

The Lord's Day – March 14, 2021

It is I;
Do not be afraid.
John 6:20b (NKJV)

SUNDAY SCHOOL **9:45 AM**

Kurt Harding, Superintendent; David O'Brian, Asst. Superintendent

All are invited to attend these Bible classes for all ages.

SS quarter: March – May

Pre-Primary:	God Delivers	Sandy Rising
Junior High:	God's Special Forces	Rachel Delanoy
Teens:	1 Peter	Wayne Iddings
Timothy:	Tozer/Character of God	Kurt Harding
Ambassador:	Zechariah	George Snyder

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE **11:00 AM**

† Welcome & AnnouncementsBob Young
Call to WorshipPsalm 103:1-5; 20-22
Invocation
* Hymn #3 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Scripture Reading Psalm 15
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Message: Jesus: 'Do Not Be Afraid' John 6:15-21
* Hymn #268 (insert).....The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Closing Prayer

* singing if we maintain 12' distance between singers † Children's Church dismissal

EVENING SERVICE **6:00 PM**

Welcome – Ephesians 6:10
* Hymn #482 Am I a Soldier of the Cross?
Prayer
* Hymn #7 (booklet) I Am With You
Offertory I Will Sing of My Redeemer (Rachel Delanoy)
Message Passing the Baton (Deuteronomy 31:1-29)
Closing Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Printed & PDF photo directories are now available.

Keep in mind housing need for the Beckleys (June 2021-January 2022). Their target location is now Lima, NY, but we can still keep an eye out for this area in case nothing becomes available in Lima.

Next Sunday evening (6 PM), we will have with us a national church planter, Edoh "Paul" Assignon. He has been involved in this ministry since 1999 in French-speaking West Africa. There have been 9 churches that have been planted in four regions in Togo and 9 national pastors working under Pastor Assignon's direction. He will be accompanied by a representative from International Gospel Missions (IGM). See the poster on the table near the sound booth for more details. We currently support four families associated with IGM (Cruz, Newhart, Otchere, Vaye).

THIS WEEK

Wednesday..... Bible Study & Prayer (7 PM)
Saturday Spring begins!

LOOKING AHEAD

March 21 (Sun).....IGM Missionary Edoh "Paul" Assignon (6 PM)
March 27 (Sat)..... Shower @ Bethel for Ashley (10:30 AM)
It's a girl. Come and celebrate the new arrival to the McElwain family. A takeout lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the back table. Covid-19 protocols will be followed. Ashley is registered at <https://www.babylist.com/mcelwain-registry>
April 2 (Fri).. "Jesus" Sight & Sound presentation (7 PM)
Let Wayne Iddings know if you plan to attend.
April 4 (Sun) Easter Sunday
April 11 (Sun) Bethany Boston, Bibles International (6 PM)
If you would like to house her Sunday night, please let Pastor Rising know.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Bethany Boston, literary consultant, Bibles International.
Email: bboston@biblesint.org

REMEMBERING OUR PEOPLE

Member(s) of the Week: David & Beth Podest, Demeree, Kassidee, Jarek
Birthdays: 3/16 Andrew Beckley; 3/17 Bonnie Price; 3/19 Bob Dean
Anniversary: none

PRAYER

Beth Podest, Becky Harding, Mitch & Sylvia Curatolo, unspoken requests, Marieta McMillen, Gerry Gollogly Sr., Randy Clink, Mark Hillman, Lorna Till, Karen Bleil, John Avery, Carole Grummons, Allen Strawn, Government

leaders; Missionaries: Bardon, J. Beckley, K/S Beckley, Boston, Brown, Cruz, Jones (retired 7/1/20), Kennedy, Mayner, Morgan, Newhart, Otchere, Phillips, Vaye, Weeks, BCH, Bayouca, BI, CBCA, GARBC, NF, RCCA, Shepherds.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Target	\$3,520.04
Average Weekly Giving YTD	3,336.00
Last Week's Offering	4,455.00
Baptist Bulletin Subscription	13.00

LIVE STREAMING: www.youtube.com/BethelBaptistVestal

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Pastor: David Rising (study 607-798-9158; cell 607-221-2321; home 607-797-2005)

Deacons: Ron Cappiello (Building/Grounds), Kurt Harding (Deacon Fund Treasurer), Wayne Iddings (Chair), Steven McElwain, Jr. (Vice Chair), Richard Price, Bob Young (Clerk)

3 – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (AM)

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

3. Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish;
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the high Eternal One.

4. Angels in the height, adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant, bow before Him;
Gathered in from every race;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry F. Lyte; based on Psalm 103

Music: Mark Andrews

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268 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is (AM)

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing bro't me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And O the transport of delight
With which my cup o'er floweth!

6. And so thru all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

Words: Henry W. Baker
Music: Ancient Irish melody (ST. COLUMBIA)
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482 – Am I a Soldier of the Cross? (PM)

1. Am I a soldier of the cross?
A foll'wer of the Lamb?
And shall I fear to own His cause
Or blush to speak His name?

2. Must I be carried to the skies
On flow'ry beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize
And sailed thru bloody seas?

3. Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?

4. Sure I must fight if I would reign—
Increase my courage, Lord!
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy Word.

Words: Isaac Watts
Music: Thomas A. Arne
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I Am With You (PM)

1. I am with you, says the Father;
Through the floods, I calm and keep.
Though the swelling waves surround you,
I surround the waters deep.
Fear not, loved one; feel My presence.
You will never be alone.
Trust me, loved one; you are precious.
You are Mine—My very own.

2. I am with you, says the Savior,
Even to the age's end.
Never leaving, nor forsaking,
I'm your ever-present Friend.
Fear not, loved one; hear My comfort:
None can pluck you from My hand.
Trust me, loved one; I am constant:
None can change what I have planned.

3. I am with you, says the Spirit,
There is nowhere you can flee.
Neither height nor depth can hide you;
Every place is home to Me.
Fear not, loved one; hear My witness:
You are God's own child and heir.
Trust me, loved one; hear My whisper:
With you—in you!—I am here.

4. Come be with Me, says the Master,
Greeting hopeful, homesick eyes.
I was with you through your journey;
Be with Me in paradise.
Fear not, loved one; know My promise:
I will surely, quickly come.
Trust me, loved one; know My purpose:
I will bring you safely home.

Words: Chris Anderson
Music: Greg Habegger
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RE-OPENING GUIDELINES

Based upon the NYS guidelines for re-opening churches and in consultation with other resources, the following protocol must be followed for use of Bethel Baptist Church, 300 N. Jensen Rd., Vestal NY as of **2/17/21**.

1. Up to **120 people** can meet together for an indoor service (i.e., **50%** of our maximum capacity of 240).
2. Social distancing (6 feet) must be maintained unless members of the same household. Singing is only permissible with 12 feet distance between members of other households. Only one at a time in the elevator and only two at a time in the restrooms. No physical contact between members of different households. Signs will be posted to remind. In order to allow for social distancing, seating in the auditorium will be sectioned-off every other pew. Family groups should sit together. Ushers will assist individuals and families to seating areas if necessary.
3. Face masks must be worn unless seated. Pastor Rising, the Deacon doing announcements/scripture reading, and musicians must be prepared to wear a face mask if another person unexpectedly comes within six feet. Face coverings must be cleaned or replaced after use and may not be shared.
4. We must limit the sharing of objects, so musicians will not swap from one instrument to the other in a service. We will place the offering plate in a central location at the back. We will also refrain from printing a bulletin but will make the bulletin available digitally and will also post one on the back bulletin board.
5. We must adhere to thorough hygiene, cleaning, and disinfection protocols. Therefore, between each service, the church will be cleaned accordingly. We encourage families to use the same seating arrangement for each service. Hand washing with soap and water is available in the restrooms. Hand sanitizers will be available in various visible places in the church.
6. There will be no shared food and beverages. The kitchen will be closed.

7. There will be a screening process upon entry. The screening is mandatory for "employees, faith leaders, and volunteers (but not attendees)" but we are encouraging everyone to participate. Anyone serving in any official capacity in a particular service (pastor, deacon, musician, usher) is required to be screened. The screening involves a no-contact temperature check and questions asking about (1) COVID-19 symptom in past 14 days, (2) positive COVID-19 test in past 14 days, and/or (3) close contact with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in past 14 days. We will not be keeping a record of any health information.

8. Entry into the facility will be from the ground level by the nursery (east door). Except for special needs individuals, exit will be through the double-glass doors (north doors).

9. If you are included in the COVID-19 "at-risk" age-group and/or if you are not yet comfortable gathering for worship services, please feel free to remain home and join us for worship online. Messages will be broadcast live on YouTube here: https://www.youtube.com/user/BethelBaptistVestal/videos?view=2&live_view=502 If you subscribe to the channel, you can be notified when the next service is available. If you want an audio CD of the message, please contact Pastor Rising (607-221-2321; davidrising@live.com).

10. There will be no choir or staffed nursery at this time.