

### 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 THE September 2018

*Sunday, 23rd – Mission Sunday  
Mortgage Fund Sunday  
General Claims are due:  
\$50 – Adults;  
\$25 – College Students;  
\$5 – Children*

*Monday, 24th – Ministry Team Meeting at  
7:30pm*

*Saturday, 29th – SuperSaturday held at  
Judah Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Bowie,  
MD at 9:00am*

*Sunday, 30th – Christian Education Day*

*Sunday, 30th – 5th Sunday Fellowship held  
at Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church, Rockville,  
MD at 3:30pm*

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

## Give a Good Offering!

## Beth Shalom AME Zion Church

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

*A Compassionate Ministry*

## Give a Good Offering!

1. Everyone should give an offering; however, every offering will not be accepted, so you must give a good offering.
2. Learn the Lesson Cain didn't (Genesis 4:2-7)
  - a) Don't just give God some fruit from the ground. Give the Lord your first fruits.
  - b) Your offering cannot cover up your sin. You can't bribe God! Do what's right and it will be alright, then your offering will worship.
  - c) Don't get mad with your brothers and sisters who joyfully worship the Lord with their offerings.
3. Don't give your offering if you're fighting with your brother. Make up with him first then give your offering to the Lord. (Matthew 5:23-24)
4. God promises to bless you, if you give a good offering! (Proverb 3:9-10)



### OUR BIBLICAL TEXT FOR TODAY

*Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. <sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. <sup>4</sup>And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup>If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.*

*Genesis 4:2b-7, NIV*

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*If you do what's right, God will accept your offering.*

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*<sup>9</sup>Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; <sup>10</sup>then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.*  
*Proverb 3:9-10 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 Today?

Since the beginning God has expected his people to give offerings. Don't make the same mistakes as Cain. Cain was careless and tried to give God just anything. His offering was not an expression of his love for God but an effort to cover up his sins. God rejected his offering, and this made Cain mad. Instead of getting right, Cain hated his brother Abel, who joyfully worshipped the Lord with his offerings. Know that God will accept your offerings if you give your best from a heart of love.

### WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS MESSAGE

1. Plan and prepare your offerings. Be sure to give your best.
2. Make sure your offering is a true expression of your love and devotion for God.
3. Try to live at peace with others, especially those around you, this will make your offerings more acceptable.