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5401 W. Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223 "Here at El-Bethel, You're Not Just a Member, You're family!"

### Words from the pastor



Genesis 39:2  
"God was with him"

*The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master.*

I believe that the world is made up of two types of people. Dreamers and Detractors. Those who dream and those who attempt to destroy the dream. Those who dream great things for God and those who do what they can to tear those dreams down. Dreamers look at things as they are now, and they know in their hearts that things can be better. They dream of changes. They dream of bigger and better things. Detractors look at the same world and believe that there is nothing we can do to change it. Dreamers look at their own lives and imagine what they could become.

Joseph was a dreamer. He dreamed big he dreamed of being a leader and he dreamed of making a difference. But like all dreamers he was surrounded by detractors and one day his dream became too much for them. As you read this you may see some similarities in your life and Josephs. Let me encourage you to keep dreaming. Don't allow the distractors of life to cause you to forfeit your dreams. Remember "greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4). It's in your future that you are going Up, Up, Up.

~ Dr. Steven C. Tipton

### WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

#### Sunday Schedule

10:00 AM - Sunday School and New Members Class

11:00 AM - Worship Service

#### Wednesday Schedule

5:30 PM - New Members Class

6:30 PM - Prayer

7:00 PM - Bible Life Application Session

8:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday Schedule

2:30 PM - Empowerment Hour



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CRUISING WITH THE TIPTONS 2023

CRUISING WITH THE TIPTONS

By Dr. Nina Mack-Cain



We had a blast cruising with our Pastor and First Lady from Monday, February 6 thru Friday, February 11. The cruise was a ministry of self-care, relaxation, recharge, and rejuvenation. The cruise was a GREAT success.

On the ship, Pastor Tipton preached a sermonette to 60+ members in the group. Yes, we had church on the cruise. Pastor Tipton called it, "Carnival Church of God in Christ" 😄. He gave a timely message about the importance of self-care and rest that we needed to hear.

We had the Allen family singing and one person joining the El-Bethel family during our service onboard the ship 😊.



We were on a 5-day Western Caribbean cruise on the Carnival Sunrise ship where we travelled to Ocho Rios and the Grand Cayman Islands.

On the ship, many of the travelers attended different events, such as comedy shows, music shows, spas, outdoor movies, relaxing by the pool, listening to music, and the children had their own activities as well. On shore the Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, some went horseback riding, snorkeling, jeep riding, shopping, enjoying good food, etc.



First Lady Tipton asked Pastor Tipton to be in the picture with everyone at each table during our dinner time (she was snapping the pictures 😊).



Some of us were on the same flight from Milwaukee to Ft Lauderdale.



Here is a picture of some of us getting ready to board the ship.



On the last day of the cruise, we took a group picture (some were not in the pictured).



A special thank you to our travel coordinator, Missionary Cynthia Allen-Lowe for an amazing planning putting everything together. An outstanding job. 🍀



**GIRL SCOUTS AT EL-BETHEL**

By Missionary Alfreda Gilmore-Ellis



On Tuesday, March 21, 2023 El- Bethel held its first Girl Scout meeting, Troop 37714 with girls from El-Bethel Church and the surrounding community ages 6 to 14 years old. The El-Bethel Girl Scout troop is a muti-level troop with Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes working together. There are six troop supporting staff members Sister Angela Pitts, Sister Lexy Welch, Sister Keisha Jiles, Mother Jiles, Lisa Gilmore and troop leader Alfreda Gilmore-Ellis.

They are currently working with the girls earning badges from the book "Becoming" by Michelle Obama, a 6-8 week Girl Scout program. The Becoming program builds self-awareness, the importance of family and friends, relationships, and character building.

All the Girls were excited to be a part of Girl Scouts and earned an Activity Badge for working together so well at the first meeting from the Girl Scouts Membership Recruitment; Specialist Larissa Payne who came to support the troops first meeting.

El- Bethel Troop 37714 meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 6PM until 7PM and every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 11AM until 12 Noon in El-Bethel banquet hall. 🍀

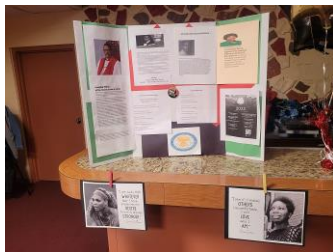
**EBC HAPPENINGS**

**BLACK HISTORY SERVICES | FELLOWSHIP**



By Missionary Alfreda Gilmore-Ellis

El-Bethel Black History program took place on Sunday, February 26, 2023.



Sister Anita Bentley created 4 skits representing African American Inventors like Madame CJ Walker who invented the straiting comb, along with other black inventors of the stop light, folding chair, and potato chips with El-Bethel youth (Riley Whiteside, Sapphire Tyler-Chappell) playing the characters. 🍀



**NORTHWEST JURISDICTION – "CELEBRATING WISCONSIN NORTHWEST THE BEST"**

By Missionary Alfreda Gilmore-Ellis

Elder Eddie Grant was honored along with other saints in a



special tribute recognizing and celebrating the contributions and legacy of individual church members who have reached the milestone age of 85 years and above, as one of the Elders of El-Bethel Church for the 2023 Annual Heritage Day he was a honored saint for his support of his local church and we thank him for his contributions to El- Bethel COGIC. 🍀

**Christian Comedy**

**Q:** What kind of food did Jesus eat after fasting 40 days in the wilderness? **A:** Fast food. 🍷

**EBC MINISTRIES**

**HONOR & ADORE MARRIAGE MINISTRY**

By Dr. Nina Mack-Cain

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, El-Bethel (Dr. Steven Tipton & First Lady, Dr. Marica Tipton), The Life Center (Bishop Micaiah Young Sr. & First Lady, Audia Young), and Mason Temple (Pastor Sean Tatum & First Lady, Yolanda Tatum) presented Honor & Adore Couples Fellowship, that took place at El-Bethel Church.



Comments from First Lady Tipton about the event. “The Honor & Adore Couples Fellowship was amazing!!! Here are some highlights: We had live music, gifts, games, plenty of food and bakery.”



“Thank you to everyone that participated. A special thanks to Sister Joy Parks and Sister Tacarra Whiteside for their coordination of the entire event. Excellent leadership Pastor Dr. Steven Tipton. Thank you for the collaborative church fellowship experience, Bishop Micaiah Young Sr. & First Lady Audia Young, and Pastor Sean Tatum & First Lady Yolanda Tatum.”

**MISSION IN MOTION – IN THE SPECTRUM NEWS 1**

By Dr. Nina Mack-Cain



Ms. Velazquez stated that, “El-Bethel Church of God in Christ is one of many food pantries that are gearing up for more people to visit starting in March”.

Our Sister Tara Kinlow is a volunteer who works with community members that come in each week. “I have seen how inflation has impacted the cost of food at the grocery store. You go to the store now with \$100 and

you don’t get nearly as much as you used to get,” said Sister Kinlow.

El-Bethel Church Pantry coordinator Elder Maurice Allen said,



“we serve a wide demographic, but their biggest customer base is the senior population. A lot of our seniors will suffer in particular because they depend on those food stamps. It makes a

difference.”

(Source & photos from Spectrum News 1/Katarina Velazquez)

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**



A shout out to all of those who will soon (or already) celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during the months of January - May.



- May 6, 11 AM - Noon – EBC Girl Scout Troop 37714 session
- May 14, Sunday – Mother’s Day Brunch (after worship service)
- May 21, Sunday – No Menthol Sunday (Fight against smoking)
- May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 PM – ASK Ministry Event “The Identity Development Series”
- June 16, 7 PM – Transformed Men Ministry, “Celebrate Recovery” Awards & Dinner (open to Men and Women)
- June 20-August 6 – Earn & Learn Summer Youth program

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