

THIRD STREET BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH NEWSLETTER

A CHURCH THAT GOES BEYOND THE WALLS TO IMPACT THE WORLD!



MATTHEW 1:23

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Greetings 3rd Street Bethel Family & Friends!

December is significant in so many ways. It's the final month of the year, the cold of Winter rolls in, and it tends to be a month of festive gatherings. It is important that as Christians, we find moments to remind the world the reason for this season of reflection and preparation... the birth of Jesus Christ. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 As we share our excitement for the pending birth by sharing gifts with one another, let's not forget those that are in need and isolated. "God, through Christ, has given each of us gifts to use for his glory." Romans 12:6 December can be a great time to use your gifts of time, groceries, cooking, cleaning, articles of clothing and especially empathy and love.

This time of year can be painful because of the loss of loved ones or the presence of discontent. For the purpose of shining the light of Jesus, think beyond your wants and find ways to bring joy to others. "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Act 20:35

Merry Christmas! May God's grace be pleasing and plentiful to you through this upcoming month.

The Greeter's Ministry

December Birthdays and Anniversaries!

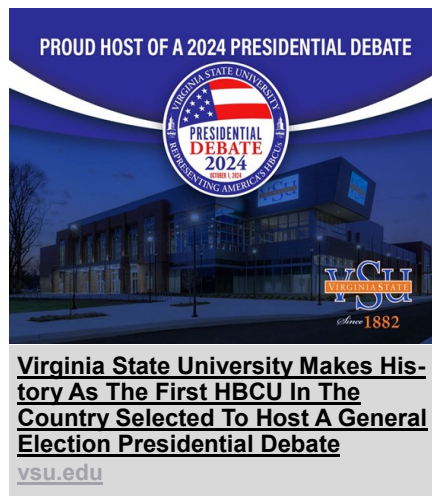


To the Birthday Celebrants: This birthday, find a peaceful place, let your worries float away, and let your imagination wander. It's your day and the possibilities are endless. Happy birthday!

To the Anniversary Celebrants: May the heart of your love and the best part of your days always be the time you spend together. Happy anniversary!

VSU MAKES HISTORY!!!

FIRST HBCU TO HOST A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DEBATE!



Virginia State University Makes History As The First HBCU In The Country Selected To Host A General Election Presidential Debate

vsu.edu

Third Street Bethel has an opportunity to attend this history making event - A General Election Presidential Debate. The debate, scheduled for October 1, 2024, is the second of three scheduled general election presidential debates.

VSU, WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AS YOU STAND FAR UPON THE APPOMATTOX ON YOUR LOFTY HILL!

Note: We will keep you updated as more information is received regarding attendance.

RISC (Richmonders Involved to Strengthen Our Communities)

On October 30, 2023 several members of the Social Action Commission, Women's Missionary Society, Rev. and First Lady Boyd, attended the RISC Meeting that was hosted by Second Baptist Church on Broad Rock Boulevard.

The meeting focused on Gun Violence and Housing Disparity in Richmond. After presentations by Key Note Speakers, attendees divided into small groups for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Boyd and Spanish translation by Sister Rita Willis.



Jesus: Our Love



Third Street Bethel AMEC Thanksgiving Food Box Donations

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank all who contributed this year to our Food Box project. With your generous donations of food and monetary gifts we were able to provide food boxes that included \$20.00 gift cards to twenty-two families in our community.

The Board would like to especially thank Ingrid Griffin who helped identify families in need and who distributed boxes to our families. We would also like to thank Ms. Shelley White and the members of the Voices of Bethel, Women's Missionary and Church School who helped to organize the box contents and get them ready for distribution.

Many hands working together to spread God's abundant blessings to others.



Denise Bennett – Director, Board of Christian Education
JoAnn Bush – Sunday School Superintendent

CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF WARMTH It's the Season of Giving!



Let's give gifts of warmth to persons served
in the FEEDING MINISTRY



Our Goal: To provide gifts of warmth to 150 persons.

What's Needed: Socks, Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Underwear

- Place items in gift bags or wrap separately.
- Label wrapped gifts as male or female.
- Provide sizes on labels, i.e., small, medium, large, X-large.
- Put your donations in boxes located in strategic areas of the church.

When Due: Now through Saturday, December 16, 2023, Noon.



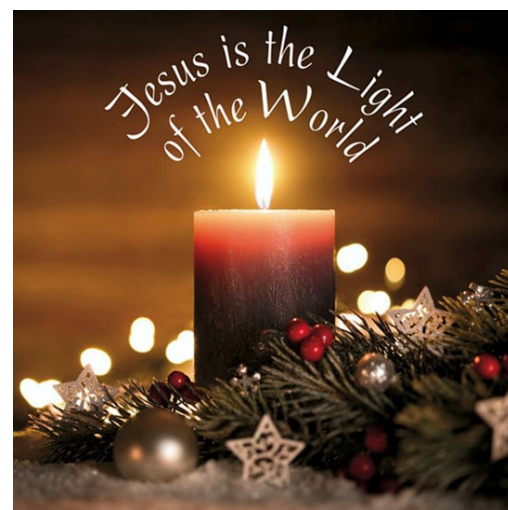
Thanks for giving the
light of love to those
who need it most.



Thank You from the
Grooms Family

The Grooms family wants to send thanks to all of those who have given and shown their prayers, sympathy, love, and support to us during the home going of Keith.

Thank you again church family.



Merry Christmas!



TSBAMEC Health Commission December Newsletter Submission Dr. P. Rodgers

DECEMBER 1 IS WORLD AIDS DAY!



Get tested ~ Donate ~ Be empathic towards those who are living with HIV.

National Influenza Vaccination Week (December 4–8)

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is a critical opportunity to remind everyone 6 months and older that there's still time to protect themselves and their loved ones from flu this flu season by getting their annual flu vaccine if they have not already. [CDC data](#) shows that flu vaccination coverage was lower last season, especially among certain higher risk groups, such as pregnant people and children. When you get a flu vaccine, you reduce your risk of illness, and flu-related hospitalization if you do get sick. This week is meant to remind people that there is still time to benefit from the first and most important action in [preventing flu illness and potentially serious flu complications](#): get a flu vaccine today. Check out [CDC's NIVW toolkit](#) for more shareable resources and content.

Here are some websites about the 2 new RSV vaccines for older adults and certain pregnant women:

AREXVY (GSK): <https://arexvy.com/faqs/>

ABRYSVO (Pfizer): <https://www.abrysvo.com/>

The Health & Wellness Committee wish all of you a safe and healthy Christmas and Kwanzaa season!!!!



Giving: Cash App - \$ThirdStreetBethel

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US



Sunday Worship

(Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.)

In Person - Wearing a mask is optional.

Virtual Worship - On YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGoO>

[yQWR_zdd_t2y-jOE3ZO](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGoO)

Or Audio Only: Dial 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 677583157

PW: 946932

Prayer Call

Every Wednesday Morning

7:00 a.m.

Prayer Call:

(716-427-1108) PC 956420

Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
via Zoom

Sunday School

Held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Children and Youth: In-person

Adults: In-person

Also Join Via Teleconference at 1(716)427-1108

Passcode: 956420#

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

3 John 1:2 - "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Mother Trudie

Ms. Thelma McLendon

Ms. Joan Christian

Ms. Peggy Battle



Mr. Joseph Hall

Ms. Dorothy Grooms

Ms. Carolyn Turner