

### Our Mission

Beth Shalom is a House of Peace.  
We worship the Lord,  
Reach out to Sinners,  
Teach Believers,  
Care for the Needy, and  
Encourage Each Other in the Lord.

### CHURCH CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School - Sunday 9:30am  
Worship Service - Sunday 11:00 am  
Prayer & Bible Study – Wednesday 7:30pm

### EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Thursday, 22nd — Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, 25th — Mortgage Sunday, Offering: \$100

Monday, 26th — Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30pm

During the month of November, we will be cleaning up the Multi-Purpose Room. Let's all work together to get this accomplished!

### EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2018

Saturday, 8th — Cyber Check-Up Meeting, Locations to be Announced

Sunday, 16th — Charles H. Strayhorn Scholarship Fundraiser, "Comedy With a Side of Praise!" **Featuring: 'NotKarltonBanks' Guest Choirs to be Announced.** Location to be Announced. Doors Open At: 3:00pm **Price of Admission:** \$50 - General Admission; \$30 - Student Cost (with ID) and \$20 - Children (Under 18) **Order Tickets @ [bethshalom.eventbrite.com](http://bethshalom.eventbrite.com)**

Monday, 17th — Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30pm

Sunday, 23rd — Church School Christmas Concert, 1:00pm

### Peace Benediction in E<sup>b</sup>

Please don't worry about anything;  
But pray and ask God for everything you need. Always giving thanks and He'll give you peace for your heart and mind.

And the peace of God  
which surpasses all your understanding  
will keep your heart and mind  
in Christ Jesus the Lord.  
(Adapted from Philippians 4:6,7  
Music by Darrell J. Gaskin)

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### EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2018 (CONT.)

Tuesday, 25th — Christmas Day, Offering \$20

Monday, 31st — Watch Night Celebration / New Year's Eve, Offering: \$20



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Share your plans with the Lord and you will succeed. Proverb 16:3 (CEV)

# The Joy of the Lord

## Beth Shalom AME Zion Church

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Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins,  
Presiding Elder  
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Mrs. Devieta C. Moore,  
Missionary Supervisor

*A Compassionate Ministry*

## Trade Your Blues for Joy

1. Do you have the Election Day Blues or even worse the 45 Blues?
2. What is the Blues? The Blues is a negative mindset, assessment and perspective about one's life. It can be expressed musically.
3. Scholars believe African Americans in the South created the Blues during the post reconstruction period.
4. Instead of counting your blessings you count your sorrows and pain and resign yourself to despair.
5. The Blues can come from many different sources.
6. The Lord want us to trade our Blues for Joy, specifically the Joy of the Lord.
7. What is Joy? Joy is a positive outlook. It's a feeling of great pleasure and happiness.
8. Joy can have many sources. Make sure your joy comes from the right source.
9. The Joy of the Lord comes from the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13 & Gal. 5:22-23)



### OUR BIBLICAL TEXT FOR TODAY

*<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

*<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23*

*<sup>10</sup> Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10*

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*The Joy of the Lord is our Strength. It will give us hope for tomorrow.*

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How to Trade-in your blues for Jesus' Joy, i.e., the Joy of the Lord.

1. Meditate on His Word
2. Remember His Great Works
3. Spend time in His Presence through Praise and Worship.

Our Prayer is that

You Receive God's Peace through

**P** – Powerful Preaching

**E** – Excellent Teaching

**A** – Awesome Praise and Worship

**C** – Creative Ministry

**E** – Engage, Exciting and Effervescent Fellowship.

### What Did Pastor Gaskin Preach About Today?

The Lord knows this is a difficult time. Like our ancestors we may be feeling the blues. The daily messages we receive from social media and the regular news encourage us to count our sorrows. Instead of singing the blues and resigning ourselves to despair, the Lord wants to give us joy. Jesus' joy will give us strength to endure the hardships and disappointments of today and provide us with hope for tomorrow. It assures us that God is still on the throne. Instead of daily tweets, read the daily Word. Instead of worrying about the actions of evil people, remember the marvelous works of the Lord. Instead of spending all day listening to the news, dwell in the presence of the Lord through praise and worship. Trade-in your blues for the Joy of the Lord and receive strength, hope and peace.

### WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS MESSAGE

1. Read your Bible daily.
2. Count your blessings.
3. Dwell in His Presence. Worship the Lord at home and at church.