

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 MAY 2019**

**Tuesday, 21st—Sunday, 26th** —  
*Philadelphia-Baltimore Annual  
Conference at the Bethesda North  
Marriott Hotel and Conference Center;  
5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, MD  
20852*

**Monday, 27th** — *Memorial Day*

**EVENTS FOR JUNE 2019**

**Sunday, 16th** — *Father's Day,  
Offering \$20*

**EVENTS FOR JULY 2019**

**Monday, 15th—Friday, 19th** —  
*Vacation Bible School, 7:00pm—  
9:00pm Nightly*

**Monday, 29th** — *Ministry Team  
Meeting, 7:30pm*

**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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*Pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high  
calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil 3:14 (KJV)*

**Press Towards  
the Heavenly  
Goal: *Just to  
Know Him***

**Beth Shalom  
AME Zion  
Church**

Rev. Dr. Darrell J. Gaskin, *Pastor*  
Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins,  
*Presiding Elder*  
Rt. Rev. W. Darin Moore,  
*Presiding Bishop*  
Mrs. Devieta C. Moore,  
*Missionary Supervisor*

***A Compassionate Ministry***

## Press towards the Heavenly Goal

1. What are you working towards?  
What is your life goal?
2. Complacency is your biggest enemy. Resting on your accomplishments will only result in you falling behind.
3. Adopt the commencement philosophy: Forget what is behind and press towards what is ahead.
4. Did Christ Jesus save you? Why did Christ reach out to you? Why you?
5. The goal is to know Jesus Christ personally, his resurrection power and the fellowship of his cross.  
*Philippians 3:10-11*
6. Accept the heavenly call of Christ Jesus. Don't be complacent. Press towards it! Know Him.
7. Mature Christians are totally committed to knowing Christ.
8. "Now that you are on the right track. Stay on it!" *Phil. 3:16* Your family is watching, so run your race to know him! *Heb 12, 1-2a*



## OUR BIBLICAL TEXT FOR TODAY

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us live up to what we have already attained.  
*Philippians 3:12-16, NIV*

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*Press towards the heavenly goal  
Just to Know Christ Jesus*

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<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. *Hebrews 12:1-2a, NIV*

*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?

What are you striving for in life? What is your life goal? There is only one goal worth living for and it is for that goal that Christ died. The heavenly goal is that you would know Christ Jesus personally. He wants you to know his resurrection power and the suffering of his cross. You should press towards this goal. Don't be a complacent Christian because you can lose what you don't use. Distance can grow between you and Christ if you don't pay attention to your relationship with Him. Mature Christians know that they have to put in the effort to know Christ Jesus. This requires total commitment. The whole church family, in heaven is cheering for you, so press towards the mark of His high calling.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS MESSAGE?

1. Make a list of the things you are doing to know Christ. Is it enough? Are you growing?
2. Make a commitment to get to know Jesus better during this next year. Don't be complacent.