

# The Gazette

## THEME:

FILLING THE G-A-P  
Re-Connecting the Connected

*Philippians 4:13*

*"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."*



Rev. Aaron C. Lee Sr.  
Moderator, Parent Body



Sister Dedria Jiles  
Women's Auxiliary  
President



Rev. Dawn Crawford  
Church School & BTU  
Congress President

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**Inspirational Expressions  
From the  
Moderator**

Praise God Bethany Baptist Association, as we reach the midpoint of another year God continues to bless.

In our initiative to bridge the gap we have welcomed back several of our churches. We have reached out to many others that are very interested in joining this great Association.

We are very excited about are Bethany District choir and we are looking forward to an upcoming concert from them.

We are excited about the continued success of all of our auxiliaries and the great work that they have been doing we are looking for their help as we will be hosting the state this year.

We thank everyone for the camping season that we had last year and the young people that attended and we are very excited about this upcoming year's camping season. We want to take this opportunity to encourage you to send your young people to the camp. Day Camp as well as overnight camp was very successful.

As we move forward I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and loving kindness. There is much work to be done and I believe that Bethany is up to the task.

Moderator Aaron C. Lee

**Inspirational Expressions  
From the  
Women's Auxiliary President**

The Women of Bethany unified as one will endeavor to continue to support the vision of our Moderator, Rev. Aaron C. Lee. We will continue to see ordinary moments with new eyes and move beyond the mountains of our making to see that. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.

We will choose to love our sisters and elevate the awareness of opportunities for the edification of the body of Christ. We will further enhance the mandate of Jesus "TO GO", evangelize the unsaved while being a help to those in need.

We, as a body of sanctified believers in Jesus Christ need **YOU**.

God Bless You!

Yours in Christ,  
Sister Dedria Jiles  
Women's Auxiliary President

**Sister Dedria Jiles**  
President

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**Deaconess Doris Walden**  
Treasurer

Theme:  
**LOVE CONNECTION**  
Matthew 22:37-39



**Atlantic County Annual Session  
October 15, 2017**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April 27<sup>th</sup> Fund Raiser- Gospel Skate TBA

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Mini Retreat @ Camp Cedar Knoll  
8:00am-9:00am Continental Breakfast & Registration  
9:00am-12:00pm Classes  
12:00pm Bible Bowl Trophy Ceremony  
12:30pm Brown Bag Lunch

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Honorary Breakfast @ Tabernacle Baptist Church 150 E Second St, Burlington NJ

September 8<sup>th</sup> – BBA Dinner Theater 4:00pm-7:30pm

September 15<sup>th</sup> – BBA CE Day @ Camp Cedar Knoll  
8-9am Continental Breakfast & Registration  
9am-12pm Classes  
12pm Brown Bag Lunch

Rev. Dawn Crawford, President

## Laymen's Movement



Bethany & Friends,

It honors me to greet every reader as the president of the Bethany Association Laymen's Movement. It has been 3 years and I continue to be grateful. God has awarded me the opportunity to lead a group of men, **DETERMINED** to live with Christ! Although I am the appointed leader, I am continually regenerated through the prayers, the testimonies, and the godly demonstrating, these committed men share for Christ's sake.

The Bethany Laymen are part of a national movement, a local organization connected to the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Within the Baptist church there are 2 primary offices, clergy, and laity, and if you are not a minister, you qualify as laymen. Laymen assist the ministerial staff in carrying out the mandate Jesus assigned to us in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore **and teach!**" We are a fellowship of Christian men in the Baptist Church who assist in offering Christ to those who are unsaved, dropping our titles and becoming redeemed 'brothers' when we are together. Our theme, 'Find the Man, Win the Man, Grow the Man' is fulfilled through spreading the Word and bringing lost souls into fellowship with God.

My prayer is that the men of Bethany will continue to draw closer to Him and love His Word more each day. One way, among many, is by connecting with a **MOVEMENT** of God, men who are committed to being transformed by the renewing of their minds, and growing into 21<sup>st</sup> century disciples!

In Christ,  
Bro. Douglas Walden

***Find the Man \*\*\*\*\* Win the Man \*\*\*\*\* Grow the Man***

### **Meetings:**

April 6 @7pm, Zion Bapt. Church, 1419 Broadway, Camden, NJ, 08104

May 4 @7pm, New Hope Bapt. Church, 715 Baltic Ave. Atlantic City, NJ, 08401

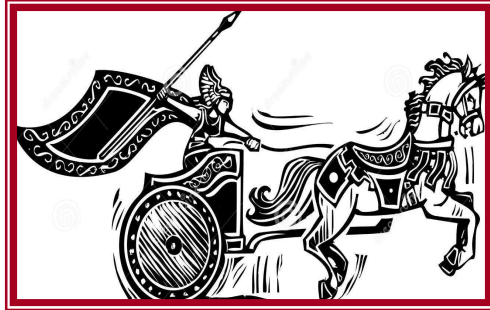
### **Events:**

Thurs. May 10 @5pm: Laymen's Semi-Annual Session, Camp Cedar Knoll, Millville, NJ

Sat. May 12 @6pm: Annual Pre-Mother's Day Concert, St. Paul Bapt. Church, Cinnaminson, NJ

Sat. Jun 9 @9am: Laymen's Retreat...Details Coming Soon!

## Riding in the Second Chariot



Riding in the Second Chariot is an arm of the Parent Body. It consists of Associate Ministers and Evangelists in the churches. One thing that is stressed is that someone who is riding in the Second Chariot is not riding in the first chariot. That position is reserved for the Pastor.

There are three things that are required of someone riding in the Second Chariot. The first point is, we are servants. We serve God by serving others.

Jesus himself said that he came not to be served but to serve. (Matthew 20:28) We must seek to serve the needs of the Pastor and the congregation in whatever assignment we are given.

Secondly, we are soldiers. Anyone entering the armed forces must first go through a basic training period. 2 Timothy 2:15 says. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The Bethany School of Biblical Studies is an excellent vehicle for training so that we can effectively exercise the gift God has placed in us.

Each year during the Annual Session we have a Preach-A-Thon. It is a service that allots each participant 15 minutes to preach the Word of God. It is form of training that causes the preacher to focus on the time and contents of his or her message in a short period of time.

Thirdly, we are to be steadfast. 1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." We must endeavor to be faithful and committed to the word of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We would love to see all of the ministers of the gospel engaged in this ministry. There is room for you. May the Word of God be with you always.

Reverend Marti Gaymon  
President



Greetings Sisters and Brothers of BBA of South Jersey.

To our most capable Moderator, Rev. Aaron C. Lee and our dedicated Women's Auxiliary President, Sister Dedria Jiles, Blessings!

It is my pleasure to represent our Y.E.S (Youth Enriched to Serve) as Director for our Association. I recall when our former President Sis. Brenda Johnson reached out to me and asked me to serve as Y.E.S. Director. Graciously I accepted the challenge. God has blessed me over the past six years to work with the youth of our Association churches under the direction of three Presidents; Sisters Johnson, Holloway and Jiles. It has been a pleasure and sheer delight because of my love for the youth. I have tried to put myself in their place during these years to understand what they need.

Thank you to all of the youth advisors for coming through whenever I called on you.

My prayers have been for God to show me creative ways to reach our young people. We have tried to keep them engaged by teaching them about the value of service to others. Over the years, our Service to others have been projects which included preparing and distributing care packages to the homeless and less fortunate brothers and sisters; and our sock project outreach to youth; and many programs where we have given the youth an opportunity to express their love for others and to demonstrate the importance of giving back. During our Annual Sessions, our youth have taken charge of the worship services during the time allotted to them. Many have willingly preached, taught and shared their God-given talents. Our youth have participated in "**Day of Service**" during the ML King Holiday; in feeding the hungry programs; visited the sick and shared with families in need during the holidays. They have been involved in helping beautify areas and simply showing love for each other by being supportive and aiding others whenever called upon.

Let us continue to keep our youth engaged. Let us continue to **Love, encourage** and **support** them in all their endeavors. Let them know that church is "cool" and that God is pleased when we are helping others. Let us continue to understand them and to meet them at their needs.

Remember. **Children are a gift from God.** They are our present and our future!

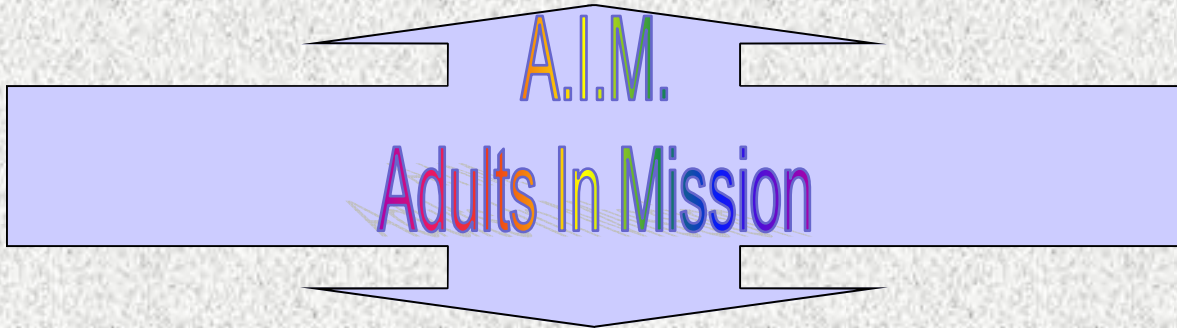
May God continue to bless you all!

In His Service,

Carol Colston  
Director







**The AIM Department's  
focus  
is to enable  
the young adult members  
of  
Bethany to have an  
ACTIVE ROLE.**

**In conjunction with  
the YES Department,  
we strive to  
ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION.**

If you are between the ages of  
18-30 and would like to fellow-  
ship with other adults, please  
contact me.

Rev. Charlotte Baker  
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## Permanent Council's Ministry Description

The Permanent Council is composed of ordained ministers of the Association who have the power to pass on matters pertaining to the business of the council. The Officers of the Council are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who will perform the customary duties of each office.

The Council in conjunction with The Bethany Baptist Association School of Biblical Studies (BBSBS) help educate and prepare candidates for ordination. In conjunction with the applicants' churches, the council, school and ordained pastors of Bethany examine each student and ensure each student is prepared for pastoring. The council also participates in each candidate's ordination celebration.

Upon a request, preferably written, from a pastor or church leaders, the Permanent Council will assist any Bethany Baptist Association churches with disputes, recognitions, and investigations of churches or individuals making applications for membership which are within the purview of the council.

The Council is available, upon request, to assist any vacant Bethany church by supplying qualified preachers for Sunday services and pastoral candidates. The Council will also provide advise and assistance with succession planning to any Bethany church seeking to call a Pastor. The Council will provide all vacant churches with a list of Bethany trained and ordained preachers for worship services and applicants to be considered for the pastorate.

If a Licentiate (unordained minister) is called to Pastor an association church or called as an assistant to the Pastor of a church, or as a missionary under some authorized board or organization; and a request is made by the church or Pastor, the Licentiate shall be deemed eligible to be considered for ordination and the Council will assist said church with the Pastor-Elect's ordination.

Any church that calls a pastor whose ordination is questionable, the church should contact the Permanent Council if it desires assistance in credential verification. All candidates seeking to pastor should be ordained by a credible or accredited Baptist Association. In this regard, if any church calls a minister to pastor that is not ordained, said church should request assistance by the Bethany Baptist Association in the ordination process of their Pastor.

If anyone have any questions or desire the Council's assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by e-mail at: [pastorbmike@me.com](mailto:pastorbmike@me.com) or by phone at 856-366-7951.



## Permanent Council

### BETHANY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Bethany Baptist School of Biblical Studies is offering a new and exciting curriculum for the ministerial staff and lay leaders. These courses are designed to help transition your church leadership base to understanding the challenges of stability in the 21st Century. The cultural shifts in our society make it imperative that we develop new methods and, at the same time, solidify biblical doctrine. This new generation is not going to be reached by our present traditions and practices, so we must have informed and trained leaders working in our churches.

The curriculum track will be governed by the following standards: (1) All courses require eight (8) classroom hours (2 each week) for certification; (2) There will be weekly “in-class exercises” but NO FINAL for these courses; (3) Additional reading may be assigned by each **Teaching Facilitator**; (4) Course cost is \$100 per course.



#### UPCOMING CLASSES

##### **Systematic Theology**

April 23 through May 14, 2018

##### **Financing the Ministry**

June 4 through June 25, 2018

##### **Principles of Church Growth**

September 3 through September 24, 2018

##### **Discipleship that Teaches and Reaches**

October 8 through October 29, 2018

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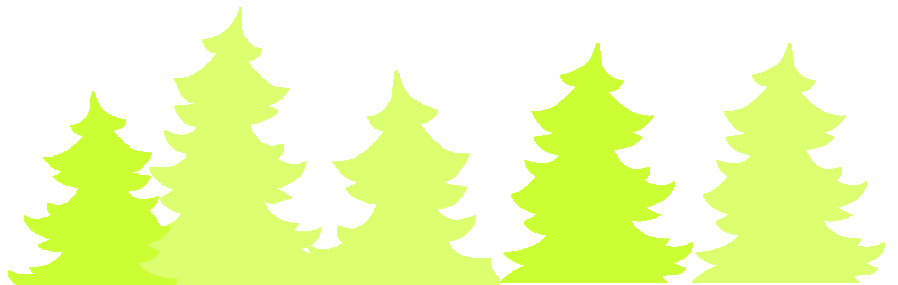
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Summer is around the corner so preparations have begun. Camp Cedar Knoll will be hosting our summer camp for children between the ages of 6 to 14. Summer Camp will run from June 25 until August 24, 2018.

So if you like working with children, want to get involved or would like more information, please send us an email at [admin@campcedarknoll.org](mailto:admin@campcedarknoll.org).

You may also like us on Facebook or find us on the web at [www.campcedarknoll.org](http://www.campcedarknoll.org) for updates and more information.

God Bless You,  
Debbie Rivera  
Camp Director



### **Looking for Volunteers**

If you have a passion to serve or have a set skills such as cleaning, painting, racking leaves, décor, etc.

We are looking for you!

Camp Cedar Knoll is has so much to offer and with some extra hands we could do much more together. Contact us via email and let's get you involved!

### **Bookings**

As summer closely approaches , bookings have begun!

Bethany Baptist has booked their events such as the Bethany BBQ in August amongst many more events. Some dates are still available to host your event so if you have an event and date in mind, please contact us today.

**Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Magnolia  
Ordination and Congregation Service**

**March 18, 2018**



**Congratulations**

Worshipess Angela Andrews

Worshipess Janine Gourdine

Worshipess Romona Wilcox

Worshipson Douglas Walden

Worshipess & Deaconess Patricia Still

**Celebrating Saints Who Are  
90 Years Old Plus  
On  
Saturday, August 25, 2018**

All churches are asked to provide the names and information concerning all Church Members who are the age of 90 or more. All 90 Plus Saints will be given an award.

If you need additional information please email, Sister Patricia Still, Chairlady at:

[bba90pluscelebration@yahoo.com](mailto:bba90pluscelebration@yahoo.com)

Biography & Photo due May 1, 2018

Information should be mailed to: Sister Ruth Lee-Morris

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



**JOIN US AS WE  
GIVE GOD PRAISE**

**BETHANY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
INVITES YOU TO  
JOIN US AS WE COME TOGETHER IN UNITY  
PSALM 133:1**

## **APRIL 21, 2018**

(12:00 - 4:00 p.m.)  
BBA Sacrificial Luncheon  
Camp Cedar Knoll  
\$30.00

## **MAY 5, 2018**

Mini Retreat  
Camp Cedar Knoll

## **May 9, 2018**

Bethany Semi-Annual Session  
  
Women Auxiliary &  
BTU & Christian Education

## **MAY 9, 2018**

BBA Semi-Annual  
YES/AIM Session  
Camp Cedar Knoll  
7:00 P.M.

## **MAY 10, 2018**

Bethany Semi-Annual Session  
Laymen &  
Parent Body Session

## **MAY 12, 2018**

Laymen's Movement  
Mother's Day Concert

## **JUNE 2, 2018**

8:00 A.M.  
Congress Honorary Breakfast

## **JUNE 9, 2018**

8:00 A.M.  
Laymen's Movement Breakfast

## **JUNE 14, 2018**

7:00 P.M.  
BBA Family Meeting

## **JUNE 16, 2018**

12:00 Noon  
New Philippians Baptist Church  
711 Heston Road, Glassboro, NJ

For more information contact:  
Brother Eugene Morris  
856-879-5169

## **JUNE 22, 2018**

BBA Graduation  
  
Location: TBD



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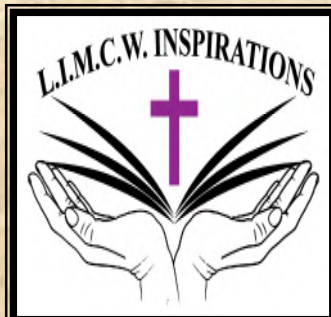
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