DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AT A GLANCE

12/1	Stephanie Jefferson
12/5	Kehinde Lawon Exum
	David Session
12/6	Lisa Carter-Morris
12/7	Margaret Porter-Wright
12/8	Robert Fitzgerald
	Regina Wiley
12/9	Doris Friend
12/11	Samone Jennings
12/13	Ruth Gray
12/14	Kevin Hendricks
12/15	Lisa Davis
	Phyllis Parker
12/20	Eddie Glover
12/23	Earnest G. Hendricks
12/25	William Carter
12/26	Rev. Charles B. Jackson
12/27	Boris Brown
12/28	Timothy Eatman
12/30	Mary Fitzgerald

If your Birthday is not listed here, contact Sister Mitchell

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LAST SUNDAYS ATTENDANCE

110

EACH ONE, BRING ONE

Our seating capacity is well over 200, we'll have room.

Bethel A.M.E. Church

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351-4060 - Parsonage

SERVING GOD AND MAN SINCE 1863

Rev. Charles B. Jackson, Pastor

Advent

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE

Rt. Rev. Robert Thomas, Jr.	Presiding Bishop
Rev. Dr. Cornelius Hayes	Presiding Elder
Rev. Osborne Munroe	Associate Minister

WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES US STRENGTH

Phillipian 4:13

4th Sunday in Advent

Order of Worship

December 22, 1996

Praise Sunday

The Spirit of the Lord is in this place

Quiet Moments: As we come into the Sanctuary, let us come with the attitude of Prayer and Thanksgiving. Give God all the Praise and Glory. For it was He who allowed us to come together to Worship Him.

Instrumental Prelude

The Introit: "Welcome Holy Spirit. We are in your presence. Fill us with your power. Live inside of me.

Processional

CALL TO WORSHIP - Traditional

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will seek thy good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

People: For the Lord is in his Holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the lord, all the earth sing praises.

Order of Worship - Continued

Hymn of Praise: #106 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
Sister Carrie Banks

Invocation: **Brother Ludwig Warner**

Choral Response: #601 "He Is Lord"

The Ministry of Music

Scripture: Luke 1:39-45

Preface: From all that dwell below the skies
Let thy Creators praise arise;
Let thy Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.

Decalogue: The Ten Commandments & Response *(Abridged)*
Sister Willeta Donaldson

Benevolent Offering: **Sister Debrae Lomax**

The Ministry of Music

Announcements: **Brother Lee Roy McCall**

Introduction of Visitors

The Ministry of Music

Worship Through Giving: Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High: *Psalm 50:14 KJV*

Choral Response: #644 "All Things Come of Thee"

Altar Meditation: #116 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Pastoral Prayer

The Ministry of Music (2)

THE WORD: The Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Pastor

Invitation to Christian Discipleship: #246 "Come To Jesus"

Order of Worship - Continued

Recessional: "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

Doxology: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Benediction

Instrumental Postlude

WELCOME VISITORS

We extend to **YOU**, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, a loving **WELCOME.** May **YOU** find, here at Bethel, an experience of true Christian Worship and Fellowship. We consider it a privilege to have **YOU** worshipping with us today and we hope to see **YOU** again. If **YOU** are seeking a church home, we invite **YOU** to join our Christian Family.

If there is sickness, please call Pastor Jackson at **356-0323** (Church), **351-4060** (Parsonage), Rev. O. G. Munroe at **352-7379** or the Pastor's Steward, David Session at **359-2647.** In the event of a death, please call the Pastor before deciding on the date and time of service.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE
"JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON"

On Christmas Eve, December 24, 1996, we will have a Candle Light Service here at Bethel. Come and bring a friend. Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Choir is asked to sing.

HAVE YOU HEARD????

OH•HOLY•NIGHT

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TRUSTEE'S SPECIAL OFFERING

Don't forget the Trustee's Special Offering. Those who have not contributed, please do so. This contribution is a sacrifice not to be considered as your regular offering.

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NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

The New Members Class will meet Monday, December 23 at **6:00 p.m.** and continue for one more Week. All members who have not been through a New Members Class, Please attend.

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POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

The Poinsettias on the Altar haved been placed there is Loving Memory or in Living Tribute. The listn of names will be published in the Candle Light Service Bulletin, Tuesday, December 24.

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KING OF KINGS,
LORD OF LORDS
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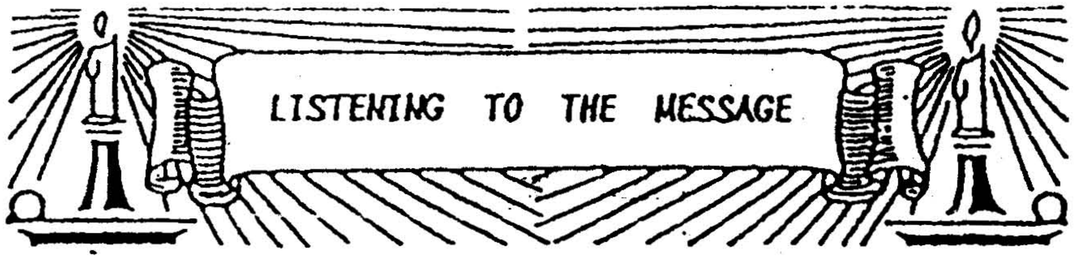
PEOPLE, PLACES, and EVENTS

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 22 Children's Program - 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Advent	
Monday - December 23 NEW MEMBER'S CLASS - 6:00 P.M.	Earnest G. Hendricks
Tuesday - December 24 CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE - 6:00 P.M.	
Wednesday - December 25 THE BIRTH OF THE KING	William Carter
Thursday - December 26	Pastor Jackson
Friday - December 27	Boris Brown
Saturday - December 28	Timothy Eatman



I pray that something is said today to help you tomorrow. If so, write it down, take it home, and pray that God will hide his word in your heart that you might not sin against him. As you pray, remember to ask God for a double portion of his Spirit.

MESSAGE TITLE: _____

SCRIPTURE: _____

Scripture References: _____

Main ideas of the message:

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS MESSAGE TO MY LIFE?

THE MONTH AT A GLANCE

FIRST MONDAY - New Members Class - 6:00 p.m.
- Official Board - 7:00 p.m.

SECOND MONDAY - New Members Class - 6:00 p.m.
- Trustee Board - 7:00 p.m.

THIRD MONDAY - New Members Class - 6:00 p.m.
-Steward Board - 7:00 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY - New members Class - 6:00 p.m.

FIRST TUESDAY - Usher Board - 6:00 p.m.

SECOND TUESDAY - Lay Organization - 7:00 p.m.

FOURTH TUESDAY - Willing Workers - 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY - Bethel Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY BEFORE FIFTH SUNDAY - Male Chorus - 7:00 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY - Youth Choir Rehearsal - 11:00 a.m.
- Missionary YPD - 12:00 Noon
- Stewardess Board - 1:00 p.m.

SECOND SATURDAY - Youth Choir Rehearsal - 11:00 a.m.

THIRD SATURDAY - Missionary YPD - 12:00 Noon

FOURTH SATURDAY - WMS Prayer Coffee - 8:00 a.m.

EVERY SATURDAY - Men's Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY - Holy Communion Service - 11:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY - Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY - Morning Worship -11:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY - Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
- Praise Sunday

CHURCH SCHOOL - Every Sunday Morning - 9:00 a.m.

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WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

The Watch Night Service will be held at St. Luke CME Church this year. Service starts at 10:00 p.m. Pastor Jackson will bring the message and the choir is asked to sing with the Massed Choir.

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PRAYER

Prayer & Praise Communication

Please pray for:

Name ______________________

Address ______________________

City ____________ State ______ Zip ______

Their specific need is:

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For more information, please call:

Name ______________________

Phone ______________________

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Sunday Bulletin Report Sheet

If you have an announcement or a news item for our weekly bulletin, please describe below and drop at church office.

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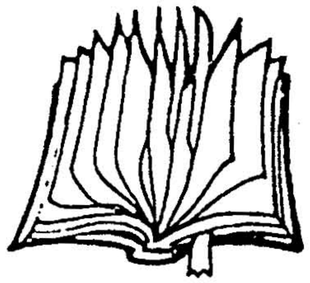
Announcements for the BULLETIN must be written, dated and in the hands of the Pastor by Wednesday, 12 Noon. Announcements to be READ must be in the hands of the Pastor by Friday, 5:00 p.m. The Church Clerk will no longer take information for announcements over the phone.



PRAYER SERVICE

and BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to participate. The Bible contains the KEY that will unlock the door to the answers to the questions of life.

Wednesday - 12:00 Noon
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

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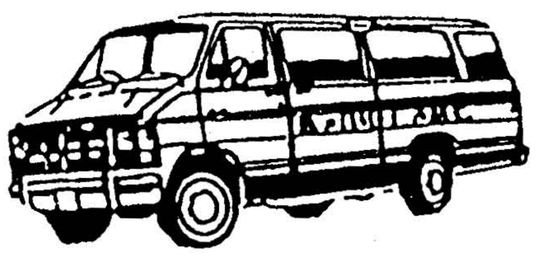
TRANSPORTATION



If you need transportation to **Church School, Morning Worship, Bible Study** and **Prayer Service**, please call George Pope at **356-0370** on Tuesday for Wednesday Bible Study and on Saturday for Sunday Services.

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CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

BETHEL AME CHOIR - Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Third Thursday - Business Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
YOUTH CHOIR - Every First and Second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Sing on Second Sundays.
MALE CHORUS - The Thursday before the Fifth Sunday. Sing on the Fifth Sunday.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR.....

Donald Alexander - Care Center of Champaign
1915 S. Mattis, C. 61821
Odelia Alexander - 903 N. Busey, U. 61801
Mattie Baines - 911 Frank Dr., C. 61821
Rufus Baines - 911 Frank Dr., C. 61821
Dawson Banks, Jr. - 923 N. Linview, U. 61801
Fannie Bennett - P.O. Box 1646, Gary, IN 46407
Cecil Bridgewater - 608 E. Washington, C. 61820
Tony Freeman - 609 E. Beardsley, C. 61820
Callie Glover - Care Center of Urbana
907 N. Lincoln Ave., U. 61801
Eddie Glover - Care Center of Urbana
907 N. Lincoln Ave., U. 61801
Millard Gray - Americana Healthcare Center
309 E. Springfield, C. 61820
Lovia Henderson - 1206 W. Bradley Ave., C. 61821
Wilda Herndon - 1002 N. Busey, U. 61801
Louis Hunley - 1109 N. Walnut, C. 61820
Lizzie Johnson - Fairhaven Christian Home
1709 Fairview Ave.
Decatur, IL 62521 - Rm. 313
Mary L. Jones - 108 W. Washington, C. 61820
Marguerita Myers - Heritage Nursing Center - Rm S-12
1315 Kirk Dr., C. 61826-6179
Claudia Pickens - 406 E. White, C. 61820
Richard Rivers - 1011 E. Rio Grande
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
M. Odessa Sayles - 203 E. Washington, C. 61820
Naomi White - 405 Phillips Dr., C. 61820