“You Can Come Home Again”

Isaiah 49:19-20

Michael Eaton, Senior Pastor
Associate Ministers
Bruce Ford
T. D Rushing
Dear Bethlehem Church Family,

Even the most desolate parts of your abandoned land will soon be crowded with your people. Your enemies who enslaved you will be far away. The generations born in exile will return and say, ‘We need more room! It’s crowded here!’ Isaiah 49:19-20 NLT

The Bethlehem Baptist Church family in Pauls Valley are glad to have you back home this weekend at our 105th Church Anniversary and Homecoming Weekend, September 22-23, 2007. The theme is, "You Can Come Home Again!"

We had a blessed time on yesterday at the picnic at Wacker Park. It was nice to meet you. On this morning, I will give you the word from the Lord. Our guest speaker at 3 o’clock will be Rev. Alvin B. Marshall of the Christland Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

We are asking all members and former members to give a Church Anniversary gift of $105.00.

We love you here at Bethlehem! Remember when times get tough or you get tired of the big city, “You Can Come Home Again!”

Truly In Christ,

Pastor Michael Eaton
Dear Bethlehem Family,

Welcome home!

I am happy that you took time out of your busy schedule to be with us this 105th Homecoming. This is a special weekend.

The members of the committee and I would like for you to meet our new Pastor. We hope that you find comfort in knowing that we have been praying for your return.

We have a rich legacy here at Bethlehem as you are a wonderful part of it.

Just set back and relax and hear a word from the Lord.

Your Brother in Christ,

Herman Jackson
Homecoming & Anniversary Chairman
Bethlehem Baptist Church was organized in 1902 in a dugout located on the residential lot of the Rev. Elijah Leopard in the 400 block of North Hickory Street. In 1904, another church from the east side of town merged its membership with Bethlehem and in 1905 the first church building was completed. Charter members of Bethlehem included Rev. & Mrs. Elijah Leopard, Mrs. D.S.A. Burton Davidson, Mr. Clark Curry, Mr. Mose Johnson, Mrs. Jane Johnson, Mr. Nathan Harris, and Mrs. Janie Brown. From 1905 to 1941 the church expanded and grew under the leadership of Rev. Leopard, Rev. A.L. Davis, Rev. Charlie Williams, Rev. J.W. Ruff, Rev. L. H. Hervey, Rev. C. H. Kennedy, Rev. H. J. Curtis, Rev. A. Griffin, and Rev. M. J. Johnson.

In 1941, the Rev. D.D. Jones was called as pastor and under his leadership the building committee was formed with Leon Love as chairman and preparation was begun on the present edifice. Rev. Jones was instrumental in organizing the Baptist Training Union for Bethlehem. In 1947 the Rev. C. M. Franks was called and he served until 1951.

In 1952, the Rev. Charles Hill became pastor. Under his leadership the sanctuary was completed and a new parsonage was built. Rev. Hill was Bethlehem's first full time pastor. He was instrumental in establishing church records.

In 1960, the Rev. D.M. Jackson was called. During his pastorate we began observing Annual Women's Day and Annual Youth Day.

In 1961, the church called as its leader the Rev. C. W. Whitlow. Under his leadership the Educational Building was erected.

In 1966, the Rev. M.L. Smith began serving as pastor. The Bus Ministry has its origin during his time of leadership.

In 1972, the Rev. K.D. Davis was called. During his pastorate, central air conditioning was extended to the Educational Building.

1981, the Rev. R.C. Johnson began serving as pastor. During his pastorate the Bethlehem family would have a prayer breakfast every 1st Sunday. The annual days were combined and we began celebrating All Auxiliary Day, the first black owned daycare was established, two vans were purchased, and improvements made in the Educational Building and the Sanctuary. Memorial Stained glass windows were added to the Sanctuary. In 1986 a new Baptistery was installed. In 1987 we were blessed to purchase the Dunbar property.

In July of 1996, Bethlehem called the Rev. C. R. Leslie Jr. During his pastorate the Children's Church Ministry was established.

In April of 2007, Bethlehem called the Rev. Michael Eaton. May God bless our church under this man of God's new leadership.

BETHLEHEM'S LEADERSHIP

Men who have served the church faithfully as deacons through the years were Clark Curry, Jim Black, Martin Edwards, Jesse Jones, Charles Miles, Sonny Tyson, Leon Love, Fletcher Willis, Brown Peters, Sampson James, Leroy Peters, Freeland Cudjoe, L.C. Brown.

Present Deacons are: Floyd James, Bill Jones, Al Jackson, Quinen Ross and Park Prince.

Those who served as Church Clerk were Sisters D.S.A. Davidson, Bernice Curry Green, Bertha James, Marie James, Gladys Hill-McCowen, Ozella Peters, Maxine Buckner and present clerk is Jocelyn Rushing.

Past Treasurers were Jesse Jones, Leon Love, Fletcher Willis, Jesse Fields, Freeland Cudjoe, Bill Jones, Martha Peters, and Herman Jackson presently serving is Al Jackson.

Six young men who were members of Bethlehem have been called into the ministry. They are Rev. Leroy Peters, Gregory Jones, Harvey Jackson, Charles Dawson, Dwayne Cudjoe, Herman Stevenson and Bruce Ford.

Serving as Trustees in the past were Robert Curry, Tom Ross, Clifton Fields, Fred Love, Victor Jackson, Jesse Fields, Quinen Ross and Theola Jackson. Present Trustees are Isom Davis, Al Jackson, Audrey Jones, and Herman Jackson.

Music plays a vital part in helping to spread the word of God. Serving Bethlehem as musicians through the years were Octavia McNeal Todd, B.M. Elsberry, Althea Dorn, Lynn Willis, Velah Ross, Isom Davis, Nancy Kerr, Lori Ford and Tommie Sampson. Serving at present is Tommie Sampson.

Yes, Bethlehem is marching on... we've passed over the roads that led us here. We've pitched our tents on land near turbulent waters but the leaders who have waited in the camp have caught the gleam of a new day, and have each in their turn brought us into greater and more secure avenues of success.

The Church today with its outstanding leadership and its background of loyal followers, stands as a city that sets on a hill. We pray to ever hold to those principles of faith and doctrine that has made us useful and inspirational. As proud as we are of our church, we are constantly praying to the Master to keep us humble enough to be of service.
1902-2007
Proclaimers of the Word

1902
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Michael Eaton, is a native of Dallas, Texas and the only son of the late Mr. Floyd G. Harper and youngest of two children of Mrs. Lula M. Thomas of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He is married to Kimberly and they are blessed with two daughters, Kimberly and Christal.

His home church, Concord Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, has a membership of over five thousand members. The late Dr. E. K. Bailey was his pastor and father in the ministry. The Rev. Bryan L. Carter is now his pastor and successor of Dr. E. K. Bailey. Pastor Eaton served as the Singles Pastor of the Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Pastor Eaton has also worked five years in the Singles Ministry of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship under the leadership of Dr. Tony Evans. Pastor Eaton served as the Senior Pastor of the Holiday Hills Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas. He was elected as the Assistant Secretary of the Greater Abilene Minister’s Alliance where he served until he received his call to Pauls Valley. He also lead a commercial campaign to evangelize in the city of Abilene to save souls who were lost to Christ. He also produced and broadcast a weekly radio program, “The Hills” which was heard on the ESPN Radio Network and syndicated nationally and internationally in countries such as China, Africa and the United Kingdom through his podcast ministry. He has over 18,640 MP3 downloaded messages through his podcast ministry. His MySpace.com ministry has over 11661 views and over 4317 friends.

Pastor Eaton is author of the books, “How To Became A Good Thing,” “How To Be Blessed As A Christian Single,” “How To Choose A Worthy Mate,” and Overcoming Fatal Attractions”.

Pastor Eaton has been a contributing spiritual columnist in several West Texas Newspapers, State and National Newspapers and The Preaching Magazine, a national publication for preachers. He is a contributing writer for an Exegetical Sunday School Curriculum.

Pastor Eaton has studied at Criswell College in Dallas, Texas and Southwestern Theology Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Pastor Eaton is now the proud pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church.

This is the best church on this side of heaven.
Bethlehem Baptist Church

105th Homecoming & Church Anniversary

Theme: "You Can Come Home Again!"

Isaiah 49:19-20

Bethlehem “Share the Love”

11:00 a.m. Worship Order of Service

September 23, 2007

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Fellowship Immediately Following The Service
Pastor Alvin B. Marshall is a native of Delhi, Louisiana. He is the only son born to the parentage of the late Mr. Ernest and Mrs. Carrie May Marshall. He attended Elementary school at Esther Toombs High School and graduated from Delhi High School in 1974. He attended Southern University where he was a member of the Southern University Marching Band and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics with a minor in Computer Science. After leaving Southern University he moved to Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex as an employee of the Vought Corporation his first full-time job and later taught in the Dallas Independent School District for 5 years. He is the father of two children Quincy and Carliss Marshall.

Pastor Marshall began his ministerial journey at the historic Mount Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas under the leadership of Pastor N. L. Robinson in 1983. He served as Associate Pastor from 1983 until November of 1989 serving as Worship leader. He then became the first full-time Associate Pastor in the history of Mount Olive serving in the position of Assistant Pastor from December 1989 to August 1992. He was responsible for the daily administration of church activities. He taught the Adult Vacation Bible School class for several years. He started the Single’s Men Bible Study Ministry and was its first teacher and of the 35 original members he discipled, 8 of them got married. He started and gave leadership to the Married Couples Sunday School Class of over 100 participants attended weekly. Pastor Robinson encouraged him to further his Biblical studies. Therefore, he enrolled at Southern Bible Institute in Dallas, Texas where, in the spring of 1988, he received a diploma in Systematic Theology. He taught Bible Books and Systematic Theology at Southern Bible Institute in the school semester 1989 – 1990. Motivated by the words from the Bible “my people perish for lack of knowledge” and the verse in I Timothy 2:15, Pastor Marshall enrolled at Dallas Theological Seminary in 1990 pursuing the Masters of Theology degree in Pastoral Studies with a concentration in Urban Ministries. Through many tribulations, troubles, and tests, by God’s Amazing Grace, finished the degree requirements in 2005. While a student at D. T. S., with the prayer and encouragement of Dr. Eddie B. Lane, he became the founder and Senior Pastor of Grace Evangelical Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas from 1994 – 1999.

The Lord then called him to the nationally known Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas under the leadership of Dr. E. K. Bailey in January 2001 and served as Executive Pastor of Church Administration at Concord. He was responsible for coordinating ministry operations, supervising the human resources functions and the day-to-day operations of the Concord Church. He was in this position from February 1, 2001 until August 2002. He then was asked and accepted the position to serve as the Associate Pastor of Operations at Concord Baptist Church. He was the staff member responsible for specific operational duties not assigned to the Assistant Pastor. He started serving in this position in September 2002. He has taught Biblical Doctrines and Theological studies at Concord and is currently teaching Theology Classes in Southern Bible Institute, Dallas, Texas during the Fall and Spring Semesters. On October 17, 2004 he was called to pastor the Christland Missionary Baptist Church where he is convinced and committed to the call of God to be his bondservant to serve His purposes for this generation. Pastor Marshall has completed almost three years serving as Senior Pastor/Teacher at Christland, a church centered on Christ to carry out the great commission and the great commandment.

Pastor Alvin B. Marshall
Christland Missionary Baptist Church
Fort. Worth, Texas
Bethlehem Baptist Church
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Presentation
Devotion
Welcome
Response
Expression of Praise
Occasion & History
Memorial Service (soft music)
Selection
“What Bethlehem Means to Me”
Expressions (2 minutes)
Offertory

Sis. Kim Jackson
Deacons
Sis. Isom Davis
Visiting Church
Torey Jaskson
Sis. Donya Swindall
Young Men/Men of Church
Mrs. Velah Ross
Congregation
Sis. Mary Ross
Bro. Barryl Newton
Former Members
Deacons
This service is dedicated to the patriots of yesterday; the seasoned citizens of today and those striving to carry the torch into the future.
Members of Bethlehem
Homecoming/Anniversary Committee

Chairman
Herman Jackson
Isom Davis
Kimberly Eaton
Kim Jackson
Jocelyn Rushing

Culinary Committee
Pamela Sanders
Claudia Newton
Denise Stafford
Audrey Jones

Picnic Committee
Bill Jones
Linda Lawton

Finance Committee
Deacons

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