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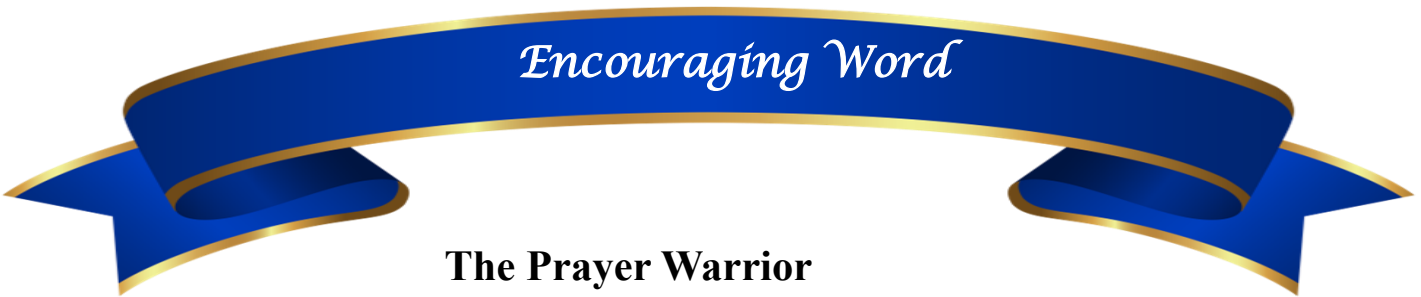
September 13th



THEME 2026: “Grounded in Legacy; Guided by Love”
Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV)

12 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.



Encouraging Word

The Prayer Warrior

Daniel 9:3 (KJV)

³ *And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:*

Every Christian is commanded to pray. Prayer is what a born-again Christian does. We find Jesus's approach to prayer in the gospels. He not only taught His disciples how to pray, but most importantly, giving clear guidelines on what prayer is. He often describes prayer as a personal relationship with God our Father. The Gospels are full of passages regarding personal and communitarian prayers. Paul, along with the other Epistle writers, all stressed the importance of and the necessity of prayer. Throughout the Epistles we are commanded and encouraged to pray. Brothers and sisters, there is no doubt that prayer is essential and fundamental to the Christian life.

But I want to make clear a distinction between a praying Christian and a Christian that could be called a prayer warrior. I believe every praying Christian may not necessarily fall into the category of being labeled as a prayer warrior. In 2015, an American Christian drama film was produced and released. This film was called **"War Room."** This movie is about a couple, the Jordan's, who seem to have it all together. But appearances can be deceiving. Their marriage was crumbling under the strain of the temptation that had entered the relationship. Their lives take an unexpected turn for the better when Elizabeth, (the wife) meets Miss Clara (Karen Abercrombie), her newest client. She encourages the couple to find happiness through prayer. There was a room in Miss Clara's home called her War Room; it was her place of prayer. A war room, when it comes to the military, is a headquarters where maps showing the current status of troops in battle are maintained. It is a room used for conferences, planning and strategies for battles. That room is often specially equipped with tools and manuals for battles. Victories are often won in the war room, before you even get to the battlefield. What a great name to call your place of prayer.

The book of Daniel is centered around a young man to whom the book is named. Daniel was approximately fifteen years of age when he was captured by the Babylonians and deported eight hundred miles east of Jerusalem to serve as a slave in Nebuchadnezzar's court. His situation seemed utterly hopeless and helpless. You don't have to read very far in the Book of Daniel before you discover that he was a man of prayer; Daniel is a prayer warrior.

Daniel 6:10 (MSG)

¹⁰ *When Daniel learned that the decree had been signed and posted, he continued to pray just as he had always done. His house had windows in the upstairs that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he knelt there in prayer, thanking and praising his God. Listen, Daniel probably prayed "evening and morning and at noon."*

Encouraging Word

Psalm 55:16-17 (KJV)

¹⁶ *As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.* ¹⁷ *Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.*

Listen, because his life was in danger, Daniel could have had reason to compromise; he could have found excuses for not maintaining his faithful prayer life. He might have closed his windows and prayed silently three times a day until the month was over, or he could have left the city and prayed somewhere else. But he understood the need for prayer; that is what prayer warriors do. To the prayer warrior, the most important part of their life is their daily, private time of meditation and prayer.

Every family needs to pray, but every family needs those prayer warriors interceding for the needs of the family. Every church needs the members to pray, but it also needs those prayer warriors interceding for the church and its members. Our country needs prayer, but more importantly, we need prayer warriors interceding for our nation and its leaders. That's the mission of the prayer warrior.

Listen, too often we rush into God's presence and ask for things, without first pausing to worship God. Take the time to give praise. Brothers and sisters, it is important that we focus on the character of God and not become too preoccupied with our burdens and ourselves. We serve a God who is great and faithful; He is a God who keeps all of His promises. We serve a God who loves us, and longs to hear from us. If you are a casual Christian, that only prays when it's convenient, you are not a prayer warrior. Could it be that God is calling you to become one? Your family and the church needs you!

The Late Pastor Robert E. Herring, Sr



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sis. Florence Jarrell	9/1	Bro. William Burton, Jr.	9/16	Rev. Wilbur Bellamy, Jr.	9/26
Sis. Brittany N. Bowes	9/2	Bro. Keion Nelson	9/16	Bro. Freddie Burns	9/26
Min. Robin Colvin	9/3	Sis. Stephanie Holmes	9/17	Sis. Joy Rosier	9/26
Bro. LeVander Monroe	9/3	Sis. Lonnisha Holmes	9/17	Sis. Lisa Hubbard	9/27
Sis. LeQuita Brooks	9/3	Sis. LaShawn Lockett	9/17	Bro. Ransom Michael II	9/27
Sis. Shonquette Little	9/4	Sis. Avis B. Wright	9/17	Bro. Jeffrey Milton	9/27
Sis. Teslyn Bailey	9/4	Bro. Matthew Mason	9/17	Bro. Isaac Davis	9/28
Bro. Alvin Jarrell	9/4	Sis. Janice Brown	9/17	Sis. Torrie S. Dove	9/28
Bro. Kevin Allen	9/4	Sis. Crystal Douglas	9/18	Sis. Geri Crumley	9/29
Bro. Andrew Retzer	9/5	Dea. Bobby Smiley	9/18	Sis. Cynthia Countryman	9/30
Sis. Andrea Chever	9/5	Sis. Renetta McIntosh	9/19	Sis. Latrice Davis	9/30
Bro. Johdeem Jones	9/5	Sis. Deborah Mathis	9/19		
Sis. Ebony Jones	9/6	Sis. Eddie Webb	9/20		
Sis. Brenda Scott	9/6	Sis. Kesha Suggs	9/20		
Bro. Marcus Rentz	9/7	Bro. Wally Masline	9/21		
Sis. Joyce Todd	9/7	Bro. Johnathan Reed	9/22		
Bro. Janaro Jackson	9/8	Sis. Shannette Jennings	9/22		
Sis. Tyneka Jackson	9/8	Sis. Dawn S. Holmes	9/22		
Bro. Mack Sims	9/8	Bro. Richard Butler	9/23		
Bro. Keith Young	9/9	Sis. Virgia Mills	9/23		
Sis. Natosha Brown	9/9	Sis. Creeie Washington	9/24		
Sis. Victoria Dudley	9/9	Sis. Shaquille McCraw	9/24		
Sis. Samone Prince	9/10	Sis. Jakiah Curry	9/24		
Sis. Princella Holt	9/11	Bro. Eddie Irving	9/24		
Bro. Andri Drayton Jr.	9/13	Sis. Patricia Lewis	9/25		
Bro. Herbert Stokes	9/14				
Bro. Christopher Ezell	9/14				
Sis. Teresa Singleton	9/15				



Bro. Charles & Sis. Connie Pruitt	09/04
Bro. James D. and Sis. Jean D. Hayes	09/8
Bro. Lavar and Sis. Tiffany Franklin	09/14
Bro. Marvin and Sis. Tanisha Johnson, Sr	09/23



God's Wisdom Versus Man's Wisdom

UNIT 1: The Way of the Fool

Sept. 6 — Wisdom Calls the Foolish—Prov. 1:20-33

Sept. 13 — The Folly of Trusting in Riches—Ps. 49:1-20

Sept. 20 — Humble Wisdom Instructs Prideful Folly—Prov. 30:1-14

Sept. 27 — There Is a Way that Seems Right—Prov. 14:1-19

National Grandparents Day holds a special place in American culture as a time to honor the wisdom, guidance, and love that grandparents provide to families. This comprehensive guide explores the rich history behind this meaningful holiday, its purpose, and how families across the nation celebrate the special bond between grandparents and grandchildren.

National Grandparents Day became official in 1978 when President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation declaring the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. However, the journey to establishing this national observance began years earlier through the dedicated efforts of one remarkable woman Marian McQuade.



Wanda Wilson Back to School & Clothes Giveaway 2026





Remembering 9/11

On September 11, 2001, the world changed forever. The tragic events of that day, often referred to simply as 9/11, brought immense loss and sorrow, but also showcased extraordinary courage, unity, and resilience. As we reflect on this anniversary, many turn to meaningful 9/11 quotes and sayings to honor the victims, heroes, and survivors. These words remind us of the strength of the human spirit and the importance of never forgetting.

“Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11.” — President Barack Obama

“You can be sure that the American spirit will prevail over this tragedy.” — Colin Powell

“Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children.” — President George W. Bush

“America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.” — Harry S. Truman



Prayer for the Next Shepard

Heavenly Father, we come before You seeking Your divine guidance and wisdom as we search for a new pastor to lead our church. Grant us discernment to recognize the candidate whom You have chosen to shepherd and guide us.

Help us find a pastor who is filled with the Holy Spirit, dedicated to Your Word, and committed to nurturing our congregation. Lord, grant us unity as we seek Your will together, putting aside personal preferences and agendas.

May Your grace shine upon our search process, leading us to the individual You have prepared for this sacred calling. We trust in Your perfect timing and surrender our desires into Your loving hands. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.



Mt. Bethel We Need Your HELP!!!

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By completing the form this way, you're providing the information directly to a church document. You can use your phone or tablet to complete.

We "Thank you" in advance for your assistance in this matter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



Labor Day



BARBECUE

HOLIDAY

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MONDAY

MOVEMENT

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RIGHTS

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WEEKEND





MT. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

Missionary Society

Fish Fry

Saturday Sept 19, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM

At the Family Life Building

Sandwich \$12

**Dinner \$20.00- Includes: Fish w/ bread,
2 sides, Dessert & Drink**

Sides: Fries, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, or Cole Slaw

Please support us in our yearly fund raiser. You can purchase tickets from any Missionary Member.

**Mt. Bethel Missionary
Baptist Church**

HOMECOMING 2026

November 15th

Save the Date

Districts 11 –15

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, 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 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, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to use our influence to combat the abuse of drugs and the spread of pornography; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.