



Scriptural Foundation For St. Matthew's Ministry

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received **to serve others**, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

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Sunday, July 26, 2026 | 9th Sunday After Pentecost



The Rt. Rev. Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.

Presiding Bishop, First Episcopal District

Rev. Dr. Jo-An Owings

Presiding Elder, Newark District

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson

Pastor/Teacher

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For Tech/IT Support Before or During Worship, Dial (973) 678-1217, Press Option 8.

We can park at 280 S. Harrison Street with a parking permit from 8:30 am – 11:30 am.

The Nursery for parents and children is located at the rear of the sanctuary. Also, there is a Sensory Room (with a monitor to see worship) for parents, children on the autism spectrum, or any adult or child with special needs. See the Greeters' Ministry located at the front table for directions.

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8:45 am: Pre-Worship Devotions

Setting the atmosphere for worship. If you need to talk, talk to God.

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Members of Class #31 Sitting Together Today

Leader: Sis. Gloria Diane Brown | **Assistant Leader:** Sis. Carolyn Davidson

The Order of Worship at 9:00 am

In-person worshippers may wear masks. Please be kind to those who choose to do so.
Please place your phones on silent or vibrate.

The Worship Leader – Bro. Jonathan Ridley

*The Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*The Call to Worship Evangelist Drefus Tarpkin
(No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

Leader: Brothers and sisters, we are not here by accident. The King of Kings has summoned us to gather. Let us put down the heavy weights of this world and enter into His presence as men and women of God.

People: We will seek the Lord and His strength; we will seek His face continually." (Based on *Psalms 105:4*)

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so! Stand firm in the faith, be courageous, and be strong." (Based on *1 Corinthians 16:13*)

People: In the day of trouble, the Lord answers us. The name of our God protects us." (Based on *Psalms 20:1*)

Leader: Let us worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness and give Him the glory due His name." (Based on *Psalms 29:2*)

People: Amen! Hallelujah! Amen!

*The Hymn of Praise AMEH #347 "Higher Ground"
(Worshippers May Enter)

1. I'm pressing on the upward way, New heights I'm gaining every day; Still praying as I onward bound, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground. [Refrain]

Refrain: Lord, lift me up and let me stand, By faith, on Heaven's table land; A higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

2. My heart has no desire to stay Where doubts arise and fears dismay; Tho' some may dwell where these abound, My pray'r, my aim is higher ground. [Refrain]

4. I want to scale the utmost height, And catch a gleam of glory bright; But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found, Lord, lead me on to higher ground. [Refrain]

The Worship Through Prayer

Bro. Leroy Cromer

(No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

The Worship Through Music

Male Chorus

(Worshippers May Enter)

The Welcome of Visitors

"13 Hugs"

Bro. Jonathan Ridley

"We're so glad you came to worship, we're "God's Love for God's people;" we welcome you with open arms with love that won't go away. Welcome, oh welcome; welcome, oh welcome; welcome, oh welcome, to St. Matthew, to St. Matthew!



First-Time Visitors: WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW!

Please take a picture of this QR Code and complete the First-Time Visitors Information Form. Thank you. We are honored that you have joined us today. If you have a church home, return our greetings to your Pastor. If not, please consider St. Matthew as **"the end of your search for a loving church."**

The Pastor's Words

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher



The Worship Through Giving

You can give all tithes and offerings in all categories by text at (973) 272-4332, CashApp (\$StMthew), Zelle (973-280-7654), Givelify (Scan QR Code), mail, or at www.stmatthewame.org.

Please remember gifts to the Restoration Fund

The Worship Through Scripture **Acts 14:8-20 NIV** Bro. Robert McGinnis, Sr.
(Please Read In Unison – No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

⁸ In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰ and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. ¹¹ When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them. ¹⁴ But when the

apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵ "Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶ In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷ Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." ¹⁸ Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them. ¹⁹ Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰ But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

Leader: This is God's Word for God's people. It is already blessed. Amen.

The Worship Through Music

Male Chorus

(Worshippers May Enter)

The Preached Word

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

Subject: "Who Did It? God Did It!"

*The Invitation to Salvation|Church Membership|Recommitment/Rededication
If you want to be Saved, join St. Matthew, or Recommit/Rededicate Your Life to Jesus Christ, you can identify yourself now or text the word JESUS to (973) 840-8874

*The Doxology & Benediction

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

***Means Please Stand If You Are Able**

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**\* Pentecostal Prayer Power After the Benediction \***  
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Take Advantage of All the Opportunities For Prayer

1. **Daily Prayer Line** at 6:00 am & 9:30 pm, 7 days a week. Call-in number is (206) 806-9984.
2. **Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting** every 4th Monday at 6:30 pm online.
3. **Every Sunday**, a member of the Prayer Ministry will be available to pray with you individually after worship in the Chapel on the second floor.
4. **The Sanctuary & Second Floor Prayer Chapel** are open for Prayer whenever the church is open. The Chapel is open on Sundays from 8:15 am – 8:45 am and after 9 am worship for personal prayer.
5. **Request individual prayer.** Call (973) 678-1217 and press Option 7 to leave a confidential prayer request. You can also go to the church website, www.stmatthewame.org and click on the Prayer Request button. A member of the Prayer Ministry will return your call when you leave your contact information and pray with you directly regarding your confidential prayer request.
6. **Download "The Word for You Today"** app from the Apple Store or Google Play. After you have downloaded the app, click here to register: <https://app.wordforyou.com/churches/access-code/MVP/register>

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ALWAYS PRAYING FOR A HARVEST OF SOULS!
COME TO JESUS TODAY!

Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026

Preacher/Speaker:_____

Text: _____

Subject: _____

NOTES

I heard the Word. I received the Word. This is what I learned. This is what I will do.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

July Is The Month of Revival, Release, & Renewal

July Birthdays – 7/1: Charlynn Guy, Kim Griffin 7/2: Carol Wright 7/3: Shannon L. Stukes, Trachelle Apson 7/8: Angel Jamurath, Kyla Bird 7/9: Jessie Mozell, Alicia Rembert, Mary Bryant 7/11: Karen Taylor, Robin Curry 7/12: Carol Tyree, Karen Gibson, Betty Neal-Manton, Anthony Ford, Willye Calhoun 7/13: Raymond L. Scott 7/14: Elizabeth Martin, 7/15: Philip Britton 7/16: Dawn Nelson 7/17: Everett Reynolds, Doreen Jefferson 7/18: Caitlin Myers 7/19: Akbar & Amir Ingram 7/20: Amina Robinson, Sandra Harvey 7/21: Stanley "SJ" Wade, Leslie Davis-Owens, Arleen Simmons, Lydia Benson-Pullam, Gregory Myers 7/23: Darlene Anderson, John Julius 7/24: Lucinda Bullock, Winnie Wade, April Gaunt-Butler 7/25: Arlene Duffy, Turhan Welch, Sr., Ike King 7/27: Anthony Williams 7/28: Trinity Ponder 7/29 Dr. Crystal Jones 7/30: Jacob Forbes, Stephanie Pierre 7/31: Kathy Whitlock

July Anniversaries – 7/4: Robert & Sandra Garden – 21 years; 7/7: Jacob & Carol Forbes – 8 years, Terry & Linda Spicer – 42 years; 7/10: Howard & Dr. Crystal Jones – 21 years; 7/11 Larry & Marenda Brooks-Glover – 16 years; 7/13: Craig & Hawaiian Thompson-Epps – 30 years; 7/14: Jeffrey & Jessica Morse – 59 years

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH

Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm. Friday, 9 am – 12 Noon

All are invited to travel with Pastor Wilson today as we worship with St. John AME Church in Brooklyn, NY. The Us Bus will leave at 12:30 pm. Dinner will be served.

Monday 7/27 - Food Pantry at 11:30 am. Last Week: 62 families served 2,736 pounds of food distributed. YTD: 1,301 families served; 60,460 pounds of food distributed. Monthly Congregational Prayer online at 6:30 pm. Spiritual Movement Exercise online at 7:30 pm.

Tuesday 7/28 – Pastor Wilson preaches Revival online at 7 pm for Bethel AME Church, Boonton.

Wednesday 7/29 - Spiritual Movement Exercise online at 7 pm.

Thursday 7/30 – Spiritual Movement Exercise online at 7 pm.

Friday 7/31 – Male Chorus at 7 pm.

Saturday 8/1 – Men's Bible Study at 8 am.

Sunday 8/2 – Love Feast at 8:30 am. Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9 am. Mental Health Office Hour at 11 am. We go to St. James AME Church, Hightstown at 1 pm. Ushers and Harmony Choir are asked to serve. Donation is \$10. **Please call the office to sign up.**





MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

General Zoom Information

Zoom Meeting ID 9736781217
Password - 6781293

Prayer Call

(206) 806-9984
6:00 am & 9:30 pm

Pastor's Bible Study

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Zoom Meeting ID 9736781217
Password - 6781293

Men's Bible Study

Every Saturday at 8 am for adult and young men

Zoom Meeting ID: 875 0243 0162
Passcode - 497743

Women's Bible Study

Every second Saturday at 9 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 786 035 380
Passcode - 6781293

Phone Dial-In Number: (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID 786 035 380

Nutrition Class

Every third Saturday at 10 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 866 862 387
Passcode - 6781293

Phone Dial-In Number: (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID 866 862 387

Exercise and Spiritual Movement Class

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 860 4686 5587
Passcode - 6781293
Video class. No dial-in option

ASK Women's Ministry

Every fourth Saturday at 9 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 716 275 876
Passcode - 6781293
(929) 205-6099, Meeting ID 716275876

If you are not on the church's email list or text messaging list, please forward your name, cell number, and email address to Pastor Wilson at ssukes@stmatthewame.org. You are also invited to join the church's WhatsApp group



Tues. 8/4 – National Night Out at 5 pm. All are invited for hot dogs, hamburgers, and to celebrate our first responders and community safety.

Fri. 8/7 – Viewing (9 am) & Homegoing (11 am) for Sis. Christine “Roz” Samuels.

Sun. 8/16 – Pastor Wilson’s birthday.

Fri 8/21 – Mon. 8/24 – National Harbor Weekend.

Sat. 8/22 – 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Lincoln Park at 11 am.

Mon. 8/24 - Monthly Congregational Prayer online at 6:30 pm.

Thurs. 8/27 – NJ Motor Vehicle Inspection Event here from 8:30 am – 1 pm. Auto inspection stickers provided, not other MV services.

Weds. 9/2 – Joint Steward & Trustee Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

Thurs. 9/3 – Church Conference at 6:30 pm.

Sun. 9/6 – Love Feast at 8:30 am. **Please wear white.** Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9 am. Mental Health Office Hour at 11 am.

Mon. 9/7 – **Labor Day.** Church closed.

Tues. 9/8 – Bible Study resumes at 6:30 pm. This will be an **in-person** session in the narthex. Going forward, Bible Study will meet in person once per month.

Weds. 9/9 – Youth Choir at 6 pm.

Sat. 9/12 – Vashti Women’s Ministry Planning Summit at 9 am.

Sun. 9/13 – Divine Worship, Youth Sunday, & Holy Baptism at 9 am. Church School resumes. Pastor Wilson teaches Adult Church School class. Free flu shots will be available.

Sat. 9/19 – Newark District Conference at Bethel, Morristown at 9 am. Health & Wellness Ministry Health Fair at 10 am.

Sun. 9/20 – Flower Ministry Annual Day.

We Are Praying For You



Member	Class Number	Class Leader
Bro. Thomas Thornton	4	Bro. Durwin Coppock
Sis. Carol Goodson	8	Bro. Jonathan Ridley
Sis. Dorothy Dix	10	Sis. Sherrill Austin
Bro. Euistace Pryor	15	Sis. Verna Leath-Young
Sis. Mary Green	17	Sis. Shanda Johnson Toler
Sis. Karen Newkirk	19	Sis. Tamika Robinson
Evang. Eva Douglas	20	Sis. Marcie Johnson
Sis. Mary Gibson	24	Sis. Veronica Deveaux
Sis. Laurie Crowley-Martin	25	Sis. Robyn Sorbino
Sis. Joyce Wooden	33	Sis. Mattie Crowley
Sis. Roxanne Blair	35	Sis. Valerie Tummings
Sis. Theresa Pryor	38	Sis. Michele Murchison
Sis. Arise Brown		

NOTE: Please inform the office if you want your name to appear on the weekly Prayer List.

Prayer List

Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr, Dr Phyllis Green, Episcopal Supervisor, Rev Dr. Jo-An Owings, Rev Melvin E & Rev Leslie Wilson & Family, All Persons on Sick & Shut-In List, All Bereaved Families, All Elected Officials, All Persons & Situations On Our Prayer Wall, The Unjustly Imprisoned, Domestic Violence Survivors, Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors, Cancer Patients & Survivors, All Pastors & Churches of the First Episcopal District AME Church, Churches & Houses of Faith of All Denominations, All Veterans, Gov Mikie Sherrill & Family, Lt Governor Rev Dr Dale Caldwell & Family, All Candidates In Public Office, Rev Dr Ronald Slaughter & his Episcopal Campaign, Sis Kori Cheatham, Rev Marian Sykes Johnson & Bro James Johnson, Sis Christine Laureore, Bro Vincent Laureore, Sis Deborah Woody, Sis Theresa Pryor, Sis Barbara Copeland, Sis Mary Hollingsworth, Bro Saincilio Abraham, Sis Pamela Brooks, Bro Durwin Coppock, Sis Kathleen Turpin Merritt, Bro Billie Dale Simpson, Sis Amanda Goode, Sis Sarah Elizabeth Harrison, Sis Alzada Gatling, Bro Jared Morton, Sis Richona & Baby Amaya Simmons, Sis Dalya Wilson, Bro Chris Tann

Recently Bereaved Families

Bro Darrel Scales & Family; Sis Dawn Cox, Sis Suzette King, Sis Sheekira King & Family; Sis Sherrill Austin & Family; Sis Merolyn Kelly & Family; Sis Doretha Simpson, Sis Delores Mae & Family; Sis Jacquee, Bro H. Daryl Jones & Family; Rev Dr Shirley Roberts & Family; The Family of Sis Christine "Roz" Samuels; Bro Eric Reynolds & Family; Sis Karen Cooper & Family

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Hydration Hacks During the Summer Months

Thirst is often the body's first warning sign of dehydration (low water levels).

1. Sip water frequently during the day especially when the weather is hot. Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink water. **CARRY A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE!**
2. Flavor water with fruits and herbs. **LIMIT CAFFEINE & ALCOHOL.**
3. Eat water-rich fruits and vegetables: Watermelon, pineapples, fresh coconut, cucumbers, celery, baby carrots, radish, and bell peppers to name a few.
4. Hydrate quicker with electrolytes - Pedialyte, Gatorade, yogurt, and pickle juice to name a few.
5. Avoid sun exposure between 10am -2pm.

Children and older adults are at higher risk of dehydration because they may not drink water frequently, health-related problems, and might not recognize when they are thirsty.

Surprising tip: Sugar enhances the absorption of water when dehydrated.

Resources: Scripps: Wellness & Prevention: 6 Easy Ways to Stay Hydrated

From the St. Matthew Health & Wellness Ministry

Coming in September: "Waves Of Hope Grief Ministry"

NEW! The ASPIRE Offering

Let's start getting ready for ASPIRE 2027 now. Beginning the First Sunday in August, we are asking everyone to place \$1 per week in the water bottles on the balcony and in the lower sanctuary. If EVERYONE does it consistently, we should have what we need to send our youth and adults to ASPIRE in 2027. There will be a Givelify category created.

PROTECTING MEDICAID ACCESS FOR THE MEDICALLY FRAIL: PREPARING FOR HRI'S CHALLENGES

HRI has created significant hurdles for continued Medicaid eligibility for people with medical frailty. HRI's new regulations require proof of both medical diagnosis and functional incapacity to qualify for exemption from the work requirement. We will address the tasks required to inform, assist, and protect Medicaid beneficiaries and assist health providers in this environment.

Panel 1: The Regional Health Hubs

The RHHs – The Greater Newark Health Care Coalition, the Health Coalition of Passaic County, the Trenton Health Team, and the Camden Coalition – were created by the NJ Legislature to work toward improved health status for those in their communities, in particular Medicaid beneficiaries. Representatives of the RHHs will describe the likely effects of the HRI regulations on the medically frail, and their plans to collaborate with the Department of Human Services to help maintain their Medicaid coverage.

Panel 2: Proof problems: Establishing entitlement to work requirement exemption

Obtaining proof – The Community Health Law Project. The regulations require proof of medical frailty in both medical diagnosis and functional incapacity to meet work requirements. CHLP attorneys and advocates work with clients to present just such proofs in related areas, including Supplemental Security Income. CHLP will discuss methods of obtaining such proofs in collaboration with health providers.

Protecting providers – Jacob Elberg, Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law, Seton Hall Law School. Health providers will be asked to provide proof necessary to establish medical frailty. Some providers may be concerned about unfriendly regulatory oversight of their efforts. Professor Elberg will describe the structure of that oversight and suggest means to think through the creation of a safe environments for health providers to assist patients retain coverage.

Panel 3: The path forward; collaboration in the service of the medically frail

Community advocates and representatives of federally qualified health centers, hospitals, behavioral health providers, Medicaid managed care organizations, and others will describe their preparations, and their ideas for collaboration with each other and with state and local government to assist medically frail Medicaid beneficiaries. This panel will include:

- **Ketlen Alsbrook**, Newark Department of Health & Community Wellness and the Mary Eliza Mahoney Health Center
- **Nicole Fields**, Saint James Health FQHC
- **Laura Wadell**, New Jersey Citizen Action
- **Bob Budsock**, Integrity House
- **Brian Francz**, University Hospital
- **Mildred Manos**, Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield
- **Marquese Singleton**, Clinton Hill Community Action
- **Kate Shamszad**, NJHCQI
- **Lisa Lawson**, NJAMHAA

Keynote:



Carole Johnson

President and CEO of University Hospital; former Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Human Services, and Administrator of the U.S. Health Services and Resources Administration

Legal/regulatory overview, medical frailty:



John V. Jacobi

Dorothea Dix Professor of Health Law & Policy, Seton Hall Law School



Friday,

July 31, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



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One Newark Center, Newark, NJ 07102

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Rev. Melvin
E. Wilson –
Opening
Night

Rev.
Terrilisa
Durham
Bauknight –
2nd Night

Rev. Vanessa
L. Perry –
Closing Night

A Summer Revival – Bethel AME Church of Boonton A Virtual Event July 28th – 30th - 7 PM Theme: Visualizing the Goodness of God Scripture: Matthew 6:28-30

Summer Revival 2026

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83044451673?pwd=uk552iPzld7vQ0ceXfoY2ZlbnBhL1>

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This worship experience is for the benefit of the building fund of Bethel



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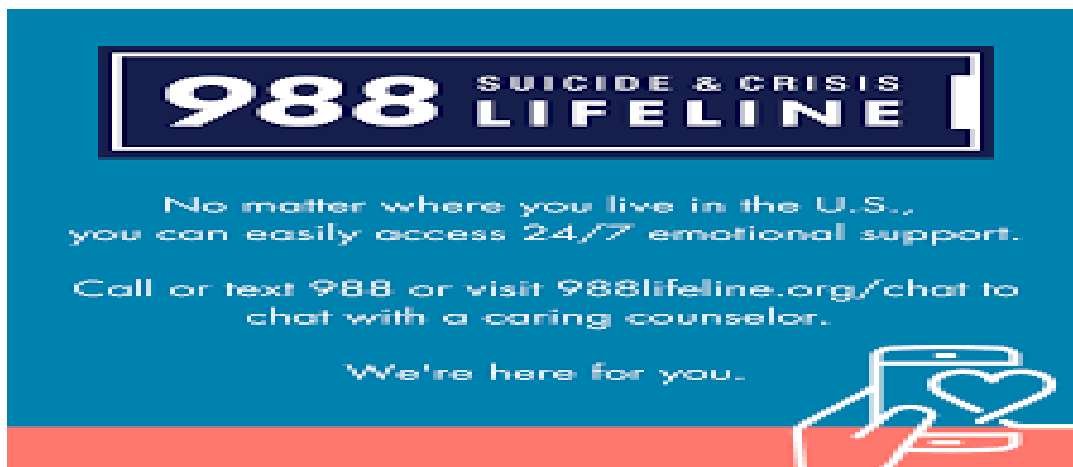


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