

# CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH | 275 W. MARKET STREET | NEWARK, NJ 07103  
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**March 5, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

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**INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**GLORIA PATRI**

**READING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

"My God Is Real (Yes, God Is Real)"

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**OFFERING**

**MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC**

"I Cannot Tell It All"

**DOXOLOGY**

**WORSHIP THROUGH SCRIPTURE**

~ John 12:20-28 ~

Sister Teri Bennett

**ALTAR PRAYER**

**REV. TRACEY ELIZABETH TISDALE**

**MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC**

"God Be Praised Let the Name of the Lord Be Praised"

**SERMON**

**Season' Greetings**

Rev. Amey Adkins-Jones, Ph.D.

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**BENEDICTION**



# **BETHANY**

**BAPTIST CHURCH • NEWARK**

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**Trustee Candace Wildy**

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### **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.

### **Church Office Hours:**

**Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

### **Contact Us:**

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# A Responsive Reading of Thanks for Bold Women & Girls

**Reverend Shawn Torres-Anderson:** Lord our God, we give thanks today for the witness of bold women and girls. From the earliest times until today and on into the future, bold women and girls show all of us how to live as God's beloved children in God's beloved creation, carrying out our baptismal call to work for justice and peace for all God's creatures.

**Sister Katie Robinson:** For Eve, mother of us all, sinful and beloved, we say:

**People:** Thank You, Lord!

**Trustee Alana Miles:** For Miriam, who danced beside the Red Sea, we say:

**People:** Thank You, Lord!

**Deacon Connie Watson:** For Mary, mother of Jesus, who pondered the angels' words in her heart, we say:

**People:** Thank You, Lord!

**Sister Chrystal Williamson:** For Mary Magdalene, first to hear the voice of the Risen Christ, we say:

**People:** Thank You, Lord!

**Trustee Sylvia & Miss. Ava Alston:** For Naomi, who rejoiced in her grandson Obed, we say:

**People:** Thank You, Lord!

**Sister Jennifer Maynor:** For the Syro-Phoenician woman, bold enough to challenge Jesus for her child's sake, we say:

**People:** Thank You, Lord!

**Sister Erica Puckett:** For Mary & Martha of Bethany, who served the Lord together in their different ways, we say:

**People:** Thank You, Lord!

**Sister Dolores Bradley:** For the persistent widow, who would not rest until she won justice, we say:

**People:** Thank You, Lord!

**Sister Joie Johnson-Walker:** For Michelle Obama, who ran to embrace change in her world, we say:

**People:** Thank You Lord!

**Sister. Barbara Roberts:** There have been bold women and girls all around us on our way, if only we look for them. For whom do we thank the Lord today? I invite you to call out the names and let us thank God for her witness.

**People:** \*Call out the names of women and girls\*

**Reverend Shawn Torres-Anderson:** For the witness of all bold women and girls, yesterday, today and tomorrow, Lord our God, we thank you and we praise you. Lord our God, let their boldness flourish in our hearts as we live out our call to serve you and our neighbor, with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength.

**All:** Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah and Amen.

## **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.**



# My God Is Real

## (Yes, God Is Real)

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith — Hebrews 10:22 KJV

*Slowly, with emphasis*

1. There are some things I may not know, There are some  
2. Some folk may doubt, some folk may scorn, All can de-  
3. I can-not tell just how you felt When Je-sus

plac-es I can't go, But I am sure of this one  
sert and leave me a-lone, But as for me I'll take God's  
took your sins a-way, But since that day, yes, since that

thing, That God is real for I can feel Him deep with-in.  
part, For God is real and I can feel Him in my heart.  
hour, God has been real for I can feel His ho-ly pow'r.

*Refrain*

Yes, God is real, real in my soul; Yes, God is real for He has

washed and made me whole; His love for me is like pure

gold, Yes, God is real for I can feel Him in my soul.

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# Week of March 5<sup>th</sup> – March 11<sup>th</sup>

## Sunday Hybrid Worship Services

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.

All services are now in-person and will continue to be streamed live on YouTube, Facebook, and through our church website.

## Sunday School

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays - 9:00 a.m.

Joint Adult Classes– Chapel

Youth Class – Seminar Room

2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays - 9:00 a.m.

Brother Ronnie Walkers Class – Sunday School Room

Deacon Linda Epps Class – Lounge

Youth Class – Seminar Room

## Church Open For Ministry Meetings

The church is now able to host ministries, auxiliaries and clubs on Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. All requests must be made via the church website.

## Four Ways To Give

1. Give online at - [www.bethanynewark.org/online-giving](http://www.bethanynewark.org/online-giving)
2. Text to Give – Text the amount to 973-339-0329
3. Cash App to – \$BETHANYBAPTISTNEWARK
4. In Person – Mail or drop off at the church office

## Announcement

**MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS** – All announcements must be submitted either to the church office: by phone (973) 623-8161 or by email ([bqalarza@bethany-newark.org](mailto:bqalarza@bethany-newark.org)) or directly to the Director of Media and Communications ([hkeazer@bethany-newark.org](mailto:hkeazer@bethany-newark.org)) DEADLINE: TUESDAYS at noon instead of Wednesdays. This change will allow us to create a better-quality experience for you during service and more professional production.

## Upcoming Meetings/Events

Senior Center Dance Rehearsal every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Dance Ministry every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Worship & Arts Ministry every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and Choir Room

Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Open Gym Community Basketball every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday ~ 3/7/23

Tutoring (Janice Little) – 11:00 a.m. ~ Seminar Room

Tutoring (Teri Bennett) – 5:30 p.m. ~ Lounge

### Wednesday~ 3/8/23

Noon Day Prayer Service – 12:00 p.m. ~ Chapel

Staff Meeting – 1:00 p.m. ~ Seminar Room

### Thursday ~ 3/9/23

Tutoring (Teri Bennett) – 6:00 p.m. ~ Seminar Room

### Friday ~ 3/10/23

Tutoring (Pat Fullilove) – 10:00 a.m. ~ Female Deacon's Office

### Saturday ~ 3/11/23

North Jersey Alumnae Chapter – 9:00 a.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

Tutoring (Andrew Babij) – 9:00 a.m. ~ Choir Room

Grief Ministry – 10:00 ~ Lounge

Tutoring (Constance Blount) – 10:30 a.m. ~ Lounge

Missionary – 12:00 p.m. ~ Seminar Room



# Special Prayer List

March 2023

Please Remember in Your Prayers

## Members in Hospitals or Nursing Homes

Sister Beulah Brent (14901)  
Sister Elsie Gatling (07202)  
Sister Dorothy Givens (07052)  
Deacon Dorothy Jenkins (07039)  
Sister Iralena Maxwell (07018)

Brother James Miller, III (07107)  
Sister Linda Preston (08852)  
Sister Dorothy Rowlette (07112)  
Sister Wilma Turner (07102)  
Brother Edward Williams (07018)

## Members Who Are Sick & Shut-in

Sister Peggy Edgerton (07104)  
Sister Elaine Green (07017)  
Sister Martha Kennedy (07205)  
Sister Joanne Miller (07108)  
Sister Debra O'Neil (07108)  
Sister Frances Upshaw-Rhodes (07601)  
Sister Geraldine Reeves (08854)

Brother Marcellus Robinson (07106)  
Sister Hattie Schenck (07018)  
Sister Mary Scruggs (07018)  
Sister Emily Smith (07017)  
Sister Marjorie Thurman (08540)  
Sister Carol Timmons (07050)  
Brother Marshall Tuttle (07050)

## Members Requesting Prayer

Sister Colleen Anderson (07103)  
Deacon Darlene Anthony (08854)  
Sister Jennifer Arnold (08844)  
Sister Mary Atkinson (07018)  
Sister Bertha Bell (07017)  
Sister Dolores Bradley (07017)  
Sister Peggy Crawley (07017)  
Sister Brandi Daniel (07107)  
Deacon Louise Ellis (07083)  
Deacon Jerry Ellis (07083)  
Brother Mark Epps, III (07102)  
Deacon Linda Epps (07102)  
Deacon Romey Florence (07108)  
Brother Fredrick Gilbert (07017)  
Brother Rudolph Graddy Jr. (07940)  
Sister Haila Johnson (07111)  
Sister Janet James (07017)

Deacon Alice Johnson (07205)  
Brother Larry Johnson (07003)  
Deacon Emily Jukes (27127)  
Sister Pamela Lampley (07079)  
Sister Vivian Lampkin (07009)  
Sister Tracey Moore Peters (07921)  
Deacon Marlene Roper (07040)  
Brother William Sawyerr (07866)  
Sister Frances Thomas (07205)  
Sister Cheryl Thompson-Martin (07028)  
Sister Thelma Vannoy (07050)  
Deacon Marianne Walker (07017)  
Sister Shirley Way (07202)  
Sister Davida Williams-McCloud (07106)  
Brother Warren Williams (07102)  
Sister Maude Young (20785)

*In the event of hospitalization, home-confinement, or an extended illness, please call, or have a family member or the hospital staff contact the church office at 973-623-8161.*



# Happy Birthday March 2023



*\* The zip codes are listed and intended for Fellowship Circle purposes*

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Madeline Davis (07205)  
De'Nita Moss (07111)**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Dorothy Edmond (30014)  
Rev. Bill Howard (08648)**

**6<sup>th</sup>**

**Patricia Thomas (07103)**

**7<sup>th</sup>**

**Allen Dobbins (07050)  
Donna Johnson (07104)  
Vonnie Johnson (07018)**

**8<sup>th</sup>**

**Leonico Davis (07104)  
Rudolph Davis (18020)  
Emily Jukes (07050)  
Virginia Rimpson (07018)  
Rebecca Wiltshire (07601)**

**9<sup>th</sup>**

**Jacqueline Jenkins (07106)  
Katie Robinson (07112)**

**10<sup>th</sup>**

**Lester Browne (07050)**

**11<sup>th</sup>**

**Michele Scott (07018)**

**12<sup>th</sup>**

**Lorna Johnson (07108)**

**13<sup>th</sup>**

**Edward Brown (07203)**

**14<sup>th</sup>**

**Doreen Baldwin (07112)**

**15<sup>th</sup>**

**Karen Campbell (08520)  
Blanche Tann (07079)**

**16<sup>th</sup>**

**Karennia Jefferson (07018)**

**17<sup>th</sup>**

**Marvin Anthony (08854)  
Jerry Ellis (07083)**

**18<sup>th</sup>**

**Sonca Wiltshire (07601)**

**19<sup>th</sup>**

**Mark Epps, III (45410)**

**21<sup>st</sup>**

**Frederick Gordon (07079)**

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Ethel Lindsey (07103)  
Myrlene Mondelus (07103)**

**23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Kathryn Carter (07018)  
Kirk Rhodes (07076)**

**24<sup>th</sup>**

**Joié Walker-Langford (07040)**

**25<sup>th</sup>**

**Franklin Dobbins, III (07050)**

**28<sup>th</sup>**

**Rudolph Callender (07901)  
Marlene Ellis (07083)**

**30<sup>th</sup>**

**Crystal Elliott (07017)  
Augusta Starks (07111)  
Shawn Torres-Anderson (07017)**

**31<sup>st</sup>**

**Celia Adams Charles (07028)**