# PRESS RELEASE

## Bethany Chapel invites all to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of her New Church Edifice and 149-Year Anniversary Ceremony

The Bethany Chapel Baptist Church is pleased to announce and invite all to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of her rebuilt church and the celebration of her 149-Year Anniversary, which would be taking place on Saturday, August 27, 2016 and Sunday, August 28, 2016 respectively at the church premises.

It has been just over two years since the Bethany Chapel Baptist Church; a historic landmark that had stood for nearly 150 years was destroyed by fire. That fateful day, August 4, 2014 will remain in the hearts of the entire Ottawa community as a tragic one; the day the oldest and only African American church in the Franklin County area came tumbling down.

The last few years have been a trying period for the Bethany Chapel Baptist Church and the entire Ottawa Community, but God saw us through it all. We are happy this day has finally come and it is with great joy that we are inviting all to join us in celebrating the goodness of God in this church. The details of the programs are as follows:

Saturday, 27th August 2016

#### Church Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Among those honored will be:

Dr. Kenneth J. Frank of Frank Eye Center, Ottawa Kansas; and Deborah Barker, Executive Director, Franklin County Historical Society TIME: 1:00p.m - 4:00p.m

Sunday, 28th August 2016

ANNIVERSARY THEME: "Strengthening Our Grip through Remembering, Refocusing, Renewing, Reconnecting, Rebuilding, and Rejoicing", Isaiah 58:6-12.

## > 149th Church Anniversary Celebration Morning Service

Special guest: Sardis First Baptist Church, Coffeyville, KS. Rev. Dr. Virgil O Horn.

(Pastor. Rev. Horn is a former son in the ministry of Bethany Chapel and was licensed to preach under former Pastor, Rev. Benny Landrum)
TIME: 10:00a.m

### > 149th Church Anniversary Celebration Afternoon Service

Special guest: Strangers Rest M.B. Church, Kansas City, KS. Rev. Jimmie Banks, (Pastor. Rev. Banks is the President of the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Kansas of which Bethany Chapel is a member.)

TIME: 3:00p.m

The public and press are invited to join Bethany Chapel celebrate both of these special occasions. We look forward to having you with us. For more information or enquires, please contact us via any of the platforms listed below.

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