



# CFEC: SAY WHAT NOW???

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Message From Pastor Michael Kea

**Try something new.... I guarantee that you can!**

Recently my daughter alerted me to one of the tires on her car being low. I immediately went into “Dad mode” and started figuring out EXACTLY what needed to be done and how I would execute my plan to fix it. I knew exactly where I wanted to go, and the time of day, so that I could take care of the problem for my “Bethaners” Anyway, Life happened and I did not get the chance to fix it. In fact, Bethany called me and said I’m here at the air pump station, how do I do this? Two minutes later, after air was sufficiently added, I applauded my daughter for doing this and it hit me: We all have to learn new things.

In Isaiah 43:19, the Lord says “Behold, I am doing a new thing, don’t you see it?” We have to realize that there is always something new to learn, and we should first recognize the need and then recognize God’s grace to do it. I pray that we never get to the point where we are not willing to learn something new, and to learn that God has positioned us to do it well! Even failures are new, and they can teach us how to succeed! So I pray that when we’re faced with an unknown problem, with an unknown solution, we do what my daughter did with her father and ask God “How do I do this?” What always emerges is God leading us into a refreshing place of new blessings. Try Him, He’s able!

# ***SPOTLIGHT***

This month's spotlight is on Bethany Kea, a young lady that is an active member of CFEC. All of us are extremely proud of Bethany. Elder Judy Sherman submitted the following write up on Bethany for inclusion in the October 2024 volume of *Say What Now*.

**Bethany Lynn Kea**



[Photo Credit: Elder Judy Sherman]

Bethany Lynn Kea is the daughter of our Sr. Pastor & 1st Lady Kea, the grand-daughter of our Founding Bishop Donald and Mother Rachel Outterbridge and Mother Alma Kea AND the great grand-daughter of Bishop John and Mother Esther Lewis. To say she was born into greatness is an understatement!

Bethany has been active in church since a toddler and has grown in ministry ever since then. She leads the A-V ministry, participates in the Youth Ministry and is an accepted mentor for young women. Yes, that seems like a lot, especially when you add college and a job, but Bethany seems to do it with ease.

Bethany is a junior at Thomas Jefferson University, with a major in Health Sciences. This degree can lead to a career path in Nursing, Public Health or as a Physician's Assistant. In addition to those studies, she is a phlebotomist and recently became a Pennsylvania State Certified Nursing Assistant.

When asked why she has chosen a career in healthcare, Bethany states, "When I was growing up, I always loved helping others in some way." She states that in high school, her favorite subjects were Biology and Anatomy. This paired love not only helped her select her major, but it has also led Bethany to her current job at Phoebe Ministries as a Community Life Asst. Here, she interacts with residents with multiple health conditions and is able to help meet their basic need for a gratifying quality of life. Bethany really loves her job at Phoebe, where she takes time to hear each resident's sacred story, as she performs duties that add much to their daily lives. Bethany states in return, she feels "loved and appreciated" by the residents.

One of Phoebe's Faith In Action Values is Compassion, a value for which they have recognized Bethany. It is also a value Christian Fellowship gets to see from her all the time. As such, we get to love and appreciate her as well. Congratulations Bethany Lynn, and we can't wait to see all God has in store for you!

*Submitted by Elder Judy Sherman*

## Recent Events

In September, Christian Fellowship was blessed to be able to celebrate our Pastor's third anniversary as senior pastor. Elder Rouse served as the Mistress of Ceremony on September 15, during Pastor Kea's anniversary service at CFEC. To that end, Elder Myra Rouse, Pastor of Little's Temple, was asked to prepare a tribute to Pastor Mike for the October volume of *Say What Now*.

## *A TRIBUTE TO PASTOR MICHAEL KEA*

Pastor Michael Kea, we celebrate you for three years of excellent service to CFEC as our Senior Pastor. You have proven that this is where God has called you to. You have been faithful to that call. You serve the church and the community with a sincere heart, knowledge, and all the gifts that God has given you.

You are a man of integrity, compassion, and dedication. Your personable and welcoming spirit is contagious. Christian Fellowship has grown under your leadership and will continue to do so as you are led by the Holy Spirit. We only have to look around the church and see the effects of your leadership.

Pastor, despite some sleepless nights and tears we cannot see, you continue to serve God's people. We thank you for your endurance as our spiritual leader. We appreciate the time you give to teaching and preaching the Word of God so that we are spiritually fed. We pray that God will continue to bless you with wisdom and guidance.

May God's blessings be upon you! We love you!

Elder Myra Rouse





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[Photo 1: Pastor Nathan Jacobs delivering sermon on 9/15; Photo 2: Pastor Michael Kea and Lady Deanna Kea addressing congregation at end of service; Photo 4: Presentation of gifts to Pastor and Lady Kea; Photo 5: Pastor Kea's dinner plates; **Photo credit: Michelle Rouse**]

## Upcoming Events

\*\*\* October is Clergy Appreciation Month at Christian Fellowship

October 16: Shape Session (particulars to be announced later)

October 22: Men and Women's Bible Study

October 23: Pastor's Special Teaching for Singles (ages 18 to 30)

October 30: Pastor's Special Teaching for Singles (ages 31 and above)

\*\*\*Contributions to our newsletter are encouraged. If you would like to include something in *CFEC: Say What Now???* email your copy to [top1sg1@gmail.com](mailto:top1sg1@gmail.com) NLT the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Community events, accomplishments of members, etc. We would be pleased to publish all uplifting copy. If possible, please include a photo, your name, and a number where you can be reached with all copy. It takes a village to make *CFEC: Say What Now???* a success!

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