Worship Service  
HOMECOMING SUNDAY  
September 10, 2017

Babies Blessed - 10:00 AM

“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.

Prelude
Roderick Demmings, Guest Organist  "Prelude in G" BWV 541 J.S. Bach
Joseph Joubert, Guest Pianist  "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"/
  "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Joseph Joubert

Call to Worship
Leader: How good and pleasant it is when all of God’s children get together!
People: I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord.”
Leader: In this hour of worship, we unite as a family bound in Christian love. May our efforts be blessed and our fellowship strengthened as we embark on a new season in ministry.
All: No matter where we go, how far we venture, it is always good to know that we can come home! We give God praise on this Homecoming Sunday! AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

Processional  "All Creatures of Our God and King"  #147

Invocation and Chant

Responsive Reading  “Black Family”  #81

Gloria Patri

Prayer and Choral Response  "Healing" Richard Smallwood

Anthem
The United Voices of Abyssinian  "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
  arr. Nathan M. Carter
  Soloist: Matthew Truss, Countertenor

Pastoral Emphasis

Scripture

Liturgical Dance Ministry

Meditation
The United Voices of Abyssinian  "Holy One" Tramaine Hawkins
  Soloist: Samantha John, Soprano
Sermon and Invitation
Invitational

Offertory:
Offertory Sentences & Selections
The United Voices of Abyssinian "Anthem of Praise" Richard Smallwood

Doxology
Offertory Prayer

Recessional "We've Come This Far By Faith" #412

Benediction and Amen
"When the Saints Go Marching In" Traditional

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 – October 1
Class #2 Faith Foundations: Baptist Polity and Practices – September 10
Class #3 The Abyssinian Baptist Church: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – September 17
Class #4 Giving God Our Best: Worship & Stewardship – September 24

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.

Sick/Shut-In & Recovering: Fred Staton (In Hospice care), Deaconess Mattie Copeland (In Nursing Home), Bessie Tate Proctor (Widow of Dr. Samuel DeWitt Proctor and mother of Deacon Herbert Proctor), Trustee Helena Lewis (recovering at home), Deacons Jerome Tolbert and Douglas Solomon, Deaconesses Jessie Green, Bernice Fife, and Ayikailey Jackson, former Trustee, Rich Mitchell, Reverend Lillian Brown Gold.

Flynn Peterson (Daughter of Ernestine Stroud), Bernice Hardy (Mother of Trustee Chair, Alexis Thomas), Dorothy Drayton, Ernestine Burgess, E. Denise Perry.

Bereavement: Deaconess Gwenette Reese (passing of Stepfather), Valerie Henderson (passing of father), Gerard Garvin (passing of Aunt), Family of Trustee Elizabeth Eldridge, Deaconess Bernice Fife, Families of Edythe Cherry and Elizabeth Bolling; Karen Diaz along with Deacon & Deaconess Olive; Edward Sonds, Jr.; BNP Elder Rochelle Attia.

BABY BLESSINGS • Babies are blessed on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the 11:30 AM worship service. Parents who wish to have their baby blessed at Abyssinian, must attend the Baby Blessing Course. For details/registration, contact Min. Pamela D. Mason, 212.862.7474 Ext. 204. Next Class: September 20th.
PROGRESS ON THE ABYWEST COMMUNITY CENTER CONTINUES

We continue to make progress on the AbyWest Community Center AND the excitement continues to mount as this amazing effort moves closer to fruition.

WE want you to BECOME a part of THIS Abyssinian legacy BY HELPING US launch our newest initiative towards raising the next $8 million. TO FIND OUT HOW, visit the AbyWest Development Committee in the lobby following Sunday worship service.

We are grateful for your support and ask you TO HELP US REACH OUR $12 MILLION GOAL.
BIBLE QUEST
Honoring Labor Day! How many questions can you respond to before checking the Abyssinian website for correct Bible reference points? Go to http://abyssinian.org/ministry/christian-education/abyssinian-institute-for-christian-education/
Stay intentional about taking time to center yourself, as you read the entire chapter where the answers are found.

1) God told the Israelites not to sow during the jubilee year. How often was the jubilee year?
2) From the parable of the workers in the vineyard, how much money did the landowner pay each man for working in his vineyard for one day?
3) From the parable of the talents, how many more talents were earned by the servant that had been given five talents by his master?
4) What was Luke’s profession?

ABYSSINIAN INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
2017 FALL SERIES

BIBLE BASICS 101 FOUNDATIONAL - Instructor: Min. Pamela D. Mason
9/14, 9/21, 9/28 | 7 PM – 8:30 PM
How do I study the Bible? Why is it so challenging to read? How do I apply God’s Word to my life? We will explore these and other questions using the Bible as a tool for stimulating spiritual growth and development. Bible fitness is the key to building a firm foundation in Christ, so join us as we go back to the basics. Whether you are a first-time reader looking for a study method or simply in need of a refresher, this course provides God seekers with a deeper understanding of God’s salvation plan and practical applications for daily living.

SOUL POWER – THE SPIRIT (Webinar) - Instructor: Min. Pamela D. Mason
10/19, 10/26 /11/2 | 7 PM – 8:30 PM
Can you glean through the distractions of today and see the movement of God’s Spirit in events affecting our nation? Spiritual warfare cannot be won without the power of the Holy Spirit. When we give our lives to Christ, our human spirit is fused with God’s Spirit to become one force working in harmony for tearing down of strongholds. We cannot accomplish anything in our own strength, but the same power source that defeated the darkness of our past, is the same spirit working on our behalf today. As we move forward to give voice to the concerns of today, let us pause to spotlight the third person of the Trinity that Jesus said would teach us all things.

GOD’S LEADING LADIES – Instructor: Min. Pamela D. Mason
11/30, 11/7, 11/14 | 7 PM – 8:30 PM
The Holy Bible is filled with stories of God’s leading ladies who played an essential role in the work of salvation. Whether they defied a king’s orders to kill Hebrew babies, taking the lead on the battlefield, or risking their lives to save an entire people on the verge of destruction, we honor their sacrifice as we celebrate our own. This teaching is designed to recognize the contributions of women who were inspired to stand firm when God called them into action for the good of humanity. Contact Min. Pamela D. Mason for additional information: pdmason@abyssinian.org or 212 862-7474 x204

NOON DAY BIBLE STUDY | MONDAYS - 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
September 18, 25 | October 2, 16, 23, 30 | November 6, 13, 20, 27 | December 4, 11, 18
Instructor: Reverend Rashad Moore
THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
4TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING BLOCK PARTY
AND MINISTRY FAIR

A DAY OF
#BlackJoy
IN HARLEM

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10

HOMECOMING
WORSHIP SERVICE

JOIN US FOR
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 10 AM

9 AM AND 11:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICES RESUMES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

EXPLORE WAYS TO
SHARE YOUR GIFTS & TALENTS
AT THE ANNUAL
MINISTRY FAIR

ABYSSINIAN'S MINISTRIES OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, GROW, AND SERVE IN OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.

JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF AN EXCITING YEAR IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH WITH MUSIC, DANCING, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN FOR EVERYONE!

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THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR ABYWEST

SWEETS TABLE
BROWNIES, CAKES, PIES, CUPCAKES

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WISE AGING
A ONE DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR SENIORS

Tuesday, September 26, 2017
10am - 3pm

GUEST FACILITATOR
REVEREND FRAN THIessen
Spiritual Director, Union Theological Seminary

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

-Psalm 90:12

The world and our churches need the wisdom of its elders. As we mature, we are offered the opportunity to become more authentically the person we were created to be, we grow wiser.

This one day retreat of devotion, prayer, and reflect could be God’s invitation to you, to clasp God’s hand tighter to touch God’s heart and in that intimate place discover both God’s love and your beauty.

Space is limited, Registration required.
Reserve your seat today. Registration forms are available at the Lobby Desk.

For more information contact: Rev. Rashad Moore at (212) 862-7474 x212 or rasmoore@abyssinian.org
The Abyssinian Baptist Church Youth Ministry

Invites you to the Annual

AUTUMN APPLE PICKING ADVENTURE

At Beautiful Barton Orchards
63 Apple Tree Lane - Poughquag, NY

Saturday, September 30, 2017
Bus leaves Abyssinian Church at 8:30 AM
Departs Orchard 4 PM

Admission to Orchard & 10 lb. Apple Peck: $19.95 per person
Orchard Fun Pass: $24.95 (includes: corn maze, fun zone and apple peck bag)

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE
Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by Parent!

Features and Attractions
Hay Rides – Children’s Playground
Live Entertainment
Concession Stand – Corn Maze – Gemstone Mining – Haunted House…

Old Country Store
Homemade Baked Goods, Fresh Cider, Jams and Jellies, Produce,
Candy & Ice Cream, Crafts, Halloween Goodies

For more information and to sign up, contact:
Reverend Itang Young, Assistant Minister for Youth
Brenda McLaughlin, President - Parent Ministry

212.862.7474 (T) | 212.862.3255 (F) | abyssinian.org
Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III – Pastor
REIMAGINE
Flourishing in Seasons of Frustration
Jeremiah 29: 4-11 | Romans 12:2

Spiritual Retreat 2017
hosted by the Joshua Ministry

September 29 - October 1

Stamford Marriott Hotel & Spa, Stamford, CT
A transformational weekend filled with inspirational preaching and worship, thought-provoking workshops, warm fellowship, and rest.

Register Today
$300* | $400*
for doubles | for singles

*includes room, meals, and on-site activities

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Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III - Pastor

Register today in the elevator lobby or at abyssinian.org
The Annual Reverend Dino Woodard Memorial Golf Fellowship will take place on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at Saint Andrews Golf Course. Tee Time • 8:30 AM. Special thanks to our hosts, Aby members Al and Pat Zollar. To RSVP, and for further details, contact 212.862.7474, Ext. 216.
AFFILIATE NEWS

ABYSSINIAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Harlem Economic Literacy Program
HOMEOWNERSHIP EDUCATION SERIES 2017
TWO-PART SESSION WORKSHOPS
Thursday(s) Sept. 14 and Sept. 21, 2017 – 6:00 PM -9:00 PM
$35.00 Registration Fee must be submitted in advance
All participants must complete both sessions to receive The Certificate of Completion

For further information and registration form, contact:
Andrea Britton, Economic Literacy Homeownership Counselor, abritton@adcorp.org or 646-442-6545 x210

ARTS & CULTURE
NYC Health + Hospitals sponsors “LAUGHTER WITH A CAUSE” Fundraiser to help expand & improve patient care on Friday, September 15, 2017, 6:00 PM at NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem, 506 Lenox Avenue/Malcolm X Blvd. in Herbert Cave 2nd Floor Auditorium. Event to feature Harlem Dance Leadership Program. Ticket Cost: $25 in advance; $28 at door. For information, call 212.939.1370 or send email to: harlemauxiliary@nychhc.org.

In case you missed it, The Women's Auxiliary of United Missionary Baptist Association will again present “Tell-It, Sing-It, Shout-It,” a rousing testimonial production written & directed by Abyssinian’s own, Hazel Rosetta Smith. The Musical takes place on Saturday, September 23, 2017, 2:00 PM at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 171 West 140th Street, New York, NY. Cost: $30; Children under 12: $15. For Ticket Information contact: Deaconess Eleanor Olive 718.547.5134 or Mary Faulkner 914.720.0674. Deaconess Eleanor Olive, WAUMBA President, Rev. Dr. Carl Washington, Jr., UMBA Moderator.
September 24, 2017

Join with your friends, neighbors and community members in our annual Health Walk and Health Fair. Meet at 126th Street Between 7th and 8th Avenue at 12:30 PM to join the walk. Step off is at 1:00 PM. The Walk ends at Riverbank State Park in Harlem where there will be screenings, vendors and free entertainment.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 WELLNESS WALK AND HEALTH FAIR
EDUCATION


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**ABYSSINIAN SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, NURSERY & CREDIT UNION SCHEDULE for SEPTEMBER 2017**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH** returns to 9 AM & 11:30 AM next Sunday, September 17.

**NURSERY AGE CHILDREN** - The Abyssinian Sunday School Nursery is closed today, Sunday, September 10. The Nursery Reopens next Sunday, September 17 (for 9 AM & 11:30 AM services).

**FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** - The Abyssinian Baptist Church Federal Credit Union is open today, Sunday, September 10th after the 10:00 AM worship service, and resumes regular office hours on Wednesday, 9/13 and Sunday, 9/17.
THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICERS

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Itang H. Young                      Assistant Minister for Youth              Ext. 220
Rashad R. Moore                     Assistant Minister                           Ext. 212

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Ext. 261

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Finance                               Ext. 245
Building, Grounds & Maintenance      Ext. 244

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday
7:00 am  The Praying Band
9:00 am  Bible Class
9:00 am  Sunday School
9:00 am -11:00 am  Worship Service
11:30 am  WE Youth Worship Experience

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