

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 MARCH 2019

*Samantha Wormley Scholarship
Application Workshops, 9:00am —12'
Noon; * **Saturday, March 23 will be at
Beth Shalom in Clinton, MD.** Submis-
sion deadline is Saturday, March 30th.*

***Thursday, 21st** — Ministry Team
Meeting, 7:30pm **Moved from Mon. 25***

***Sunday, 31st** — **District – 5th**
**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP at Freedom
Temple AME Zion Church, Baltimore,
MD at 3:30pm***

***Saturday, 30th** — **Men's Bible
Study, 9:00am — Web Team
Meeting, 11:00am***

EVENT FOR APRIL 2019

***Sunday, 7th** — **Charles H. Strayhorn
Scholarship Fundraiser, "Comedy
With a Side of Praise!" **Featuring:**
'NotKarltonBanks' Also performing
Guest Choirs. Event location: Suitland
High School, 5200 Silver Hill Road,
Suitland, MD 20747.***

Peace Benediction in E^b

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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BETH SHALOM AME ZION CHURCH
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EVENT FOR APRIL 7, 2019

***Price of Admission:** \$50 - General
Admission; \$30 – Student Cost (with ID)
and \$20 - Children (Under 18) **Order
Tickets @ bethshalom.eventbrite.com***



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

Healthy Beth Shalom 2020 A Healthy Church - Why Observe Lent? Simultaneous Abiding

Beth Shalom AME Zion Church

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

A Compassionate Ministry

Why Observe Lent?

1. Lent is about Pruning.
2. Why do gardeners prune plants?
To cut off unfruitful parts, to shape and promote growth.
3. Why are branches unfruitful?
 - a. The former harvest season is over, and the remnants of old growth must be removed.
 - b. There's an unhealthy growth that has infected the branch.
4. During Lent, the Lord wants us to
 - a. recognize things we have to remove or reduce because they are out of season
 - b. recognize unhealthy things we need to remove
5. God requires simultaneous abiding, i.e., Christ is in me and I am in Christ.
 - a. This is key to fruitfulness.
 - b. The Word is the source of life.
 - c. Given him access to your whole life
6. When we achieve simultaneous abiding our prayers are aligned with God's will and our lives become more productive.



OUR BIBLICAL TEXT FOR TODAY

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. John 15:1-8, NIV

The Goal of Lent: fast and pray so that we align ourselves with Christ, so He is in us and we are in Him.

⁴ Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this. Psalms 37:4-5, 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?

Use this Lenten Season to allow God to prune you of habits, activities and obligations that will not be fruitful in the season you are about to enter. The remnants of past successes have to be removed to make room for new victories. Sinful infections must be cleaned out to allow for healing and healthy growth. Studying and meditating on the Word of God allows us to remain in him and he in us. This simultaneous abiding is like super grow fertilizer. It makes our prayers and life fruitful to the glory of God the Father.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS MESSAGE

1. Make time to participate in the Church's Lenten Season readings. *(This is more important than changing your diet.)*
2. Find a Bible-based reading that's personal as a supplement to the Church's Lenten Season readings.
3. Pray and ask God to prune you to make room for new growth and success.