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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



**Lessons from the Clouds** 

"Men see not the bright light which is in the clouds; but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them." ~ Job 37:21

Just as clouds are part of the sky, so clouds are often part of life. None will have a cloudless sky. Our verse deals with this problem of clouds and give us revelation about clouds.

We don't see the bright light which is in the clouds. Clouds prevent the sun from shining on us. Clouds can make a day very dark. Clouds in our life often seem very dark and gloomy. And our hearts and mind often become very discouraged when troubles and trials cloud up our life. When this happens, we can conclude that the sun will never shine again.

Clouds are not evil. The bright light speaks of the blessings in the clouds. If we did not have clouds with it rains and coolness, the earth would be a barren waste. If it wasn't for the clouds, our world would be unfruitful and nonproductive. Our hopes and dreams would shiver and dry up.

Be encouraged because your clouds don't last forever. The scripture states that the "wind passeth and cleanseth them." This is describing the movement of the clouds to let the sunshine. Clouds are not forever. Your troubles and trials will not last forever. God will remove them, and you will see the clear sky and sunshine again. Focus on the blessings.

~ 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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# HIGHLIGHTS OF EBC MINISTRIES



# A.S.K. WOMEN'S MINISTRY By Sister Tara Kinlow

Saturday, April 22, the ASK Ministry presented 'Mommy and me' outing. It was amazing! It was the premiere showing of the Little Mermaid sponsored by First Lady, Dr. Marcia Tipon. This event gave the mothers, grandmothers, and aunts a chance to hang out with their daughters, granddaughters, nieces, cousins. The movie also gave our black daughters a chance to see one of our own acting in a major role in a wonderful movie. So, hats off to First Lady Tipton.



Another amazing event, 'Identify Development Series: Who are You?'. It was a wonderful experience women came from all over the city and learn more about themselves spiritually.

"Mold Me For Greatness
Pottery Experience" in which
there was also a pottery class
where everyone made a piece
of art to remember. Plenty of
good food and fellowship. The
experience was so amazing
that it was held in three parts.
Thank you, First lady, for your
wisdom.



# SUCCESSFULLY SINGLE MINISTRY

By Missionary Alfreda Ellis

Saturday, April 22, the Successfully Singles Ministry hosted a 2-hour event, The Battle of the Sexes / Gospel Karaoke light. Auxiliary Leader: Sister. Alicia Grace





"A huge Thank You to all those who came out to the Successfully Single's Ministry event this evening. It was truly an amazing time. Thank you to my Pastor Steven Tipton and First Lady Marica Tipton for allowing us to host and fellowship at El-Bethel. Also, a really big Thank You to all



those who helped set up, clean up and facilitate this event with me. I really appreciate and love you all for making this night a big success!

Minister C. Mosely, Karaoke winner

WELCOME : SETEA



I am pleased to introduce our Social Media Coordinator to the Media Ministry Toi Nicole Jackson. She joined El-Bethel Church of God In Christ April 23, 2023. Ms. Jackson said, "I really enjoy being under the leadership of Pastor Dr. Steven Tipton and First Lady Dr. Marica Tipton." She has been doing multi-media for over 12 years



which includes TV (150,000 weekly viewers), talk radio, and being Editor In Chief of a local entertainment magazine. Ms. Jackson noted that, "social media platforms are the most exciting to me because they are a valuable source for any business or organization to gain access to a larger demographic without spending major amounts of money on advertising."

Christian Comedy → Q: At what time of the day was Adam born? A: A little before Eve

#### **HEALTH & FITNESS MINISTRY**

By Alice Fikes | El-Bethel's Health & Fitness Coach

Hebrews 12:12-13, "12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed." (NKJV)



Exercising regularly, every day, if possible, is the most important thing you can do for your health, along with a healthy diet. In the short term, exercise helps to control appetite, boost mood, and improve sleep. In the long term, it reduces the risk of heart disease, strokes, diabetes, dementia, depression, and many cancers.

Getting and staying in shape is just as important for seniors as for young people. Any kind of movement is better than being

sedentary. Small things like taking the stairs or parking a distance from the entrance of a store can be a benefit to your health.

So...get up, get out, and get moving. Make a healthier food choice and start feeling better. Join El-Bethel's walking group on Saturday mornings because walking eases your mind, unwind, and gives God thanks for His many blessings!





#### YOUTH SPOTLIGHT By Dr. Nina Mack-Cain

We are proud to shine a spotlight on a beautiful, smart young lady in our church, Keena Evans. We want to recognize and appreciate her willingness to work on the video team under the Media Ministry, Auxiliary leader, Dr. Mack-Cain, for the past two years.



**Keena Evans** 

In 2022-23 Keena faced many trials and tribulations but nothing stopped her striving for education. On May 30th, 2023, Keena graduated a year early from Rufus King IB high school with a 4.4 GPA. In her

time at King, she earned 53.1 credits in total 26 being college credits from UWM and 27.1 from King. During her 3 years at King, she participated in Speech and Debate, Academic Decathlon, BSU, and Honors College.

In her senior year, she went on to 2 national events for Speech and Debate, placing in the top 100 for Poetry and Prose. In the meantime, she is getting ready to start college in the fall as an honors sophomore at the number 1 HBCU Howard University which has a 35% acceptance rate. Her experience these past 3 years has helped shape her into her strongest self. 2

# EBC HAPPENINGS

### BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF PASTOR AND WIFE

By EBC News Team



In the month of May, we celebrated our Pastoral Leaders.

Pastor, Dr. Steven Carlos Tipton and First Lady, Dr. Marica Tipton.

May 3rd is the day they wedded in Holy matrimony! Happy 20 years of marriage!! May 18th is Lady Tipton's Birthday!

May 29th is Pastor Tipton's Birthday!

#### WISCONSIN AFRICAN AMERICAN TOBACCO NETWORK By Missionary Alfreda Ellis

Pastor Steven Tipton asked the youth ages 12 thru 18 who attends El-Bethel Church and other youth in the Church of God in Christ Northwest Jurisdiction to join the Wisconsin Wins Campaign. A campaign to advocate and bring awareness to our community about the harm of smoking, vaping, and using tobacco products, and its effect on our youth. The advocacy group became the "El- Bethel Fact



Group." who work in our community to advocate for tobacco laws that keep children safe, The El-Bethel Fact group work with politicians, state and local government officials regulating the sale of tobacco to adults twenty-one and over only and bring awareness of health issues related to tobacco use. They are also sharing facts on Factisms.org on social media that brings awareness about how tobacco affects youth and the health of the African American community creating a health crisis.

In the month of May 2023 Pastor Tipton and 3 El-Bethel youth, (India Allen, Ray Allen, and Terrence Kellogg) all went to Washington DC to advocate among Congress men and women at the United States Capitol. The youth used their voices to bring attention to how tobacco products affect youth in our country.

May 21 was Non-Menthol Sunday at El- Bethel Church. The youth put on a skit called "I Smell Smoke" (After School Chat) that told the story of how tobacco can affect families



and our community. India Allen, Nyllah Allen, Ray Allen, Sapphire Chappell, Terrence Kellogg, and Riley

Whiteside did a fantastic job-sharing menthol fact in the skit.

The work of advocacy continued for the El-Bethel Fact

Group youth as they participated in the Milwaukee Juneteenth Parade marching and chanting about the power of the youth to make changes in the tobacco industry's practices. The El-Bethel Fact Group was asked by the Milwaukee Fire Chief to perform the skit (I Smell Smoke) on the Juneteenth Youth Stage.



The El-Bethel Fact group is supported by Pastor Steven Tipton, Lorraine Lathem, Missionary Quanda Mobley, Sister Lexxy Welch, and Missionary Alfreda Ellis.

Let us pray for our youth as they do Missions work in our communities! ■

#### GIRL SCOUTS AT EL-BETHEL

By Missionary Alfreda Ellis





On Sunday June 25th 2023 the El-Bethel's Girl Scout 37714 gave words of encouragement and flowers of love to the leaders of El-Bethel to honor their wisdom and leadership.



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.

#### EL-BETHEL EARN & LEARN YOUTH PROGRAM 2023

By Missionary Alfreda Ellis

El Bethel Church welcomed 8 youth from the Milwaukee Earn and Learn Program. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that El-Bethel Church has been a part of the Summer Earn and Learn Program. The Earn and Learn program allows youth from the city of Milwaukee an opportunity to work in the community for the summer months from June until August.

While working at El- Bethel the youth learn work skills, are given guidance in career choices, health, and wellness along with life skills to support them throughout their lives. The



youth work at the church under the supervision of Pastor Tipton, Missionary Quanda Mobley, and Missionary Alfreda Ellis.

#### EL-BETHEL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

By Missionary Alfreda Ellis



El- Bethel Vacation Bible School July 10th thru July 14th from 10 AM until 2:00 PM. The 2023 Vacation Bible School theme is "Fruit of the Spirt", bible verse Galatians 5:22. El-Bethel Vacation Bible school provides a daily experience for children to learn about the Bible, enjoy activities like arts and crafts, play games, sing songs, play outside, for summer fun. A Free lunch will be served daily.

### FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COWORKERS - FAFCO By EBC News Team

It's that time again, the third annual FAFCO Weekend,



Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23. Luke 19:5, Jesus said, "Come, I must stay at your house today."

The Car & Motorcycle show is

Saturday from 10AM to 4PM. Free and open to the public on El-Bethel's parking lot. Expect the Kid Zone with bouncy houses, face painting, cotton candy, snow cones, and horse rides. Various food vendors will be on hand for every pallet. Cars & Motorcycle onsite registration fee, \$25; Vendors wanted, registration fee, \$30 call 414.797.4017



# EL-BETHEL CHURCH, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SDC

provides free lunch meals to families with children under the age of eighteen, June 20th - July

20th daily from 11:30 AM until 12:30. All children are welcome to enjoy a free bag lunch in our El-Bethel Church serving area.

#### EBC FAMILY NEWSLETTER TEAM

Dr. Steven Tipton (Pastor), Dr. Nina Mack-Cain (Auxiliary Leader), Missionary Alfreda Ellis, and Sister Tara Kinlow