:30-8pm Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Bad Boys of Bethel Rehearsal
- 6:30-8pm Tuesday, September 23, 2025 Voices of Praise Rehearsal

The Good Samaritan's Health Ministry

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to create awareness, honor the millions of lives affected by breast cancer and reaffirm our commitment to equitable access to care and improved survival for all. This year the theme was “Every Story is Unique, Every Journey Matters.”

Other than skin cancer, **breast cancer** is the most common cancer among American women. For many women, mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat. Mammograms can find cancer before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms.

There are different symptoms of breast cancer, and some people have no symptoms at all. Symptoms can include:

- Any change in the size or shape of the breast.
- Pain in any area of the breast.
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk (including blood).
- A new lump in the breast or underarm.

If you have any signs that worry you, see your doctor right away.

You can do things to help lower your breast cancer risk.

- Keep a healthy weight and be physically active.
- Choose not to drink alcohol, or drink alcohol in moderation.
- If you are taking hormone replacement therapy or birth control pills, ask your doctor about the risks.
- Breastfeed your children, if possible.

Fast Facts

- Each year in the United States, about 270,000 women get breast cancer and 42,000 women die from the disease.
- **Men get breast cancer**, but it is not very common. About 1 out of every 100 breast cancer diagnosed in the U. S. is found in a man.
- Most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 years old or older, but breast cancer also affects younger women.

This is helpful information from Bethel A. M. E. Church “Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Ministry”, October, 2025, as we honor all of our survivors.

Pastor's Pen

Beloved Bethel Family,

What a tremendous blessing this season has been! Shandra and I are truly overwhelmed by your outpouring of love during **Pastor's Appreciation Sunday**. Your generosity—physically, mentally, and tangibly—touched our hearts in ways words can hardly express. Every card, every gift, every word of encouragement reminded us just how special the Bethel family is. Thank you for showing such intentional love and support. We are super grateful and deeply thankful!

I also extend heartfelt appreciation to **everyone who participated in the 133rd Session of the Alabama Annual Conference and the 16th Session of the Southwest Alabama Annual Conference**. From our **culinary and hospitality teams** who graciously served the Bishop and guests, to our faithful **delegate, Sister Latonya Heard**, and **alternate, Sister Marva Rodrigues**—thank you for representing Bethel with excellence and grace.

To all **ministry components**, your presence and participation made a powerful statement about who we are as a church. A special commendation goes to the **Sons of Allen of Bethel** for showing up in a major way during Wednesday night's program. You made us proud!

As we move forward into this new **Conference Year (2025–2026)**, I am energized and ready to get the ball rolling. Please note that **Bible Study will be paused during the month of November** and will **resume in December** as we prepare for what's next.

Remember, **we're ALL IN!**

Let's move from *Maintenance to Ministry and Mission* this year—because the best is yet to come!

With conviction and compassion,

Pastor Brandon L. Thornton

SERMON APPLICATION

HEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE SERMON

Since we forget 90% of what we hear, it has been suggested that note-taking will double the percentage of what we may receive during the hearing of God's Word.

PARTICIPATE IN THE SERMON

SERMON SCRIPTURE: _____

SERMON TITLE: _____

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES: _____

THE OUTLINE OF THE MAIN POINTS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

WHAT WAS GOD SAYING SPECIFICALLY TO ME DURING THE SERMON?