



# The Abyssinian Baptist Church

Founded 1808 • Erected 1923

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Reverend  
Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III  
Pastor

Ramón Bryant Braxton  
Director, Music & Fine Arts  
Ministries

*“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 Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III

11:30 AM

**Prelude**

9:00 AM

11:30 AM Nathaniel Gumbs, Organist

*“Jubilate”* Fela Sowande

**Call to Worship**

Leader: In every generation, God raises up prophets.

**People:** **We give thanks for God’s trombones who cry out and spare not.**

Leader: Today, we rise and give thanks for the life of a prophet.

**People:** **We give thanks for those who bear the cross by speaking out, standing up, and fighting back.**

Leader: Today we remember Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**People:** **We remember the shed blood, broken bodies, and shattered hopes of our ancestors.**

Leader: Many died chasing after dreams that they did not see fulfilled.

**People:** **Endow us with wisdom and courage, O God, to continue the unfinished work they left behind.**

**All:** **As Christ died to make us holy, we will live to make all free. God’s truth is marching on! Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Processional** *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”*

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**Prayer and Choral Response**

**Anthem**

9:00 AM

11:30 AM The Cathedral Choir

*“If I Can Help Somebody”* arr. Nathan Carter  
Matthew Truss, countertenor

**Pastoral Emphasis**

**Offertory:**

Offertory Sentences & Selections

9:00 AM

11:30 AM The Cathedral Choir

*“We Shall Overcome”* arr. Paul S. Morton

**Scripture**

**Meditation**

9:00 AM

11:30 AM The Cathedral Choir

*“He’s Preparing Me”* Darryl Coley  
Phyllis Credle, soprano

## Sermon and Invitation

Invitational

### The Supper:

- A) Hymn
- B) New Members
- C) Witnessing
- D) Consecration
- E) The Bread *"Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees"*  
arr. TD Tyler and R. Bryant Braxton | Soloist: Soloman Howard, bass
- F) The Cup *"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"* Andraé Crouch  
Soloist: Soloman Howard, bass

### Choral Benediction

*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"* John Rutter

### Postlude

*Improvisation on 'We Shall Overcome'* Carl Haywood

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## CHURCH COVENANT

**Having been led**, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

**We engage, therefore**, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, towards its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

**We also engage to** maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the word of God, to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

**We further engage to** watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Saviour in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report, and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**When we remove** from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

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## 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* – February 3

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

Class #3 *The Abyssinian Baptist Church: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow* – January 20

Class #4 *Giving God Our Best: Worship & Stewardship* – January 27

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**BABY BLESSINGS** • Babies are blessed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month in the 11:30 AM worship service. **Parents planning to have their child blessed at Abyssinian must attend the Baby Blessing Class.** For details/registration, contact Reverend Pamela D. Mason, 212.862.7474 Ext. 204. **Next Class: February 20, 2019.**

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Bereavement** • Family of Jacqueline Blaine, Family of former Aby Receptionist Jean Ray, Constance Lilly (passing of niece).

**Members Sick/Shut-In, Recovering** • Inez Alexander (readmitted to Mount Sinai Hospital Guggenheim Pavilion), Christopher Queen (Hospice), Augusta Grubb (Hospitalized), Forrest Murphy (Jewish Rehabilitation, West 106<sup>th</sup> Street), Annie Petrus, Deborah Young (daughter of Dr. Marcella Maxwell), Helen Sapp (recovering from surgery), Brucie Smith, Robin Martin, Julian Lockhart (son of Jennifer Miles), Shelley Westbrook Lassiter, Constance Lilly, Loretta Donaldson and Thomas Donaldson, William Highsmith, Jeannette Barcene, Mrs. Isabelle Boston (mother of Aby Church Clerk, Sheila Boston Robinson), John Johnson (brother of Trustee Stephen Johnson), Bertha Sumners (sister of Delsenia Glover), Susan Eddington, Alfreda Gatling, Elder Abraham Gowan, Deacons Harold Sawyer and Augustus Sam. Deaconesses Jessie Green, Mattie Copeland, Aykailey Jackson, and Eva Vinson. Sister of Dea. Paul Brady, Martha Goodman, Greg Graves, Doris Brunson, Louis & Bernice Hardy (parents of Trustee Alexis Thomas), former Trustee Rich Mitchell (Assisted Living), Martha Nichols (Mother of Ann Sheriff), Tom Stevens, Ernestine Burgess.

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

“...when we allow freedom to ring, ... we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men, and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last, free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last.'” - Excerpted from Dr. King's historic “I Have A Dream” Speech (August 28, 1963)



On this day when we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a drum major for peace and justice for all humanity, Reverend & Mrs. Calvin O. Butts, III, along with The Abyssinian Baptist Church, extend a warm welcome to Rabbi Joshua Davidson, his family, and Congregation Temple Emanu-El of the City of New York. May you always be blessed with God's amazing grace.

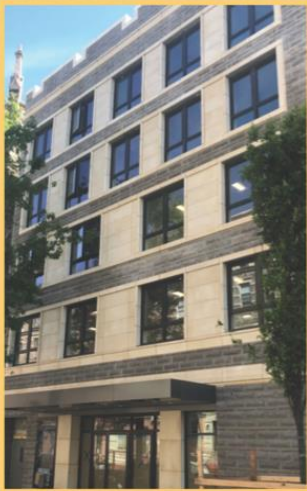
**THE REVEREND DR. CALVIN O. BUTTS, III  
EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Phase I is 95% near completion.**

When Phase I is accomplished, the design phase will begin.

We are on target for completion and occupation by the end of the first quarter of 2019.

**AbyWest Exterior on Street Level**



**Lobby Donor Wall  
and View of Fellowship Hall**



**Lobby Level Fellowship Hall**



**The excitement is not only mounting, it is visible!** From the following updated progress photos, you can see that **AbyWest is shaping up to be a spectacular building** that will offer various opportunities for spiritual, educational, political, and cultural/social events. **The Abyssinian congregation continues to play an instrumental part in fundraising to complete AbyWest.** To date, we have raised over \$3.5MM, and we're confident that we will reach our intended goals, so please visit the lobby to explore sponsorship options. We are grateful for your continued support of AbyWest, and invite you to be on the lookout for upcoming new initiatives!

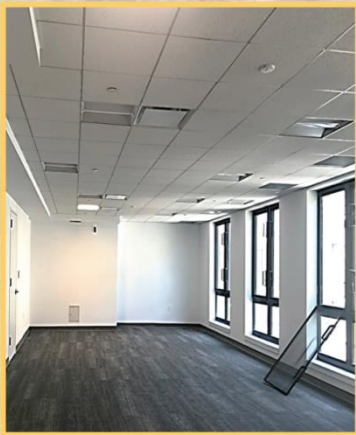
2nd Floor Classroom • Assembly Space



3rd Floor Classroom • 1 of 4 Classrooms



4th Floor Finance & Stewardship Office



5th Floor





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## ABYSSINIAN INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2019 Winter Series



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### **Letter from A Birmingham Jail:** *Martin Luther King, Jr. (Vestry)*

Instructor: Rev. Rashad R. Moore | Saturdays 1/26 - 10 AM – 11:30 AM “*Letter from A Birmingham Jail*” is considered a timeless, classic work of spiritual writing. Penned in a jail cell on newspaper margins and toilet paper, Martin Luther King’s words continue to call us into the creative tension that is necessary for personal growth and social change. This course will investigate the historical context of Dr. King’s public witness in Birmingham and explore what it takes to become ‘co-workers with God’ in building the *Beloved Community* here on earth as it is in Heaven.

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### **God’s Leading Ladies:** *Speaking Words of Godly Instruction Revisited* (1<sup>st</sup> Fl. Conf Rm.)

Instructor: Rev. Pamela D. Mason | Tuesdays 1/22, 1/29, 2/5 - 7 PM - 8:30 PM

*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ...* Romans 1:16a KJV. While evangelism is a spiritual gift for some, it is also an essential part of the believers’ faith walk. I Peter 3:15 reminds us that we should always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks for the reason of the hope we have. This on-going women’s study is designed to assist you in finding your voice when engaged in a dialogue with those who want to know the love of Christ. Participants are given scriptures to evaluate before working through case studies that contain questions about salvation, faith, transformation, suffering and strength. Learn how to talk about your faith to those yearning for “Truth.”

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### **The Milk, The Meat, and The Mystery of God’s Word** (1<sup>st</sup> Fl. Conf Rm.)

Instructor: Rev. Pamela D. Mason | Thurs – 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21 - 7 PM – 8:30 PM

“*Study to shew thyself approved unto God*” - II Timothy 2:15a KJV. This foundational offering is an introduction to the Bible. It provides basic Bible knowledge needed to navigate through the scriptures and explores God’s salvation plan for humanity from Genesis to Revelation. Whether you are reading God’s Word for the first time or in need of a refresher, join us as we journey through the Old and New Testament writings for a deeper understanding of our relationship with a relational God.

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*January 20, 2019*

**Notice is hereby given that the Annual Church Meeting of The Abyssinian Baptist Church of the City of New York, Incorporated, located at 132 Odell Clark Place, in the Borough of Manhattan, State and County of New York, will be held on Sunday, February 3, 2019, at the 9:00 AM worship service for the following purposes:**

1. To receive a report of The Pastor of The Abyssinian Baptist Church.
2. To elect a Church Clerk and Assistant Church Clerk for one (1) year.
3. To receive the report of the Nominating Committee, and any other topic that may be presented for consideration.

## **OFFICERS WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES:**

Sheila S. Boston, Esq., Church Clerk

Deacon C. Vernon Mason, Assistant Church Clerk

All persons eighteen (18) years of age and over, who are subscribers to the support of the Church, are eligible to vote.

## **DONE BY ORDER OF THE PASTOR:**

Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III

Sheila S. Boston, Esq., Church Clerk



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1. To hear the Annual Report of the Trustees.
2. To elect six (6) Trustees for three (3) years.
3. To receive the report of the Nominating Committee, and any other topic that may be presented for consideration.

## **TRUSTEES WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES:**

Harrison Rayford  
Jeffery Hamer  
Walter Douglas  
Kevin Thomas  
Alexis Thomas  
Lamonda V. Williams

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## **DONE BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III  
Alexis Thomas, Chairperson  
Sheila S. Boston, Esq., Church Clerk

## MINISTRY



THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
MINISTRY FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERN

21st Annual

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration



**MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**DR. BRITTANY SACHI CHAMBERS**

Research, Entrepreneurship  
& Learning Advocate

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:

**IMPACT REPERTORY THEATRE**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

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THE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

# WRITE THE *VISION* BRUNCH



SATURDAY  
**JANUARY 26**  
**11:30AM**

RSVP/MOREINFO  
YOUNGADULTS@ABYSSINIAN.ORG

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**MONDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY** resumes Monday, January 28, 2019.

**Come Join ABYFIT Sessions on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM.** Start 2019 off with the goal to work out with the AbyFit Crew -- *Practicing One mind, One Body, and One Spirit.*

The **Sister-to-Sister** Book Ministry is currently reading "**The Beautiful Struggle**" by Ta-Nehisi Cotes. Next gathering takes place on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Abyssinian's GOOD GRIEF MINISTRY** offers support to members in seasons of loss and bereavement. **Group-setting meeting takes place Tuesdays, 7:00 PM in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Nursery** (unless otherwise noted on schedule). Sessions are facilitated by Deacon Dr. Henry McCurtis & Deaconess Dr. Sydney Bush.

## WINTER & SPRING 2019 SESSIONS AT-A-GLANCE

Tuesday, January 8, 2019  
Tuesday, January 22, 2019  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019  
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 *Abyssinian Towers*  
Tuesday, March 5, 2019  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Tuesday, April 2, 2019  
Tuesday, April 16, 2019  
Tuesday, April 30, 2019  
Tuesday, May 14, 2019  
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 *Abyssinian Towers*  
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

**Summer Sabbatical – No Sessions in July and August**  
**Sessions resume September 17, 2019**



**THE ABYSSINIAN BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY**  
hosts

## **SUPER BOWL FELLOWSHIP**



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019**  
**6:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

**WATCH SUPER BOWL 53**  
*with* The Brotherhood Ministry  
**On Big Screen TV**  
**in Aby Café and Enjoy Food Plus Prizes**  
**Bring your Favorite Dish!!!**





Student Artwork - TMA Academies

JOIN US

JANUARY 30, 2019

25TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
GALA

Thurgood Marshall  
Academy

*"We Tell Our Story"*

Marian Anderson Theater

@ Aaron Davis Hall  
City College

6 pm - Reception

7 pm - Performance

Tickets can be purchased at:  
[www.citycollegecenterforthearts.org](http://www.citycollegecenterforthearts.org)

Front Orchestra Seats - \$100

Rear Orchestra Seats - \$75

Mezzanine and Balcony - \$50

**Thurgood Marshall Academies will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of providing quality educational opportunities for the children of Harlem.** The Anniversary event titled, ***We Tell Our Story***, takes place on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Marian Anderson Theatre in Aaron Davis Hall at City College.





## ABYSSINIAN TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

As part of our ongoing efforts to keep The Abyssinian Baptist Church membership on the cusp of the digital age, we invite you to revisit some of our church's key tech options and drivers that have been tailored specifically for our congregation:

### ABYSSINIAN.ORG



Our website is a living breathing entity that the entire congregation can use as a tool for engaging in ministry life at Abyssinian. Ministries and Members are invited to send information for placement on our website to: [webmaster@abyssinian.org](mailto:webmaster@abyssinian.org) (send info regarding church events, ministry activities, photos, key accomplishments or milestones for the "REJOICE" page, and happenings in our community).

### ABY TEXT ALERTS



We use text alerts to inform and remind members of events, change in service times, special worship opportunities, weather updates etc. Here's how you can sign up to receive Aby Text

Alerts: **TEXT ABY TO 55469.**

### ABY TEXT TO GIVE

Currently, Abyssinian offers the option to "give" during the worship service offertory, by mail, online, during livestream, and through the kiosk located on the church lobby level. **We offer the Option to Give via Text.** You can now **TEXT TO GIVE** anytime from anywhere!

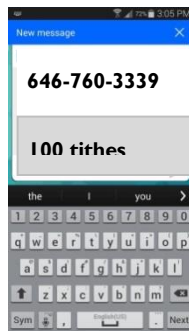


**How to set up Text to Give:** In the "Recipient Box" type in 646-760-3339. In Message box, enter dollar amount, space, and one of the following key words (for example: 200 tithes or 10 offerings, or 75 abywest).

Initially you will receive a message with instructions to click to a link to setup your device for text giving to Abyssinian. The following steps will take only 5 minutes.

1. Click the link.
2. Login to your SecureGive account
3. Add the information for credit card you want to use for text giving

Next, you'll receive another message instructing you to reply Y to receive messages from that number, then another text asking you to confirm the transaction. You will receive an email confirmation that your phone number is authorized, as well as an email confirming receipt of your gift.





## ARE YOU RECEIVING PROPER CREDIT FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS?

Please assist the Trustees in our weekly tally process by including your membership numbers with your contributions. The membership number is the key element for accurate recording of your gifts, and should be noted on all of your contributions for proper credit. **Please Remember:**

- When placing your Tithe/Offering/Contribution in an envelope, make sure that your assigned Abyssinian Baptist Church member number is visible on the top right-hand side;
- If you are writing a check, please include your Church member number in the memo line or at top of the check;
- Make sure to inform us of your intentions by noting amount for tithes, offering, or AbyWest on the envelope, or in the memo section of your check.

***Proper notations, membership numbers, and clear intentions  
will help to ensure accurate year-end reporting of your contributions.***

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## MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that you can increase your gift to The Abyssinian Baptist Church by simply notifying your company?

**In 2018 we received a strong response from our membership for the Matching Gift Program which resulted in additional contributions ranging from 25% - 100%.**

**MATCHING  
GIFTS**

**1. YOU DONATE.**

**2. THEY MATCH.**

**3. DOUBLE THE IMPACT.**

Find out if your employer is one of more than 1,400 U.S. companies that participates in the **MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS**. Companies with a MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM will make a donation to a nonprofit organization that their employees support. Please check with your company's Human Resources Department to see if it has a Matching Gift Program and applicable policies, **then contact the Abyssinian Development Committee, through Trustee Alexis Thomas, 212.862.7474 x210.** Every gift we receive helps us manage our Church's many programs. 2019 Donations can be used to match your tithes, offerings and AbyWest contributions.



# THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICERS

Gerald Barbour  
Eleanor E. Olive  
Alexis Thomas  
Walter Douglas  
Sheila S. Boston Robinson

Chairman, Board of Deacons  
Chair, Board of Deaconess  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Treasurer  
Church Clerk

## MINISTERIAL STAFF

Reginald L. Bachus  
Rashad R. Moore  
Itang H. Young  
Pamela D. Mason

Associate Pastor  
Assistant Minister  
Assistant Minister for Youth  
Assistant Minister for Christian Education

Ext. 203  
Ext. 212  
Ext. 220  
Ext. 204

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Ramón Bryant Braxton

Director, Music & Fine Arts Ministries

Ext. 261

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Finance  
Building, Grounds & Maintenance

Ext. 245  
Ext. 244

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday

7:00 am

9:00 am

9:00 am

9:00 am

9:15 am - 11:00 am

11:30 am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

11:30 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

9:00 am & 11:30 am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

11:30 am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

11:30 am

Babies Blessed

Communion/Right Hand of Fellowship (11:30 am)

Baptism

Youth Sunday

The Praying Band

Bible Class

Sunday School

**Worship Service**

**WE Youth Worship Experience**

**Worship Service**

### Wednesday

7:00 pm

Mid-Week Manna



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