

BETHEL'S LIGHT SHINING

FEBRUARY 2026

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BETHLE EAST

Celebrates

BLACK

HISTORY
MONTH



Rev. Stephen L. Herrod, Pastor

History erasure and the rewriting of Black experiences continues to distort the truth of our past and minimize the contributions of our people.

Educational inequity and underfunded schools in Black communities still limit opportunity for many of our children before they ever get started.

The racial wealth gap, rooted in redlining and housing discrimination, continues to affect generational stability and ownership.

Healthcare disparities and unequal access to quality care result in shorter life expectancy and greater risk for Black families.

Disproportionate incarceration and policing practices continue to criminalize Black bodies at higher rates.

Voter suppression and barriers to voting access still threaten the voice of Black communities in the democratic process.

Housing discrimination, displacement, and gentrification push many out of neighborhoods rich with history and culture.

Employment bias, pay gaps, and limited advancement opportunities remain realities in many industries.

Environmental racism exposes Black neighborhoods to greater pollution, poor infrastructure, and unsafe conditions.

Cultural appropriation often celebrates Black creativity while marginalizing Black people.

Harmful stereotypes and underrepresentation in media continue to shape false narratives about who we are.

Mental health stigma and limited access to culturally competent care leave many suffering in silence.

The digital divide limits access to technology and resources needed to thrive in a modern world.

Predatory economic practices continue to target Black neighborhoods and exploit financial vulnerability.

These are not distant memories. These are present realities.

Black history is still being written in real time, yet God is still at work in the middle of it.

And because God is not finished with us yet, our hope is not behind us, it is in front of us. The best is still yet to come, the next chapter is still promising, and our latter will be greater than our former.;p.dgu dhmkl,;'

As people of God, we have the opportunity to remember truthfully, live faithfully, and move forward with clarity about who we are and whose we are.

Happy Black History Month, Friends.





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



Prayer Meeting will be held on
January 31, 2026 at 11:30am
in the Main Sanctuary

FEBRUARY

STEWARDSHIP RALLY

This February, we are asking every household to give \$100 above and beyond your regular weekly giving to support the ongoing ministry work of our church. This special effort will provide the operational boost we need for this quarter.

If you are unable to give \$100, please do the best you can. We want all hands on deck in this shared act of stewardship.

You have the entire month of February to make your contribution. Special envelopes will be available, and a dedicated line item is added to Givelify.





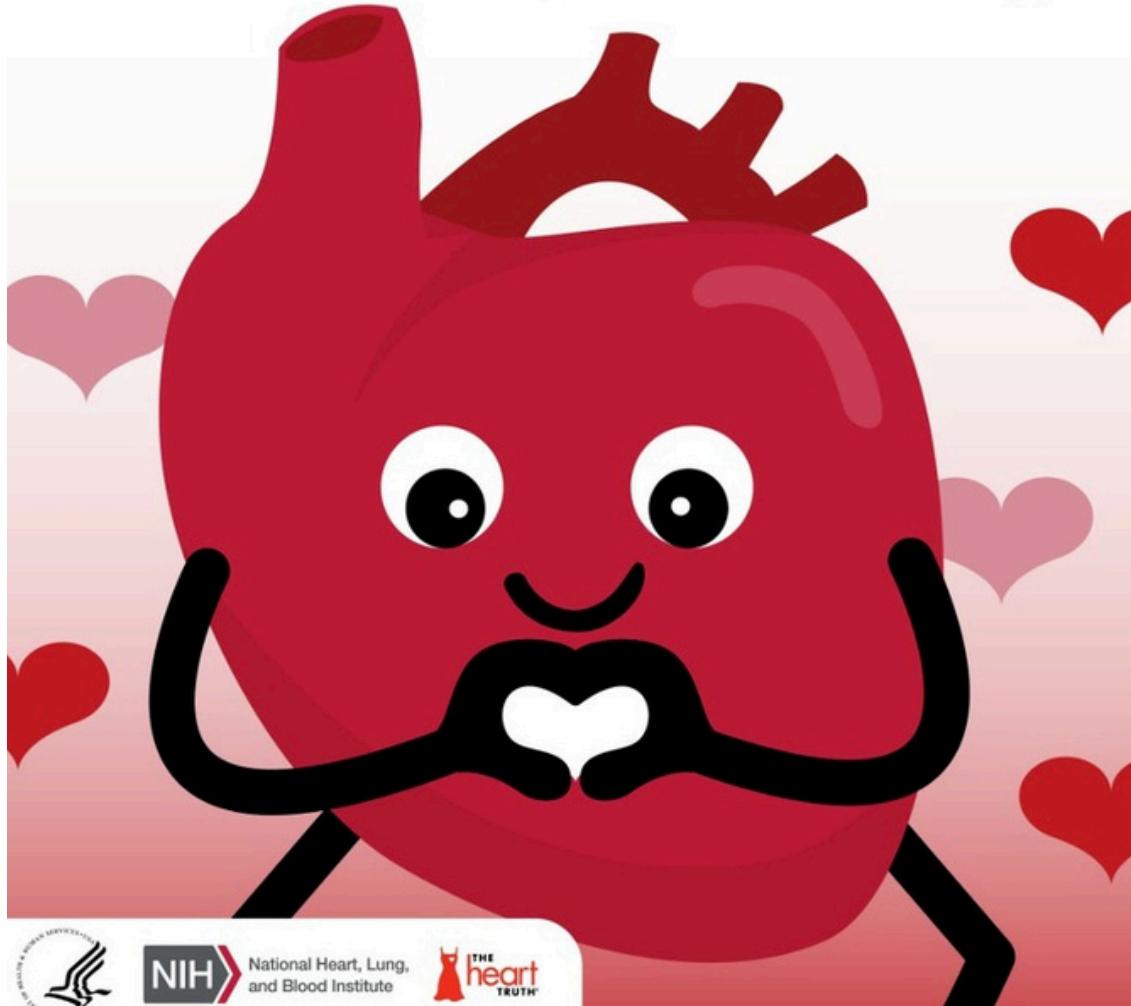
Installation of Leaders

February 1, 2026
During 10AM Worship Gathering

Bethel Wears Red for Heart Day

Sunday, February 8, 2026

National Wear Red Day®



NIH National Heart, Lung,
and Blood Institute



**IT'S NOT JUST WHAT WE WEAR —
IT'S WHAT WE STAND FOR.**



We wear **RED** for every woman's story of strength, survival, and sisterhood.

Because no woman should face cardiovascular disease alone.

Together, we create a community where every heart is seen, every voice is heard, and every life is celebrated.



BUDGET & FINANCE MEETING

February 8, 2026
Following Sunday
Morning Worship
Gathering



BETHEL FELLOWSHIP HALL



FEB.13
6-8PM

For Age
3- 17 yrs

YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT

FAITH. FORMATION. FELLOWSHIP.
CALL OFFICE FOR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

BETHEL EAST
BAPTIST CHURCH

5715 Holcomb Ave. Detroit, MI 48213
Stephen L. Herrod, Pastor

Conversation Café

BETHEL EAST WOMEN'S
MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, February 15

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Immediately following Morning Worship

 Location: Bethel Hall

What to Expect:



Meaningful Fellowship



Creating Faith Vision Boards



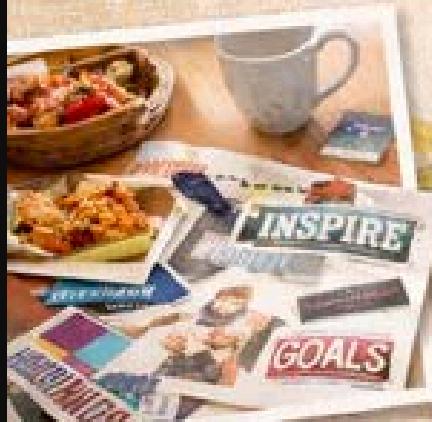
Reframing Our Faith & Purpose



Light Refreshments & Uplifting Conversation



Bring: Your creativity, an open heart,
and a desire to grow together in faith.



Bethel
Baptist Church

East 5715 Holcomb St.
Detroit, Michigan 48213

All women are welcome!

Come be refreshed, renewed, and inspired.



YOUNG ADULTS

MUSIC OPEN HOUSE

AGES 13 & UP

WE HAVE CREATED A SPACE FOR YOUR
PRESENCE. YOUR VOICE, AND YOUR IDEAS.

COME SHARE YOUR INPUT AS WE
REIMAGINE HOW YOUNG ADULTS CAN BE
INVOLVED IN LEADING WORSHIP AND BE
INVOLVED IN THE MUSIC MINISTRY. YOU'LL
ALSO HEAR MORE ABOUT OUR VISION FOR
ORGANIZING YOUNG ADULTS TO ACTIVELY

PARTICIPATE IN THE MUSIC MINISTRY.

02.21.2026 12:00PM

5715 HOLCOMB AVE. DETROIT, MI 48213

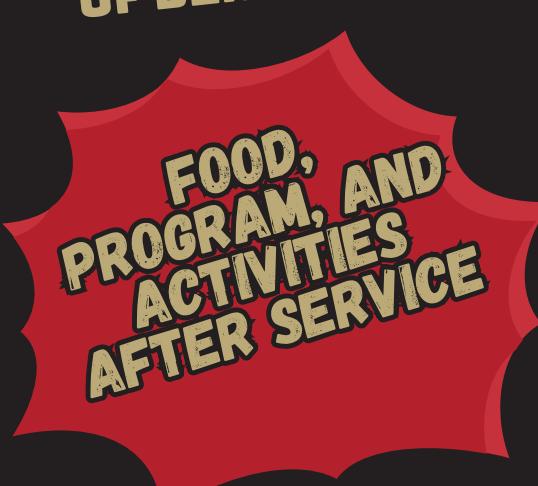


A MOMENT OF UNITY, REFLECTION, AND JOY

BLACK EXCELLENCE SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 10AM

WEAR AFRICAN ATTIRE,
BLACK EMPOWERMENT
APPAREL, OR WHATEVER
REFLECTS YOUR
PERSONAL EXPRESSION
OF BLACK EXCELLENCE.



FOOD,
PROGRAM, AND
ACTIVITIES
AFTER SERVICE

BETHEL EAST
BAPTIST CHURCH

BROTHERHOOD

&

BASKETBALL



2nd and 4th Sunday
ACC GYM 4:30-6:40pm
62 W. Seven Mile Rd. Detroit, MI 48203

COME THROUGH FOR A NIGHT OF CONNECTION, CONVO, AND COMPETITION.

WE'RE BUILDING BROTHERHOOD—ON AND OFF THE COURT.
A SPACE TO GROW, TALK, AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP.

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL: 4PM-6PM
RUN IT. BOND THROUGH THE GAME. WALK AWAY BETTER.



SHARE YOUR STORY *Strengthen the Church*

This is our newsletter. Members are invited to submit short personal pieces for this newsletter that encourage, edify, and equip our church family. You may share a testimony, short devotional, prayer, life lesson, ministry spotlight, reflection, or creative piece that shows how God is at work in your everyday life. Submissions should be 150-300 words and emailed to office@betheleast.org. Your story may be the encouragement someone else needs.



Happy Birthday

MAY THE REST OF YOUR DAYS
BE THE BEST OF YOUR DAYS
IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN!

WILLIE CANNON 2/1
KHIA FOSTER 2/1
JESSICA MCCLINTON 2/1
EDGAR KENNEBREW SR. 2/2
MAE O'QUINN-JEFFERSON 2/2
SAMUEL HILL 2/3
JAYLA MASSEY 2/4
AALIYAH STEPHENS-COOPER 2/6
TYSHAWN MOODY 2/7
THOMAS MOODY JR. 2/7
VERA PENDELTON 2/7
IESHA TUCKER 2/7
CAMRYNE ADAMS 2/8
CURTIS KING 2/8
VERONICA PETTWAY 2/8
TENEKA MOODY 2/9
SHARON BORUM 2/11
HOPE FREEMAN 2/12
KIMBERLY LAMPKIN 2/12

MATTIE WARREN 2/12
JOSETTE PASSMORE-JOHNSON
2/14
CEDRICK WILLIAMS 2/15
JEREMIAH COLEMAN-HAYES 2/16
CATINA HARRIS 2/16
ETTA BEASLEY 2/17
LAFREDIA BOLDING 2/17
TREVONNE` STEPHENS 2/17
BENJAMIN WHITFIELD 2/18
YIESHA LACEY 2/19
JOHN PERRY 2/19
BERNARD KELSEY 2/21
KENNETH WEAVER 2/23
SHIAUITA BARCLIFT 2/24
ELIZABETH HURT 2/25
DIANA BROOKS 2/28
RAYNEISHA COLLINS 2/28
HENRIETTA HARPER 2/28
GERALDINE BLUE 2/29

Welcome

New Members!





WORSHIP @ BETHEL

HOSPITAL, HOMEBOUND, REHABILITATION LIST AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026

HOMEBOUND

Sis. Etta Beasley.....Acts
Sis. Rose Hudson.....Matthew
Sis. Willie Mae Scott.....Philippians
Sis. Jasmine Coleman-Hayes.....Galatians
Sis. Nora Mock.....2 Thessalonians
Sis. Latrice Smith-Carr.....Romans
Sis. Lillie Edwards.....Mark
Sis. Daisy Kilpatrick.....Matthe
Sis. Pauline Smith.....1 Corinthians
Sis. Cherita Everette.....Acts
Sis. Jennifer Kenniburg.....Mark
Sis. Nora Hayes.....Act
Sis. Cathy Elder.....2 Corinthians
Deaconess Lela Rucker.....2 Thessalonians
Sis. Deborah Pugh.....2 Thessalonians
Sis. Kanisha Adkins.....Philippians

HOSPITALIZED & REHABILITATING

Sis. Willie Mae Foxworth (John) - Regency at St. Clair Shores
Sis. Bobbie Newby (Mark) - American House Freedom Place Roseville
Sis. Viana Knighton (Romans) - Westwood Inn - Senior Living
Community
Bro. Darnell Kelsey (Acts) - Regency Rehab Heights
Mo. Georgetta Woodson (Acts) - Zabelle Home in Dearborn, MI
Bro. Jerome Ashford—Well Bridge of Pomeroy of Rochester
Sis. Ashanti Ervin-Augustus (1 st Thessalonians) - Tristar Skyline Medical
Center in Nashville, TN

“THE PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.” (JAMES 5:16)

February 2026 Prayer Focus

Church Prayer Guide this Month:

- Pray that our church remains rooted, anchored, and obedient to God's Word.
- Pray for renewed spiritual hunger and attentiveness to the voice of God.
- Pray that God would lead us to those we are called to reach.
- Pray that our church would faithfully make disciples who follow Jesus in everyday life.
- Pray for hearts marked by humility, repentance, and teachability.
- Pray for bold, faithful, and Spirit-led preaching and teaching of God's Word.
- Pray that prayer would be central, consistent, and powerful in the life of our church.
- Pray for unity across generations, ministries, and leadership.
- Pray for wisdom, strength, and protection for church leadership.
- Pray that God would call, equip, and raise up future leaders among us.
- Pray for those who are hurting emotionally, relationally, mentally, and spiritually.
- Pray for healing and strength for those who are sick or unwell.
- Pray for our sick, shut-in, and homebound members.
- Pray for marriages, parents, children, and families within our church.
- Pray for our youth, young adults, middle-aged adults, and seniors—that each would grow in faith and purpose.
- Pray that our church would have a deep burden to share the gospel and serve our surrounding community.
- Pray that our church would be welcoming, loving, and hospitable to all who enter.
- Pray for wisdom, integrity, and faithfulness in financial stewardship.
- Pray for every ministry of our church to bear fruit for God's glory.
- Pray for steadfast faith in times of testing and uncertainty.
- Pray for ongoing sanctification and spiritual growth in the body of Christ.
- Pray for the salvation, restoration, and renewal of the 48213 community and beyond.
- Pray for God's continued work through our partnerships with Catherine Blackwell Elementary and Covenant House-East.



SUNDAY

Service

WITH

BBCE

10
AM

In-Person

5715 Holcomb
Detroit, MI 48213

Online

Facebook
YouTube



Bethel Baptist Church, East



Bethel Baptist Church, East

KIDDIE KORNER



2ND SUNDAYS
10AM
CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT:
BETHEL HALL

KIDS AND TEENS CHURCH

FAITH - FELLOWSHIP - FUN

ON 2ND SUNDAYS, WE'RE CREATING A SPECIAL SPACE JUST FOR KIDS AND TEENS (AGES 5-17)! IN ADDITION TO KIDDIE KORNER, THERE WILL BE A CHRIST-CENTERED, YOUTH-FOCUSSED SPACE WITH A RELEVANT MESSAGE AND FUN ACTIVITIES DESIGNED JUST FOR THEM.

 **PARENTS, MAKE
SURE YOUR CHILD IS
IN THE HOUSE!**

**LOCATION:
BETHEL HALL**

**10AM YOUTH
CHECK-IN UPON
ENTRY**

**2ND
SUNDAYS**

WORSHIP IN GIVING

3 WAYS
TO
GIVE

**GIVE. ANYDAY.
ANYTIME.**

**SNAP TO GIVE —
SUPPORTING
THE MISSION
MADE SIMPLE.**



GIVELIFY MOBILE APP
SEARCH: BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST



BY MAIL
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST
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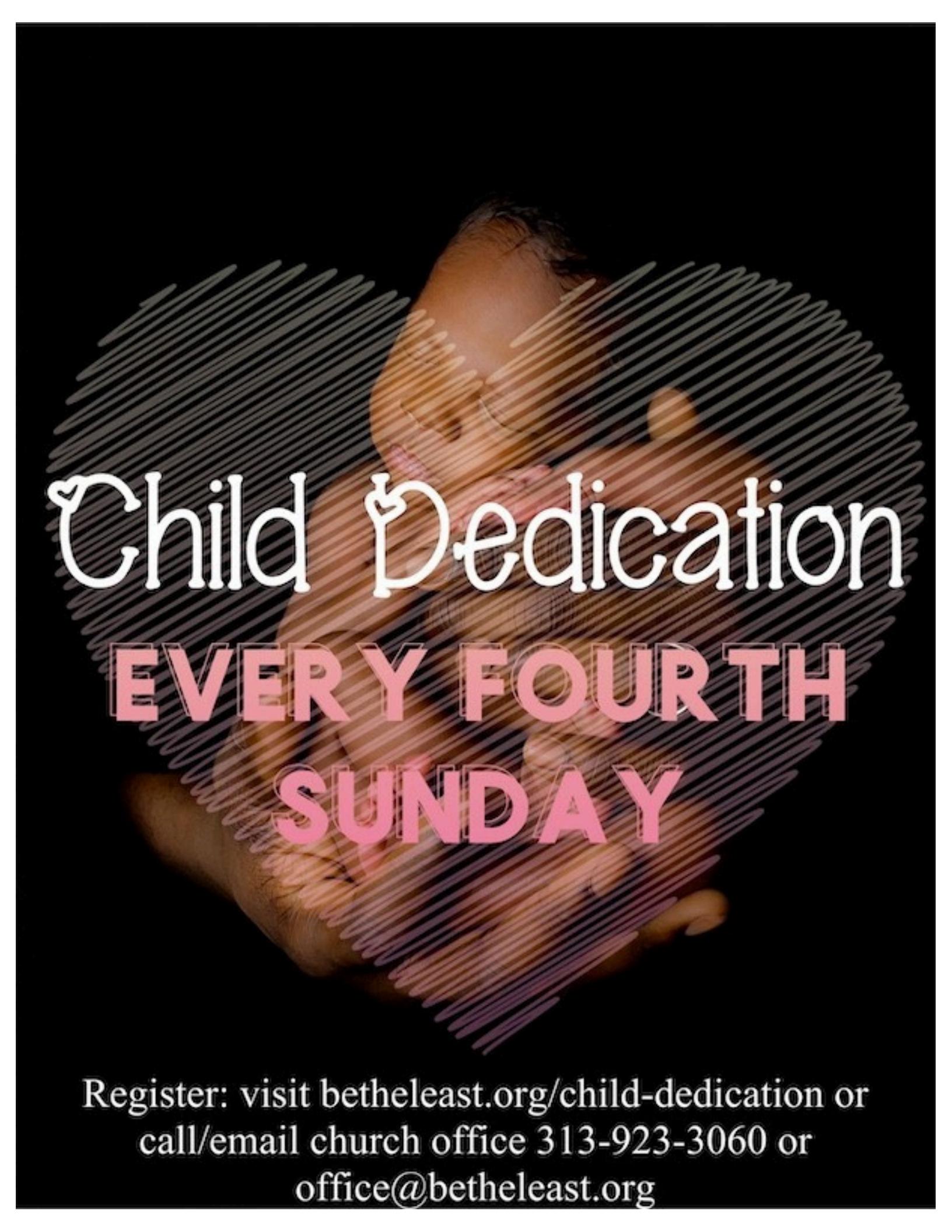


IN-PERSON
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP OR DURING
CHURCH HOURS





**CONTRIBUTE TO THIS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT VIA
GIVELIFY (SELECT "ROOF PROJECT") TODAY!
LEARN MORE AND DISCOVER YOUR ROLE—CALL THE
CHURCH OFFICE AND REQUEST A ROOF PROJECT PACKET.**



Child Dedication

EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY

Register: visit betheleast.org/child-dedication or
call/email church office 313-923-3060 or
office@betheleast.org



BAPTISM

BURIED WITH HIM. RAISED WITH HIM. NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.

4th Sundays

STEPHEN HERROD, PASTOR



DISCIPLESHIP
@ BETHEL

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR ON SUNDAYS

9AM-9:45AM

01 FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH

LOCATION: BETHEL FELLOWSHIP HALL

02 BIBLE PATHWAYS

LOCATION: CARL D. HUGHES
FELLOWSHIP HALL

03 ADVENTURE IN THE WORD

LOCATION: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
BUILDING UPPER LEVEL

04 YOUTH BAPTISM PREP CLASS

LOCATION: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
BUILDING UPPER LEVEL

05 ADULT BAPTISM PREP CLASS

LOCATION: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
BUILDING UPPER LEVEL

06 CHILDREN & TEENS CLASSES

LOCATION: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
BUILDING UPPER LEVEL

DISCIPLESHIFT GROWTH GROUPS

MEETING TIMES

MON 6:00PM ON ZOOM

TUES 12:00PM ON ZOOM
7:30PM ON ZOOM AND SOMETIMES PUBLIC PLACES

WED 11:00AM IN BBCE SANCTUARY
6:00PM ON ZOOM

THUR 7:00PM ON ZOOM

FRI

SAT 10:00AM ON ZOOM

SUN 6:00PM IN-PERSON OFF-SITE

ONE OF THESE GROUPS WORK FOR YOU. IF NOT? CREATE ONE.
CREATE A GROUP. JOIN A GROUP. LET'S GO DEEPER IN DISCIPLESHIP, TOGETHER.



SCAN THE QR CODE. JOIN A GROUP

DISCIPLE SHIFT groups GROWTH



**Scan to Grow.
Join a Group.**



MINISTRY @ BETHEL

EXCEL Spotlight!

*EXCEL features **Jazmine Grundy**
for our February Student Spotlight!*



Jazmine is in the final stages of completing her course work at St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron. After completing her Associates Degree this spring, Jazmine will transition to the university to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Audio Engineering. Jazmine's career goal is to work in the Audio Engineering industry.

On Sundays, you can see Jazmine in the Audio Control Room using her talent and skills with the Media Ministry.

Let us continue to keep Jazmine and all of our students in prayer as they progress through this winter semester.

EXCEL thanks you for your EXCEL donations that support all of our students. Please continue to pray for all of our Bethel students.

**Thank You
THE EXCEL MINISTRY**

Music Ministry Rehearsal

February 2026

Rosebuds: Saturdays 1PM (Bus Ministry Provides Transportation)

Male Chorus Saturdays 2pm

Women's Chorus Thursday 6:00PM

Young Adult Choir Thursday 7:30PM

Mass Choir Last Thurs. of Month 6:00PM

Sandra L. Spencer, Minister of Music



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH EAST

Praise Dance Ministry



EVERY SATURDAY STARTING 2-09-2026

TIME: 12:00-1:30 P.M.

CONTACT: BRITTANY JONES

313-319-5519

JOIN US FOR A

EXERCISE CLASS

Mondays 10:00 am- 11:00 am
&

Wednesdays 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

COST: \$5.00

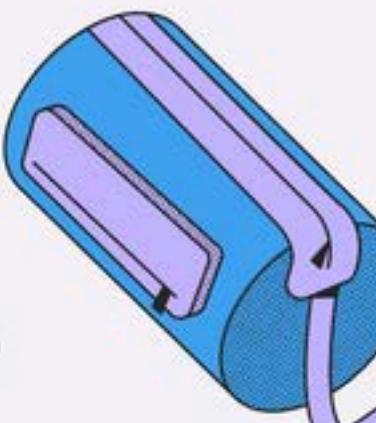
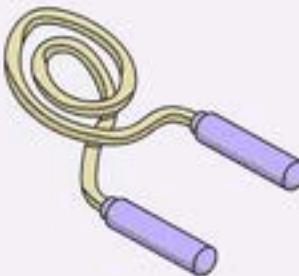
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DETROIT, MI 48213
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST
HUGHES HALL

INSTRUCTOR: SIS. ELLA STONE COME
WORKOUT WITH ELLA.

LET'S GET MOVING!!

WEAR COMFORTABLE
CLOTHING AND GYM SHOES

OPEN TO ALL
FREE TO BETHEL MEMBERS ONLY 70 AND UP



#OurHearts

February is American Heart Month

Love your heart. Learn more
about keeping it healthy.



National Heart, Lung,
and Blood Institute

NEIGHBORHOOD Wellness Centers



Free
PREVENTIVE CARE
right around the corner.



Blood pressure screenings



Cholesterol screenings



Diabetes screenings



Community Health Worker services

They help answer questions and provide referral services.



COVID-19 and flu testing

Year-round COVID testing and seasonal flu testing, where available.

Bethel Baptist Church East
5715 Holcomb St., Ste 33
Detroit, Mich. 48213

Monday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

At no cost to you. No ID, insurance or appointment required.



**Michigan.gov/
NeighborhoodWellnessCenters**





VISIT A NEIGHBORHOOD WELLNESS CENTER.

Now featuring Community Health Worker services

A Community Health Worker (CHW) is a public health professional trained to offer in-person support by referring community residents to resources that cater to their health and well-being.

See a CHW for help finding health resources at:

**Bethel Baptist Church East
5715 Holcomb St. Ste. 33
Detroit, MI 48213**

**Mondays: 10:00am-5:00pm
Wednesdays: 10:00am-6:00pm
Fridays: 10:00am-5:00pm**

At no cost to you.

No ID, insurance or appointments required.

A CHW can help you with...



Health care enrollment and assistance



Connection to community resources (food, housing, utilities)



Education on healthy lifestyles and behaviors



Help locating providers



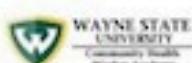
Management of chronic conditions and medications

AND MORE!



Everydaylifechw.com/nwc

Questions? Email CHW@everydaylifechw.com or call (989) 272-3022





FOOD PANTRY

Hours of Operation: Mon, Wed, Fri, 10-5, Sun 11:30-12

Donate



Ramen Noodles
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Cheese Crackers
Peanut Butter
Crackers
Breakfast Bars
Vienna Sausages

Canned Tuna
Canned Salmon
Canned Chili (with and
without beans)
Canned Spam
Canned Spaghetti & Meatballs
Canned Lasagna
Canned Ravioli
Canned Beefaroni

Contact: Evangelism Ministry
Phone: 313-923-3060
Email: office@betheleast.org



To streamline the process for reporting maintenance issues at Bethel East, we've created a dedicated email address where members can directly register any concerns.

Your concerns will be received by the Trustees and addressed promptly. Thank you for helping us maintain a welcoming and safe space for all!

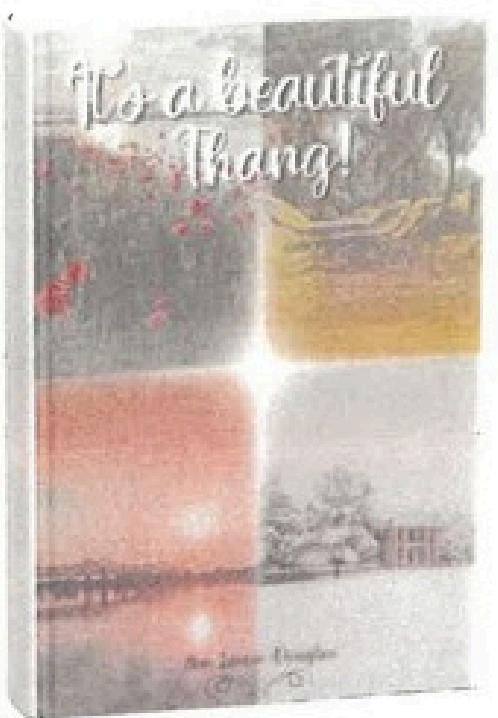
Please use the following email to report any maintenance requests:

MAINTENANCE@BETHELEAST.ORG



FELLOWSHIP @ BETHEL

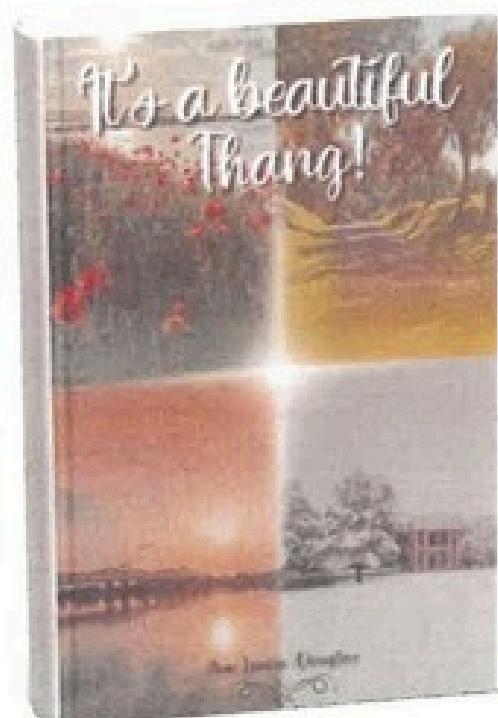
SUPPORT OUR VERY OWN ANN DOUGLAS



Meet the Author!



Scan to purchase yours today!



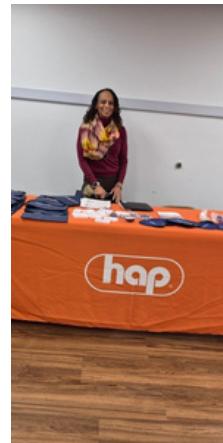
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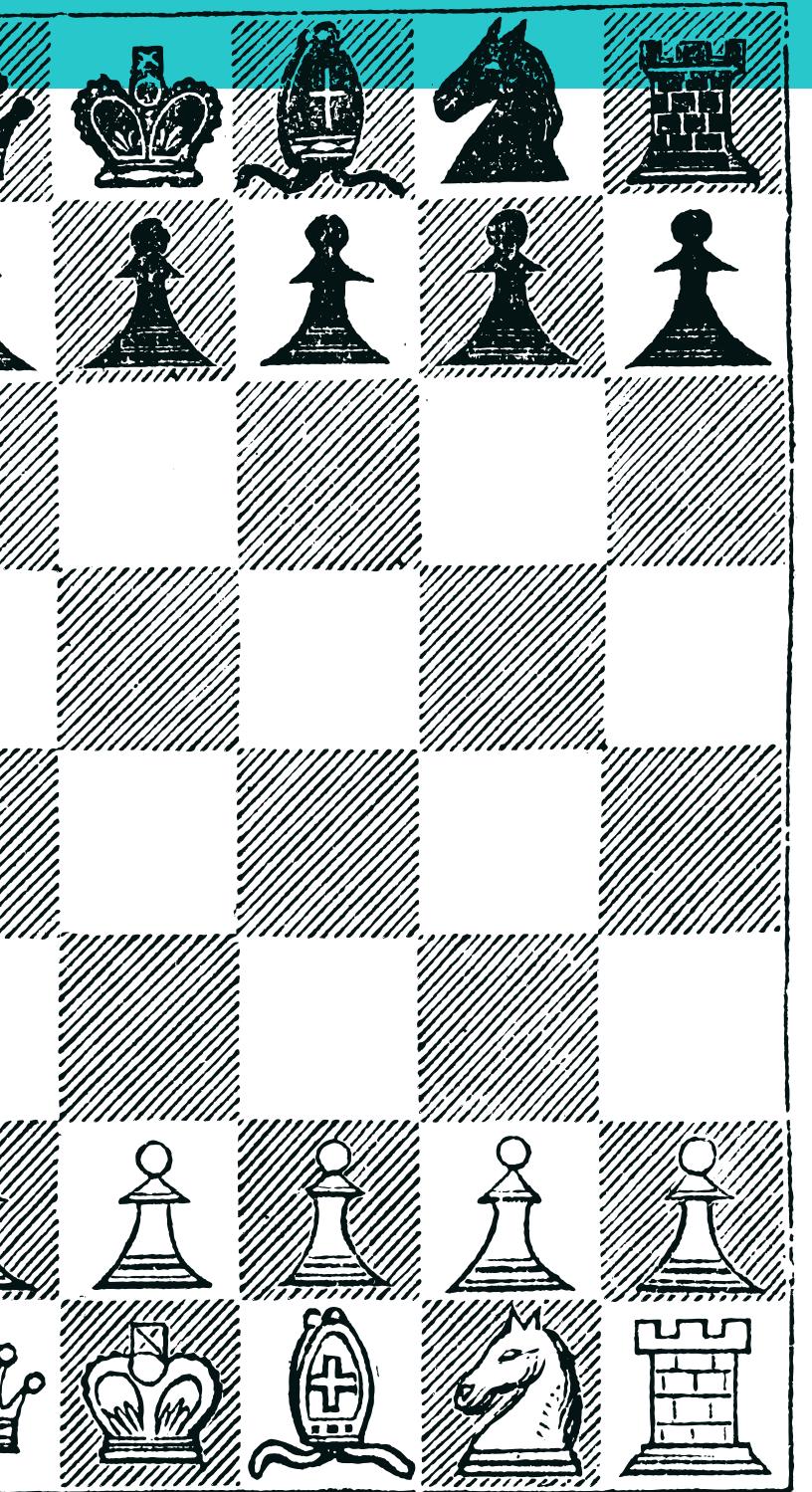
-Ann Douglas (Author)

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST MON-THURS 10AM-2PM

SENIOR PROGRAM

- ✓ Outings & Gatherings
- ✓ Health & Wellness
- ✓ Faith, Food & Fellowship
- ✓ Education & Empowerment





CHESS

WEDNESDAYS
TIME: 4PM

INTERESTED IN A FELLOWSHIP INITIATIVE BUILT
AROUND THE GAME OF CHESS?
WANT YOUR CHILD OR TEEN TO LEARN THE GAME
AND CONNECT THROUGH FELLOWSHIP?
SEE BRO. KEITH DOBBINS FOR MORE INFORMATION.