

## Upcoming Events

**December 2nd @ 9am**  
Mens' GQ Meeting

**December 3rd @ 6am**  
First Sunday Early Morning Prayer

**December 15th @ 6:30pm**  
Treasured Memories Memorial Service

**December 25th @ 7:30am**  
Meals on Wheels

**December 31st @ 8:30pm**  
WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

**Wednesday Bible Classes @ 12noon & 6:30pm**

December 6th  
December 13th  
December 20th

*No Bible Class on December 27th*

To view these and other events on the calendar,  
visit our website: [www.elbethel.com](http://www.elbethel.com)

### Order of Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*RESPONSIVE READING\* / \*THE LORD'S PRAYER\*

\*PRAISE AND WORSHIP\*

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

\*CONGREGATIONAL READING\*

WORDS OF WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WORSHIP IN GIVING

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

\*THE WORD\*

INVITATION / ALTAR PRAYER

BENEDICTION

*\*Please - No walking at these times\**

## Welcome

To those who are visiting with us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Time –  
(((Welcome!)))

It is my honor to have you as our guest at the El Bethel Church!  
I am ecstatic that you have decided "The Place for You" today is HERE!

If you've been here before and still don't have a church home –  
You know the "drill". You know the "thrill!"  
You know that we are Real!

We are a Purposeful People who Praise, Preach, and Practice our Faith  
on Purpose and with Purpose – God's Purpose!

I invite you to join us at any of our worship services as in 2017 we are,  
"Living Out Our Faith With S.W.A.G".

Feel free to come forward, or just raise your hand when the Invitation  
is given and we will be glad to receive you or come to you.

Please take a moment and fill out the visitor card that you will receive  
from the Hospitality Ministry.

We would love the opportunity to remain in contact with you.

It is my sincere prayer that your day, week, month and yes,  
even your life is made better because you worshipped with us.

Thanks again for coming and please come again!

Love, Pastor Glass

### El Bethel Church

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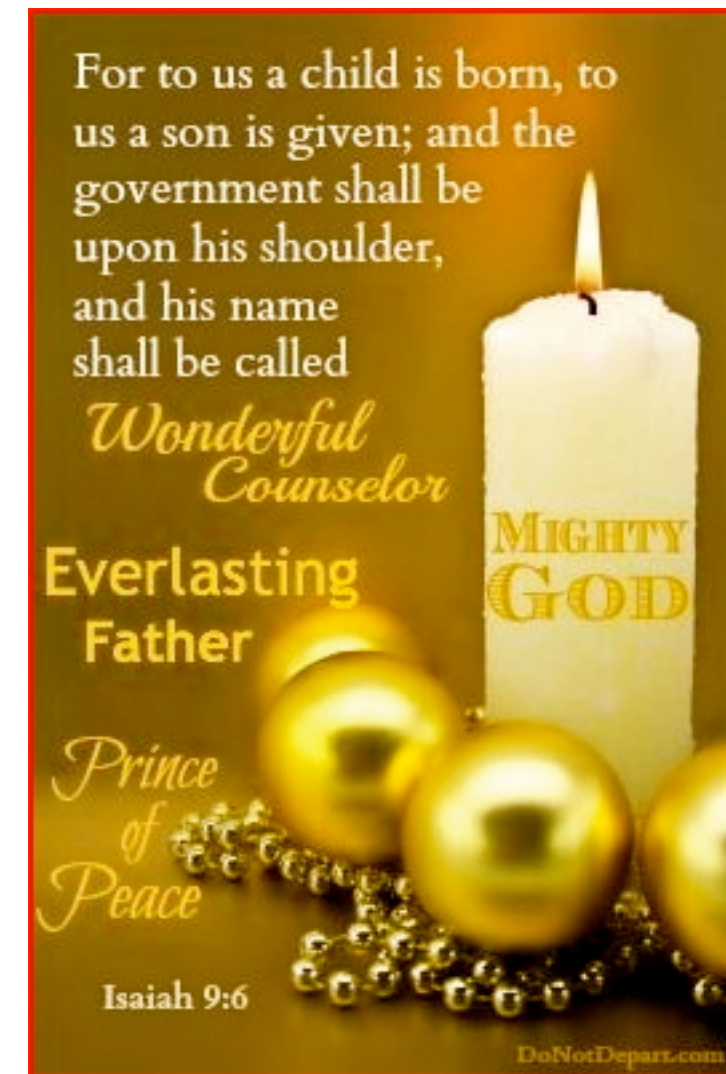
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Worship & Word  
Sundays @ 8am and 10am



"The Place For You"



**DECEMBER 2017**

25295 Grand River Ave., Redford, MI, 48240  
Rev. Dr. Lawrence C. Glass, Jr., Senior Pastor

## Responsive Reading

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

**LDR:** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

**CON:** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**ALL:** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.



*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)*

## Congregational Reading

*(Evangelism)*

Here at El Bethel we are committed to living Life on Purpose - God's Purpose!

In 2017 we are Living Out Our Faith with S.W.A.G. – as we are Stepping with an Awesome God.

This month our focus is on Sharing Him with others!

Being CONFIDENT of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in us will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ!

This Good Work is what we are Sharing with those who cross our path and inquire about how we made it through life's storms.

We Share our Story that they may come to know His Glory and learn to live out THEIR SWAG - so they can also experience being Saved With Amazing Grace.

In 2017 we are Living out our Faith with S.W.A.G. – Serving, Sharing, and Stepping With Amazing Grace and an Awesome God with CONFIDENCE!

## Give Jesus Your Best

Often, Jesus gets shut out during Christmas. Imagine planning a party and invited many people. Everyone brings lots of gifts, and the invitees trade presents with one another — and you get nothing. That's Christmas. We give gifts to everyone but Jesus.

But let's be honest, what do you give the God who has everything? Actually, Jesus doesn't have everything. There are four things He doesn't have unless you give them to Him this Christmas:

1. **Give Him your trust.** Faith is a voluntary matter. Jesus doesn't have your trust unless you give it to Him. He will never force it.
2. **Give Him Priority in your life.** If anything or anyone other than Jesus holds first place in your life, it's an idol. This Christmas, choose to make Jesus first in your finances, interests, relationships, and schedule— even in your troubles.
3. **Give Jesus your heart.** Your heart is what you love, what you value, and what you care about most. Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34 NIV). One important way you give Jesus your heart this Christmas is by giving your resources to His work. Jesus doesn't need your money, but He wants what it represents — your heart.
4. **Give Him other people.** God wants a family more than anything else this Christmas. He wants children who choose to love and trust Him. It is the reason we celebrate Christmas. Invite someone to Jesus this Christmas. Tell someone about what Jesus has done in your life.

The Bible tells us that the Wise Men didn't give Jesus their leftovers when they visited him on the first Christmas but instead gave three very significant and valuable gifts: "They bowed down and worshiped him. They opened their gifts and gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11 NCV).

As you give Jesus your trust, make Him first in your life, give what you value to His work, and bring other people to Him, you're giving Him gifts far more valuable than the ones the Wise Men brought.

**So tell Jesus "happy birthday" this Christmas. Give him your best.**