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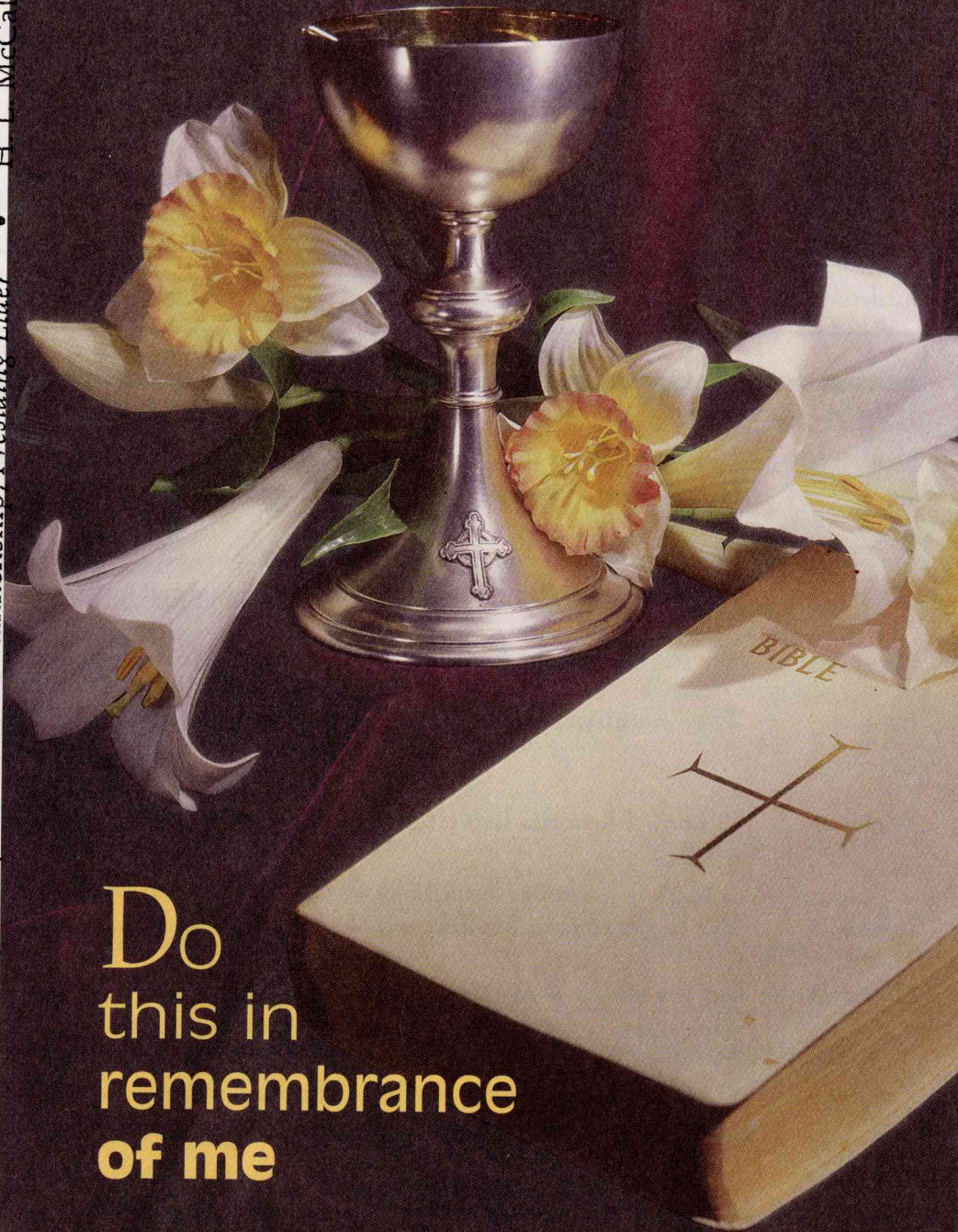
ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

Z. L. GRADY, Presiding Bishop • E. L. Blankenship, Presiding Elder • H. I. McCall, Pastor

2002

Do
this in
remembrance
of me



Announcements

Page II

The 117th Church Anniversary of St. John will be celebrated on Sunday, April 28, 2002 at 10:00 A.M. There will be one service for this annual event. Church School will be held at 9:00 a.m. The 127th Founder's Day of Alabama A & M University will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2002 at the EHSB. In 1875 and 1885, the Reverend Doctor William Hooper Council led in the founding of AAMU and St. John AME Church respectively. Let's join together in spirit-filled prayer and invite the community to celebrate at each event, the good and excellent things He is still doing-through the legacy of Dr. William Hooper Council.

March for Jesus T-Shirts (It's all about Jesus) are now available. They are \$12.00 per shirt. Please see Mrs. Nedra McDaniel (721-0022) for details or call the church office at 534-3263.

The Block Party at Searcy Homes coordinated by St. John AME Church and Church St. CPCA will be held at Searcy Homes on Saturday, April 20, 2002 from 1-3 PM. Plan now to help and attend. Please see St. Johns' coordinator Mrs. Nedra McDaniel for details.

The Stewardesses will meet Saturday, April 13, 2002 at 3:00 p.m at the church.

God Our Father

Christ Our Redeemer

Man Our Brother

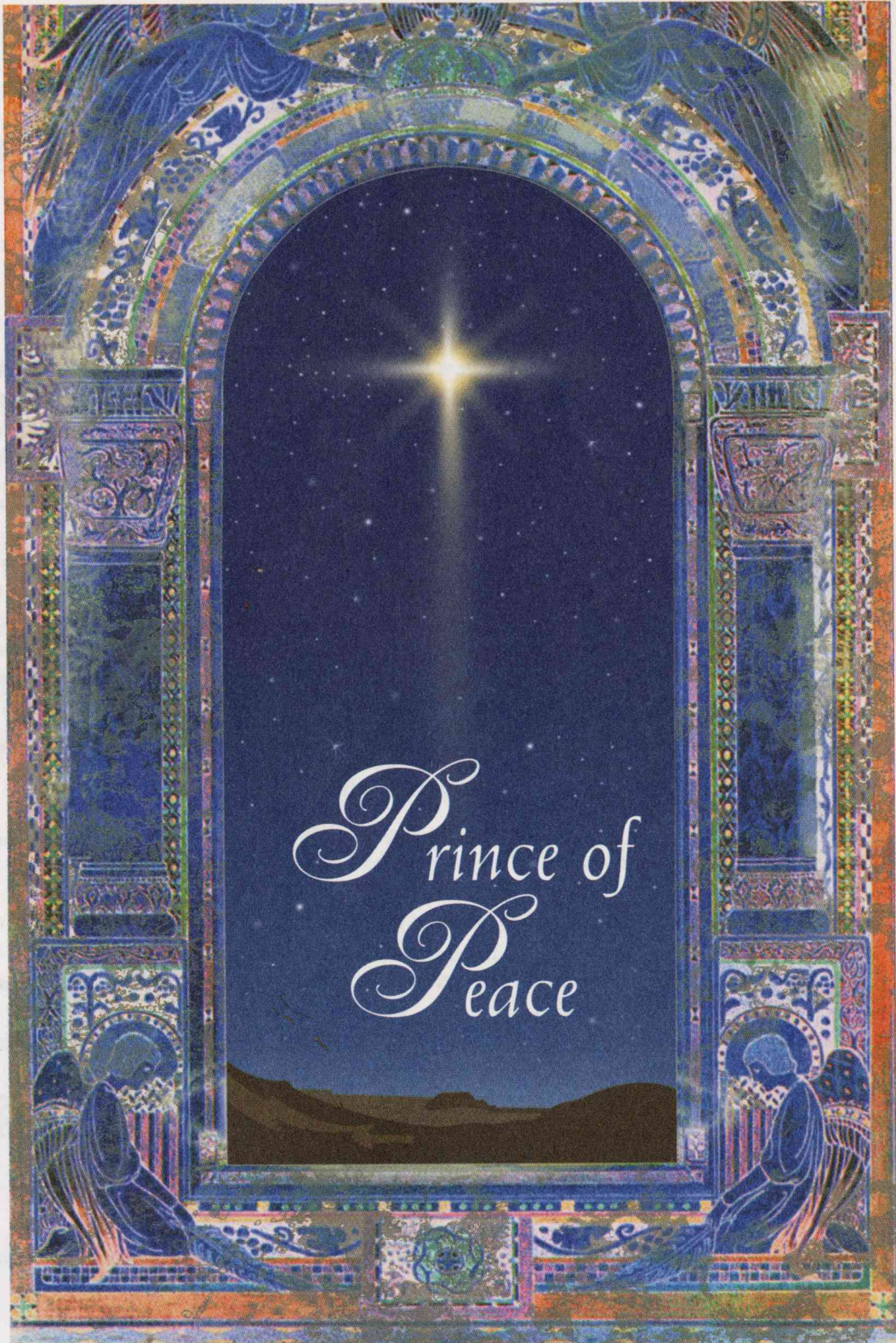
Saint John A. M. E. Church
Huntsville, Alabama

J. L. Kirkland, Presiding Bishop

D. E. Dillard, Presiding Elder

H. L. McCall, Pastor

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Announcements



Church School convenes each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. after the Early Morning Worship. Plan to attend with your family.
Mr. Willie Sandifer, Superintendent



Prayer Service and Bible Class will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. Chapters 13 - 15 of 1 Samuel will be the topic for discussion. The Senior Pastor and Ministers will lead the devotional period and the Bible Study. Everyone is urged to attend.



The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by Ms. Marjorie Reed & Mr. Khari Reed ~
IN LOVING MEMORY OF Mrs. Ailean Powers Wilkins, MOTHER & NANA.

The Children/Youth choir will rehearse Wednesday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m. The choir will sing for both services on Sunday, February 15, 2004.

The Committee for the Kwanza celebration will meet each Thursday (i.e., February 12, 19, and 26) at 5:00 p.m. at the church. Please come and join us if you are interested in being part of the Committee, or contact Ms. Lula Rochelle for more information. Also, please sign up to bring your favorite "Soul Food" for the dinner after the Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. and the Kwanza Program that will follow worship on Sunday, February 29, 2004.

The College Praise Choir will rehearse on Friday, February 13, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the church. All interested college age/level persons are expected to attend.

Persons interested in attending the General Conference should stop by the Pastor's Study and get a brochure concerning housing and Observers Registration. All mail-in registrations must be postmarked by May 15, 2004. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEND IN YOUR PAYMENT FOR OBSERVER REGISTRATION. AN OBSERVER BADGE IS REQUIRED TO GIVE YOU ACCESS TO THE MAIN HALL. Seating, however is limited and access will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.



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JOIN NOW! PRAISE HIM IN SONG ~ The choirs of St. John want you, your children, youth and young adults to join in praising God in song. You join by simply showing up at any of the rehearsals listed below:

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Rehearsal Time Subject to Change Periodically

Christians Nurturing Neighbors

**SUNDAY
MORNING
LIVE**

October 23, 2006 – 11:00am

**THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY
SHARE IN WORSHIP**

Praise Songs/Music

Prayer

Scripture

Praise Songs/Music

Presentation of Preacher

Praise Songs/Music

THE MESSAGE/SERMON

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Praise Songs/Music

The Benediction and Blessing

**The Church and community share in food
and fellowship**

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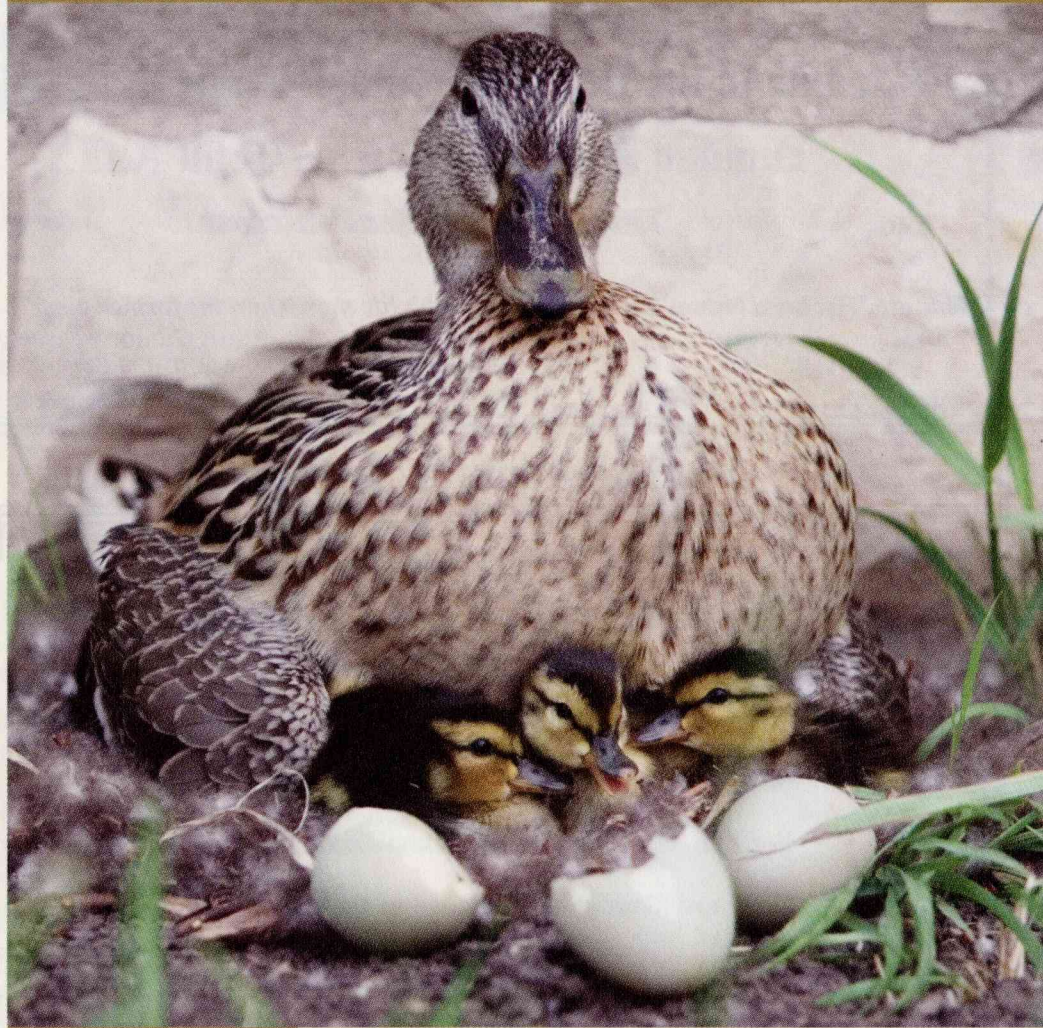
It's Sunday Morning Live at Searcy Homes under the big tent.

On **October 23, 2005**, Sunday School at 10 AM and Worship Service at 11 AM under the auspices of CNN, Christians Nurturing Neighbors. The service is sponsored by Church Street CPCA and St. John AME Church. Let us join together as one people in song, prayer and listening for God's message.

On Sunday, October 23rd St. John will hold regular service at 8 AM. Following the 8 AM service, everyone is invited to 10 AM Church School and 11AM worship service under the tent at Searcy Homes. This is our annual Fall Festival activity.

We need the support of all St. John members. Volunteers are needed for the setup/cleanup committee and food committee. We also need donations of bottled water, cookies, individual sized bottled juices, and snack size bags of chips. Please bring all donations to the church by Saturday, October 22. You may contact Mrs. Charlise Brooks if you have any questions regarding the food committee needs and Mr. Earl Fitchard or Mr. Earl Griffis regarding set-up/cleanup needs.

Ms. Pat Grier, POP Fall Festival Chairperson



In the shadow

of thy wings

will I make my refuge

Psalm 57:1

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Mr. Willie Sandifer, Superintendent



Prayer Service, Bible Class & Love Feast will be held Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. **Isaiah, Chapter 15-23** will be the topic of discussion. Every one is encouraged to attend. Activities planned for all age groups.



The Flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by **Mr & Mrs. William Bell & Family** ~ IN CELEBRATION OF FAMILY BIRTHDAYS.

The Executive Committee of North Alabama Lay Origination will meet with the Lay of St. John on Saturday, **August 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.** at the church. All Lay of St. John are asked to be present. If you are not a member of the Clergy, you are a Lay member and you are expected to attend as we prepare for the Annual Conference in October. Thank you.



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Dr. Bell Sr. Michael E. Bell, Sr.



"All Bishops were not called by God"

The Reverend Dr. Michael E. Bell Sr. is the Pastor of Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Southeast, Washington, D. C. He is married to Lena Michelle Bell and is the father of Michael Jr., Kristen Nicole and Dominique Emanuel.

Some have called themselves and that why many

Districts

are

suffering

Rev. Bell is a 1984 graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. He was awarded a Master of Divinity Degree in 1995 from Howard University, School of Divinity. Rev. Bell continued his post-graduate work at the interdenominational Center, Atlanta Georgia and the Houston School of Theology, Houston Texas. Dr. Bell received his Doctorate of Ministry from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University located in Dallas, Texas. He was selected as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America" in 1998.

Pastor Bell, a 3rd generation preacher, was called to preach in 1985 while a member of Bethel AME Church, Baltimore, Maryland, where Bishop John R. Bryant served as pastor. Rev Bell was actively involved in ministry. He served in the Men's Fellowship and was a Bible Study Teacher. His first pastoral assignment was at Basil AME Church, Cockeysville, Maryland. Pastor Bell received three additional assignments before being assigned to pastor the people of Allen. In July 2005 Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. Assigned Pastor Bell to Allen Chapel AME Church.

Pastor Bell is a community activist and is committed to a philosophy that the church should be actively involved in shaping the community and servicing its residents. In Baltimore, he served as a member of Project Raise, a mentoring program designed to focus on the needs of at-risk inner city youth. In Cockeysville, he served as a member on the Board of Directors at Shepherd Pratt Hospital. While at Shiloh AME Church in Galveston, Texas he served as a member of the Advisory Board for school improvement; the Steering Committee for the Champion of Children; A Board member for Paradigm Bank; and was elected to the Galveston Independent School District Board of Trustees.

While at his charges in Texas, Pastor Bell served the AME Church as co-chair of the Board of Examiners Texas Conference of the Tenth Episcopal District, the Chair of the Board of Examiners for the North Texas Conference. He also served on the General Board of the Tenth Episcopal District. As a member of the Second Episcopal District, Pastor Bell serves on the Board of Examiners and as a Trustee of the Washington Annual Conference.

Pastor Bell is an anointed preacher. His gifted style of preaching has taken him across the United States, Bermuda, and Africa. He has also preached to the U. S. Armed Forces and on television and radio.

Since coming to Allen, Pastor Bell had established new ministries and commissions. Several of the new ministries assist the local community. They include a Youth Summer Jobs Program that employs youth who are members of the church who live in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. In the summer of 2007 Allen was the host church and work site for the DC 2007 Youth Summer Jobs Program. The 2007 Youth Summer Jobs Program was featured in the Washington Post as a Model for other youth programs. He established a Ministry of Helps which provides assistance for those in the church and community who need assistance with food and shelter.

He takes the church to the neighborhoods where Summer Praise Block Parties are held. The E-Team (Evangelism and Outreach Ministry), goes into communities to take the message of Love, Hope, Peace, and Joy.

Rev. Bell has a compassion for meeting the needs of the church membership. Children's Youth, and Young Adult Ministries, Men's and Women's Ministries have taken on a "new look". A Singles' Ministry had been established. The Sanctuary Choir was organized to continue and maintain the heritage and legacy of traditional church music, such as hymns, anthems, and spirituals. A Deaf Ministry was commissioned to teach and provide a language to meet the special needs of worshipers and is included in the worship services. He has brought a unique worship experience of music, preaching and teaching to the Allen Family. Each Sunday, worship services explode under the anointing of Almighty God.

Pastor Bell humbly give thanks and honor to God and His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all that he is or ever hopes to be. Under the leadership of Pastor Bell, "A Vision of Victory" is in view, A City of Allen is just over the horizon.

His Pastoral Charges have been:

Basil AME Church ~ Cockeysville, MD
Bethel AME Church ~ Centerville, MD
Shiloh AME Church, Galveston, TX
St. Paul AME Church, Dallas, TX

Rev. Dr. Bell has preached across America and in the following countries of South Africa and Bermuda and has preached nationally on various television and radio stations and for the Armed Forces. He was selected as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America" for 1998.

Time Is Filled with Swift Transition

(Hold to God's Unchanging Hand)

Time is filled with swift tran - si - tion,
Naught of earth un-moved can stand,
Build your hopes on things e-ter-nal,
Hold to God's un-chang-ing hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you,
What-so-ev-er years may bring;
If by earth-ly friends for-sak-en,
Still more close-ly to Him cling.

Cov-et not this world's vain rich-es,
That so rap-id-ly de-cay ;
Seek to gain the heaven-ly trea-sures:
They will nev-er pass a-way.

When your jour-ney is com-plet-ed
If to God you have been true,
Fair and bright the home in glo - ry
Your en-rap-tured soul will view.

Refrain

Hold to His hand,
to God's un-chang-ing hand;
Hold to His hand,
God's un-chang-ing hand
Build your hopes on things e - ter - nal;
Hold to God's un-chang-ing hand.

God Our Father

Christ our Redeemer

The Holy Spirit our Comforter

Humankind our Family

St. John A M. E. Church

Huntsville, Alabama

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Revival

Monday, September 14, 2009-- Thursday, September 17, 2009

6:30 P. M.

Order of Worship

Meditate: "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a
steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Prelude ~ **Monday & Thursday** Mr. Phillip Saulsbury Musician
Tuesday Mrs. Antoinette Wilson, Musician, Mr. Cleveland Wilson, Director
Wednesday Mr. Rufus Gilmore, Organist

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise . . . (#513) "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" . . . Choir/Congregation

Prayer

Scripture

Music Monday Youth/Young Adult Choir
Tuesday Gospel Choir
Wednesday Men Chorus
Thursday Youth/Young Adult Choir

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Introduction of the Evangelist Pastor McCall

Hymn of Preparation. . . (#390) . . . "I Am on the Battlefield for My Lord" . . . Choir/Congregation

Music Choir

Sermon Rev. Dr. Michael E. Bell, Sr.
Pastor, Allen Chapel AME Church, Washington, DC

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn of Invitation. . . We Offer Christ . . . Choir/Congregation

Closing Thoughts Dismissal

A People in the Word ~ Serving People in the World

***Benediction (Thursday Evening)**

2008

God Our Father

Christ Our Redeemer

Man Our Brother

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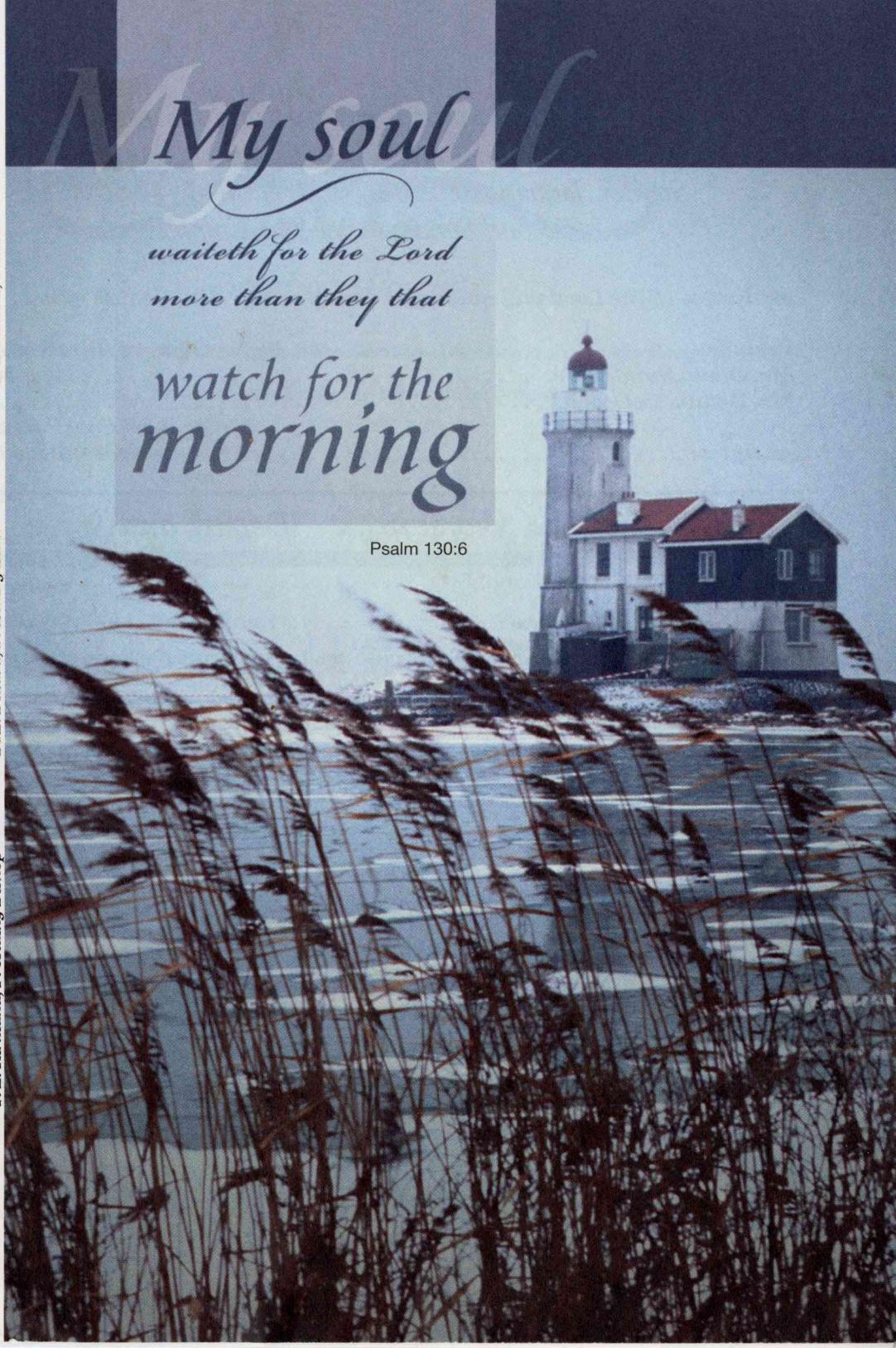
H. L. McCall, Pastor

My soul

*waiteth for the Lord
more than they that*

*watch for the
morning*

Psalm 130:6



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Homer L. McCall, Pastor

And let the beauty of
the LORD
our God be upon us:
and establish thou
the work of our hands

Psalms 90:17

A Liberating & Reconciling People

A People in the Word Serving People in the World

Sunday, October 26, 2008 ~ 8:00 AM & 10:50 AM

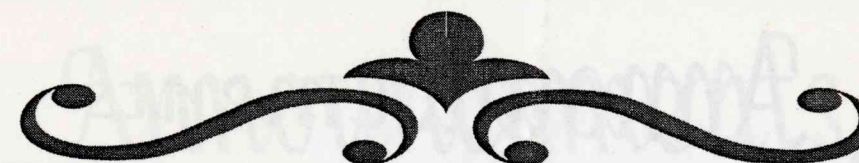
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditate: Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured much contempt. Psalm 123: 3

Prelude: Mr. Rufus Gilmore, Director of Music
Mr. Talbert Cox, Percussionist
Acolytes Talese Cox & Taylor Cox

Enter and Worship & Depart and Serve

Doxology Call to Worship
Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.
People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.
People: They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God.
Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.
People: But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my redeemer.
People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!



Order of Worship

Hymn of Praise. (#5) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Choir/Congregation
Prayer of Confession

Scripture & Malachi 1: 14b- 2: 2b, 8-10
1 Thessalonians 2: 7- 13
Matthew 23: 1- 12

Decalogue

Responsive Reading. ... (#705) "I LIFT UP MY EYES" Psalm 121

***Music** Male Chorus
Announcement & Guest Recognition Ms. Nedra McDaniel (8:00 a.m.)
Col. (Ret) James O. Heyward (10:50 a. m.)

Pastor's Moments

Renewal of Marriage Vows & Birthday Prayer

The giving of Tithes & Offerings ~ Offertory Music
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give Thee but thine own * All that we have is thine alone
What e'er the gift may be * A trust, O Lord from Thee. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation. ... (#441) "I've Seen the Lightning Flashing" ... Choir/Congregation
and Altar Call to Prayer

Music Male Chorus

Sermon

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Hymn of Invitation. ... (258) "Just as I am, without One Plea" Choir/Congregation

Closing Song. (#400) " 'Tis the Promise of God" Choir/Congregation

Recessional The Apostles' Doxology Benediction

* The Asterisk Indicates When People May Enter to worship

"SET APART TO WORK"

ACTS 13: 1-12

Mr. Willie Sandifer, Superintendent

Announcements



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Mr. Willie Sandifer, Superintendent



Prayer Service and Bible Class will NOT be held Wednesday, October 29, 2008. Everyone is encouraged to attend the GHIMF City Wide Revival – Monday - Thursday, October 27 - 30, 2008 ~ 7:00 p.m. nightly at First Missionary Baptist Church, 3509 Blue Spring Road, NW ~ Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, Pastor. The guest Evangelist will be Rev. Dr. Tellis Chapman, Pastor Galilee Missionary Baptist Church – Detroit, MI.

(St. John's Ushers are asked to help serve on Monday, October 27, 2008).



The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by – Mr. And Mrs Glenn Pippen, Sr. ~ IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, THEIR DAUGHTER "Paula's BIRTHDAY AND IN MEMORY OF THEIR FATHERS.

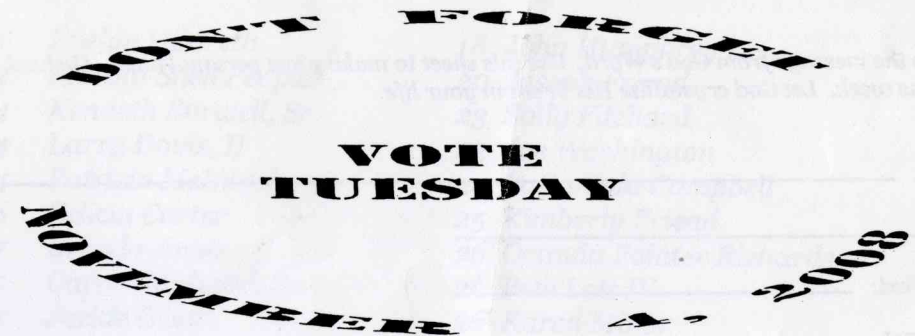
Pastor and Mrs. McCall and the Stewards would like to thank all who participated in making last Sunday's St. John outing a beautiful experience.

HALLELUJAH NIGHT

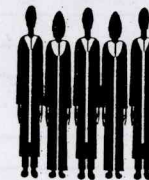
The YPD will sponsor a HALLELUJAH NIGHT on Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. This is our Christian alternative to Halloween. We encourage young people to dress in non-demonic costumes. Parents are asked to donate one or more bags of candy. Thank you parents,

Patrice McIntosh, Coordinator

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Jesus Saves

Home Daily Bible Reading ~ October 27 ~ November 2, 2008

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Acts 8: 12-25</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Acts 11: 19-26</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Acts. 8: 26-38</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Acts 17: 22-28</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Acts 22: 3-16</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Ephesians 4: 1-6</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Ephesians 4: 7-16</i>		

"It Takes a Whole Community to Educate One Child"

Boards & Organizational Meetings

Sunday ~ October 26, 2008

Finance Committee *After Service*

Monday ~ October 27, 2007

Gospel Choir Rehearsal *6:00 PM*

Wednesday ~ October 29, 2008

Prayer Service , Bible Class and Love Feast *6:30 PM*

Thursday ~ October 30, 2008

Noon Prayer *12 Noon*

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *6:00 PM*

Hallelujah Night *6:30 PM*

Saturday ~ November 1, 2008

Finance Committee *8:30 AM*

Children Choir Rehearsal *11:00 AM*

SAINT JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH VISION/MISSION STATEMENT

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church strives to set a Christian standard within the Huntsville/Madison County area, the Nation and the World through its' commitment to the proclamation and study of the Word, Worship, Stewardship, Missions and Evangelism. We are called to be a people in the Word, serving people in the World by meeting the total needs of our members and people from all walks of life, regardless of age, gender, national origin, or economic background.

Visit Our Web Site at: <http://members.aol.com/stjohnameh/stjohn.html>

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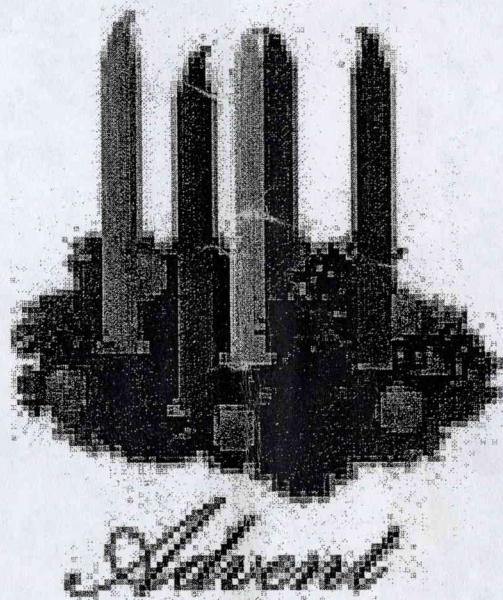
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Jesus is the Light of the heart



*For God...
hath shined
in our
hearts*

2 Corinthians 4:6



A Liberating & Reconciling People
A People in the WORD Serving People in the WORLD
Sunday, November 30, 2008 - 10:00 A. M.

First Sunday In Advent

Meditate "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12: 12

Prelude: Mr. Rufus Gilmore, Director of Music
Mr. Talbert Cox, Percussionist

Acolytes Scottie Smalls & Wallace Parham

Enter and Worship † Depart and Serve

The worship of God in Dance (St. John's Youth Praise Dancers)

Doxology

Call to Worship

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me. Let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

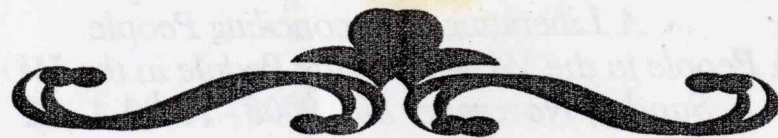
People: They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

People: But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!



Order of Worship

Hymn of Praise (#513) "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" Choir/Congregation

Prayer of Confession ~ Choral Response

Scripture † Isaiah 63: 16---64: 8
I Corinthians 1: 3- 9
Mark 13: 32- 37

Decalogue

Responsive Reading. (#749) JOY OF JESUS' COMING

* Music Sanctuary Choir

Announcement & Guest Recognition Col (Ret.) James O. Heyward

Lighting of Advent Candle *Mr. Tommy Anderson, Reader*
Kalon Anderson ~ Lighter

The Worship of God in Dance St. John Adult Praise Dancers

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings ~ Offertory Music
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give Thee but thine own ☆ All that we have is thine alone
What e'er the gift may be ☆ A trust, O Lord from Thee. Amen

Hymn of Preparation. (#189) "Spirit of God Descend upon My Heart" Choir/Congregation

* Music Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

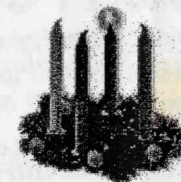
Hymn of Invitation. (# 200) "Joys are flowing Like a River" Choir/Congregation

Closing Song. (#44) "Take the Name of Jesus with You" Choir/Congregation

Recessional The Apostles' Creed Doxology Benediction

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First Sunday In Advent Theme: Angel's Announcement



Mr. Tommy Anderson, Reader ~ Kalon Anderson, Lighter

Advent is a time of preparing to welcome again God's gift of love shown in Jesus Christ. During Advent we celebrate the Word becoming flesh. This Word speaks of creation, prophecy, salvation, and light. So we celebrate the transformation from spiritual darkness to encountering the light of the World. We chose to use an Advent wreath and candles, (with a white Christ candle placed in the center) to symbolize the light of Christ as we celebrate each Sunday.

Leader: Today we light this candle to remind us of the messengers of God who were so important in the Christmas story.

Leader Read: Psalms 103 19- 21

Leader: God used angels to make known the plan of salvation. Angels came as messengers to Zachariah, Mary and Joseph to prepare the way for Jesus' coming. Angels also announced Jesus' birth to the Shepherds.

Congregation: "Come, Son of God."

Leader Pray: Lord, we, like the angels, praise you for the way you prepared for the coming of your Son. We praise you for your plan of salvation. We praise you for your unfailing love for us as we prepare for this coming Christmas. Amen.

ALL: Song: (#111) "The First Noel"



Announcements

Church School convenes each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. after the Early Morning Worship Service. Make plans to attend with your family.
Mr. Willie Sandifer, Superintendent



Prayer Service, Bible Class and Love Feast will be held Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 6:30. The Introduction and Chapter One of JOHN will be discussed. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Williams ~ IN HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAYS OF HER MOTHER (Rosanna Jackson) and DAUGHTER (Cpt. Kenitra Fewell) and IN MEMORY OF HER FATHER (Donnie Nettles) and BROTHER (Leonard Runderson)

The South Birmingham-Huntsville District Planning Council will be held Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at Allen Chapel AME Church, Woodlawn, 6213 Second Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35212. The Rev. Zachary Watkins, Host Pastor, the Rev. Dwight E. Dillard, Presiding Elder. The bus will leave from the church at 2:15 p.m. Supper will be served at Allen Chapel at 4:00 pm.

The Annual Church Planning Meeting, Church Conference and election of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Please arrange your schedules for participation.

The YPD will be making Christmas Cards for soldiers on Friday, December 5, 2008 here at the church at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, December 6, 2008 we are going to Tut Fann Veteran's Home. The praise dancers will perform and other youth will sing Christmas Carols and pass out goodies to the residents. The church bus will leave at 1:00 pm on Saturday. All age groups are asked to participate and contact Mrs. Cheryl Anderson if you are able to attend either event.



The Twelfth Annual Taste Tea co-sponsored by the A. M. E. Newsletter Staff and the Adult Praise Dance Ministry will be held Sunday, December 21, 2008 after the 10:50 a.m. worship service. St. John members and friends are asked to bring their favorite dish and the recipe (to be published in the 2009 A. M. E. N). Please bring your dish(es) to the Fellowship Hall prior to worship service. There will be someone in the Fellowship Hall to receive dishes beginning at the 8:00 a.m. worship service.

Budget requests for the Conference Year 2008-2009 should be place in the Pastor's mailbox by December 31, 2008.
Judge M. Lynn Sherrad, Chairperson, Budget Committee

Announcements

We need you to participate in the 2008 Christmas Program "WITHOUT JESUS" ...WHERE WOULD WE BE? You may obtain Recitations or Parts for the program from Mrs. Donna Gullatte or Mrs. Glenda Sconiers.

The Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 21, 2008 at 10:00 am.

Practice Dates are:

December 2	@ 6:00 pm
December 13	@ 3:00 pm
December 16	@ 6:00 pm
December 20	@ 3:00 pm

Please be advised that if any member of St. John has not received or completed the religious volunteer training (Prison Ministry) for 2008-2009 this is your opportunity to do so. This training session will be conducted Saturday, December 6, 2008 starting at 10:00 am at the Indian Creek Church 320 Indian Creek Road, Huntsville, AL 35806. Please be advised that most volunteers will need to prepare to stay for at least 3 hours for the complete training. (Level 1 & 2 and P. R. E. A.)

St. John members and the Huntsville Community are invited to a Book Signing for Dr. Eric McDaniel's book Politics In the Pews on Saturday, December 27 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the church.

The Computer Ministry will conduct classes on the following Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m:

Print Master	December 6, 2008
Powerpoint Advance	December 20, 2008
Turbo Tax	January 17, 2009



Where there is no vision a people perishes" Ask God to help you make your TITHING commitment to Him today. You may place TITHES and OFFERINGS in the TITHES CONTAINER and your PRAYER requests in the PRAYER CONTAINER that are located in the front of the Sanctuary near the piano and organ.



Join now! Praise Him in Song. The choirs of St. John want you, your children, youth and young adults to join praising God in song. You join by simply showing up to any of the rehearsals listed below.

Children	1 st & 3 rd Saturday @ 11 AM
Youth/Young Adults	2 nd & 3 rd Saturday @ 4:00 PM
Gospel Choir	Last Monday of each month & Thursday after the 1 st Sunday @ 6 PM
Male Chorus	Each Friday except Friday after the 4 th Sunday @ 6 PM
Sanctuary Choir	Each Thursday except Thursday after the 1 st Sunday @ 6 PM

Rehearsal Time Subject to Change Periodically

Listening to the Sermon

Listen to the message from God's Word. Use this sheet to make some personal notes. Go back over them during the week. Let God crystallize His Truth in your life.

Minister: _____

Date: _____

Biblical Text: _____

Sermon Title: _____

Main ideas from the sermon:

Illustration(s) I want to remember:

What I should do as a result of hearing this sermon:

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

November 30, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Mildred Powers

Mrs. Jill Burwell

Stewardess

December 7, 2008

Mr. Jerry Baldwin

Mrs. Martha Smith

Stewards

Dr. Clifton Pearson

Mr. Eddie Sherrod

Dr. Jeanette Jones

Mr. Eddie Sherrod

Mr. Carol Cooper

Finance Committee

Dr. Jeanette Jones

Mr. Eddie Sherrod

Mr. Carol Cooper

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Our Father, thank you for your coming in CREATION; thank you for the celebration of the coming of Christ at ADVENT and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In Jesus' name. AMEN.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
Romans 12: 21

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He arose from the dead, He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Jesus Saves

Home Daily Bible Reading ~ December 1 – December 7, 2008

Monday.....1 Samuel 2: 1-10	Thursday.....Luke 2: 25- 35
Tuesday.....Luke 1: 26- 33	Friday.....John 2: 1- 11
Wednesday.....Luke 1: 34- 38	Saturday.....Acts 1: 6- 14
Sunday.....Luke 1: 46- 35	

"It Takes a Whole Community to Educate One Child"

Boards & Organizational Meetings

Sunday ~ November 30, 2008

Finance Committee After Service

Wednesday ~ December 3, 2008

Prayer Service, Bible Class & Love Feast 6:30 PM

Thursday ~ December 4, 2008

Noon Prayer 12 Noon

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM

Saturday ~ December 6, 2008

Finance Committee 8:30 AM

Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church Vision/Mission Statement

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church strives to set a Christian standard within the Huntsville/Madison County area, the Nation and the World through its' commitment to the Proclamation and study of the Word, Worship, Stewardship, Mission and Evangelism. We are called to be a people in the word, serving people in the World by meeting the total needs of our members and people from all walks of life, regardless of age, gender, national origin, or economic background.

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