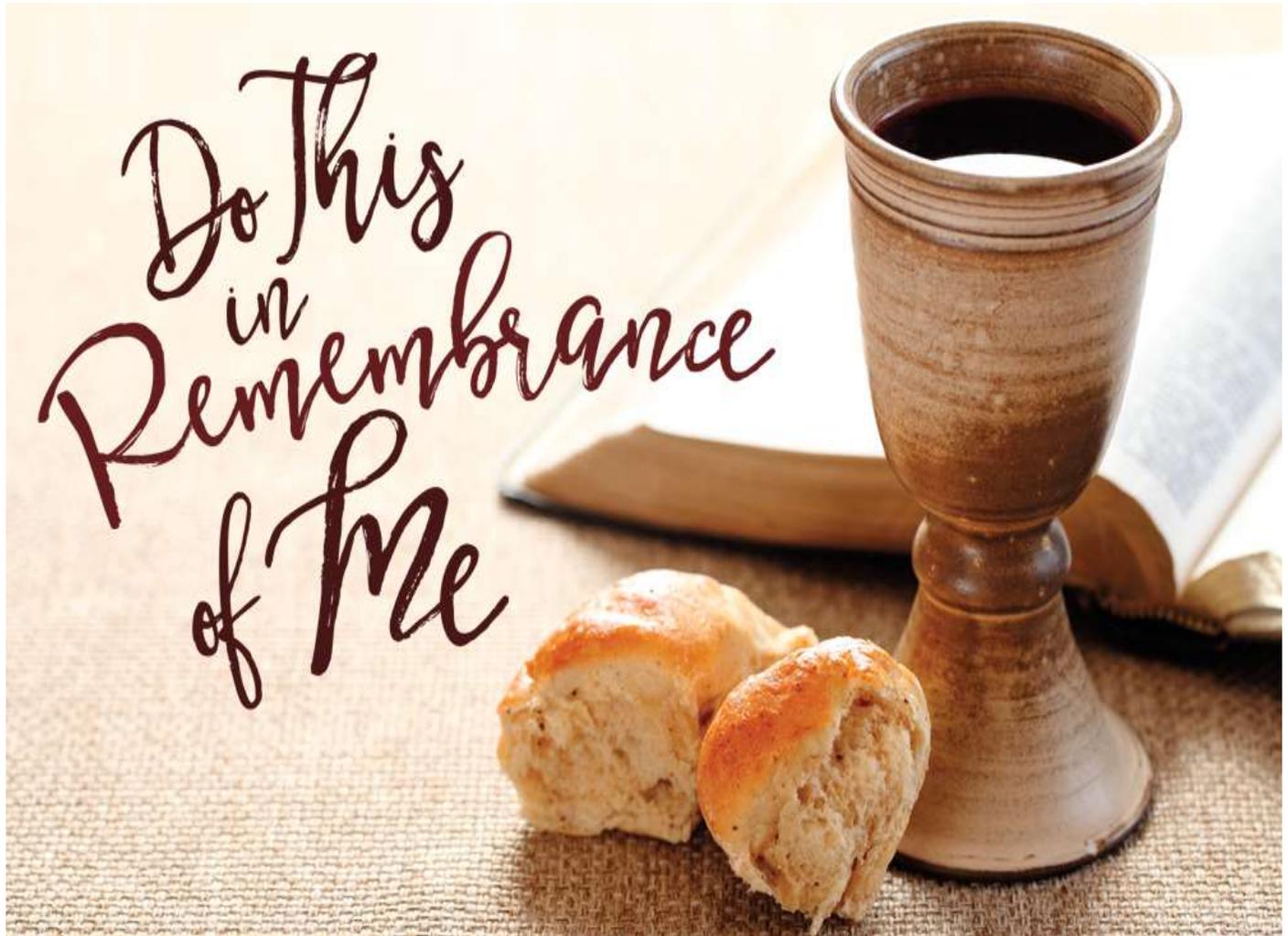


# COMMUNION SUNDAY



**January 6, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" - Hymn #647*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
A-men, A-men, A-men!

### CONGREGATIONAL SONG – *'Let Us Break Bread Together' – Hymn #530*

1. Let us break bread together on our knees.  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun;  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees.  
Let us praise God together on our knees.
4. Let us break bread together on our knees.  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

### INVOCATION

PRAYER RESPONSE                      *'Thank You Lord'*

Thank You Lord. Thank You Lord. Thank You Lord.  
I just want to thank You Lord!

Been so good. Been so good. Been so good.  
I just want to thank You Lord!

HOLY SCRIPTURES – Matthew 2:1-12 (NLT)

- LEADER      <sup>1</sup> Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, <sup>2</sup> “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”
- PEOPLE      <sup>3</sup> King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.
- LEADER      <sup>4</sup> He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”
- PEOPLE      <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote: <sup>6</sup> ‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.’”
- LEADER      <sup>7</sup> Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared.
- PEOPLE      <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”
- LEADER      <sup>9</sup> After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was.
- PEOPLE      <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!
- LEADER      <sup>11</sup> They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- ALL          <sup>12</sup> When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

MUSICAL SELECTION – VOICES OF PRAISE

GUESTS WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

MUSICAL SELECTION – VOICES OF PRAISE

THE PREACHED WORD

INVITATION *to form a relationship with God, with other people & with the church*

TITHES & OFFERINGS

HOLY COMMUNION

The General Confession: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all humankind, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your divine majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Collect: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto You, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Second Collect: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we shall at all times and in all places give thanks unto You. O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your Holy Name, evermore praising You and saying Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord most high. Amen.

Prayer of Humiliation: We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are no worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood that our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by His death and washed through His blood, and that we may ever more dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby His oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His holy gospel command u to continue a perpetual memory of that His precious death until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood; Who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of Me. Likewise, after supper He took the cup and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, Drink all of it, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of Me. Amen.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, to preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you to preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*  
*2 Thessalonians 3:18*



# CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY:** Bethel AME Church will celebrate its 130<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary in January 2019. The Prayer Breakfast will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> and the guest speaker will be State Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins. The worship service will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Linda Carmen Bryant will be the guest preacher at the 10:00 am worship service and Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie will preach at the 2:30 pm worship service. Adult members are asked to contribute \$130 and youth and young adults may also participate by setting aside a donation that is equal to their age. Let's come together and celebrate God's goodness.



**YPD MEETINGS:** The YPD will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately after the 10:00 am worship service. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of 2019 will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The meetings will be fun and informative, and there will be refreshments for all youth in attendance. So, youth, parents and grandparents, please make plans to attend the YPD meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. Please contact Blanche Baucham for more info.

**GO RED LUNCHEON:** The Go Red Luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019. The proceeds from this event help to support the Elnita McClain Center. Please see Sylvia Wright or any other missionary to get your ticket (\$55 donation).

**SOCK DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS:** Just as the Bible says in Matthew 25:36, we as Christians are called to help the less fortunate. In response to these instructions, the Church School and the Annie E. Hunt Women's Missionary Society are collecting crew socks that will be given to Haven for Hope. Please accept this invitation to join us for Church School and bring your donations. Socks (un-dyed preferred) may be placed in one of the collection bins. You may also donate funds to purchase socks. Please help us in our efforts to give "Socks as a Message of Hope." All donations are greatly appreciated.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Info and announcements to be included in the Worship Guide should be sent to the church's email address by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. Info not received by the deadline may not be included until the following week.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** We are here to pray for you! Prayers of comfort, healing, strength and miracles for: Rev. Sayaunda Casey, Helen Smalley, Valarie A. Wright, Rosetta Lewis, Viola Bailey, Joan Lyles, Carolyn Day, Carlton Sheffield.

*"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers."  
– 1 Thessalonians 1:2*

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# Sermon

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Text: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes

What are the main points or the key message of the sermon?

What questions do I have as I hear this sermon?

How can I apply this message to my life?



# WORDS FROM PASTOR TOLLIVER

## Priorities of Bethel AME Church

I have noticed the need to prioritize the work here at Bethel Church.

As the assigned pastor of this great and wonderful church, I would like to share with you, my brothers and sisters, some things that I believe will help us move in the direction that God has called us.

We are mandated by our doctrine and discipline and our polity to share these issues that are outlined below. (page 294-295)

- Taking care of the spiritual and physical needs of the parishioners;
- Taking care of the Connectional, District, and San Antonio District obligations;
- Conducting a spiritual inventory of ourselves (Where are we spiritually?);
- Taking care of the physical structure (cleaning, painting, repairing and upgrading our church);

In addition to the concerns outlined above, as Christians we are called to adhere to the Biblical mandates below:

- Following the leadership that God has sent to the Church as the leader follows Christ;
- Being a Bible-led and Bible-fed Church;
- Being a cheerful, giving church;
- Being a mission-driven church and not budget-driven church;
- Understanding that there is more to the Church than paying a mortgage and a budget;
- Attending Bible Study is for everyone, especially leaders; and
- Attending Prayer meeting must become a priority

I will begin a teaching series during the church school hour starting January 6, 2019, that will help us to move in the direction that God has called us. The teaching series will encompass all members except the youth.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 JANUARY 2019 JANUARY 2019

*Trustee/Volunteer on Duty*

<i>January 6 - 12</i>	<i>Kenneth Brown</i>	<i>210-289-7368</i>
<i>January 13-19</i>	<i>Rogers Jones</i>	<i>210-243-9965</i>
<i>January 20-26</i>	<i>Madelyn Johnson</i>	<i>210-849-7140</i>
<i>January 27-February 2</i>	<i>Crosby Adams</i>	<i>210-381-0042</i>

January **2019** *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

DATE	MEETING/EVENT	DETAILS
January 6	Children's Church Begins	Bethel AMEC
January 12	BOE - Chair's, Deans, Secretaries	Bethel AMEC
January 13	YPD Meeting @ 12:00 pm	Bethel YPD
January 14	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarterly Conference @ 6:00 pm	Bethel AMEC
January 15	Presiding Elder Bryant's Birthday	
January 25-26	Sankofa Institute: Come, Taste and See	Oblate School of Theology
January 26	Church Anniversary Prayer Breakfast	Bethel AMEC
January 27	Church Anniversary @ 10:00 am & 2:30 pm	Bethel AMEC
January 28	Official Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm	Bethel AMEC

**WEEKLY MEETINGS/EVENTS (except as otherwise noted)**

Tuesday	AR Nelson Outreach @ 11:00 am-1:00 pm	Bethel Outreach
Tuesday	Bethel-Aires Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm	Bethel AMEC
Tuesday	Chicago Steppin Class @ 6:00 pm	Bethel AMEC
Wednesday	Bible Study @ 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm	Bethel AMEC
Wednesday	Prayer Service @ 11:00 am	Bethel AMEC
Thursday	AR Nelson Outreach @ 11:00 am-1:00 pm	Bethel Outreach
Thursday	Voices of Praise Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm	Bethel AMEC