



The Abyssinian Baptist Church

Founded 1808 • Erected 1923

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Reverend
Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III
Pastor

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Worship Service

December 3, 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 Thomas Wright Jr., Guest Organist
LaFredrick Coaxner, Guest Conductor

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, now are we the children of God

People: It does not yet appear what we shall be, and every ounce of our being is teeming with expectant wonder.

Leader: Beloved, now are we the children of God.

People: Heirs of salvation purchased of God, born of His spirit, lost in His love.

Leader: In this season of Advent, we place our hope in the mystery of belief; watching and waiting for the coming of Christ.

All: With God all things are possible. Let us march into it. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Processional *"We'll Understand It Better By and By"* #418

Invocation and Chant

Responsive Reading *"Advent"* #100

Gloria Patri

Prayer and Choral Response *"Precious Memories"*
arr. Rev. James Cleveland

Anthem

9:00 AM

11:30 AM The Inspirational Voices of Abyssinian *"Jesus, Son of the Living God"*
James Bignon | Soloist: Jenelle Dunkley, Mezzo-soprano

Pastoral Emphasis

Scripture

Meditation

9:00 AM

11:30 AM The Inspirational Voices of Abyssinian *"He Cares For You"*
Rev. Milton Brunson

Sermon and Invitation

Invitational

Offertory:

Offertory Sentences & Selections

9:00 AM

11:30 AM The Inspirational Voices of Abyssinian

“I Am Blessed” Percy Gray
Soloist: Ethel Calhoun, Contralto

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Recessional “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

#435

Benediction and Amen

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* – December 3

Class #2 *Faith Foundations: Baptist Polity and Practices* – December 10

Class #3 *The Abyssinian Baptist Church: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow* – December 17

Class #4 *Giving God Our Best: Worship & Stewardship* – December 24

Prayer Requests: For Members Sick/Shut-In, Recovering, in Bereavement •

Deaconess Barbara Hines (In rehabilitation for leg injury), Deacon Oscar West (father of Aby member, Ron West), Brother Thomas Bush (request prayer for his mother), Deaconesses Bernice Fife, Jessie Green, Ayikailey Jackson, Mattie Copeland and Olga Dais; Elizabeth Jackson (Kings Harbor Nursing Home, Bx), Ernestine Burgess, Bobby Feimster, Rether Parker, Alvin and Norma Harvin, Fredricka Tolbert, former Trustee Rich Mitchell, Reverend Lillian Brown Gold, Bernice Hardy (Mother of Trustee Board Chair, Alexis Thomas), Dorothy Drayton, E. Denise Perry.

BEREAVEMENT • Velma Banks (passing of sister), Phil Isom (passing of mother), Gidron Family (passing of matriarch), David Holman (passing of wife), Deacon Douglas Solomon (passing of brother), Rev. Jerome Robinson (passing of mother), JoElla Caughman (passing of grandson), Families of Dale Burley, Fred Staton and Barbara Campbell, Deacon Herbert & Deaconess Patricia Proctor (passing of mother), Ginger Solis (passing of aunt Gloria Toote).

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 Class.** For details/registration, contact Min. Pamela D. Mason, 212.862.7474 Ext. 204. **Next Class: Wednesday, December 20th.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To my pastor Dr. Calvin Butts and The Abyssinian Baptist Church members – My family and I wish to express our sincerest gratitude for your thoughtfulness and support in the passing of my grandson. God bless you all. ~ Jo Ella Caughman & Family



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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ABYSSINIAN INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2017 Fall Series



GOD'S LEADING LADIES – Instructor: Min. Pamela D. Mason
12/7, 12/14 | 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
December 4, 11, 18
Instructor: Reverend Rashad Moore

BIBLE QUEST

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) In the Book of Mark, who was the woman that begged Jesus to heal her daughter of an evil spirit?
- 2) Who was the person that took pity on a man who had been beaten and robbed and left on the side of a road?
- 3) What are the names of the two sisters who opened their home in the village to Jesus?
- 4) What did Jesus say to the woman who touched the edge of his garment?



CHRISTMAS AT ABYSSINIAN

WORSHIP WITH US

Come let us celebrate the Birth of our Savior together

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9 AM & 11:30 AM

Handel's Messiah

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF ABYSSINIAN

9:15 AM

A Christmas Jingle for Jesus

THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10 AM

New Year's Eve

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10 AM

Christmas Eve

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE FELLOWSHIP HOUR
FOLLOWING SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10 PM

Watch Night

SERVICE

BE A BLESSING

Share the love of this season with a family in need

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPONSORS:

THE GIFT OF GIVING

DONATE A GIFT FOR A CHILD

Consider donating an unused, unwrapped gift for a child 10-18 years old. Donations will be accepted until December 16 in the elevator lobby. For more details contact Rev. Moore x212.

THE ABYSSINIAN MISSIONARY MINISTRY'S

LOVE BASKET PROJECT

SERVING 200 FAMILIES IN NEED

Support The Missionary Ministry's Annual Charlyce Sampson Love Basket Effort by providing a monetary donation to purchase food for 200 families in need. Donations will be collected until Sunday, December 17.

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THURSDAY NIGHT TEACHING SERIES

HOSTED BY THE ADAM CLAYTON POWELL MEMORIAL MINISTRY



109TH BIRTHDAY OF REV. CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.

THE WAR ON POVERTY REVISITED



Have We Forgotten The Least of These?

Thursday, December 7, 2017 | 6:30 PM



BASIL SMIKLE
Senior Advisor
NYS Democratic Committee



ARVA RICE
President & CEO
New York Urban League



JOHN FLATEAU, PH.D.
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"Go
therefore
and make
disciples
of all
nations..."

Matthew 28:19

DAY OF GRACE

ONE-DAY
NEW MEMBERS
ORIENTATION

Saturday, December 9, 2017
9 AM - 1 PM

Breakfast served at 8:15 AM

BAPTISM

Wednesday, December 13

Midweek Manna Service
(candidates should arrive by 6 PM)

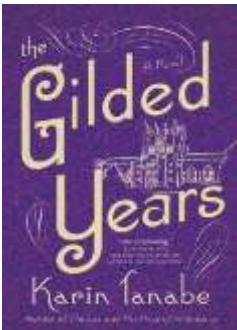
RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, December 17

11:30 AM Worship Service
(candidates should arrive by 10:30 AM)

THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Join the *Sister to Sister Book Club's* December gathering when the ministry will read & discuss, *The Gilded Years: A Novel with author, Karin Tanabe*. Reading takes place on Saturday, December 9th, 10:30 AM at Harlem-Besamé, 2070 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd, New York, NY 10027/corner of 124th Street. Brunch price - \$25.

The Gilded Years: A Novel
by Karin Tanabe

Since childhood, Anita Hemmings longed to attend the country's most exclusive school for women, Vassar College. Now, a bright, beautiful senior in the class of 1897, she's hiding a secret that would ban her from admission: Anita is the only African-American student ever to attend Vassar. With an olive complexion and dark hair, this daughter of a janitor and descendant of slaves has successfully passed as white, but finds herself rooming with Louise "Lottie" Taylor, the scion of one of New York's most prominent families. Set against the backdrop of the Gilded Age, *an era when old money traditions collided with modern ideas*, Tanabe has written a page-turning, compelling story of hope, sacrifice, and betrayal—and a gripping account of how one woman dared to risk everything for the chance at a better life.

THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
GOLDEN LIFE MINISTRY

"Living our best life like it's golden"



THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
GOLDEN LIFE MINISTRY
HOSTS

ELDER LAW WORKSHOP

CITY BAR ASSOCIATION

Friday, December 15, 2017

The Abyssinian Baptist Church
132 Odell Clark Place | New York

Workshop

10:00 AM-12 NOON

Conducted by

Attorney Kyle Edmonds, Esq.

The Golden Life Ministry is partnering with the **City Bar Association** to host a special workshop for seniors on elder law matters, including power of attorney, health care proxies, wills, and more.

We encourage you to join us for this informative sessions.

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THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Love & Marriage Ministry



CHRISTMAS MEET & GREET

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017 | 6:30 PM

ALL MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES ARE WELCOME

DEACON AND DEACONESS KEITH & JAVETTE HINES
MINISTRY LEADERS

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT REV. RASHAD MOORE AT EXT. 212 OR RASMOORE@ABYSSINIAN.ORG

THE LOVE & MARRIAGE MINISTRY IS BACK! *All Married and Engaged Couples are invited* to the Ministry's Christmas Meet and Greet on Friday, December 15, 2017, 6:30 PM in the Blue Room. Bring your good cheer, best practices for a successful marriage, and your spirit for a collaboration toward breaking new ground as a ministry rooted in love. Light refreshments will be served. For questions, contact Deacon Keith and Deaconess I. Javette Hines at love@abyssinian.org

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 AND MINISTRY MEMBERS** to support this Annual effort by making a **Monetary Donation** to purchase food for our 2017 Christmas Love/Food Baskets. **Donations will be collected up to December 17, 2017.** Please check your Ministry mailbox after worship services for the Missionary's Love Basket request form.



THE ABYSSINIAN FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY extends deep appreciation to ALL who've made donations to **for non-perishables such as: canned vegetables, canned** our church's Food Distribution effort. There **remains a need fruits, and canned soup.** Please leave donations of these items at the lobby reception desk any weekday during office hours: (10 AM – 6 PM), and/or on Sundays following worship services. *We thank God for your Spirit of Generosity!*

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink”

MATTHEW 25:35

Abyssinian's GOOD GRIEF MINISTRY offers support to members in seasons of loss and bereavement. **Group-setting meeting are held Tuesdays, 7:00 PM in the 1st Floor Nursery.** Facilitated by Deacon Dr. Henry McCurtis & Deaconess Dr. Sydney Bush. **Next Session takes place, Tuesday, December 12th.** Contact Reverend Itang Young for required registration Ext. 220 or iyoung@abyssinian.org.

**** IMPORTANT ****

REMINDER FOR ABYSSINIAN MINISTRY LEADERS

If you did not pick-up a copy of the 2018 Ministry Annual Plan (MAP) at the Ministry Leader's Meeting, MAPs are available at the Receptionist's Desk located in the Church Elevator Lobby

MAP SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Sunday, December 17, 2017

! Thank you for your Cooperation !



Birthdays of the Month

Happy Birthday to Abyssinians Born in December

Esi	Akaah	30	Shemetra	Carter-Fair	6
Julius	Allen	11	Trevor	Chamberlain	13
Deborah	Allen-Audate	13	Jessica	C Harris	11
Dorothy	Andrews	25	Anthony	Church	23
Anna	Barrow	19	Janis	Clarke	13
Yolanda	Beckett	18	Tiffanie	Claude	29
Peggy	Benjamin	2	Lorraine	Cleaton	23
Annie	Bennette	14	Deborah	Coffield	29
Lorraine	Benton-Horne	27	Wayne	Cole, Jr.	11
Monique	Berkley	25	Mercer	Cook	15
Linda	Bethel	31	Robin	Cooper	31
Barry	Blake	7	Robert	Cornelius	16
Bondaleah	Blake	15	Sherri	Culpepper	15
Justice	Blake	12	Stanley	Cutchins	17
Jean	Bond Louden	17	Kevin	DaCruz	30
Susan	Bonds	1	David	Davenport	31
Angela	Bourelly	5	Minnie	Davis	11
Eric	Bradley	1	Sharmane	Davis	17
Jeanette	Brown	18	Gregory	Delaine	25
Darwin	Brown	6	Mehret	Desta	10
Isaac	Brown	9	John	Dillard	20
Lillian	Brown-Gold	27	Karen	Dixon	10
Travis	Brown-Linton	31	Loretta	Donaldson	11
Sheila	Bush	5	Dorothy	Drayton	28
Steve	Butler	25	Catherine	Dunlap	3
Sabrina	Bynnar	4	Robin	Eaton	7
Peggy	Canada	6	Karyn	Faber	31
Roberta	Cardwell	18	Mary	Faulkner	14
Bessye	Carter	29	Wanda	Ferrer	4

Monique	Fletcher	28	Daphnie	Jordan	4
Tisha	Fulton	3	Euclid	Jordan	3
Averi	Garvin	10	Donna	Kiel	26
Hazel	Gay	30	Danelle	King	19
Leslie	Gibbons	17	Kinda	King	18
Millicent	Gipson	5	Tasheil	Knight	11
Quincy	Gold	27	Raechelle	Langley	29
Elijah	Gray	20	James	Lattimore	1
Tai	Green	23	Marlene	Ledford	22
Charles	Hale	11	Monica	Lorenzo	24
Gregory	Hankins	3	Lolita	Lowe	7
Rahsaan	Harris	1	Franklin	Mackey	25
Lisa	Harris	31	Kelly	MacNeal	11
Cicely	Harris	10	Adeatrice	Mapp-Smith	16
Tony	Harris	29	Sheila	Mason	12
Gloria	Harrison	22	Jamal	Mason	17
Zuri	Harvell	28	Angelina	May	9
Anthony	Head	16	Etondi	Mbame	22
Leon	Henderson, Jr.	17	Marissa	McDaniel	12
James	Hendon	2	Sheria	McFadden	2
Wendy	Hilliard	11	Kristy	McMorris	24
Estelle	Hilton-Khanna	11	LaVerne	McPherson	20
Peter	Holden, Sr.	11	Christine	Melton	26
Thomasine	Holloway	10	Phyllis	Middleton	11
Robert	Ishmael	30	Joseph	Mitchell	14
Stephanie	Jackson	3	Jason	Moore	22
Percy	Jackson	24	Cecil	Mullins	30
Elizabeth	Jackson	9	Rodney	Musoko	31
Brenda	Jackson-Butcher	2	Vivian	Natta	15
Norah	Jacobs	25	Jean	Neal	10
Sandra	Jameson	26	Charisse	Nelson	27
Nanyamka	Johnson	7	Eunice	Newkirk	7
Sandra	Johnson	11	Lorraine	Parker	17
Stephen	Johnson	12	J. Pernell	Parker	28
Joseph	Jones, III	3	Michelle	Parker	19
Josephine	Jordan	12	Shawn	Pearsall	17
Linda	Jordan	11	Patricia	Pezzella	1

Michael	Powe	2	Kimani	Thomas	2
Patricia	Proctor	20	Trevor	Thomas	11
Michelle	Pryce-Screen	28	Claretha	Thomas-Dawson	3
Luther	Pulliam	17	Ann	Thomas-Gay	27
Harrison	Rayford, II	9	Linda	Thompson	5
Grant	Reid	16	Raquel	Thompson	9
Edric	Robinson, II	3	Eishelle	Tillery	10
Helen	Robinson	31	Fredericka	Tolbert	12
Cleopatra	Rolle	17	Evelyn	Travieso	11
Janine	Saulsbury	24	Amari	Urquhart	13
Craig	Screen	25	Shelly	Victory	28
Russell	Short	10	Althea	Vyffhuis	14
Kahlil	Simmons	11	Earnestine	Wallace-Adams	11
Vaughn	Simmons	12	Sheila	Walton	21
Ethel	Simpson-Jones	20	Booker	Washington	30
Deborah	Smalls	5	Kirsten	Webb	7
Jeanette	Smith	8	Tarron	Weir	6
Rhonda	Smith	1	Vera	Wells	31
Lisa	Springer	30	Aliya	Weston	19
Cora	Stanley	16	Lisa	White	18
Vivian	Streeter	7	Walteen	Whitfield	15
Anita	Swint	7	Enid	Williams	2
Martha	Swint	19	LoriAnn	Williams	3
Guy	Taninga	26	Kenneth	Williams	8
Marva	Tarrant	21	Danell	Williams	2
Gwendolyn	Taylor	16	Keenan	Williams	23
Kyle	Taylor	26	Chee Chee	Williams	31
David	Thomas, Esq.	11	Nicole	Woodley	4
Stephanie	Thomas	23	Shauna	Woods	1
Winsome	Thomas	25	Nuresha	Woodward	9
Donald	Thomas	2	Beryl	Wray	31



PULPIT FLOWERS

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ARTS & CULTURE



Juilliard
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Young People's Concert Series 2017-2018

Presented by
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Abyssinian Baptist Church
Harlem Renaissance Education Pipeline

SCHOOL CONCERTS

THURSDAY, OCT 26, 10AM
The Burt Mason Brass Quintet

COMMUNITY CONCERT!
SATURDAY, DEC 9, 5:30PM
Free admission - all are welcome!

Chamber music featuring
students & faculty from Juilliard's
Music Advancement Program (MAP)

Come learn more about MAP!

THURSDAY, FEB 15, 10AM
The Alphonso Horne Quartet

THURSDAY, APR 26, 10AM
Rossini's *La Cenerentola*

Location:
Abyssinian Baptist Church (Vestry)
132 Odell Clark Place
New York, NY 10030



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+ 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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