



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our King! Tamika and I are pleased to make our 10th pastoral report and 1st report as servant leaders of Bethel Madison. We thank God for the favor, grace, and anointing that sparked growth, a youth resurgence, community impact, and heart transformation. Let’s Celebrate!

STATISTICAL IMPACT: CELEBRATING GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

- 31 Accessions (New members, most are youth)
- 5 Baptisms
- 18 Conversions
- Leveraged “BIG DAYS” to drive attendance above the old norm. Regular attendance is up 15% with several Sundays reaching well over 100 and one over 160 attendees.
- With WMS support, we distributed 120 bags of food to Madison Jr. High students to address food insecurity during winter break
- Knocked on 600 doors and distributed “Love Bags” to share the gospel and invite the community to worship with us.
- Launched 2 new giving options (Zelle and CashApp)

MINISTRY FOCUS:

- Launched 6 new ministries: Acolyte (Altar Boy/Girls), Youth Choir, Liturgical Dance, Youth Night, Weekly Prayer Call, and Harvest Prayer Ministry
- Reinstated membership class with a curriculum designed to “activate” members
- With a focus on biblical teaching, we’ve seen significant increase in Bible study attendance.
- Pastor and First Lady led an entrepreneurial competition at Madison Jr. High
- Partnered with the University of Illinois Nutrition program to offer a 3-day youth camp
- Offered our first ever LEVEL UP Youth Camp which focused on faith, self-esteem, discipline, etiquette, and success strategies. During the camp, we took more than 20 youth to the St. Louis SC soccer game. The weekend culminated with Children’s & Youth Promotion Sunday with Rev. Kimberly Abram Bryant as the preacher.
- Upgraded our financial bookkeeping software to QuickBooks.
- The Stewards hosted a sold-out Prayer Breakfast with Stewards Pro Tem of Bethel, St. Luke East St. Louis, and St. Paul St. Louis as the speakers.
- The WMS hosted a Community MLK Celebration which also was our scholarship program kickoff.
- Improved streaming experience with new digital camera and streaming app, StreamYard.
- We continued building community alliances with the City of Venice Police and Fire Department, NAMI, Madison School District, and Venice School District.
- Launched a capital campaign to:
 - Beautify the sanctuary
 - Enhance worship through media equipment
 - Install new kitchen shutters and window film
 - Purchase new sanctuary doors
 - Pave the parking lot
 - Acquire a church van
- And for fun, we launched the oh so popular, Bethel’s Bragging Rights NFL football pool

Strategic Shift: Through an act of courage and stewardship, we paused some programs, events, and traditions to understand what activities were aligned with where God is leading the church. This led to a collaborative effort to create a mission statement that would direct our ministry and event priorities. Mission Statement: “We Reach, Embrace, & Equip People to Love and Serve God and Others.”

We thank and praise God for the opportunity to serve such an amazing congregation. We look forward to God doing even more in the year to come.
With love and expectation,

Rev. Damon Mitchell

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Pastor, Bethel AME Church

In Memoriam

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal; for to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. This year, we lost faithful members: **Bruce Bennett** (Trustee Vice Chair Emeritus), **Valorie Rogers-Hunter**, **Ann E. (Betty) Coleman** and **Bernice Thomas**. We will never forget Bro. Bruce’s humor and direct candor, Sis. Valorie’s sweet spirit and soft-spoken nature, Sis. Coleman’s singing and reading names of class dues contributions, or Sis. Bernice’s smile and love of music. The Lord giveth. The Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. So, we sing and declare, “When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing it will be!”

Our YPD – Going, Growing, and Glowing for Christ



Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

2025-2026 Annual Conference Report to

Bishop Frederick Alan Wright and Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright

and

The 155th Session of the Illinois Annual Conference

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MADISON, IL

**FAMILY & FRIENDS
Weekend**

FAITH • FAMILY • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

- Free Food
- Bouncy House
- Games
- Battle of the Churches – 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
- And More

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 AM

Dinner Afterwards

Bring Your Crew!

AUGUST 1-2, 2026

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Building a Community
in Christ!

COME CELEBRATE FAITH, FAMILY, AND FRIENDSHIP!

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**EDUCATION
Sunday**

AUGUST 16, 2026 | 10:45 AM

All Educators and School Staff are Invited to Worship with Us.

Receive Prayer and a Gift Card for School Supplies.

Enjoy Lunch.

YOU ARE VALUED.
YOU ARE APPRECIATED.
WE SEE YOU. WE THANK YOU.

PASTOR DAMON & FIRST LADY TAMIKA MITCHELL

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YOUTH CAMP**

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LEVEL UP IN YOUR FAITH. LEVEL UP IN LIFE.

JULY 15-17, 2026
12:00PM - 4:00PM

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

EACH DAY INCLUDES:

- FREE LUNCH
- POWERFUL TEACHING
- FUN ACTIVITIES

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- BASIC ETIQUETTE**
 - First impressions
 - Table manners
 - Digital etiquette
 - Respectful communication
- MENTAL HEALTH**
 - Stress & anxiety awareness
 - Emotional awareness
 - Coping skills
 - Building resilience
- PHYSICAL HEALTH**
 - Nutrition basics
 - Exercise & movement
 - Sleep habits
 - Healthy lifestyle
- FINANCIAL LITERACY**
 - Budgeting
 - Saving & investing
 - Avoiding debt
 - Giving & generosity
- CONFLICT MANAGEMENT**
 - Handling disagreements
 - Active listening
 - Resolution steps
 - Peacemaking
- RELATIONAL WELLNESS**
 - Healthy friendships
 - Dating boundaries
 - Peer pressure
 - Family relationships

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REV. DAMON MITCHELL
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Get Your Life Right:
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VIRTUAL CLASSES

4/8

Alicia Collier, LCPC
EMOTIONAL WELLNESS
Weds, April 8 at 7pm

4/15

Rev. Damon Mitchell, MBA, MDiu
FINANCIAL WELLNESS
Weds, April 15 at 7pm

4/22

Rev. Frenita Hall-Brewer, RN
PHYSICAL WELLNESS
Weds, April 22 at 7pm

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