The Abyssinian Baptist Church

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Reverend
Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III
Pastor

James Davis, Jr.
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Worship Service

YOUTH SUNDAY

January 29, 2017

“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: We are the children of an amazing God, who holds the world in His hands

People: And this God knows each of us by name.

Leader: Who are we that you are so mindful of us?

People: Who are we that you made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor.

Leader: On this Youth Sunday, we celebrate the gift of our imagination, creativity, and endless possibilities.

People: Give us wisdom to discern, courage to live beyond our fears, and vision to embrace our tomorrows with assurance.

All: Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, no heart has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Invocation and Chant

Responsive Reading “Black Family” #81

Gloria Patri

Prayer and Choral Response

Anthem

9:00 AM
11:30 AM The Abyssinian Children’s Choir "L.O.V.E. Love (I'll Do)" Frank Livingston

Amanda Vasquez, Soloist

Pastoral Emphasis

Scripture

Meditation

9:00 AM
11:30 AM The Abyssinian Children’s Choir "Withholding Nothing" William McDowell
Sermon and Invitation
Invitational

Offertory:
Offertory Sentences & Selections

9:00 AM
11:30 AM The Abyssinian Children’s Choir

"B.I.G." Valencia Lacy

Doxology
Offertory Prayer

Ethan Butts

Recessional "Victory Is Mine"

#489

Benediction and Amen

Amanda Vasquez

Postlude

BIBLE STUDY • NEW MEMBERS CLASS • PRAYER • BABY BLESSING
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 – February 5
Class #2 Faith Foundations: Baptist Polity and Practices – February 12
Class #3 The Abyssinian Baptist Church: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – February 19
Class #4 Giving God Our Best: Worship & Stewardship – February 26

PRAYER REQUESTS • Prayer Request forms are available at Ushers station in back of the main Sanctuary’s center aisle, and via www.abyssinian.org/connect/prayer-requests/.

To Request Prayer or Visitation, call Abyssinian’s 24 Hour Sick & Shut-In Line: 212.862.7474, x205.

Remember Abyssinians In Need of Prayer

Bereavement: Joan Morrell in the passing of her mother, Aby member, Rachel Bennett; Deaconess Susann Miles-Westbrook in the loss of her uncle, iconic photographer Chuck Stewart; Valencia Sherman Greenup; The Family of Carolyn Jarvis Mehu; John Anthony, Rubye Bulluck, Michelle Dudley and Winifred Jackson in their loss.

Sick/Shut-In & Recovering: Rev. Butts’ mother, Deaconess Eloise Butts; Aby Deaconesses: Jesse Green, Mattie Copeland and Ayikailey Jackson; Deacon Douglas Solomon recovering from surgery. Stanley Cutchins, Ernestine Burgess, Jean Bunce, and E. Denise Perry.

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 its new time, 6:30 PM, in the Nursery and must be attended by parents who want to have their child blessed at Abyssinian.

Next Class: Wednesday, February 15, 2017. To register, call Minister Pamela Mason, x204.
MATCHING GIFTS

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.

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!

ABYWEST
The Abyssinian Baptist Church 40 Days of Prayer
Start 2017 with 40 Days of Prayer!

As we launch into a new year of ministry together, please accept this invitation to join us in focused and themed prayer over 40 days.

**P: PRAISE – JANUARY 1 – JANUARY 10**
Pray prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

**R: REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION – JANUARY 11 – 20.**
Pray prayers for Repentance & Reconciliation

**A: ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH – JANUARY 21 – 30.**
Pray for The Abyssinian Baptist Church (leadership, membership, ministries, and community) and Abyssinian Affiliates (Abyssinian Development Corporation, AbyFund, Youth on the Move, Blue Nile Passage, Thurgood Marshall Academy for Learning and Social Change and the TMA Lower School).

**Y: YES – JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 9**
Pray for a Year of YES! We are praying for souls to say YES to the Lord in Salvation and more believers to say YES to the Lord in Spiritual Growth and Discipleship

#PRAYFOR40

For more information and content during the 40 days of prayer, stay connected with Abyssinian www.abyssinian.org or the follow us on:

Facebook: The Abyssinian Baptist Church in the City of New York, Inc.
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January 29 / Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
Prayer: Lord, God Almighty thank you for the gifts given to your true believers to be used according to your will both in and outside of the Church.

January 30 / Scripture: Galatians 6:10
As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.
Prayer: Lord, when people see me, let them see Christ that lives inside of me that I might do a good work in Your Name.

January 31 / Scripture: John 3:16
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
Prayer: Lord, in 2017 let the world experience Your love that leads to salvation and everlasting life.

February 1 / Scripture: Romans 10:9
That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
Prayer: Lord, our salvation rest on the belief that Jesus was raised from the dead, led the multitudes to confession and belief through faith.

February 2 / Scripture: John 20:31
But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.
Prayer: Lord, we pray for the world to find true life in the name of Jesus.

February 3 / Scripture: John 10:28
And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand.
Prayer: Lord, let the masses who feel the tug of Satan feel security in the hands of Jesus.

February 4 / Scripture: John 5:24
Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believes on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.
Prayer: Lord, allow 2017 to be the year we surrender to Your Will and put our trust in Your Word which leads to eternal life.

February 5 / Scripture: Psalm 27:4
One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.
Prayer: Lord, grant us a burning passion to seek you and behold the beauty of your presence each day.

February 6 / Scripture: Matthew 5:16
Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
Prayer: Lord, let our lights shine in 2017 so bright that we lead others to a relationship with You.

February 7 / Scripture: Matthew 5:13
You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
Prayer: Lord, remind us of our mandate to be as salt that changes the flavor of life.
Baptist Polity – What do Baptists Believe? – Instructor, Min. Pamela Mason
Thursday 2/2 | 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM | 1st Fl. Conference Room
How do Baptists share the knowledge of our faith tradition with those who want to know the reason for the hope that we have in Christ – 1 Peter 3:15? The answer is found in the Holy scriptures that support the Baptist Faith and its practices. In this season of Church growth, plan to attend this series which affirms the witness of Christ in our lives and captures the essence of who we are as Baptists.

To Whom Much is Given – A Retirement Roundtable - Instructors, Min. Pamela Mason/Mrs. Karrolyn Belkis | Thursdays 2/23, 3/2, 3/16 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
1st Fl. Conference Room
Congratulations! A New Cycle of Life has come. God has blessed you with a thriving career that allows you to live according to the lifestyle you’ve created for yourself. What a mighty God we serve. The complexities and challenges of life could not hold you down. But, what’s next? Where do you go from here and how do you stay connected to the Vine, bear fruit that will last and continue to enjoy the gift of life and service to others? Let’s figure it out together at Abyssinian’s first retirement roundtable where we’ll celebrate our success and plan our future. Reflecting on accomplishments, faith, abilities, as well as, determining how retirees can support each other and our Church are among discussion topics. Looking forward to seeing you!

For this course you may register online via abyssinian.org/Learn/Click on AICE and complete form, or call Min. Mason at church office, x204 for assistance.

2017 BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Noonday Bible Study - 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM – Rev. Rashad Moore
January 30 | February 6, 13, 27 | March 6, 13, 20, 27 | April 3, 10, 24 | May 1, 8, 15, 22

Brotherhood Bible Study - 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Rev. Reginald Bachus
February 13, 27 | March 13, 27 | April 10, 24 | May 8, 22

Sisterhood Bible Study - 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Rev. Itang Young
February 13, 27 | March 13, 27 | April 10, 24 | May 8, 22

Young Adult Brunch & Bible Study* - Rev. Bachus/Rev. Moore
Saturdays February 25th | March 25th

*To Register for Young Adult Brunch & Bible Study Sessions, call Miranda Mifflin, 212 862-7474 x216

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Deacon Augustus Sam & Deaconess Gwenette Reese
It’s New! Sunday morning Bible Study has a new vision for a new 2017 season. This study of God’s Word is designed to expand its reach to those who are interested in applying practical solutions to everyday issues. Give the Holy Spirit latitude in your life, as you read the Bible through the lens of the African American experience. Meet us immediately following Sunday Morning Praying Band Service in the 1st floor Conference Rm. 8:45AM – 9:45 AM. You’ll be glad you did!
January 29, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Church Meeting of The Abyssinian Baptist Church of the City of New York, Incorporated, located at 132 Odell Clark Place, in the Borough of Manhattan, State and County of New York, will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2017, at the 9:00 AM worship service for the following purposes:

1. To receive a report of the Pastor of The Abyssinian Baptist Church.

2. To elect a Church Clerk and Assistant Church Clerk for one (1) year.

3. To receive the report of the Nominating Committee and any other topic that may be presented for consideration.

OFFICERS WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES:
Sheila S. Boston, Esq., Church Clerk
Deacon C. Vernon Mason, Assistant Church Clerk

All persons eighteen (18) years of age and over, who are subscribers to the support of the Church, are eligible to vote.

DONE BY ORDER OF THE PASTOR:

Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III
Sheila S. Boston, Esq., Church Clerk
Notice is hereby given that the Annual Corporate Meeting of The Abyssinian Baptist Church of the City of New York, Incorporated, located at 132 Odell Clark Place, in the Borough of Manhattan, State and County of New York, will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2017, at the 9:00 AM worship service for the following purposes:

1. To hear the Annual Report of the Trustees.
2. To elect four (4) Trustees for three (3) years.
3. To receive the report of the Nominating Committee and any other topic that may be presented for consideration.

**TRUSTEES WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES:**

Robert Gore, Jr.
Shirley Harrison
Lillie R. May
Patricia Proctor

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**DONE BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III
Alexis Thomas, Chairperson
Sheila S. Boston, Esq., Church Clerk
THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Black Teachers Who Care Ministry

Celebrating African American Literature & Culture
Dreaming Big & Telling Our Stories

AN AFTERNOON WITH
DR. LORETTA LONG
"Susan" on Sesame Street for 46 Years

Author of:
From Paw Paw to Sesame Street: My Journey

Sunday, January 29, 2017 | 2:00 PM
Refreshments will be served

***A Gift for the First 50 Children***

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Friday, February 3, 2017, Abyssinian Youth Ministry hosts **A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM SLEEPOVER** at Liberty Science Center for Youth ages 6–12. Buses depart Abyssinian 5 PM on Friday, February 3rd and Parent Pick-up begins promptly at 11 AM on Saturday, February 4. Cost to attend is $95. RSVP Deadline: January 27, 2017. For more information regarding Youth Events, contact Rev. Itang Young, Assistant Minister for Youth, iyoung@abyssinian.org, or at the church office, Ext. 220.

*The Sister-to-Sister Book Ministry* is currently reading *Mis-Education of the Negro* by Carter G. Woodson. Next gathering will take place on February 11, 2017 at 10:30 AM in the Blue Room.

**THE ABYSSINIAN BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY**

*Hosts the Annual*

**SUPER BOWL FELLOWSHIP**

*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017*

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**WATCH SUPER BOWL 51**

On Big Screen TV in Aby Café

*and Enjoy Food Plus Prizes*

*Bring your Favorite Dish!!!*

*(to feed six people)*
MENTAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM
HOW PEOPLE OF FAITH CAN COPE WITH STRESS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TOPICS INCLUDE:
• HOW TO DEAL WITH STRESS
• COPING WITH CARING FOR AN ELDERLY PARENT
• IDENTIFYING MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS WITH CHILDREN
• HOW TO FIND A THERAPIST

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

FEATURED PRESENTERS:

SIDNEY HANKERSON, MD
FAITH-BASED PSYCHIATRIST
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

TERRIE M. WILLIAMS
AUTHOR & MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

KRISTIN J. CAROTHERS, PH.D.
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST
CHILD MIND INSTITUTE

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CARINGKIND, THE HEART OF ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVING

CYNTHIA D. BARNES
CHILD ADOLESCENT + ADULT PSYCHOLOGIST

BOOK SIGNING
JOIN TERRIE WILLIAMS FOR A BOOK SIGNING OF THE BEST-SELLING BOOK:
BLACK PAIN: IT JUST LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NOT HURTING

BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FOLLOWING THE SYMPOSIUM
EMPLOYMENT

Director of Salvation Army Phil Ramone Orchestra seeks Part-time Assistant/$15 per Hr. Contact Envoy, Kenneth Burton, for details, 917.683.4228. Must be bilingual and able to read music.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Part-time Volunteer Social Worker Wanted — The Abyssinian Development Corporation’s Senior Services Unit at Abyssinian Towers in Harlem seeks part-time Volunteer Social Worker to be part of Senior Services team. The volunteer social worker must be familiar with developmental psychology; mental health, seniors or geriatric population. Open flexible schedule. Application Instructions: Direct browser to ADC website, click “Employment” at bottom of page, and click on “ADC Corporate Jobs.” Find and click position you wish to apply for in list of open positions.

SCHOLARSHIP

Support the Thurgood Marshall Academies PUSH through the Pipeline Scholarship Fund. Give online at https://www.gofundme.com/tmaPUSHscholarships or by mail at ADC/PUSH, 131 W 138 St., LL, New York, NY 10030.

The Scholarship Committee of North Manhattan Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. supports young African-American women in need of financial assistance in their pursuit of a college degree. This four-year scholarship (up to $2,000 per year) is available to eligible female students attending a public high school in Manhattan. Visit www.NMACDST.org to download application, and for eligibility details. Send questions to scholarship@NMACDST.org.

ARTS & CULTURE

Thursday, February 16, 2017 – 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, The Harlem Fine Arts Show New York, begins its 2017 Tour in an Elegant Opening Reception. Hosted by the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., program to include presentation of Lifetime Achievement Award to Reverend Calvin O. Butts III, and special celebration of African Americans in Medicine from 15+ Hospitals in NY, NJ, CT Tri-State area. Event takes place at 91 Claremont Avenue (between 121st & 122nd Streets, NY, NY 10027). For Tickets ($75 ), visit hfas.org. Come enjoy an elegant affair with live music, hors d’oeuvres, and internationally acclaimed artists!

August Wilson’s JITNEY is the last play from his Century Cycle to debut on Broadway. Event runs for a limited engagement at Samuel J. Friedman Theatre. Directed by Tony Award winner, Ruben Santiago-Hudson, Tickets for shows January 24-March 12 =$47-$89. Buy tickets via www.telechargeoffers.com, 212.947.8844 or at Theatre, 261 W. 47th Street, NYC (Use code: AUGUST). For groups of 10+ contact Marcia Pendelton, 646.467.7393 or Marcia@WalkTallGirlProductions.com.

The Wendy Hilliard Gymnastics Foundation (WHGF) presents 4th Annual Harlem Gymnastics Invitational, a USA Gymnastics sanctioned competition on February 17-19, 2017 at Harlem Child Zone Armory, 40 West 143rd Street (NYC). Admission is FREE. Sunday, 2/19 at 4 PM, spectators will be treated to “Showtime in Harlem,” a performance by all WHGF students. Visit: www.wendyhilliard.org for information.
REALTY
Sale: Investment Property 3 bedroom/2 bath Duplex Condo in Central Harlem 2 yr corporate lease in place at $3,500 per month until May 2018. Property can be delivered vacant, if negotiated. Total charges approx. $830 per month. Asking $965,000. For more information, call CRS, 917.392.1718.

Sale: Three Bedrooms/2 bathrooms Condominium in gated community (built in 2006) for $450,000 features parking space at front of property. Condo located in Bronx Zip Code: 10473. Also, 1 Bedroom Condominium for $1,650,000 near 42nd Street & 10th Avenue with breathtaking Hudson River view includes access to exercise room, swimming pool and concierge amenities. Call 718 654 4736 for more information.

MILESTONES
Abyssinians are cordially invited to Fred Staton's 102nd Birthday & Valentine’s Celebration on Monday February 13th at Local 802/Musicians Union, 322 W. 48th Street, 7 PM - 9:30 PM. RSVP by February 5th to Cheyenne Ballou, 212.245.3999 x16 or via email: cheyenne@jazzfoundation.org.

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                          The Praying Band
9:00 am                          Bible Class
9:00 am                          Sunday School
9:00 am                          Worship Service
9:15 am -11:00 am                WE Youth Worship Experience
11:30 am                        Worship Service

2nd Sunday  11:30 am          Babies Blessed
3rd Sunday  9:00 am & 11:30 am Communion/Right Hand of Fellowship (11:30 am)
4th Sunday  11:30 am            Baptism
5th Sunday  11:30 am            Youth Sunday

Wednesday
7:00 pm                        Mid-Week Manna

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