

**THE BETHLEHEM BAPTIST  
CHURCH FAMILY  
2015 ANNUAL PLAN OF  
OPERATIONS**



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**POSSESSING OVERCOMING POWER**

### Motto

*“A Praying Praising People Serving a Powerful God”*

### Mission Statement

*As Christians, our ultimate and most common mission is to lift the name of Jesus globally. As submissive followers, we are challenged to walk in His footsteps and to invite others to share in building His Kingdom.*

### OUR VISION

THE BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH is to become a Center for Ministry in Covington and Newton County, Georgia.

#### WE WILL:

1. Provide adequate facilities, training programs, and youthful and social action ministries with intergenerational emphasis.
2. Establish through our worship, witness, work, and our walk, the kingdom of God in our midst.
3. Purposefully engage the missionary mandate of Christ through evangelism and caring ministries.

## **BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **YEARLY PERSPECTIVE**

**2015**

### **OUR THEME**

### **POSSESSING OVERCOMING POWER**

#### **1 John 5: 1-6**

<sup>5</sup> Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.<sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.<sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.<sup>4</sup> For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.<sup>5</sup> Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?<sup>6</sup> This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. (1 John 5:1-6 KJV)

<sup>5</sup> If we believe that Jesus is truly Christ, we are God's children. Everyone who loves the Father will also love his children. <sup>2</sup> If we love and obey God, we know that we will love his children.

<sup>3</sup> We show our love for God by obeying his commandments, and they are not hard to follow.<sup>4</sup> Every child of God can defeat the world, and our faith is what gives us this victory. <sup>5</sup> No one can defeat the world without having faith in Jesus as the Son of God.<sup>6</sup> Water and blood came

out from the side of Jesus Christ. It wasn't just water, but water and blood. The Spirit tells about this, because the Spirit is truthful. (1 John 5:1-6 CEV)

## **POSSESSING OVERCOMING POWER**

In order to be a people possessing overcoming power, we must understand the power of God that is given to the Believer to engage in spiritual warfare with world systems. The apostle John offered this powerful statement in his first Epistle, "Whatever is born of God overcomes the world, and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (1John 5:4)

The source of our overcoming power is always the ultimate power of an **omnipotent** God. Our faith, therefore, is the "switch" that ignites this potent weapon against all opposing forces that wage war on the kingdom of God.

This powerful position of faith is evidenced in Numbers 13:25-30, when Joshua and Caleb return from the search. The mission, assigned by Moses, was for them to survey the land of the Philistines, where God had promised them as an inheritance. The twelve spies came back with a corporate statement that indeed the land was fertile and fruitful as evidenced by the large grapes they returned with. Yet, the majority report, ten versus two, concluded that giant fruit is also the product of fertile land, possessed by giant men. Therefore, the acquisition of the land was impossible because of the *Giant Challenge*. Thus, the minority faith report given by Joshua and Caleb was such that even though inhabitants are giants, **we are well-able to conquer them. Our faith in God gives us all power to engage in this warfare.** Perhaps, no greater statement can be made affirming our *adequacy* with God as our source of help.

I strongly feel that now, in a time when attacks of Satan are so evident against the positive minds of Believers, that we must **embolden** ourselves with such a **faith**. The God that we serve is able to *conquer* all resisting forces of the enemy. We in the body of Christ in these last and evil days must *believe* that the **Sovereign Power of our God is well able to defeat any opposing force in the world**. Thus, as we engage these challenging forces, threats to our existence and livelihood, and our immediate, extended and church families, we must employ all of our ministerial strength to conquer these opposing forces. **Consequently, I am requesting all of our Ministries and indeed all Presidents and appointed Ministers to affirm the positions taken by our Theme-Based Calendar to operate monthly by the assigned texts.**

Under the Corporate Actions of the Bethlehem Educational Resource Center (BERC), our educational training will be engaged.

- Our **Christian Education Department**, led by **Rev. Avis E. Williams**, will keep all ministries under the educational umbrella in harmony with our assigned theme and the faith necessary to overcome obstacles to these learning engagements.
- Our Youth Ministries, led by **Elder Gary Proctor, Deacon Dwayne Driskell**, and **Sister Chante' Davis**, will be aggressive in attacking any delinquent behavior and assigned classroom work that is reported by our students.
- Accordingly, **Rev. Avis Williams** has made contact with some good Oxford College students to assist us again with our Tutorial Ministry.
- The **Christian Education Department**, along with **Pastor Benton**, is making sure that our **Bible Training Class** is adequately trained and guided

into a strong biblical knowledge of the word with contemporary understanding of its application for this generation.

- As we revisit our original framework plan for the organization of all our ministries, we will be aligning all of our service organizations up again with like duties and responsibilities and will celebrate our services together as ministries in action.
- I am very grateful for our **Evangelical Ministries** that are so active in the community carrying the message of salvation from church to the streets. I commend **Sister Bettye Covington** and others assisting for great leadership.
- We will also be engaging in a return to our **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** with the offering of the word of God in preaching on a designated Wednesday within each month. We are expecting full church participation in this venture. Our *Associate Ministers* will be bringing the word on those nights.
- Once again, the expectation for our committed sacrificial offering toward the building of an edifice to accommodate growth of our community and church will be led by **Ms. Debbie Hillman**. She will be giving directives toward the acceleration of the **Capital Campaign**, toward the completion of a *Corpus Fund* that will support our moving forward toward building.
- *All other Ministries are expected to engage this year's work with like passion.*

I pray that we will enthusiastically engage our theme this year: **POSSESSING OVERCOMING POWER**. For we do agree with the message of 1John 5:4 – **“For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world, and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”** The apostle Paul was in total agreement with John when he wrote this 2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle

to Timothy saying, “For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2Timothy 1:7) **Let us therefore, be up and doing!**

## Annual Theme

### POSSESSING OVERCOMING POWER

#### 1 John 5: 1-6

**January.....Welcome.....Matthew 11:28-30**

The whole family of God is invited to come to Him, take His yoke and rest from their toils and labors.

**February.....Overcome.....1 John 5:1-6**

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world and this is the victory that has overcome the world –

“The Heritage” of our Faith ( 1 John 5:4)

**March.....Income.....Numbers 13:25-30**

They brought back the *fruit of the land*.

They brought back a *positive word*.

**April.....Become.....2 Corinthians 5:17**

By His sacrifice, *we have Easter*.

By your sacrifice, you have *promotion*.

**May.....Dominion..... Genesis 1:26**

Let us make man after our image and likeness; and let them have dominion over all the earth. (Genesis 1:26)

**June..... Intercom..... ..Romans 12:17-21**

By His Justification

“Our Communicative Exchange”

**July.....Confirm.....Matthew 19:13-15**

Suffer the little children to come to me and forbid them not for such is the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 19:14)

**August.....Sitcom (Situation Comedy).....Ephesians 5:19-21**

Relaxation – Vacation

Have fun with a melody of heart.

**September..... Outcome.....Matthew 20:8-13**

...Did you not agree with me for a denarius? (Matthew 20:13)

**October.....Marathon.....Revelation 2:12-17**

These things said He who has the sharp two-edge sword, “I know your works.”

**November.....Telecom.....Revelation 12:10-11**

**Revelation 21:1-7**

By Word of our Testimony

December.....Well Done.....Matthew 25:34-40

In as much as you have done it to the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto Me.

## January

**Emphasis:**

WELCOME

**Special Events:**

Family Day Worship Service

**Scriptural Reference:**

Matthew 11:28 -30

<sup>28</sup> Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (KJV)

<sup>28</sup> If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take the yoke<sup>[a]</sup> I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. <sup>30</sup> This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light. (CEV)

**Sponsors:**

The Family Council Ministry

**February**

**Emphasis:**

OVERCOME

**Special Events:**

Black History Observances

Ash Wednesday Special

Prayer and Fasting

**Scriptural Reference:**

1 John 5:1-6

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**Sponsor:**

Bible Class/Women's Ministries  
Education/Youth/Intercessory Prayer  
Ministries

**March**

**Emphasis:**

INCOME

**Special Event:**

Choir Month  
New Era Adjourned Session  
Palm Sunday

**Scriptural Reference:**

Numbers 13:25-30

<sup>25</sup> And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.<sup>26</sup> And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.<sup>27</sup> And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.<sup>28</sup> Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.<sup>29</sup> The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.<sup>30</sup> And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. (KJV)

<sup>25</sup> After exploring the land of Canaan forty days, <sup>26</sup> the twelve men returned to Kadesh in the Paran Desert and told Moses, Aaron, and the people what they had seen. They showed them the fruit <sup>27</sup> and said: Look at this fruit! The land we explored is rich with milk and honey. <sup>28</sup> But the people who live there are strong, and their cities are large and walled. We even saw the three Anakim clans. <sup>29</sup> Besides that, the Amalekites live in the Southern Desert; the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites are in the hill country; and the Canaanites live along the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. <sup>30</sup> Caleb calmed down the crowd and said, "Let's go and take the land. I know we can do it!"(CEV)

**Sponsors:** Music/Intercessory Prayer/  
Deacon/Christian Education/Men's  
Ministries

**April**

**Emphasis:** BECOME

**Special Events:** Risen Christ and Prayer Relay  
Good Friday/Easter

**Scriptural Reference:** 2 Corinthians 5:17

<sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (KJV)

<sup>17</sup> Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new. (CEV)

**Sponsors:** Education/Associate Clergy/  
Sunday School Ministries

## May

**Emphasis:** DOMINION

**Special Events:** Mother's Celebration/Mother's Day  
Men's Day/Men's Revival  
Senior Citizen's Day

**Scriptural Reference:** Genesis 1:26

<sup>26</sup> And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (KJV)

<sup>26</sup> God said, “Now we will make humans, and they will be like us. We will let them rule the fish, the birds, and all other living creatures.” (CEV)

**Sponsors:** Mother/Men's/Brotherhood/Nurses Guild Ministries  
Missionary Society/Deacon/Male Chorus Ministries

## June

**Emphasis:**

INTERCOM

**Special Events:**

Homecoming/Revival

Father's Day

Summer Feeding and Enrichment

**Scriptural Reference:**

Romans 12:17-21

<sup>17</sup> Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup> If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. <sup>19</sup> Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. <sup>21</sup> Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. (KJV)

<sup>17</sup> Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others, <sup>18</sup> and do your best to live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Dear friends, don't try to get even. Let God take revenge. In the Scriptures the Lord says, "I am the one to take revenge and pay them back."<sup>20</sup> The Scriptures also say, "If your enemies are hungry, give them something to eat. And if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. This will be the same as piling burning coals on their heads."<sup>21</sup> Don't let evil defeat you, but defeat evil with good. (CEV)

**Sponsors:**

Deacon/Mother Ministries

Auxiliary Representatives

Service Guild/Music/Intercessory Prayer Ministries

Summer Feeding & Enrichment Ministry

**July**

**Emphasis:** CONFIRM

**Special Events:** Summer Feeding and Enrichment  
Youth Day  
Church Picnic

**Scriptural Reference:** Matthew 19:13-15

<sup>13</sup> Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>15</sup> And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence. (KJV)

<sup>13</sup> Some people brought their children to Jesus, so that he could place his hands on them and pray for them. His disciples told the people to stop bothering him. <sup>14</sup> But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and don't try to stop them! People who are like these children belong to God's kingdom." <sup>15</sup> After Jesus had placed his hands on the children, he left. (CEV)

**Sponsors:** Youth Ministry  
Sunday School Ministry

## August

**Emphasis:** SITCOM (SITUATION COMEDY)

**Special Event:** Community Homecoming and Revivals

**Scripture Reference:** Ephesians 5:19-21

<sup>19</sup> Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; <sup>20</sup> Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>21</sup> Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. (KJV)

<sup>19</sup> When you meet together, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, as you praise the Lord with all your heart. <sup>20</sup> Always use the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to thank God the Father for everything. <sup>21</sup> Honor Christ and put others first. (CEV)

**Sponsors:** The Associate Clergy/Trustees/Deacons

## September

**Emphasis:** OUTCOME

**Special Events:** Serving Ministries' Anniversaries

**Scriptural Reference:** Matthew 20:8-13

<sup>8</sup> So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. <sup>9</sup> And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. <sup>10</sup> But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. <sup>11</sup> And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, <sup>12</sup> Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. <sup>13</sup> But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? (KJV)

<sup>8</sup> That evening the owner of the vineyard told the man in charge of the workers to call them in and give them their money. He also told the man to begin with the ones who were hired last. <sup>9</sup> When the workers arrived, the ones who had been hired at five in the afternoon were given a full day's pay. <sup>10</sup> The workers who had been hired first thought they would be given more than the others. But when they were given the same, <sup>11</sup> they began complaining to the owner of the vineyard. <sup>12</sup> They said, "The ones who were hired last worked for only one hour. But you paid them the same that you did us. And we worked in the hot sun all day long!" <sup>13</sup> The owner answered one of them, "Friend, I didn't cheat you. I paid you exactly what we agreed on. (CEV)

**Sponsors:** Youth/Senior Ushers Ministries  
Nurses/Service Guild Ministrie

## October

**Emphasis:**

MARATHON

**Special Events:**

Pastor Appreciation/Continuous Witness and Discipleship/Annual Women's Day/

Youth-Lock-in

**Scriptural Reference:**

Revelation 2:12-17

<sup>12</sup> And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; <sup>13</sup> I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. <sup>14</sup> But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. <sup>15</sup> So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. (KJV)

<sup>12</sup> This is what you must write to the angel of the church in Pergamum: I am the one who has the sharp double-edged sword! Listen to what I say. <sup>13</sup> I know that you live where Satan has his throne. But you have kept true to my name. Right there where Satan lives, my faithful witness Antipas was taken from you and put to death. Even then you did not give up your faith in me. <sup>14</sup> I do have a few things against you. Some of you are following the teaching of Balaam. Long ago he told Balak to teach the people of Israel to eat food that had been offered to idols and to be immoral. <sup>15</sup> Now some of you are following the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup> Turn back! If you don't, I will come quickly and fight against these people. And my words will cut like a sword. <sup>17</sup> If you have ears, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. To everyone who wins the victory, I will give some of the hidden food. I will also give each one a white stone with a new name written on it. No one will know that name except the one who is given the stone. (CEV)

**Sponsors:**

Deacons/Mothers' Ministries/Youth Ministry/ Auxiliary Representatives Continuous Witness and Discipleship Ministry/Missionary Society/ Women's Ministries

## November

**Emphasis:**

TELECOM

**Special Events:**

Annual Prayer-a-thon

166th Church Anniversary

Missionary Society Anniversary

Red Circle Anniversary

**Scriptural References:**

Revelation 12:10-11

Revelation 21:1-7

<sup>10</sup> And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

<sup>11</sup> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death...<sup>21</sup> And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup> And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. <sup>4</sup> And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. <sup>5</sup> And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. <sup>6</sup> And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. <sup>7</sup> He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. (KJV)

<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a voice from heaven shout, “Our God has shown his saving power, and his kingdom has come! God’s own Chosen One has shown his authority. Satan accused our people in the presence of God day and night. Now he has been thrown out! <sup>11</sup> Our people defeated Satan because of the blood of the Lamb and the message of God. They were willing to give up their lives...<sup>21</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared, and so had the sea. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw New Jerusalem, that holy city, coming down from God in heaven. It was like a bride dressed in her wedding gown and ready to meet her husband. <sup>3</sup> I heard a loud voice shout from the throne: God’s home is now with his people. He will live with them, and they will be his own. Yes, God will make his home among his people. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. These things of the past are gone forever. <sup>5</sup> Then the one sitting on the throne said: I am making everything new. Write down what I have said. My words are true and can be trusted. <sup>6</sup> Everything is finished! I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give water from the life-giving fountain to everyone who is thirsty. <sup>7</sup> All who win the victory will be given these blessings. I will be their God, and they will be my people. (CEV)

**Sponsors:**

Deacons/Mothers Ministries

Missionary Society

Family Council

## December

**Emphasis:** WELL DONE

**Special Events:** Hanging of the Greens/Christmas Concert  
Christmas worship/The Nativity Service

**Scriptural Reference:** Matthew 25:34-40

<sup>34</sup> Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:  
<sup>35</sup> For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: <sup>36</sup> Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. <sup>37</sup> Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? <sup>38</sup> When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? <sup>39</sup> Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?  
<sup>40</sup> And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. (KJV)

<sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those on his right, "My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created.  
<sup>35</sup> When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me." <sup>37</sup> Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear <sup>39</sup> or visit you while you were sick or in jail?" <sup>40</sup> The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me." (CEV)

**Sponsors:** Service Guild/Mother/Missionary Society Ministries  
Music /Sunday School Ministries