The Abyssinian Baptist Church

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Reverend
Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III
Pastor

James Davis, Jr.
Director of
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Worship Service  BAPTISM  Sunday, November 27, 2016

“To all those who enter here, be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent. Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to others.”

9:00 AM
11:30 AM Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III

Prelude
9:00 AM
11:30 AM James Davis Jr., Organist

Call to Worship
Leader:  Waiting without hope is torture.
People:  Waiting without help produces fear.
Leader:  But our hope is in the God who does come.
People:  And our help is in the God who is already here!
Leader:  In this season of advent, we wait with eager expectation for the God who will come again.

All:  We wait in hope for the coming of Immanuel! AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

Processional  "Count Your Blessings"  #533

Invocation and Chant

Responsive Reading  “Advent”  #100

Gloria Patri

Prayer and Choral Response

Anthem

9:00 AM
11:30 AM The Inspirational Voices of Abyssinian/Selected
The Total Praise Ensemble

Pastoral Emphasis

Scripture

Meditation

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11:30 AM The Inspirational Voices of Abyssinian/Selected
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Sermon and Invitation
Invitational
Offertory:
Offertory Sentences & Selections

9:00 AM
11:30 AM The Inspirational Voices of Abyssinian/Selected
The Total Praise Ensemble

Doxology
Offertory Prayer

Baptism

Recessional "What a Mighty God We Serve" #478

Benediction and Amen

Postlude

BIBLE STUDY • NEW MEMBERS CLASS • SERVICES OFFERED

Sunday Morning Praying Band – Sundays - 7:00 AM
Sunday Morning Bible Study – 8:45 AM
Monday Afternoon Bible Class – 12:00 PM
Wednesday Mid-Week Manna Service – 7:00 PM

NEW MEMBERS CLASS SCHEDULE • Meets Sundays, 8:30 AM | Blue Room
Class #1 At the Cross: Jesus and Salvation – December 4
Class #2 Faith Foundations: Baptist Polity and Practices – December 11
Class #3 The Abyssinian Baptist Church: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – December 18
Class #4 Giving God Our Best: Worship & Stewardship – November 27

PRAYER REQUESTS
Prayer Request forms are available at Ushers station located in the back of the main Sanctuary’s center aisle, and via www.abyssinian.org/connect/prayer-requests/. The Prayer Band meets Sundays at 7:00 AM in the Vestry for prayer & testimony.

BABY BLESSINGS
Babies are blessed on the 2nd Sunday in the 11:30 AM service. Baby Blessing Class is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Nursery and must be attended by parents who want to have their child blessed at Abyssinian. Next Class: Wednesday, December 21, 2016. To register, call x255.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
To Dr. Butts, Rev. Bachus, Ministerial Staff, Diaconate Board, Naomi Graham and the Abyssinian Church Family — Thank you for your prayers, and expressions of sympathy to my family during the Home Going of my brother, Lawrence Rountree. Thank you also for supporting Deaconess Solomon in her recovery from surgery. ~ Deacon Douglas Solomon

To Dr. Butts, Rev. Bachus, Deacon Barbour, and the Abyssinian Church — The family of the late James B. Sampson extends sincerest thanks to you for making Sampson’s Memorial service one that was deeply felt, and hugely appreciated. Thanks also to the congregation for their prayers and condolences. ~ The Sampson Family
Thank you to everyone who supported the $3.0 in 24MO! Campaign and those who attended the reception. This two year campaign officially ended on October 31, 2016. To date, the campaign allowed us to pay for the cost of nearly two of the five floors. Your generosity has been overwhelming.

As you can see, we still have a way to go. For those who have not completed their pledge, we want you to continue your payments even though the campaign has ended from an accounting point of view. All of your future payments will be noted to your pledge. We ask all to continue to support AbyWest. New initiatives will roll out soon as we forge ahead to reach our goal of $12MM to complete the entire five floor community center.

We strive to attain 100% participation because we want others to know that our membership is committed to this effort. Your support is greatly appreciated!
The Politics of Jesus - Instructor: Reverend Rashad Moore
Tuesday 12/6 • 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | Vestry
The sidewalks of America are covered with the blood of Black people. From the streets of Ferguson to the contaminated water pipes of Flint, Black communities have recently faced the harsh reality of state-sanctioned genocide in 21st Century America. Where is Jesus in this moment? Through engaging discussions, lectures, and group reflections, this course will explore the revolutionary nature of Jesus who proclaimed a radical, economic, social, and political change for a people living under the force of the Roman Empire. Required Reading: The Politics of Jesus: Rediscovering The True Revolutionary Nature of the Jesus’ Teachings and How They Have Been Corrupted by Obery M. Hendricks, Jr.

Declare & Decree: Effectual Fervent Prayer Life - Instructor: Min. Pamela Mason
Thursday 12/1 • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | Vestry
How do we achieve the strength, focus and self-discipline needed to experience abundance in our lives when the enemy comes to lie, steal and destroy the promises of God? When we begin to see ourselves the way God sees us, we learn to pray as heirs to a risen King who gave His life so that we might live in abundance, peace and love. Through this four-part workshop experience, we will explore what it means to put on the full armor of God, stand on God’s principles and pray God’s promises back to Him. Join us as we strengthen our witness of Christ by putting into practice what the scriptures teach us about faith-based prayers. If you saw the film, “War Room,” you don’t want to miss this special teaching series on the power of an effectual fervent prayer life.
MINISTRY

Join The Abyssinian Baptist Church Board of Trustees on Sunday December 4, 2016 following the 9:00 AM Service in the Vestry for an Important Discussion on 2016 Year End Estate Planning and Financial Planning

with Presenters Lori Anne Douglas, Partner and Jana Handwerk of Moses & Singer, LLP Financial Planner, CLU, CHFC

DON’T END 2016 WITHOUT A PLAN!

MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that you can increase your gift to The Abyssinian Baptist Church by simply notifying your company? Find out if your employer is one of more than 1,400 U.S. companies that have MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS. Companies with a MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM will make a donation to a nonprofit organization that their employees support. Please check with your company's Human Resources Department to see if it has a Matching Gift Program and their policies. Then contact the Development Committee through Trustee Alexis Thomas 212-862-7474 Ext. 210

Every gift we receive helps to assist in managing our Church’s many programs. Donations can be used to match your tithes, offerings and AbyWest contributions.
THE ABBYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
THE BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY
HOSTS

A SCREENING + DISCUSSION
ON THE RECENT DOCUMENTARY

FROM AVA DUVERNAY
DIRECTOR OF SELMA

FROM SLAVE TO CRIMINAL WITH ONE AMENDMENT

13TH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016
6:30-9:00 PM

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The Sister to Sister Book Ministry is currently reading *Papa's Letters* by Judith Lovell. Ministry’s Holiday gathering takes place at Harlem Besame, 2070 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd, (124th Street) on Saturday, December 10th, 10:30 AM - Brunch price is $25.

The Abyssinian Missionary Ministry is preparing 200 Christmas Love/Food Baskets for needy families of our community. The Ministry is appealing to **ALL ABYSSINIAN MINISTRY LEADERS & YOUR MINISTRY MEMBERS** to **support this Annual effort by donating various non-perishable food items**. Collection of Food items ends on Sunday, December 11, 2016. Monetary contributions are also appreciated. Please check your Ministry mailbox after worship services for the Missionary’s Love Basket request Form.
ARTS & CULTURE

The First Noel is back in NY for a limited run, December 10-18, 2016, at Harlem’s world-famous Apollo Theater. This uplifting holiday musical celebrates faith, healing, and community while exploring life’s tragedies and triumphs. Contact Toni Isreal: toni.isreal@apollotheater.org or visit: https://www.apollotheater.org/firstnoel/.

SWEAT, A New York premiere by Pulitzer Prize winner, Lynn Nottage, plays now at Public Theater to Dec 4, 2016. Don’t miss this stunning new play about collision of race, class, family and friendship. Tickets are $85. To purchase, call 212.967.7555; visit www.publictheater.org; or at Public Theater Box Office, 425 Lafayette Street, NYC.

For group sales 10+ contact, Marcia Pendelton 646.467.7393; or via, email Marcia@walktallgirlproductions.com

MASTER HAROLD...AND THE BOYS. Written and Directed by Athol Fugard. Now playing at Signature Theatre thru today, November 27, 2016. Winner of the Drama Desk and London Evening Standard Awards for Best Play, “Master Harold”... and the boys reveals the profound personal consequences of oppression. All tickets $30. To purchase, call 212.244.7529; visit, www.signaturetheatre.org; or at The Signature Theatre Box Office, 480 West 42nd Street, NYC.

Abyssinian Member Christine Melton will be singing from the Great American Songbook with pianist, Carlos Castellblanch, on Thursday, December 8th at Ponty Bistro (2375 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd on corner of 139th Street) 6:00 PM -10:00 PM. No Cover Charge but make your Dinner Reservations today via 212-234-6475.

REALTY

Rentals: Beautifully renovated Jr. four room apartment (two bedrooms) available in Harlem’s Sugar Hill section. Landmark building boasts marble lobby, elevator, new appliances, hardwood floors and security cameras throughout. Must see! Rent is $1,800 monthly. Must qualify! One month rent, One month security and Brokers fee required. Call 917-873-3335 immediately.

Three Bedrooms, 1 Bath apartment in Private Two Family house on 2nd floor walk-up (Baychester Section of the Bronx) for $1,800 monthly. Call 212-381-2520 for more information.

Sale: Brick semi-detached house with fireplaces at 114 West 130th Street. Gut rehab, 3,400 sf building. Great deal for $1,899,999. Call Barbara at 917-568-2009 for more information.

COMMUNITY FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

SATURDAY
December 3, 2016
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

At The Abyssinian Baptist Church
132 Odell Clark Place
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Join Us at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church
171 W. 140th Street (near corner of ACP Blvd.)
on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 • 6:00 PM

for The Consecration & Installation of Officers of United Missionary Baptist Association

Abyssinian’s Deaconess Chair, Deaconess Eleanor Olive, will be installed as President of UMBA’s Women’s Auxiliary

All are welcomed to attend this Special Service in support of Deaconess Olive

SERMON NOTES
Take personal notes while listening to the Word of God

Date: __________________________
Sermon Title: __________________________
Biblical Text: __________________________
Points to Note: __________________________

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday
7:00 am  
9:00 am  
9:00 am  
9:00 am  
9:15 am - 11:00 am  
11:30 am  
2nd Sunday  
3rd Sunday  
4th Sunday  
5th Sunday  
The Praying Band  
Bible Class  
Sunday School  
Worship Service  
WE Youth Worship Experience  
Worship Service  
Babies Blessed  
Communion/Right Hand of Fellowship (11:30 am)  
Baptism  
Youth Sunday

Wednesday
7:00 pm  
Mid-Week Manna

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