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Annual Men's Day Observance



Guest Speaker
DR. DOUGLAS COVINGTON
President, Alabama A&M University

THEME: "THE SPIRIT OF SUCCESS"

Sunday, September 28, 1986
11:00 A.M.

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama

RT. REV. FRANK M. REID, JR., *Presiding Bishop*, Ninth Episcopal District A. M. E. Church
DR. E. L. BLANKENSHIP, *Presiding Elder*, South Birmingham-Huntsville District
REV. DR. H. L. MCCALL, *Pastor*

Responsive Reading

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THE ART OF GETTING ALONG

- LEADER:** Sooner or later, a man, if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take.
- PEOPLE:** He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul — that he should let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back.
- LEADER:** He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses.
- PEOPLE:** He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now and then, and that he shouldn't take the other fellow's grouch too seriously.
- LEADER:** He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get into a fight.
- PEOPLE:** He learns that the quickest way to become popular is to carry tales and gossip about others.
- LEADER:** He learns that most people are human and that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "good morning" even if it is raining.
- PEOPLE:** He learns that most of the other fellows are as ambitious as he is, that they have brains that are as good or better, and that hard work, and not cleverness is the secret of success.
- LEADER:** He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit so long as the work is done well.
- PEOPLE:** He comes to realize that the business could run along perfectly well without him.
- LEADER:** He learns to sympathize with the youngsters coming into the business, because he remembers how bewildered he was when he first started out.
- PEOPLE:** He learns not to worry when he does not make a hit EVERY time, because experience has shown if he always gives his best, his average will break pretty well.
- LEADER:** He learns that no man ever got to first base alone and that it is only through co-operative effort that we move on to better things.
- ALL:** He learns that the fellows are not any harder to get along with in one place than another, and that "getting along" depends about 98% on himself.

God Our Father

Christ Our Redeemer

Man Our Brother

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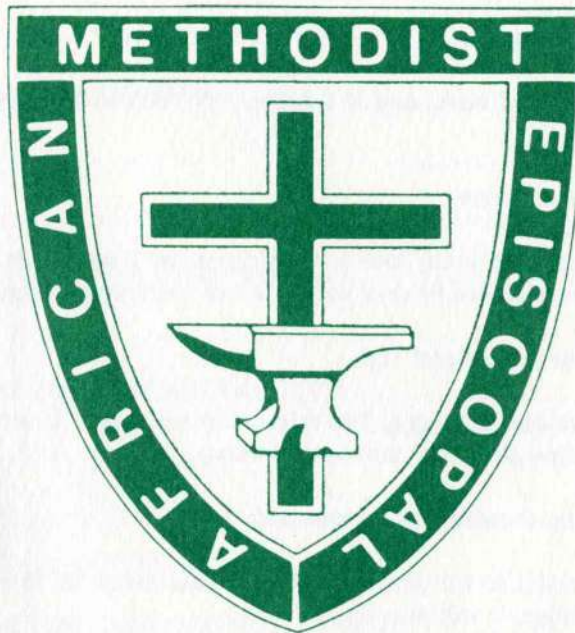
Order of Service

- MEDITATE:** "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the poor." —ISAIAH 61:1
- ORGAN PRELUDE.....*Mr. Rufus Gilmore III*
Minister of Music
- CALL TO WORSHIP*Col. E. C. Smith, Jr.*
- OPENING HYMN (No. 559) "Rise Up, O Men of God"
- MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....*Mr. Percy L. Ashford*
- SCRIPTURE*Mr. William Bell*
- DECALOGUE*Dr. Lee Williams, II*
- RESPONSIVE READING*Dr. Charles McMillan*
- MUSIC*Male Chorus*
- ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GUEST RECOGNITION*Col. James O. Heyward*
- OCCASION*Dr. Willie M. Clark*
- MUSIC*Male Chorus*
- BIRTHDAY PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER.....*The Pastor*
- THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING TO GOD.....*Male Chorus*
- THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*Mr. Claudewell Campbell*
- HYMN OF PREPARATION (No. 318)..... "Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee"
- SPEAKER*Dr. Douglas Covington, President*
Alabama A&M University
Normal, Alabama
- HYMN OF INVITATION (No. 364)..... "My Hope is Built"
- FINANCIAL REPORT*Dr. Clifton Pearson*
- REMARKS.....*Mr. Andre Elliott*
Rev. Dr. Homer McCall
- BENEDICTION*The Pastor*

Annual Men's Day Observance

THEME: *"Take The World — Give Me Jesus"*

(AND I'LL BECOME A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS)



Sunday, September 27, 1987

11:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama

RT. REV. FRANK M. REID, Jr., *Presiding Bishop*, Ninth Episcopal District A.M.E. Church

DR. E. L. BLANKENSHIP, *Presiding Elder*, South Birmingham-Huntsville District

REV. DR. H. L. McCALL, *Pastor*

The Litany of Love

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LEADER: If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

PEOPLE: Lord, make me loving.

LEADER: And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

PEOPLE: Lord, make us humble.

LEADER: If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

PEOPLE: Lord, make me sincere.

LEADER: Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; It is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

PEOPLE: Lord, make us patient and kind.

LEADER: It does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

PEOPLE: Lord, make me steadfast and unmovable.

LEADER: Love never ends; as for prophecy, it will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

PEOPLE: Lord, we thank you for your love, wisdom, power and grace.

LEADER: For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.

PEOPLE: Lord, I thank you for your eternal presence, protection, forgiveness and care.

LEADER: When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

PEOPLE: Lord, we thank you for allowing us to grow up in Jesus Christ.

LEADER: For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood.

PEOPLE: Father, thank you for the promise of the soon return of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

LEADER: So Faith, Hope, Love abide these three.

ALL: But the greatest of these is LOVE.

Order of Service

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MEDITATE: "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." — MATTHEW 10:39

ORGAN PRELUDE *Mr. Rufus Gilmore III*
Minister of Music

CALL TO WORSHIP *Mr. Mose Hall, Sr.*

OPENING HYMN (No. 21 — "To God Be The Glory") *Choir/Congregation*

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Brother Johnnie Edison*

SCRIPTURE *Mr. Jerry Baldwin*

DECALOGUE *Mr. Earl Fitchard*

RESPONSIVE READING — "The Litany of Love" *Mr. Ted Walton*

MUSIC *Male Chorus*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GUEST RECOGNITION *Dr. Leon Bonner*

OCCASION *Mr. S. C. O'Neal*

MUSIC *Male Chorus*

BIRTHDAY PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER *The Pastor*

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Offertory Sentences *Dr. Roy McCray*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *Mr. Clayton Hammonds*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER *Dr. James I. Dawson*

HYMN OF PREPARATION (No. 396 — "Close To Thee") *Choir/Congregation*

SPEAKER *Attorney Milton E. Belcher*
Assistant Attorney General
and Chief of the Civil Rights Division
State of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama

HYMN OF INVITATION (No. 238 — "Jesus Call Us") *Choir/Congregation*

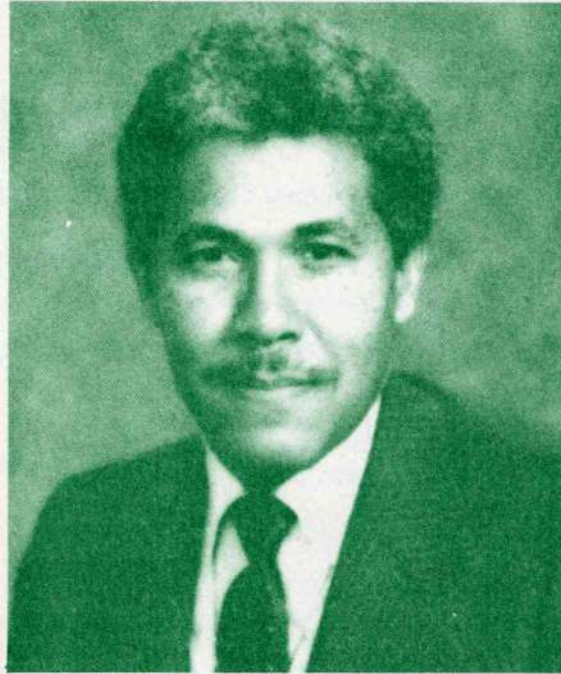
FINANCIAL REPORT *Mr. Glenn Pippen*

REMARKS *Mr. Randy Love*
Chairman of Men's Day Observance
Rev. Dr. Homer McCall

BENEDICTION *The Pastor*

Annual Men's Day Observance

THEME: "Christian Accountability and Self-Actualization in the 80's and Beyond"



Dr. Carl H. Marbury, President
Alabama A & M University
Guest Speaker

Sunday, September 25, 1988
11:00 A.M.

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama

Rt. Reverend Frank M. Reid, Jr., *Presiding Bishop*
Rev. Dr. E.L. Blankenship, *Presiding*
Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall, *Pastor*

Myself

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I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know,
I want to be able, as days go by,
Always to look myself straight in the eye;
I don't want to stand, with the setting sun,
And hate myself for things I have done.

I don't want to keep on a closet shelf
A lot of secrets about myself,
And fool myself, as I come and go,
Into thinking that nobody else will know
The kind of a man I really am;
I don't want to dress up myself in sham.

I want to go out with my head erect,
I want to deserve all men's respect;
But here in the struggle for fame and pelf
I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.

I can never hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;
I know what others may never know,
I never can fool myself, and so,
Whatever happens, I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience free.

Edgar A. Guest

Order of Service

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MEDITATE: *Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*
MATTHEW 10:39

ORGAN PRELUDE.....*Mr. Rufus Gilmore, III*
Minister of Music

CALL TO WORSHIP.....*Mr. Michael Goggans*

OPENING HYMN (No. 21—"To God Be The Glory").....*Choir/Congregation*

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....*Mr. Clayton Hammonds*

SCRIPTURE.....*Mr. Jason Brown*

DECALOGUE.....*Col. E.C. Smith*

RESPONSIVE READING—"I Lift Up My Eyes"—Psalm 121 (#705).....*Mr. Hanford Jones*

MUSIC.....*Male Chorus*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GUEST RECOGNITION.....*Dr. Clifton Pearson*

OCCASION.....*Col. James O. Heyward*

MUSIC.....*Male Chorus*

BIRTHDAY PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER.....*The Pastor*

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Offertory Sentences.....*Dr. Nimrod Cobb*

Prayer of Thanksgiving.....*Mr. Claudewell Campbell*

MUSICAL SELECTION.....*Mr. James Jamar*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....*Dr. John T. Gibson*

HYMN OF PREPARATION (No. 396—"Close To Thee").....*Choir/Congregation*

SPEAKER.....*Dr. Carl Harris Marbury, President*
Alabama A & M University
Normal, Alabama

HYMN OF INVITATION (No. 238—"Jesus Call Us").....*Choir/Congregation*

RECOGNITION.....*Mr. Perry Ashford*

FINANCIAL REPORT.....*Mr. David Doctor*

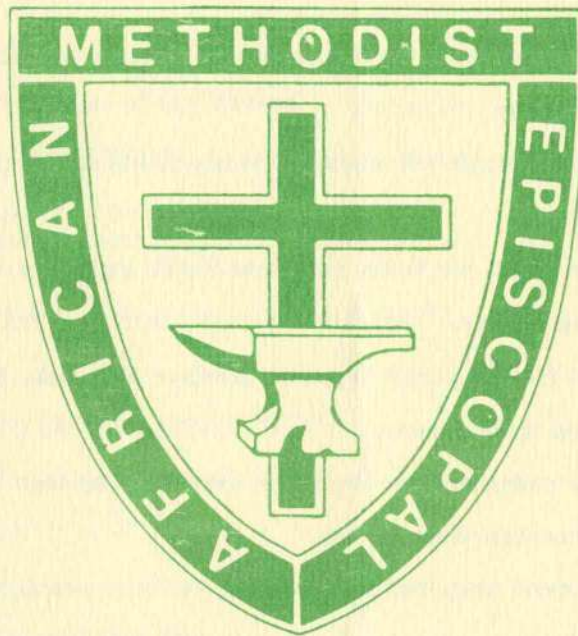
REMARKS.....*Mr. Randy Love*
Chairman of Men's Day Observance
Rev. Dr. Homer McCall, Pastor

BENEDICTION.....*The Pastor*

Annual Men's Day Observance

THEME: "The Call to Leadership By Grace Through Faith in Jesus Christ"

Scriptural Focus: Ephesians 2:8-10



Sunday, September 24, 1989
10:50 A. M.

ST. JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama

RT. REV. CORNELIUS E. THOMAS, *Presiding Bishop*, Ninth Episcopal District A.M.E. Church
REV. DR. E. L. BLANKENSHIP, *Presiding Elder*, South Birmingham-Huntsville, District
REV. DR. H. L. McCALL, *Pastor*

A Litany for Men's Day

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"TRUST JESUS CHRIST ANYWAY"

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LEADER: Remember, people are at times unreasonable, illogical and self-centered.

PEOPLE: Love them anyway.

LEADER: If you do good, people will sometimes accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

PEOPLE: Do good anyway.

LEADER: If you're successful, you'll win some false friends and make some true enemies.

PEOPLE: Try to succeed anyway.

LEADER: Honesty and frankness seem to get you nowhere; they make you vulnerable.

PEOPLE: Be honest and frank anyway.

LEADER: People favor underdogs, but they often follow the Top dogs.

PEOPLE: Fight for some underdogs anyway.

LEADER: What you spend years building, may be destroyed overnight. I've seen that happen.

PEOPLE: Build anyway.

LEADER: People really need help, but they may attack you if you try to help them.

PEOPLE: Try anyway.

LEADER: Give the world the best you have, and you'll get kicked in the mouth.

PEOPLE: Give the world the best you have, anyway.

LEADER: We live amidst a people who are "hungry for gods."

PEOPLE: Trust Jesus Christ anyway.

LEADER: "So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them: for this is the LAW and the PROPHETS."

ALL: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

GOD OUR FATHER

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

MAN OUR BROTHER

Order of Service

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MEDITATE: "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."—Ephesians 2:8

ORGAN PRELUDE *Mr. Rufus Gilmore III*
Minister of Music

CALL TO WORSHIP *Mr. Claudewell Campbell*

OPENING HYMN (No. 568) "God of Our Fathers" *Choir/Congregation*

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Mr. Percy L. Ashford*

SCRIPTURE—Old Testament: Joshua 24:14-18 *Mr. Earl Fitchard*

New Testament: Matthew 6:25-34 *Mr. Terry Speight*

DECALOGUE *Dr. John T. Gibson*

A LITANY FOR MEN'S DAY—"Trust Jesus Christ Anyway" *M. Brooks, Jr.*

MUSIC *Male Chorus*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GUEST RECOGNITION *Dr. L. W. Bonner*

WELCOME/OCCASION *Mr. Joseph Butler*

MUSIC *Male Chorus*

COMMENTARY *Dr. James I. Dawson*

BIRTHDAY PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER *Pastor*

SOLO *Dr. Clifton Pearson*

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Offertory Sentences *Mr. Michael Goggans*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *Col. E. C. Smith*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER *Mr. Eddie C. Sherrod*

HYMN OF PREPARATION (No. 559) "Rise Up, O Men of God" *Choir/Congregation*

SPEAKER *Dr. Harold E. Wade*
Executive Assistant to the President

HYMN OF INVITATION (No. 272) "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" *Choir/Congregation*
East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN

REMARKS *Mr. E. C. Sherrod, Chairman*
Men's Day Observance

Rev. Homer L. McCall, Pastor

BENEDICTION *Pastor*

"A Liberating and Reconciling People"

Men's Day Observance

ST. JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Huntsville, Alabama

THEME: "THE SURVIVAL OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE"

Sunday, September 23, 1990 — 10:50 A. M.



GUEST SPEAKER:

THE REVEREND DR. JOHN T. PORTER, *Pastor*
Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama

RT. REVEREND CORNELIUS E. THOMAS, *Presiding Bishop*

REVEREND DR. E. L. BLANKENSHIP, *Presiding Elder*

REVEREND DR. HOMER L. McCALL, *Pastor*

Order of Service

MEDITATE: "It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel." - Proverbs 20:3

PRELUDE..... Mr. Rufus Gilmore III
Minister of Music

PROCESSIONAL

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Eddie Sherrod

MORNING HYMN (568)—"God of Our Fathers" Choir/Congregation

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION Col. E. C. Smith Sr.

CHORAL RESPONSE

OLD TESTAMENT READING—II Kings 5:1-16 Dr. Nimrod Cobb

NEW TESTAMENT READING—Mark 3:1-19 Mr. Everett E. Brooks Jr.

DECALOGUE..... Dr. L. E. Williams II

RESPONSIVE READING (739) Citizenship—from Isaiah 58 Dr. Clifton Pearson

MUSIC Male Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GUEST RECOGNITION Col. James O. Heyward

MUSIC Male Chorus

A CREATIVE RESPONSE TO THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE'S DILEMMA

Dr. W. M. Clark

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Offertory Sentences Mr. Michael Goggans Sr.
Prayer of Thanksgiving..... Mr. Claudewell Campbell

INTRODUCTION OF MEN'S DAY SPEAKER Rev. Homer L. McCall

HYMN OF PREPARATION (513) "Time Is Filled With Swift Transition"

SERMON..... Rev. Dr. John T. Porter, Pastor
Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama

HYMN OF INVITATION (260)..... "I've Wandered Far Away From God"

REMARKS..... Mr. Carol Cooper, Men's Day Chairman
Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall, Pastor

CLOSING HYMN (196) "There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place"

DOXOLOGY "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

BENEDICTION Dr. Porter

RESPONSIVE READING

CITIZENSHIP



Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of Me the ordinances of justice: they take delight in approaching to God.

Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and You see not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and You take no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and exact all your labors.

Behold, you fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: you shall not fast as you do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? will you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?

Is it not to deal your bread to the hungry, and that you bring the poor that are cast out to your house? when you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you hide not yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth as the morning, and your health shall spring forth speedily: and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then shall you call, and the Lord shall answer; you shall cry, and He shall say, Here I am. If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

If you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall your light rise in obscurity, and your darkness be as the noonday:

The Lord shall guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters, fail not.

They that shall be of you shall build the old waste places: you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in.

From Isaiah 58

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24-30, 1990

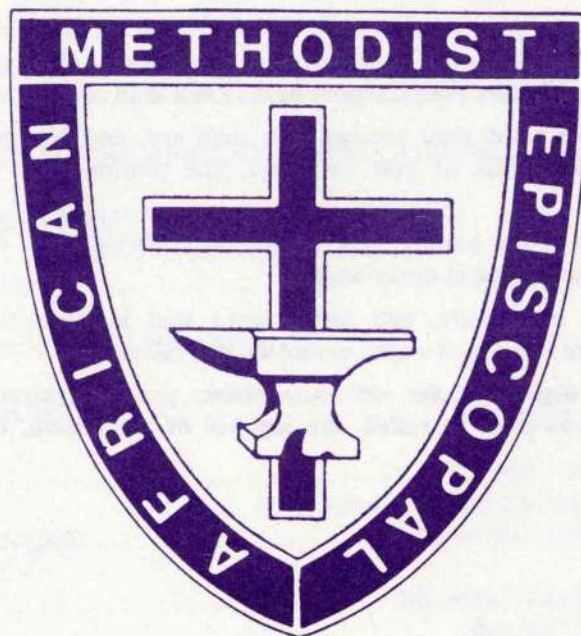
Monday	Psalm 139:1-4; 23-24
Tuesday	Psalm 119:9-16
Wednesday	Matthew 7:7-12
Thursday	Psalm 146
Friday	I John 1:5-10
Saturday	Philippians 1:3-11
Sunday	Psalm 123

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods."—Psalm 40:4.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Thank you Father for the gift of our citizenship in heaven and on earth through the sinless life and sacrifice of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.



The Pastor, Men's Day Chairman, the Officers and Members of St. John A.M.E. Church gratefully acknowledge with much appreciation all acts of kindness given toward making this annual observance of African-American manhood a memorable celebration:

MR. CAROL COOPER, *Men's Day Chairman*

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Mr. Eddie Sherrod, *Chairman*; Dr. W. M. Clark

PUBLICITY: Mr. Terry Speight, *Chairman*; Dr. Clifton Pearson

FINANCE: Mr. Jerry Baldwin, *Chairman*; Class Leaders for Men's Day, The Finance Commission

"Refreshments will be served immediately after this service in the S. S. Hereford Fellowship Hall"



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School convenes each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Please plan now to attend.

Mid-week Prayer Meeting and Bible Class will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. A discussion of the Book of Daniel will be the focus.

The flowers on the altar are given by the Grier family in memory of great grandmother.

The Stewards will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The Church Expansion Committee will meet Monday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m.

St. John A.M.E. Church T-Shirts may be purchased for \$2.00 after service today in the Pastor's Study.

Please submit all articles for the next edition of the St. John's Newsletter no later than Friday, September 28, 1990.

Each member and friend of St. John is urged to attend the service celebrating Christian Unity that will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 120 Green Street. The service will feature Bishop Richard R. Bass, the 47th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, currently assigned to the Fifth Episcopal District which includes Huntsville, Alabama. Bishop Bass will be the evening worship speaker.

The Consultation on Church Union workshop will be held Monday, September 24 from 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Drive. The workshop is entitled "Partners in Christ: A Workshop For Christian Unity." The workshop will feature the Rev. Dr. Paul Crow who is currently President of the Council of Christian Unity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and he holds ecumenical leadership in the Consultation on Church Union, World Council of Churches and National Council of Churches. Please contact Dr. McCall for further information.

SAINT JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama

OBSERVES

MEN'S DAY 1991

10:50 A.M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1991



THEME: The Redemption of the African-American Male:
by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Speaker:..... The Honorable U.W. Clemon

Bishop C.E. Thomas.....Presiding Bishop
Reverend E.L. Blankenship.....Presiding Elder
Reverend Homer L. McCallPastor

RESPONSIVE READING

Sunday, September 29, 1991

"We are living Building Stones"

I Peter 2:4-10

A Salute to African-American Males

LEADER: Come to Christ, who is the living Foundation of Rock upon which God builds; though men have spurned him, he is very precious to God who has chosen him above all others.

PEOPLE: And now you have become living building stones for God's use in building his house. What more, you are his holy priests; so come to him (you who are acceptable to him because of Jesus Christ) and offer to God those things that please him.

LEADER: As the Scriptures express it, "See, I am sending Christ to be the carefully chosen, precious Cornerstone of my church, and I will never disappoint those who trust him."

PEOPLE: Yes, he is very precious to you who believe; and to those who reject him, well-- The same stone that was rejected by the builders has become the Cornerstone, the most honored and important part of the building.

LEADER: And the Scriptures also say, "He is the Stone that some will stumble over, and the rock that will make them fall." They will stumble because they will not listen to God's Word, nor obey it, and so this punishment must follow--that they will fall.

PEOPLE: But you are not like that, for you have been chosen by God himself--you are priests of the King, you are holy and pure, you are God's very own--all this so that you may show others how God called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

LEADER: Once you were less than nothing; now you are God's own. Once you knew very little of God's kindness; now your very lives have been changed by it.

OUR SPEAKER

U.W. Clemon is Alabama's first black federal judge. He is a graduate of the public schools of Jefferson County, Alabama; Miles College, and Columbia University Law School. He has done further legal studies at the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, and Harvard University.

Before his appointment to the federal bench by President Jimmy Carter in 1980 to the Northern District of Alabama, he was a civil rights lawyer specializing in job discrimination and school desegregation cases. In 1974, he was one of the first two blacks elected to the Alabama State Senate since Reconstruction. During his first term, he chaired the Rules Committee; and during his second term, he was chairman of the Judiciary Committee

He holds an honorary doctorate degree from Miles College; was the recipient of the 1980 Drum Major Award of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In 1986, he was given the highest honor of the National Bar Association. . .The C. Francis Stradford Award. Most recently, the black judges of the United States gave him their William H. Hastie Award, "in recognition of his exceptional legal scholarship."

He is married to the former Barbara L. Lang; and he is the father of two children.

He is an alternate member of the Judicial Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and he is a trustee and treasurer of Jones Chapel AME Church, Birmingham.

Fraternally, he is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Shriners, and The Prince Hall 33 degree Masons.

He serves as adjunct Professor of Constitutional Law at Birmingham-Southern College.

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS
SEPTEMBER 30 - October 6, 1991

Monday.....	Psalm 123
Tuesday.....	Psalm 27:1-4
Wednesday.....	Psalm 63: 1-4
Thursday	Luke 7:44-50
Friday.....	Matthew 10:37-42
Saturday.....	Romans 5:1-6
Sunday.....	Psalm 146: 1-4

Upcoming Events:

October 12..... Harvest Fellowsip. St. Paul AME, East Lake,
Birmingham. Rev. A. Colvin, Host Pastor. Dr. E. Blankenship, PE

October 13..... Pastor's Day. Big Indian Creek P.B. Church,
Rev. Michael Hartwell, Pastor. Stewards, Trustees, Ushers, Mass
Choir, Officers and members are asked to attend and serve.

October 10-13.....South Alabama Conference, Cherry Street AME
Dothan, Alabama, Rev. Jonathan Brown, Host Pastor

October 20.... Missionary Celebration, New Jerusalem MB Church
Rev. Rickey Sykes, Pastor. Stewards, Trustees, Ushers, Gospel
Choir, Officers and members are asked to attend and serve in this occasion
at 6:30 .m.

October 23.....North Alabama WMS Annual Convention
St. John AME, Birmingham. Mrs. Clara Bullard, Pres, Mrs. M. Blankenship,
State President, Mrs. S. Thomas, Episcopal Supervisor

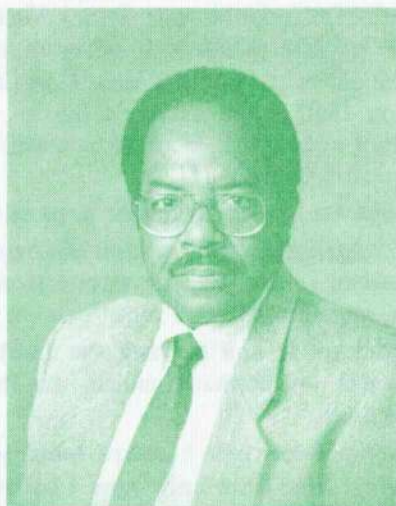
October 24-27.....North Alabama Annual Conference
St. John AME, Birmingham. Dr. J.L. Davis, Host Pastor, Dr. S.T. Davis,
Host PE., Bishop C.E. Thomas Presiding Bishop.

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

Annual Men's Day Observance

THEME:

"The African-American Male, Key to the Restoration of Our People"



DR. DAVID B. HENSON, *President*
ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY
Speaker

Sunday, September 27, 1992
10:50 A.M.

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

C. E. THOMAS, *Presiding Bishop*
E. L. BLANKENSHIP, *Presiding Elder*
H. L. McCALL, *Pastor*

Litany for Men's Day

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LEADER: "Men of the African-American race, let me say to you that a greater future is in store for us; we have no cause to lose hope, to become faint-hearted."

PEOPLE: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

LEADER: "We must realize that upon ourselves depend our destiny, our future; we must carve out that future, that destiny, and we who make up . . . this church . . . have pledged ourselves that nothing in the world shall stand in our way, nothing in the world shall discourage us, but opposition shall make us work harder, shall bring us closer together so that as one man . . . we . . . will march on toward that goal we have set for ourselves."

PEOPLE: "For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith."

LEADER: "The new . . . African-American shall not be deceived. The new . . . African-American refuses to take advice from anyone who has not felt with him, and suffered with him."

PEOPLE: "I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgement, whosoever he be."

LEADER: "We have suffered for three hundred (plus) years, therefore we feel that the time has come when only those who have suffered with us can interpret our feelings and our spirit."

PEOPLE: "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only USE not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

LEADER: "It takes the slave to interpret the feelings of the slave; it takes the unfortunate man to interpret the spirit of his unfortunate brother; and so it takes the suffering . . . African-American to interpret the spirit of his comrade."

PEOPLE: "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, EVEN in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. THIS I say then. Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

LEADER: "It is strange that so many people are interested in the . . . African-American now, willing to advise him how to act, and what organizations he should join, yet nobody was interested in the . . . African-American to the extent of not making him a slave for (at least) two hundred and fifty years, reducing him to industrial peonage and serfdom after he was freed;"

PEOPLE: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

LEADER: "It is strange that the same people can be so interested in the . . . African-American now, as to tell him what organization he should follow and what leader he should support."

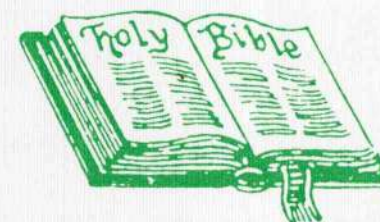
PEOPLE: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."

LEADER: "Whilst we are bordering on a future of brighter things, we are also at our danger period, when we must either accept the right philosophy, or go down by following deceptive propaganda which has hemmed us in for many centuries."

ALL: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

AMEN.

(Compiled by Dr. L. E. Williams, II from Marcus Garvey's "'Crocodiles' As Friends" and Galatians, Chapters 5 & 6)



Order of Worship

ENTER TO WORSHIP . . . DEPART TO SERVE

MEDITATE: "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."
—PHILIPPIANS 2:6

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PRELUDE *Mr. Rufus Gilmore III, Minister of Music*
Mr. Lamar P. Higgins, Musician

CALL TO WORSHIP *Mr. Ronald Robinson*

OPENING HYMN (No. 568)—"God of Our Fathers" *Congregation*

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Mr. Ellie Russell*

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING:

Old Testament (Exodus 3:7-15) *Mr. Robert Philips*
New Testament (Luke 4:1-21) *Mr. Carol Cooper*

DECALOGUE *Mr. Jerry Baldwin*

LITANY *Dr. L. E. Williams II*

THE SERVICE OF PRAISE (Two Selections) *Male Chorus*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GUEST RECOGNITION . . . *Col. (Ret.) James Heyward*

WELCOME & OCCASION *Mr. Jason Brown*

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING *Mr. Darryl Gaines*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Mr. William Bell*

PRAYER OF DELIVERANCE & ALTAR CALL *Pastor Homer L. McCall*

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER *Dr. John T. Gibson*

HYMN OF PREPARATION (No. 559) *Congregation*
"Rise Up, O Men of God"

SPEAKER *DR. DAVID B. HENSON*
President of Alabama A & M University

HYMN OF INVITATION (No. 461)—"Love Lifted Me" *Congregation*

REMARKS *Mr. Everett Brooks, Jr., Men's Day Chairman*

CLOSING REMARKS *Pastor McCall*

CLOSING HYMN (No. 196)—"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" *Congregation*

RECESSIONAL

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION



God of Our Fathers

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 4

Trumpets, before each stanza

- God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
- Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
- From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
- Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine. A - men.

MONDAY — John 1:5-10
TUESDAY — Philippians 1:3-11
WEDNESDAY — Psalm 123
THURSDAY — Psalm 27
FRIDAY — Psalm 63
SATURDAY — Luke 7:36-50
SUNDAY — Matthew 10:37-42

BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

MONDAY Finance Commission — 2:00 p.m.
THURSDAY Senior Choir — 6:00 p.m.
FRIDAY Male Chorus — 6:00 p.m.
SATURDAY Gospel Choir — 11:30 a.m.
Children's Choir — 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir — 1:00 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27 — Pastor's Anniversary Service for Rev. Horace Fitchard, Jr. — Gravitt Chapel AME Church, New Market, AL — Everyone is invited — 3:00 p.m.
October 7 — North Alabama Conference, WMS Meeting, Grant Chapel AME, Birmingham, Alabama
October 8-11 — North Alabama Annual Conference, Grant Chapel AME — Rev. M. Hawkins, Pastor
November 17-18 — Episcopal District Planning Meeting — Annual Episcopal WMS Convention

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

Huntsville, Alabama

Annual Celebration of Men's Day

THEME: "Return to the Source — Jesus Christ"



THE HONORABLE EARL F. HILLIARD

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Seventh Congressional District, Alabama

Guest Speaker

Sunday, September 26, 1993

10:50 A.M.

RT. REVEREND C. E. THOMAS, *Presiding Bishop*

REVEREND DR. E. L. BLANKENSHIP, *Presiding Elder*

REVEREND DR. H. L. McCALL, *Pastor*

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE/ACCOMPLISHMENTS



THE HONORABLE EARL F. HILLIARD

... Was elected the first Chairman of the Alabama Black Legislative Caucus in 1975 and was elected to the Alabama State Senate in 1980 and was re-elected to the Alabama State Senate in 1982, 1983, 1986, and 1990. He was Chairman of Senate Commerce, Transportation and Utility Committee from 1990 to 1992. Was Chairman of the Jefferson County Senate Delegation in 1986 and re-appointed in 1990. He was Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee from 1982 to 1986. Sponsored the Flouride Bill and the Tax Abatement Bill. He was the Senate sponsor of the Horse Track Bill which created hundreds of jobs for residents of Birmingham, Alabama. Sponsored legislation that allowed Alabama State, Alabama A&M and Tuskegee Universities more money, percentage-wise than ever before. He created a scholarship program for low-income youths to attend Lawson State Community College, Tuskegee University, and Miles College. (Over 400 students have been enrolled in the program.) Included in the Education Budget over \$250,000 extra for the Birmingham Board of Education for the last eight (8) years. Directed \$118,000 to be used for the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham. He donated funds to North Pratt Library, Carver High School, Jackson-Olin High School and North Pratt Historical Society and increased financial aid to the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Talladega College. Sponsored legislation in the form of a resolution renaming Highway 150 in Bessemer in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Congressman Hilliard was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992. He serves the 7th Congressional District of Alabama and is presently serving on the Committee on Small Business and the Committee on Agriculture. In addition, he serves on the Congressional Rural Caucus, the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus, Forestry 2000 Task Force and the Congressional Arts Caucus.

Order of Service

MEDITATE: "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity."
—PSALM 133:1

PRELUDE.....*Mr. Rufus Gilmore*
Minister of Music

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP.....*Mr. Lafayette Townsend, Jr.*

*MORNING HYMN (513)*Choir/Congregation*
"Time is Filled With Swift Transition"

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION*Mr. Otha Owens*

CHORAL RESPONSE

OLD TESTAMENT—Genesis 4:9-16*Mr. Carol Cooper*

GOSPEL—Matthew 18:21-35*Mr. Randall Ashford*

EPISTLE—Romans 14:5-9*Mr. Michael Goggans, Sr.*

DECALOGUE*Mr. Claudewell Campbell*

MEN'S DAY LITANY*Dr. Charles McMillian*

*SPECIAL MUSIC*Mr. Walter Williams*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RECOGNITION OF GUESTS*Dr. John T. Gibson, Sr.*

OCCASION*Mr. Everett Brooks, Jr.*

*SPECIAL MUSIC*Men's Chorus*

PASTORAL AND BIRTHDAY PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentences.....*Minister Chikebe Holman*

Prayer of Thanksgiving*Reverend Kenneth Johnson*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER*Pastor McCall*

*HYMN OF PREPARATION (364)*Choir/Congregation*
"My Hope is Built"

MEN'S DAY MESSAGE*The Honorable Earl F. Hilliard, Congressman*
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Seventh District, Alabama

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP—"Just As I Am" (258)

REMARKS*Mr. Jason Brown*
Pastor McCall

CLOSING HYMN—"We Shall Overcome"

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

*Worshippers may enter the sanctuary

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

Annual Celebration of Men's Day

THEME: "Looking Beyond Faults and Filling Needs"



Sunday, September 25, 1994
10:50 A.M.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Reverend Dr. James R. Johnson
RETIRED CHAPLAIN, U.S. ARMY

RT. REVEREND C. E. THOMAS, *Presiding Bishop*
REVEREND DR. E. L. BLANKENSHIP, *Presiding Elder*
REVEREND DR. H. L. McCALL, *Pastor*

“WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES”

Litany for Men's Day



LEADER: If I could be you and you could be me for just one hour.

PEOPLE: If we could find a way to get inside each other's minds.

LEADER: If you could see me through your eyes instead of your ego.

PEOPLE: I believe you'd be surprised to see that you'd been blind.

LEADER: Walk a mile in my shoes. Walk a mile in my shoes. And before you abuse, criticize and accuse, walk a mile in my shoes.

PEOPLE: And yet we spend the day throwing stones at one another.

LEADER: 'Cause I don't think or wear my hair the same way you do.

PEOPLE: Well, I may be common people but I'm your brother. And when you strike out and try to hurt me, it's hurting you.

LEADER: Walk a mile in my shoes; walk a mile in my shoes. And before you abuse, criticize and accuse, walk a mile in my shoes.

PEOPLE: There are people on reservations and out in the ghettos and refuge camps. . .

LEADER: And brother, there but for the grace of God go you and I.

PEOPLE: If I only had the wings of a little angel, don't you know I'd fly to the top of the mountain.

LEADER: And then I'd cry

ALL: Walk a mile in my shoes; walk a mile in my shoes. And before you abuse, criticize and accuse, walk a mile in my shoes.

*The Litany for Men's Day arranged by Pastor McCall
from a poem found in the Archives of Tuskegee University*

GOD OUR FATHER

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

HUMANKIND ONE FAMILY

Order of Service

MEDITATE: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."
—PHILIPPIANS 2:5

PRELUDE *Mr. Rufus Gilmore III*

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP *Christopher Outlaw*

*MORNING HYMN (513)..... *Choir/Congregation*
"Time is Filled With Swift Transition"

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... *Mr. Earl Fitchard*

CHORAL RESPONSE

OLD TESTAMENT — Genesis 50:15-21 *Dr. John T. Gibson, Sr.*
EPISTLE — Ephesians 4:29-32 *Jerard Gibson*
GOSPEL — Matthew 7:1-12..... *Justin Gibson*

DECALOGUE *Mr. Lafayette Townsend*

MEN'S DAY LITANY *Dr. Michael Heard*

*SPECIAL MUSIC..... *Mr. Walter Williams*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS *COL James Heyward*

OCCASION *Dr. Clifton Pearson*

*SPECIAL MUSIC *Men's Day Chorus*

PASTORAL AND BIRTHDAY PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offeratory Sentences *Reverend Kenneth Johnson*
Prayer of Thanksgiving *Geoffery Brown*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER *Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall*

TITHING IS GOD'S ANSWER TO CHURCH FINANCE

The Principle of Tithing: Tithing is taught through the Bible.

- GOD is sovereign of the universe and is owner of all things (Genesis 1:1, Psalm 24:1, John 1:3-11)
- HE has made man a steward or trustee (Ecclesiastes 5:18-19, Acts 17:28, James 1:17)
- Man is therefore accountable to GOD (Philippians 2:10, Luke 16:1-2, Romans 14:10-12, Matthew 12:36)

The Preaching of Tithing:

- It is the responsibility of every proclaimer of GOD'S word to preach about tithing. CHRIST'S disciples are ordered to preach the Word (Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19-20)
 - Tithing must be fully preached, clearly explained and the definites pointed out (II Timothy 4:2, Titus 2:15).
1. **A DEFINITE Person.** Who does GOD hold responsible for tithing? The answer is every Christian (II Corinthians 9:6-7). Tithing is a Christian's privilege and responsibility.
 2. **A DEFINITE Sequence of Giving.** II Corinthians 8:1-15 stipulates the GOD ordered sequence of giving. There we are told that the Macedonians "**First gave themselves, then their money.**" Giving to GOD is an act of worship (Isaiah 60:6, Matthew 2:11).
 3. **A DEFINITE Proportion.** The Bible is clear in its teachings that 10% (Genesis 28:22, Leviticus 27:32) of the Christian's income is "**Holy unto GOD**" (Leviticus 27:30).
 4. **A DEFINITE Place.** Malachi 3:10 states that tithes are to be brought into the **storehouse**. Also Malachi 3:10, GOD refers to this storehouse as "**My house.**" This storehouse is **your local congregation** (Deuteronomy 12:10-14, Deuteronomy 26:1-4).
 5. **A DEFINITE Time.** When are we to bring tithes to the storehouse? I Corinthians 16:2 tells us, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as GOD has prospered him."
 6. **A DEFINITE Purpose.** By tithing Christians demonstrate their love for the SAVIOR (John 14:15, I John 5:3). By tithing Christians demonstrate that they are truly a spiritual being (John 6:63, I Corinthians 2:12-14). By tithing a Christian shows tangible evidence of their interest in the CHURCH and GOD'S KINGDOM Work (Matthew 12:30, Malachi 3:8). GOD wants meat in HIS storehouse (Malachi 3:10). By tithing the Christian places himself in position for receiving the personal blessings, which GOD has promised him (Malachi 3:10-12). By not tithing the Christian places himself in position for receiving judgment (Malachi 3:8-9, Haggai 1:3-9).

The Practice of Tithing:

- Unfortunately, untold numbers of professing Christians still continue to rob GOD (Malachi 3:8). Many problematic excuses are offered for this:
- Some say that "tithing is legalistic" (part of the Old Testament, therefore not applicable in these New Testament times).
- Some say, "I'm in so much debt, that I cannot afford to tithe." The answer is, very logically, to whom do you owe the most? (Acts 17:28, Psalm 116:12-14, James 1:17, Genesis 1:26-30).

- Others say, "after I pay my bills, I don't have anything left." The answer would be, **you started wrong; begin with GOD** (Deuteronomy 26:1-4, Genesis 1:1, John 1:1).

The Beginner Tither:

The beginner tither is in for at least four (4) pleasant surprises:

FIRST: At the deepening of your own spiritual life, as a result of tithing.

SECOND: At the ease with which you meet your other obligations with the nine tenths.

THIRD: At the amount of money you will have **PLUS** the tenth for GOD'S work.

FOURTH: At the ease in going from one tenth to larger giving.

YES! I want to support God's work through my church. Here is my statement of faith for the coming year, representing my best effort to return to God that which belongs to Him.

ONE CARING
PERSON
Makes A Difference

My financial commitment to God's work.

I will give a tithe or more, which I estimate to be \$ _____ weekly.

I will give regularly and estimate my gifts to average \$ _____ weekly.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____



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Men's Day Celebration

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and MEN'S DAY CLASS LEADERS

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MRS. BESSIE SMITH, *Chairperson*

MRS. MAEOLA SNELL

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CLASS LEADERS FOR MEN'S DAY

CLASS

- 1 MR. HOMER McCRAW
- 2 MR. ELLINGTON GRIMMETT
- 3 DR. JOHN T. GIBSON, SR.
- 4 DR. WILLIE M. CLARK
- 5 MR. CAROL COOPER
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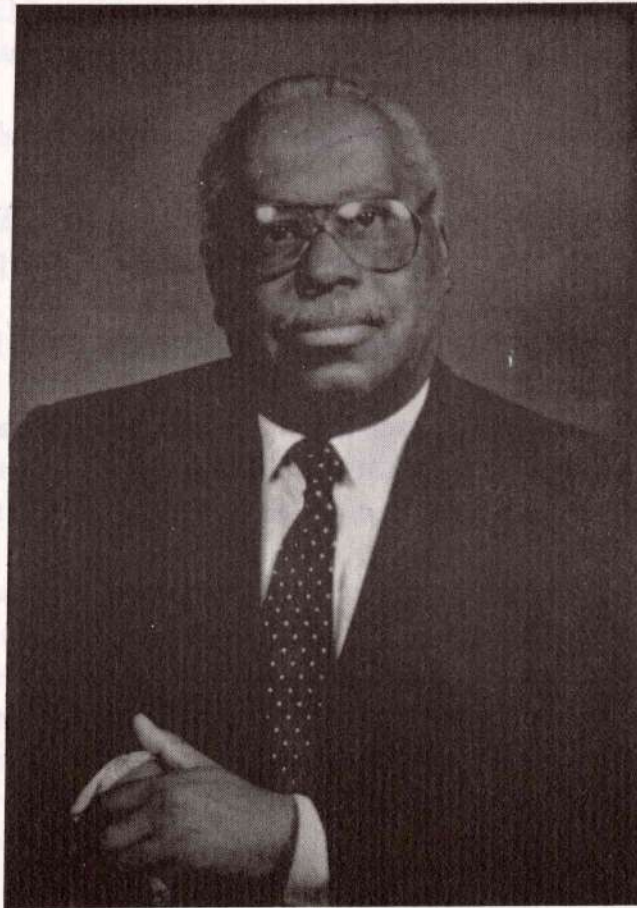
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Many thanks to everyone who contributed toward making the 1994 Men's Day Celebration an overwhelming success.

*St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
Huntsville, Alabama*

Annual Men's Day Observance

Theme: Christian African-American Men in a Changing Society



Speaker

*The Honorable Demetrius C. Newton, Member
Alabama House of Representatives-District 53*

*Sunday, September 24, 1995
10:50 A.M.*

*Right Reverend C. E. Thomas, Presiding Bishop
Reverend Dr. E. L. Blankenship, Presiding Elder
Reverend Dr. H. L. McCall, Pastor*

LITANY FOR THE ANNUAL MEN'S DAY OBSERVANCE

THEME: CHRISTIAN AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN IN A CHANGING
SOCIETY

Leader: "Lord, shall I find it in thy Holy church,
Or must I give it up as something dead,"

Congregation: "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your
bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service,"

Leader: "Forever lost, no matter where I search, Like dinosaurs within their ancient bed?"

Congregation: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of
your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Leader: "I found it not in years of Unbelief,"

Congregation: "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you not
to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God has
dealt to every man the measure of faith."

Leader: In science stirring life like budding trees,"

Congregation: "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same
office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us
prophecy according to the proportion of faith:"

Leader: "In Revolution like a dazzling thief- -"

Congregation: "Or ministry, let us wait in our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; or
he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with
diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."

Leader: "Oh, shall I find it on my bended knees?"

Congregation: "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which
is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one
another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient
in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to
hospitality."

Litany (continued)

Leader: "But what is Truth? So Pilate asked Thee, Lord,"

Congregation: "Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that
do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."

Leader: "So long ago when Thou wert manifest,"

Congregation: "Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend
to men of low estate. Be not wise in thine own deceits."

Leader: "As the Eternal and Incarnate Word,"

Congregation: "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all
men."

Leader: "Chosen of God and by Him singly blest:"

Congregation: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

Leader: "In this vast world of lies and hate and greed,"

Congregation: "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for
it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

Leader: "Upon my knees, Oh Lord, for Truth I plead."

Congregation: "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in
so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head."

All: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

["Truth" by Claude McKay cited in The Black Poets by Dudley Randall (New York: Bantam
Books, 1971: 64). Scriptures from Romans, Chapter 12. Litany compiled by Dr. L. E. Williams,
II.]

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude.....Mr. Rufus Gilmore III, Minister of Music

Call toWorship.....Mr. S. C. O'Neal

Opening Hymn....."Praise Him! Praise Hymn" #92.....Congregation/Choir

Morning Prayer of Confession.....Mr. Otha Owens, Sr.

Choral Response

Scripture Reading:
Old Testament----Psalms 1.....Mr. Lafayette Townsend, Jr.
Epistle----Ephesians 4:25-33.....Mr. Bernard Powers
Gospel----Matthew 7:1-12.....Mr. Larry Davis

Decalogue.....Dr. John T. Gibson, Sr.

Litany for Men's Day Observance.....Dr. L. E. Williams, II

The Service of Praise.....Male Chorus

Announcements and Guest Recognition.....Col. (Ret.) James Heyward

Welcome and Occassion.....Dr. Michael Heard

Pastoral and Birthday Prayer, September, 1995.....Pastor

The Giving of Tithes and Offering.....Mr. William Bell

Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Mr. Earl Fitchard

Solo.....Mr. Johnny McAlpine

Introduction of Guest Speaker.....Dr. James I. Dawson

Hymn of Preparation (No.559 - Rise Up, O Men of God).....Congregation

Speaker.....(JACOB'S VOICE; BUT THE HANDS OF ESAU).....The Honorable Demetrius C. Newton
Genesis 27:22 Alabama House of Representatives, District 53

Hymn of Invitation....."Jesus Is Tenderly Calling" #239.....Congregation

Remarks.....Dr. James I. Dawson.....Men's Day Chair

Closing Remarks.....Pastor McCall

Closing Hymn (No. 196 - Sweet, Sweet Spirit).....Congregation

Recessional

Doxology

Benediction

Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL convenes each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Plan to attend with your family.
-Mr. Claudewell Campbell, Superintendent

PRAYER SERVICE, BIBLE CLASS AND CATECHISM CLASS will meet on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
The book of Jeremiah is the topic for discussion.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Dr. Michael Heard and son.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A Y.P.D. T-SHIRT AND/OR ATTEND THE 1995 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT ST. JOHN BIRMINGHAM ON OCTOBER 7, 1995, PLEASE SEE MS. LORRAINE EDWARDS AFTER CHURCH. IF YOU WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER IN OUR LOCAL AND CONFERENCE Y.P.D., PLEASE SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST TO MS. EDWARDS BY SEPTEMBER 24, 1995.

Please observe the following van schedule for the North Alabama Annual Conference at St. John A.M. E. Church, Birmingham, Alabama, October 5-8, 1995, Rev. Karnie C. Smith, Pastor, Bishop C. E. Thomas, Presiding Prelate.

Date	Session	Departure from St. John
Thursday, October 5	Opening Worship Service	7:30 A.M.
Saturday, October 7	Y.P.D.	7:00 A.M.
Sunday, October 8	Sunday School and Closing Service	7:00 A.M.

There will be a worship service at St. John on Sunday, October 8, 1995 at 10:50 A.M. for our members, guests and visitors who will not attend the closing session of the Annual Conference.

Conference claims are now due for this conference year. They are \$25.00 per adult member and \$10.00 per year for children 12 and under.

If you did not make you contribution for Men's Day before service today, you can place it in the offering this morning. Each man is asked to give \$50.00, each woman \$40.00, youth \$5.00, children 12 and under \$1.00, and boards and organizations \$50.00 each.

The funeral services for the late Mr. Joe D. Moore will be held at St. John this afternoon at 2:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 4
- North Alabama WMS Convention
 - St. John AME Church, Birmingham, AL
 - Mrs. Clara Bullard, President
 - Mrs. Susie J. Thomas, Episcopal Supervisor
- October 5-8
- North Alabama Annual Conference
 - St. John AME Church, Birmingham, AL
 - Rev. Karnie C. Smith, Pastor
 - Bishop C. E. Thomas, Presiding Prelate

--JESUS SAVES--
HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
September 25 - October 1, 1995

MON. Psalms 119:9-16

THU. 1 John 1:5-2:2

TUE. Matthew 7:1-12

FRI. Philippians 1:3-11

WED. Psalms 146

SAT. Psalms 123

SUN. Psalm 27

"It takes a whole village to raise one child."

--STAY IN THE WORD--

BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

SUN.-- FINANCE COMMISSION

--AFTER SERVICE

--FOODSOURCE COMMITTEE

--AFTER SERVICE

SAT.-- CUB SCOUTS

--12:00 P.M.

-- CHILDREN/YOUTH CHOIR

-- 3:00 P.M.

-- GOSPEL CHORUS

-- 4:00 P.M.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Now the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning."

-Job 42:12

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Our Father, thank you for keeping us spiritually based in Christ and ethnically conscious in His love. Amen.

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 Universal Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

A Liberating and Reconciling People

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
Huntsville, Alabama

Men's Day Celebration

Theme: Christian Men Living Responsibly

Guest Speaker

Reverend Doctor Karnie C. Smith, Pastor
St. John A. M. E. Church
Birmingham, Alabama

Sunday, September 28, 1997

10:50 A.M.

Right Reverend Zedekiah L. Grady, Presiding Bishop
Reverend Doctor E. L. Blakenship, Presiding Elder
Reverend Doctor Homer L. McCall, Pastor

A People in the Word ~ Serving People in the World
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Men's Day

Order of Worship

Meditate: "Let brotherly love continue." ~~~ Hebrews 13:1

~Enter and Worship. Depart and Serve~

The Prelude is the signal to begin worship. Prayerfully remain silent in the presence of God

PRELUDE.....Mr. Rufus Gilmore III, Director of Music
Mr. Karl W. Henry, Musician

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Mr. Christopher Outlaw

*MORNING HYMN....."Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" (412).....Congregation

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Mr. Otha Owens

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE.....Ezekiel 33:7-11.....Mr. Arthur Sconiers

DECALOGUE.....Mr. Carl Lewis

MEN'S DAY LITANY.....Dr. Lee Williams

*SPECIAL MUSIC.....Mr. Walter Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GUEST RECOGNITIONCol.(Ret.) James O. Heyward

*SPECIAL MUSIC.....'HE'S SWEET I KNOW'.....Men's Day Chorus

WELCOME/OCCASION.....Mr. Everett Brooks, Jr.

CHALLENGE.....Mr. Jason Brown

*SPECIAL MUSIC.....'I STEPPED OUT ON HIS PROMISES'.....Men's Day Chorus

PASTORAL & BIRTHDAY PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

THE WORSHIP OF GOD IN GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCES.....Mr. William Bell, Sr.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.....Mr. William Bell, Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....Col. (Ret) E. C. Smith, Sr.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION....."Hold To God's Unchanging Hand" (513).....Congregation

MEN'S DAY MESSAGE.....Rev. Dr. Karnie C. Smith, Pastor
St. John A. M.E. Church, Birmingham, Alabama

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF INVITATION....."Just As I Am" (258).....Congregation

REMARKS.....Dr. Arthur Walker, Chairman, Men's Day

CLOSING HYMN....."We Shall Overcome".....Congregation

RECESSIONAL

THE APOSTLES' CREED

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

* Worshipers May Enter The Sanctuary

Thought for the Week

For the time is come that Judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Prayer for the Week

Our Father, anoint us anew today with your Holy Spirit and that we may proceed with your purposes in our hearts, our homes and wherever you lead us through Jesus Christ our risen Lord and Savior. Amen

Acknowledgments

Pastor and Mrs. McCall, the Chairman of the Men's Day Celebration, the Chairs of all committees and the men of St. John express our gratitude to all for your prayers, participation, contribution and attendance today. Many thanks to Doctor and Mrs. Smith for sharing this event with us and for the nourishment of a God-given message.

To God be the glory! Great things He has done.

Litany For Men's Day

LEADER: Faith is the avenue to salvation. Not intellectual understanding. Not money. Not works. Just simple faith.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

LEADER: How much faith? The faith of a mustard seed, so small you can hardly see it.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

LEADER: But if you will put that little faith in the person of Jesus, your life will be changed.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.**

LEADER: He will come with supernatural power into your heart. It can happen to you.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.**

LEADER: We have the God-given ability to believe, to have faith-in God, in ourselves, and in our fellow man.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**

LEADER: Christ has told us "according to your faith, be it unto you." What a wonderful promise in those words.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

LEADER: We have only to put our problems before Him with a humble and faithful heart and to believe with the simple faith of a little child, and we are promised His guidance and help.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.**

LEADER: If our problems are big, then our prayers should be equally big! And the minute we believe that he has answered our prayers, they have been answered, perhaps not as we wanted or expected, but answered nevertheless. And they are right answers, too.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

LEADER: Both faith and faithfulness are closely connected together. Faith is that indefinable power whereby we realize things unseen.

PEOPLE: **Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.**

LEADER: It seems to me that unless we possess faith, then faithfulness is impossible. We can only be true and faithful in our relationship to things spiritual, as we have faith in the reality of these things.

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**

LEADER: The best of us must confess that we are not as faithful to Him as we should be. Is the Master disappointed in your allegiance to Him? Are we more faithful to others than to Him? Are you more concerned of what people think of you than His judgment will be?

PEOPLE: **Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, where-with shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.**

LEADER: "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." Let us observe what our Lord says: It is not he that is faithful in that which is least will become faithful also in much, but is faithful in much.

PEOPLE: **Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.**

LEADER: Acts of faithfulness are the golden threads which make the luster of a fruitful life. There is unity in such a life. It is a life consecrated through and through.

PEOPLE: **Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.**

LEADER: Every act of faithfulness is the outburst and expression of the Life of the Spirit. They are like precious stones which the soul builds into its habitation for eternity. Our life is not made up of sudden bursts of inspiration, but of progressive efforts of daily fidelity. Even as the pasture land is made up of blades of grass, so the qualities of a faithful life, the solid strength of character, is not the outcome of one act but the result of a life of self-restraint.

PEOPLE: **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

ALL: Amen.

(Compiled by Dr. Lee E. Williams, II. Based on Materials Found in Matthew 4:3-16 and God's Treasury of Virtues, Tulsa, Oklahoma: Honor Books, Inc., 1995, p. 328-330.)

Announcements

- Church School convenes each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Plan to attend with your family.
—Mr. Claudewell Campbell, Superintendent
- Prayer Service, Bible Class & Catechism Class will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The book of Romans (Chapter 14 and 15) is the topic for discussion.
- Flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Dr. Michael Heard and Son.
- The deadline for payment of Food Source units for October is Sunday, October 12, 1997. Please consider donating a unit to the less fortunate; they are \$15.00 per unit.
—Mr. A. A. Burks, Chairman
- The 119th Annual Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference will convene at Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Florence, Alabama, Thursday, October 9 to Sunday, October 12, 1997, Rt. Rev. Z. L. Grady, Presiding Bishop, Dr. S. T. Spencer, Host Presiding Elder, Rev. Ralph Neal, Host Pastor. The North Alabama WMS will convene Wednesday, October 8. The North Alabama Lay Organization will convene Friday, October 10 and the North Alabama Conference Y.P.D. will convene Saturday, October 11. Let us plan our schedules accordingly. We will hold a service of worship here at St. John at 10:50 a.m. Sunday, October 12 during the closing session of the Conference. The church van will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, October 9 for the opening session and Sunday, October 12, 1997 for the closing session of the conference.
- The Stewards and Stewardesses with duties today are:

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Stewards ~ Mr. Eddie C. Sherrod and Col. E. C. Smith
Stewardesses ~ Mrs. Bessie M. Smith and Mrs. Katherine Campbell

Finance Committee (Stewards)

Mr. Rufus Gilmore III, Dr. James I. Dawson, Mr. William C. Bell and Mrs. Vanona Walton

~Personal Notes on the Sermon~

Since we forget 90% of what we hear, it has been suggested that note-taking will double the percentage of what we may receive during the hearing of God's Word. Listen to the message from God's Word, use this sheet to make some personal notes. Go back over them through the coming week. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring his word back to your remembrance with understanding.

Date: Sept. 28, 1997

Biblical Text: Daniel 6:1-10

Sermon: Making THE Best OF A Bad Situation

Main Points & Ideas on the Sermon:

- 1) have an excellent SPIRIT (attitude) → good attitude, NOT bad attitude
- 2) have an excellent track Record (don't do anything wrong)
- 3) have excellent protection - (from God)
- 4) have an excellent Prayer Life *****

Illustrations I Want to Remember:

What Should I Do As A Result of This Sermon?

~Jesus Saves~

Home Daily Bible Reading For The Week Of September 29-October 5, 1997

Stay In The Word

Monday.....Philippians 1:3-11

Thursday.....Psalm 63

Tuesday.....Psalm 123

Friday.....Luke 7:36-50

Wednesday.....Psalm 27

Saturday.....Matthew 10:37-42

Sunday.....Romans 5:1-8

"It Takes A Whole Community To Educate One Child." ~~~ Selected

Boards & Organizational Meetings

Sunday.....

Finance Commission.....After Service

Thursday.....

FoodSource Committee.....After Service

Saturday.....

Sanctuary Choir.....06:00 P.M.

Cub Scouts.....09:00 A.M.

Youth-Children Choir.....03:30 P.M.

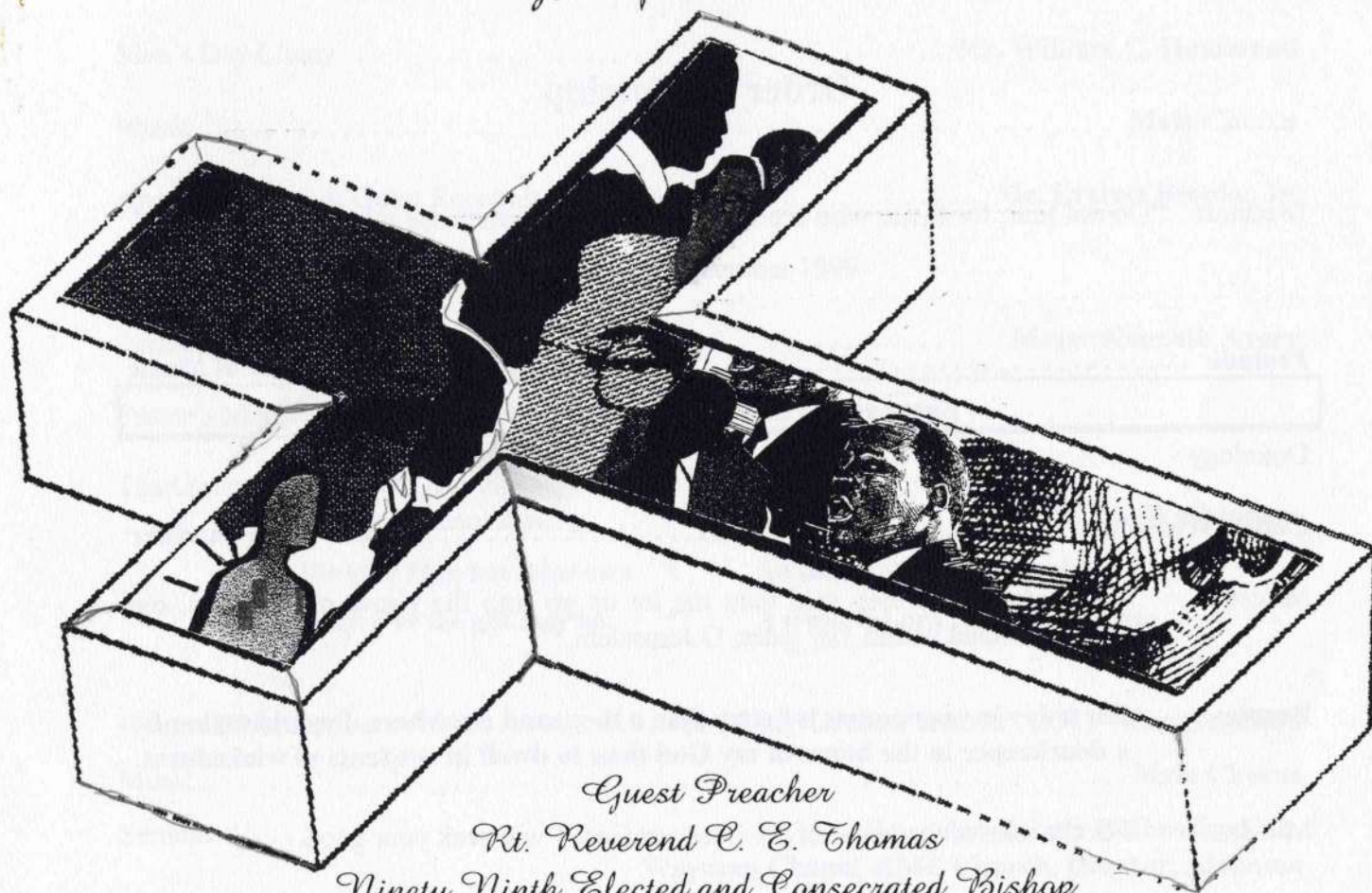
Gospel Choir.....04:30 P.M.

The Apostle's 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 Universal Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

*St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
Huntsville, Alabama*

*Men's Day Celebration
Sunday, September 26, 1999*



*Guest Preacher
Rt. Reverend C. E. Thomas
Ninety Ninth Elected and Consecrated Bishop
African Methodist Episcopal Church*

*Theme:
"Men Moving in Christ: Empowered by the Holy Spirit for Prayer and Service"*

*Rt. Reverend L. L. Grady, Presiding Bishop
Reverend Dr. E. L. Blankenship, Presiding Elder
Reverend Dr. H. L. McCall, Pastor
Major Kenneth Avery, Chairman*

A Liberating and Reconciling People
~ A People in the Word-Serving People in the World ~
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Early Morning Worship
Sunday, September 26, 1999 ~ 8:00 A.M.

Order of Worship

Meditate: "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."
~~~~2 Kings 2:16

Prelude ..... Mr. Rufus Gilmore, III, Director of Music

~ Enter and Worship. Depart and Serve ~

Doxology

Call to Worship ..... Mr. Willie Sandifer

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!

Hymn of Praise ..... "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" (5) ~ Congregation

Prayer of Confession ..... Mr. John Bustamonte

Scripture: Old Testament ~ Jeremiah 11:18-20 ..... Mr. Hanford Jones  
Epistle ~ James 3:13-4:3 ..... Mr. Terry Speight  
New Testament ~ Mark 9:29-36 ..... Mr. Rod Howell

Decalogue ..... Mr. LaFayette Townsend, Sr.

Men's Day Litany ..... Mr. William C. Hammond

Music ..... Male Chorus

Announcements & Guest Recognition ..... Mr. Everett Brooks, Jr.

Pastoral, Birthday & Anniversary Prayer for September 1999

Remarks ..... Major Kenneth Avery

Pastor's Moments

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Mr. Joe Washington

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 ..... "In Shady Green Pastures" (391) ~ Congregation

Music ..... Male Chorus

Sermon ..... Reverend Robert B. Hereford, Sr.  
Wayman Chapel AME Church, Decatur, Alabama

Hymn of Invitation ..... "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" (403) ~ Congregation

Closing Hymn

| Recessional | The Apostles' Creed                                     | Doxology | Benediction |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| *           | The Asterisk Indicates When People May Enter To Worship |          |             |

All visitors and friends are invited to join the Church Family for Church School

Church School.....9:45 AM - 10:45 AM  
"The Tabernacle and Obedience" ~ Exodus 40:1-33; Leviticus 26  
Mr. Willie Sandifer, Acting Superintendent



## LISTENING TO THE SERMON

Listen to the message from God's Word. Use this sheet to make some personal notes. Go back over them through the coming week. Let God crystalize His Truths in your life.

Speaker Elder E. E. Cleveland Date 9-26-99

Sermon Title What is Man?

Biblical Text Psalm 8:3-9

### Main ideas of the sermon:

- ① THE Human Body - God's Masterpiece
- ② Defn of Manhood - (false defns) - sexual immorality; alcohol overuse; midlife crisis;

→ Sanctification

### Illustration(s) I want to remember

The man on the middle cross; aided by the Son & the Holy Spirit

3 prone  
at  
hostile environ-  
ment  
; devils/demons; negative tendencies

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

Prayer:

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." ~Proverbs 29:18



We are asking prayer teams to pray daily for the seven concerns listed below. Afterwards each person is naturally free to pray for anything that is upon his/her heart. The purpose of the Prayer Initiative is to have all of us each day pray about or "touching and agreeing" on the same things in addition to our individual request. Our seven prayer requests for the

#### St. John Prayer Initiative are:

Father, give us as persons and as your church -

1. a praying spirit
2. a passion and desire to seek and to save the lost.
3. the power to know your vision of who we are and what we can do through Jesus Christ
4. your peace to stay united and focused in the Holy Spirit.
5. your vision and program for reclaiming and empowering African-American men and the family.
6. your vision and program for rescuing and keeping African-American youth
7. your vision and presence to build the new and expanded St. John AME Church for the glory of God

Fill out your commitment form to this Initiative and place it in the morning offering or give it to Mrs. Ruby Heard-Bustamonte, an usher or leave it with the Pastor. If you need a prayer partner/team, please contact Pastor McCall.

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

September 26, 1999

### Stewardesses

Mrs. Mable McCall  
Mrs. Willie Heyward

8:00 AM

Mrs. Sharon Butler

Mrs. Lou Clark

10:50 AM

### Stewards

Mrs. Vanona Walton  
Col. E. C. Smith, Sr.

October 3, 1999

### Stewardess

### Stewards

Mr. Ronald Robinson  
Dr. Jeanette Jones

## Finance Committee

September 26, 1999

Ms. Patricia Grier  
Mr. Jerry Baldwin  
Mr. Everett E. Brooks, Sr.  
Mr. Eddie C. Sherrod

October 3, 1999

Mr. Ronald Robinson  
Mrs. Martha Smith  
Dr. Jeanette Jones  
Dr. James I. Dawson

## Prayer for the Week

Our Father, thank you for Spirit-filled men and women of God who are strong models of faith for our children and youth through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Thought for the Week

"He who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him." ~Psalm 32:10

## 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 for September 27-October 3, 1999

Stay In The Word

|                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday.....Psalm 146             | Thursday.....Psalm 123 |
| Tuesday.....I John 1:5-10        | Friday.....Psalm 27    |
| Wednesday.....Philippians 1:3-11 | Saturday.....Psalm 63  |
| Sunday.....Luke 7:42-48          |                        |

“It Takes A Whole Community To Educate One Child.”

Boards & Organizational Meeting

Sunday ~ September 26, 1999

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Finance Commission .....    | After Service |
| Food Source Committee ..... | After Service |

Thursday ~ September 30, 1999

|                                 |           |
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| Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... | 6:00 P.M. |
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Saturday ~ October 2, 1999

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Finance Committee ..... | 8:30 A.M. |
| Cub Scouts .....        | 9:00 A.M. |

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>.

E-mail Address: [stjohnameh@aol.com](mailto:stjohnameh@aol.com)

Acknowledgments

Pastor and Mrs. McCall, Major Avery and the men of St. John express their gratitude for your prayers, participation and attendance. Many special thanks to Bishop(Ret) C. E. Thomas and Mrs. Susie Thomas for sharing this event with us and also his providing the God inspired message.

Litany for the Annual Men's Day Observance

“Men Moving in Christ: Empowered by the Holy Spirit for Prayer and Service”

Leader: “Lord, shall I find it in Thy Holy Church, Or must I give it up as something dead,”

Congregation: “I beseech you therefore bretheren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

Leader: “Forever lost, no matter where I search, Like dinosaurs within their ancient bed?”

Congregation: “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Leader: “I found it not in years of Unbelief,”

Congregation: “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”

Leader: “In science stirring life like budding trees,”

Congregation: “For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;”

Leader: “In Revolution like a dazzling thief- -”

Congregation: “Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Leader: “Oh, shall I find it on my bended knees?”

Congregation: “Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Nor slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; giving to hospitality.”

Leader: “But what is Truth? So Pilate Asked Thee, Lord,”

Congregation: “Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”

Leader: “So long ago when Thou wert manifest,”



Congregation: "Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own deceits."

**Leader:** "As the Eternal and Incarnate Word,"

Congregation: "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

**Leader:** "Chosen of God and by Him singly blest:"

Congregation: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

**Leader:** In this vast world of lies and hate and greed,"

Congregation: "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

**Leader:** "Upon my knees, Oh Lord, for Truth I plead."

Congregation: "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head."

All: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

("Truth" by Claude McKay cited in The Black Poets by Dudley Randall (New York: Bantam Books, 1971:64). Scriptures from romans, chapter 12. Litany compiled by Dr. L. E. Williams, II.)

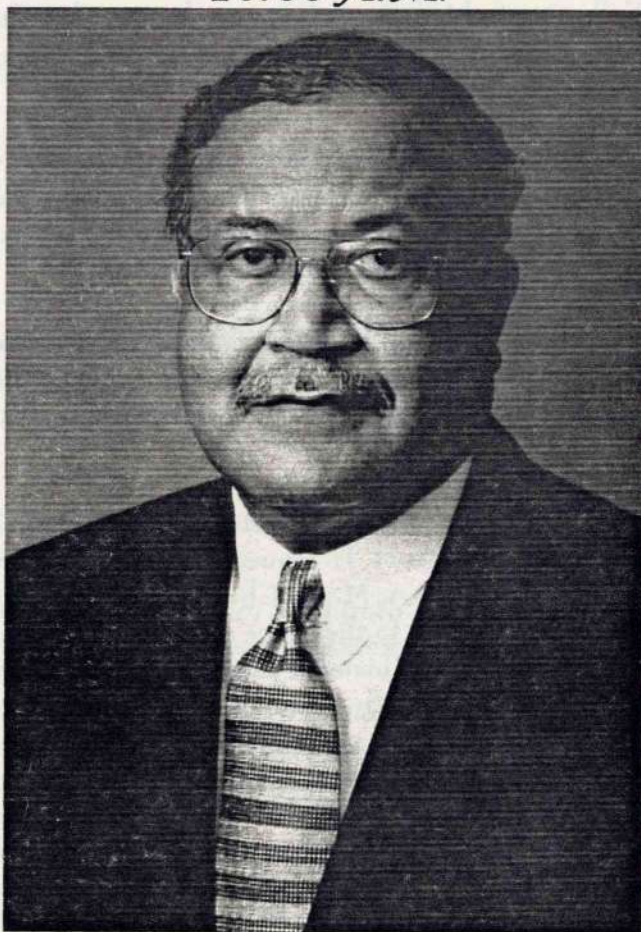


*St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Huntsville, Alabama*

## *Men's Day Celebration*

*Sunday, September 22, 2002*

*10:00 A.M.*



*Guest Speaker  
Bishop W. P. DeVeaux*

*Theme: "Christian Men Leading in Worship through Prayer"*

*The Right Reverend T. Larry Kirkland, Presiding Bishop  
Reverend D. E. Dillard, Sr., Presiding Elder  
Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall, Pastor*



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William P. DeVaux was born to Chaplain John and Della DeVaux in Fort Huachuca Arizona. The youngest of three children, he spent his elementary and high school years living on army posts in Maryland, Kansas, Colorado and in Germany. Upon graduation from high school, he entered Howard University. An active student, he was elected junior and senior class president and Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. While a student at Howard, he answered the call to the ordained ministry. Following in his father's footsteps he served in the United States Army as a Chaplain. In the midst of enemy fire, he brought comfort and solace to troops in combat during the Viet Nam Conflict.

In addition to a bachelor's degree from Howard University, he attained a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Boston University as well as a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy from Vanderbilt University. He has served on the faculties of Meharry Medical College. Princeton Theological Seminary and Howard University School of Divinity.

In the field of theological education, Bishop DeVaux is recognized for his achievements as the Executive Director of the Fund for Theological Education inc. During his tenure, scholarships to Black, Hispanic and North American students were granted to support their theological education.

His career as a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church includes pastorates at Bethel A. M. E. Church in Lynn MA, St John A. M. E. Church in Nashville, TN; Wayman A. M. E. Church in Dayton, OH and Metropolitan A. M. E. Church in Washington, DC. He served at Metropolitan from 1986 until his election to the office of Bishop. Using his personal leadership style, academic expertise and his diverse ministerial experience, Bishop DeVaux energized the church membership into active participants in community outreach efforts.

On July 2, 1996 the Reverend William P. Devaux was consecrated as the 113<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Louisville Kentucky and was assigned to Southern Africa where he lived and served for four years. He serves now as the presiding Bishop of the 16<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District of the AME Church which includes the following conferences: Guyana/Suriname, Windward Islands, Virgin Islands, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, and London/Holland. Bishop DeVaux is the Chairman of Global Witness and Ministries for the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop DeVaux and Dr. Pam DeVaux are the parents of five children and they have eleven grandchildren. Bishop DeVaux remains steadfast in his belief that he can best serve Jesus by, "Ordering his steps in the Lord."

A Liberating and Reconciling People

A people in the Word – Serving People in the World

Men's Day Celebration

Order of Service

Sunday, September 22, 2002 – 10:00 a.m.

Meditate: "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16

Prelude .....Mr. Rufus Gilmore II, Director of Music

Mr. Kevin Long, Musician

Mr. Talbert Cox, Percussionist

Acolytes..... James Henderson II & Kyle Burwell

~ Enter and Worship Depart and Serve ~

Doxology

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Call to Worship

Call to Worship.....Rev. Claudewell C. Campbell

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!



Men's Day Litany  
Theme: "Christian Men Leading in Worship Through Prayer"

Leader: Prayer, to the patriarchs and prophets, was more than the recital of well known and well-worn phrases - it was the outpouring of the heart. Beset by perils, persecutions, pain and privations, they naturally turned to God in their need, believing that He was able to redeem them out of all their troubles.

People: Hear, O Lord and answer us, for we are poor and needy. Guard our lives, for we are devoted to you. You are our God; save your servants who trust in you.

Leader: If the elders knew little of the philosophy of prayer, they certainly knew a great deal about its' power, as our meditation upon the Word reveals.

People: Have mercy upon us, O Lord; for we call to you all day long, Bring joy to your servants, for to you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

Leader: What is Prayer? Simplified, is it not the desire, opportunity and privilege of talking to God? Prayer is "a correspondence fixed with heaven." With the creation of man, prayer was a dictate to nature, "a constituted instinct, inwrought by the Maker."

People: You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call on you, for you will answer us. Among the gods there is none like you; O Lord' no deeds can compare with yours.

Leader: What the coming of Enos, men were conscious of their weakness, and seeking refuge in "God, wished to be distinguished as men who feared the Lord God, and who desired to do His will. A sacredness, previously unknown, was now attached to the name Jehovah.

People: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord, and they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

Leader: Worship, communion and promise are all bound up in God's call to Abraham, and in his calling upon the name of the Lord. How Abraham replied to the revelation he received, we are not told. However, within the Covenant given to Abraham there was the underlying thought that true family life is dependent upon family recognition of God.

People: Teach us your way, O Lord, and we will walk in your truth; give us an undivided heart, that we may fear your name. We will praise you, O Lord, our God, with all our hearts; we will glorify your name forever.

Leader: All God's people are praying people. Intercessory prayer is the first recorded prayer in form, and was a plea for a father on behalf of his child. It was a prayer asking for more than God had offered to bestow. It was a prayer receiving an immediate answer.

People: For great is your love toward us; you have delivered us from the depths of the grave. The arrogant are attacking us, O God; a band of ruthless men seeks our lives-men without regard for you.

Leader: Intercessory prayer, however, proves the benevolence of good men; the importance of the righteous to a wicked world; the kindness of God towards the guilty; the humility which should ever characterize prayer; and the efficacy of intercessory prayer.

People: But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Turn to us and have mercy upon us; grant your strength to your servants and save the sons of your maidservants.

Leader: Too often we fail God and man because of our lack of desire for prevailing intercession - the costliest service a Christian can render. In sum, our prayers should be simple, direct, and childlike.

All: Give us a sign of your goodness, that our enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, O Lord, have helped us and comforted us. To God Be The Glory. Amen.  
Composed by Lee E. Williams II, Ph. D

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

Prayer of Confession.....Mr. Eddie Sherrod

Scripture: Old Testament ~ 2 Chronicles 7: 13-22.....Mr. Glenn Pippen

Epistle ~ James 5: 13-20.....Mr. Earl Griffis

New Testament ~ Matthew 6: 5-15 .....Mr. Ray Sconiers

Decalogue .....Mr. Carl Lewis

Men's Day Litany ... "Christian Men Leading in Worship Through Prayer" ..... Dr. Lee Williams, II

\*Music ..I HAVE BEEN SINGING HALLELUJA ALL DAY! ..... Male Chorus

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

Solo .....I'LL WALK WITH GOD FROM THIS DAY ON.....Mr. Walter Williams

Welcome & Occasion .....Mr. Everett Brooks, Jr.

Remarks .....Dr. Clifton Pearson

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Pastor's Moments \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. H.L. McCall

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings: Offertory Music - For your Many Blessings

Prayer of Thanksgiving .....Mr. Karl Gullatte

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.

Introduction of the Preacher .....Pastor Homer L. McCall

Hymn of Preparation... (#200) "Joys Are Flowing Like a River"..... Choir/Congregation

\*Music ....'You Can't make me Doubt Him' .....Male Chorus

Sermon .....Bishop William P. DeVeaux, Presiding Prelate 16<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District  
The 113<sup>th</sup> Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the AME Church

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

Closing Remarks.....Bishop DeVeaux

Closing Song..... (#196) "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit".....Choir/Congregation

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|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|
| Recessional                                              | The Apostle's Creed | Doxology | Benediction |
| *The Asterisk Indicates When People May Enter To Worship |                     |          |             |



# 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 Truths in your life.

Minister: Bishop DeVeaux  
 Date: 22 September 2002  
 Sermon Title: 'Walking In the Pathway of Duty'  
 Biblical Text: Micah 6:6-8; Jude 1:20-21, 24-25

Main ideas from the sermon: Key Points: What to do to please the Lord -  
(1) do justice w/ all people  
(2) act with mercy  
(3) walk humbly w/ your God -

~~Illustration(s) I want to remember:~~ Hear God's call and be consistent in your  
Response! Be committed!

~~What I should do as a result of hearing this sermon:~~ 'I GOT NEXT'  
→ Don't Quit your POST until Properly Relieved.

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## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

| September 22, 2002                                                        | Stewardesses      | September 29, 2002                                                        |
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| Mrs. Katherine Campbell<br>Mrs. Lydia Owens                               | 10:00 a.m.        | Mrs. Angeline Brownlow<br>Mrs. Edna Owens                                 |
| Mr. William C. Bell, Sr.<br>Mr. Everett E. Brooks, Sr.                    | Stewards          | Dr. John T. Gibson, Sr.<br>Mr. Eddie C. Sherrod                           |
|                                                                           | Finance Committee |                                                                           |
| Mr. Rufus Gilmore, III<br>Mr. William C. Bell, Sr.<br>Dr. Clifton Pearson |                   | Mr. Rufus Gilmore, III<br>Mr. William C. Bell, Sr.<br>Dr. Clifton Pearson |

### Prayer for the Week

Our Father, teach us to trust you completely, to treat others justly; and to thank you constantly through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### Thought for the Week

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18

### 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 - September 23 – September 29, 2002*  
*Stay In The Word*

|                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Monday .....Jeremiah 6: 16-21</i>  | <i>Thursday.....Jeremiah 7: 16-28</i> |
| <i>Tuesday .....Jeremiah 6: 22-30</i> | <i>Friday .....Isaiah 30: 15-19</i>   |
| <i>Wednesday.....Jeremiah 7: 1-7</i>  | <i>Saturday.....Hebrews 4: 1-11</i>   |
| <i>Sunday.....Matthew 11: 25-30</i>   |                                       |

*"It takes a Whole Community to Educate One Child"*

### *Boards & Organizational Meeting*

*Sunday ~ September 22, 2002*

*Finance Committee .....After Service*  
*Food Source Committee.....After Service*

*Wednesday ~ September 25, 2002*

*Mid-Week Prayer Service & Bible Study .....6:30 p.m.*

*Thursday ~ September 26, 2002*

*Noon Prayer.....12 Noon*  
*Sanctuary Choir .....6:00 p.m.*

*Saturday ~ September 28, 2002*

*Finance Committee .....8:30 a.m.*  
*Harvest Home Fellowship*

### *Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church Vision/Mission Statement*

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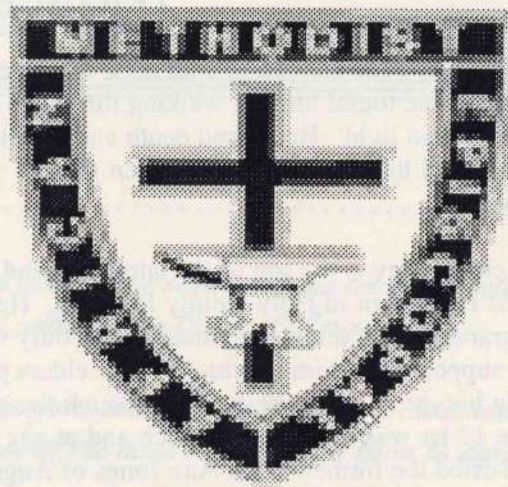
*Pastor and Mrs. McCall, Dr. Pearson and the men of St. John Express their gratitude for your prayers, participation and attendance. Many special thanks to Bishop William P. DeVeaux for sharing this event with us and also for providing the God inspired message.*



# *Men's Day Celebration*

*St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Huntsville, Alabama*

*Sunday, September 28, 2003  
10:00 A. M.*



*Theme: "Christian Men Standing On The Promises Of God"*

*Guest Speaker: Reverend Terence R. Gray  
St. Paul A. M. E. Church  
Macon, Georgia*

*The Right Reverend J. L. Kirkland, Presiding Bishop  
Dwight E. Dillard, Presiding Elder  
Homer L. McCall, D. Min., Pastor*



TO SAY GOD IS PERSONAL IS  
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AMONG OTHER OBJECTS OR  
TO ATTRIBUTE TO HIM THE  
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OF HUMAN PERSONALITY; IT IS  
TO TAKE WHAT IS FINEST AND  
NOBLEST IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS  
AND AFFIRM ITS PERFECT  
EXISTENCE IN HIM".

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
(1958)



TERENCE RENARD GRAY

Many search a lifetime for purpose while others are fortunate enough to find their way early in life. Reverend Terence Renard Gary's calling in life came to him in a dream in which he found himself walking through a garden in darkness. Although it was dark he was not afraid, for wherever he walked, he found light. He sensed death and hopelessness in the darkness, but was able to provide life, hope and light. At age 9 he delivered his first sermon at Allen Chapel AME Church in Calhoun, GA. His purpose was clear.

Born in Atlanta, GA on July 20, 1965, Terence Renard Gray is the son of the late Reverend Frank M. Gray and Lillie Mae Gray. Family lore has it that young Terence was the first child born in Holy Family Hospital. He was blessed to grow under the wise watchful eye of his parents, great-grandmother, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Not only was his family supportive of Terence in the physical, they were "prayin' folk" and also supportive of him spiritually. The elders provided Terence with the confidence he would need to fulfill the purpose that burned in his spirit. He believes that through the struggles and triumphs of his beloved elders, he was able to reach his potential. At age 12 he was licensed to preach and at age 16 he was admitted into the African Methodist Church. On June 22, 1985, Terence married the former Joyce Ann Jones of Augusta, GA and began to build a family of his own. He finds joy in the faces of his daughter, Jocelyn Bianca Gray and his two sons, Terence Renard Gray II, and Tremaine Raphael Gray.

**"I RECEIVE A GREAT DEAL OF JOY FROM MY FAMILY. I LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING MY CHILDREN GROW AND DEVELOP INTO ADULTS".**

A graduate of Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Terence established himself as a leader early in life. He continued his education at the Interdenominational Theological Seminary where he received his Masters of Divinity in Homiletics in 1989.

Reverend Terence Renard Gray has found himself pasturing churches throughout Georgia, among these are Atlanta, Washington, Social Circle, Gray and Eatonton. However, it is Saint Paul AME Church in Macon that he was called home for the past fourteen years. In that time, Saint Paul has enjoyed constant growth and anticipates the completion of plans for the construction of a new physical plant. Although a new church is necessary, Terence recognizes that it is even more important to build the body of Christ and invite people into Christian discipleship. This commitment is apparent in the ministries Saint Paul operates and has been strengthened through the use of technology such as electronic media and Internet.

Terence Gray has many dreams and aspirations. He aspires to empower those who are in need, touch the lives of those who are broken, tear down the walls which divide, build a future for his family, and fight poverty and injustice. His awards from the AME Church, the NAACP, the city of Macon and others indicate that he is effecting positive change. The dream of walking through the darkness that he had as a child, has shaped his life and enables him to provide to those who come into his presence with the greatest gift of all – the ability to know God.

*A Liberating and Reconciling People*  
*A People in the WORD ~ Serving People in the WORLD*  
*Men's Day Celebration*  
*Sunday, September 28, 2003 ~ 10:00 AM*  
*Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Meditate: "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*  
*Matthew 16: 18*

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

*Acolytes*

*Enter and Worship ~ Depart and Serve*

*Doxology*

*Call to Worship ..... Reverend Claudewell Campbell*

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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 not be held Wednesday, October 1, 2003. Please join us for the opening service of the North Alabama Annual Conference at St. John AME Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

### Bus Departure Time is as follows:

Tuesday - September 30 6:45 a.m.  
Wednesday - October 1 6:45 a.m.  
Thursday - October 2 7:00 a.m.  
Friday - October 3 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday - October 4 6:45 a.m.

Pastor McCall will Preach the sermon for the opening worship service of the Annual Conference at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday. The Male Chorus will sing for the opening service. The Pastor will also read his Report on Thursday, October 2. Everyone is prayerful encouraged to attend these events. Thank you.



The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by Mrs. Genevia Fontenot, and family, IN CELEBRATION OF HER MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY.

Please contact Mrs. Pearlean Myhand at 852-8265 if you wish to donate flowers for the Altar.



Where There Is No Vision A People Perishes." Ask God to help you make your TITHING Commitment to Him Today. You may place your 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 in praising God in song. You join up by simply showing up at any of the rehearsals listed below:

|                                               |                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Children/Youth                                | Wednesday after the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ 6 pm            |
| Gospel Choir                                  | Last Monday of each month and Thursday after the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday @ 6 pm |
| Male Chorus                                   | Each Friday except Friday after the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 6 pm              |
| Sanctuary Choir                               | Each Thursday except Thursday after the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday                 |
| 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 Truths in your life.

Minister: Rev. Terence Gray

Date: 28 Sept 2003

Sermon Title: 'Tried To Stand'

Biblical Text: Luke 22: 31-32

### Main ideas from the sermon: Key Points:

- 1) You are going to BE TESTED
- 2) You have a THOUGHTFUL INTERCESSOR - Celebrate
- 3) You got to TURN BACK - REPENT + TURN BACK TO GOD
- 4) You got to TELL your BROTHERS about it - TESTIFY

### Illustration(s) I want to remember:

JOHN 16:33 ROMANS 3:23

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

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## *Invitation Too Christian Discipleship*

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September 28, 2003

Mrs. Vanona Walton  
Mr. Otha Owens, Sr.

Stewards

October 5, 2003

Dr. Jeanette Jones

Finance Committee

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### *Prayer for the Week*

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*Our Father, thank you for your anointing of healing and deliverance through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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### *Thought for the Week*

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*"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind . . ."*      *Romans 12: 2*

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### *The Apostles' Creed*

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*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 ~ September 29, - October 5, 2003*

*Stay In The Word*

|                                            |                                           |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <i>Monday . . . . Deuteronomy 7: 6-11</i>  | <i>Thursday . . . . . 1 Peter 1: 8-12</i> |
| <i>Tuesday . . . . . Leviticus 19: 1-5</i> | <i>Friday . . . . . 1 Peter 1: 13-21</i>  |
| <i>Wednesday . . . . . 1 Peter 1: 1-7</i>  | <i>Saturday . . . . 1 Peter 1:22 -2:3</i> |
| <i>Sunday . . . . . 1 Peter 2: 4-10</i>    |                                           |

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*"It Takes a Whole Community to Educate One Child"*

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### Boards & Organizational Meetings

*Sunday ~ September 28, 2003*

*Finance Committee . . . . . After Service*

*Wednesday October 1 - Saturday, October 4, 2003*

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*125<sup>th</sup> Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference*  
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#### *Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church Vision/Mission Statement*

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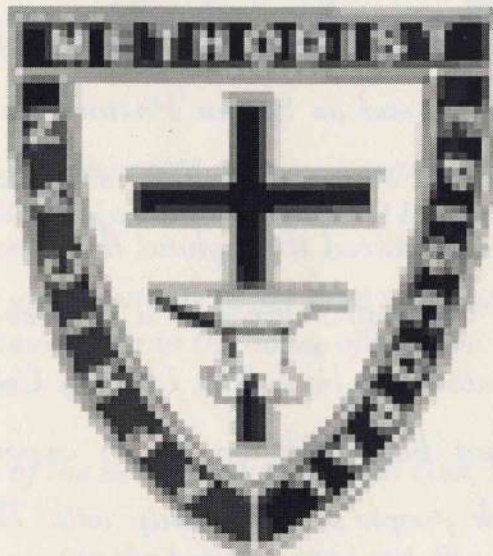
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***St. John A.M.E Church***  
***Huntsville, Alabama***  
***Men's Day/Pastor's Day Celebration***  
***Sunday, September 24, 2006***  
***10:00 A.M.***

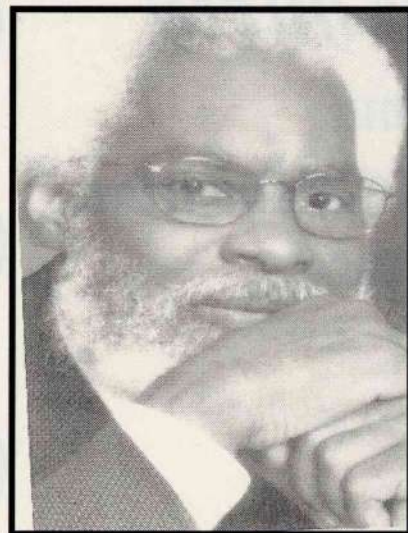


*Dr. Cecil Wayne Cone*  
*Guest Preacher*

*The Right Reverend T. Larry Kirkland, Presiding Bishop*  
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## Cecil Wayne Cone, Ph.D.



Cecil Wayne Cone, Theologian, Pastor, Psychotherapist, Author and Lecturer, received his AA from Shorter College in North Little Rock, BA from Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Master of Divinity from Garrett Theological Seminary (Now Garrett-Evangelical) in Evanston, Master of Counseling Psychology from The University of North Florida in Jacksonville, and Ph.D in Systematic Theology with minor in Philosophy from Emory University in Atlanta. Dr. Cone has served as Senior Pastor of several AME Churches, Dean of Turner Theological Seminary at ITC, President of Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, and lectured throughout this country and the continent of Africa. Currently, Dr. Cone also serves as a Professor at Spelman College, Atlanta, GA. In his outstanding book *The Identity Crisis in Black Theology*, Dr. Cone points out that black religion is an experience expressed in a confessional story of black people's relationship with The Almighty Sovereign God. Thus the essential core or essence of black religion is the black religious experience, a personal experience of the Almighty Sovereign God, emerging out of the crucible of suffering. Also in this book the author calls us back to our African roots. Dr. Cone is married to Dr. Juanita Fletcher Cone, a medical doctor. His three children Dr. Cecil Wayne Cone II, Dr. Leslie Anita Cone-Sullivan and Dr. Charleston Alan Cone are all medical doctors.

### *A Liberating & Reconciling People A People in the Word ~ Serving People in the World Sunday, September 24, 2006 ~ 10:00 AM Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Meditate. . . . "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect, will of God"  
Romans 12:2

Prelude: . . . . . Mr. Rufus Gilmore, III Director of Music  
Mr. Talbert Cox, Percussionist  
Acolyte . . . . . Sapphire Rochelle & Xavier Rembert

*Enter and Worship † Depart and Serve*

Doxology

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a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth sing praises!



Men's Day Litany

Leader: The Old Testament is a record of God's promise to patriarchs, kings prophets, Israel, lowly saints, and to the world at large.

People: "I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations."

Leader: The God we serve and love is the God of Truth, and requires truth as one of the virtues of His intelligent offspring.

People: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most high: For thou, LORD, had made us glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands."

Leader: God is rich in His promises, but He never multiplied them unnecessarily; nor was He guilty of clothing His promises with unnecessary adornment.

People: "The LORD reigns, He is clothed with Majesty: the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself: the world is also stabilized, that it cannot be moved."

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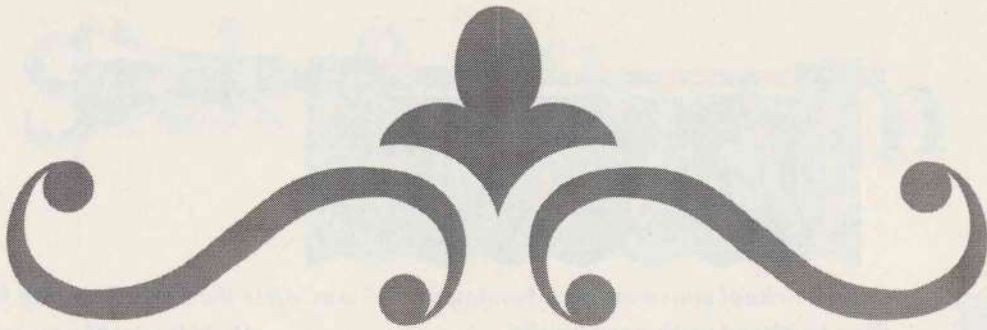
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All: The divine promises comprehend a rich and endless variety. They embrace time and eternity, and therefore cover all temporal and spiritual needs and thus cover all that may be needed.

AMEN.

Sources: Psalms 89, 90 91, 93, 97 and 98; Lockyer, Herbert, All The Promises of The Bible (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1962)

Composed by: Dr. L. E. Williams, II



Order of Worship

Hymn of Praise..... (#513) "Time Is Filled with Swift Transition:..... Choir/Congregation

Prayer of Confession.....Mr. Otha Owens, Sr.

Scripture Old Testament Isaiah 35: 4-7.....Mr. Tommy Anderson

Epistle James 2: 1-5.....Mr. Brian Wilson

Gospel Mark 7: 31-37.....Mr. Glenn Pippen

Decalogue..... Mr. Carl Lewis

Men's Day Litany..... Mr. Willie "Randy" Love

\*Music..... Male Chorus

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

Welcome and Occasion ..... Mr. Everett E. Brooks, Jr.

Installation of St. John's Unit of Sons of Allen Officers..... Pastor McCall

Remarks ..... LTC Antonio Brown

Men's Day Chair/President SOA

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings ~ Offertory Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving..... Mr. Arthur Ray Sconiers

Renewal of Marital Vows & Birthday Prayer

Presentation to the Pastor

Pastor's Moments

Introduction of the Preacher..... Pastor McCall

Hymn of Preparation..... (#559) "Rise Up, O Men of God" ..... Choir/Congregation

\*Music.....Male Chorus

Sermon ..... Reverend Dr. Cecil Wayne Cone

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

Closing Remarks..... Dr. Cone

Closing Song..... (#97) "Revive Us Again"..... Choir/Congregation

Recessional The Apostles' Creed Benediction

\*The Asterisk Indicates When People May Enter To Worship



# Invitation To Christian Discipleship

September 24, 2006

Mrs. Shelia Henderson

Ms. Barbara Johnson

Stewardess

10:00 A.M.

October 1, 2006

Mrs. Vanona Walton

Mr. Otha Owens

Stewards

Mrs. Martha Smith

Mr. Hanford Jones

Mr. Rufus Gilmore

Mr. William Bell

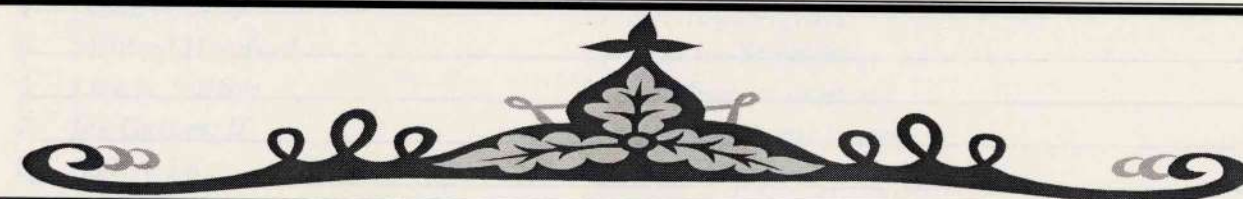
Mr. Ronald McIntosh

Finance Committee

Mr. Rufus Gilmore

Mr. William Bell

Mr. Ronald McIntosh



## Prayer for the Week

Our Father, help us to think, feel and act with the mind, heart and Spirit of Christ. In his name Amen.

## Thought for the Week

"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."  
John 6:63

## 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 unto 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.

Philippians 4: 13 ~ "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

The road to success is not straight.  
There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps call Friends, red lights called Graves, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.

*Have Faith in Him*

*Unknown*



## JESUS SAVES

### STAY IN THE WORD

*Home Daily Bible Reading ~ September 25 – October 1, 2006*

|                                      |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Monday.....Deuteronomy 6: 4-9</i> | <i>Thursday.....Judges 2: 1-5</i>   |
| <i>Tuesday.....Psalm 78: 1-8</i>     | <i>Friday.....Judges 2: 6-10</i>    |
| <i>Wednesday.....Psalm 85: 4-13</i>  | <i>Saturday.....Judges 2: 11-15</i> |
| <i>Sunday.....Judges 2: 16-23</i>    |                                     |

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### ***“It Takes A Whole Community to Educate One Child”***

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#### *Boards & Organizational Meeting*

*Sunday ~ September 25, 2006*

*Finance Committee..... After Service*

*Monday, September 25, 2006*

*Combined Choir Rehearsal..... 6:00 PM*

*Wednesday ~ September 27, 2006*

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

*Thursday, September 28, 2006*

*Noon Prayer time..... 12 Noon*

*Saturday ~ September 30, 2006*

*Finance Committee..... 8:30 AM*

*North Conference Y. P. D. Choir Rehearsal..... 11:00 AM*

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#### *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>*

*E-mail Address: [stjohnameh@aol.com](mailto:stjohnameh@aol.com)*



**St. John A. M. E. Church**  
229 Church Street, Huntsville, Alabama  
**Men's Day Celebration**  
Sunday, September 23, 2007  
10:00 AM

*Theme: "We Are Our Brother's Keeper." Genesis 4: 1-15*



*Reverend Dr. Johnny Barbour*  
*Guest Preacher*

The Right Reverend T. Larry Kirkland, Presiding Bishop  
Reverend Dwight E. Dillard Sr., Presiding Elder  
Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall, Pastor



*Reverend Dr. Johnny Barbour, Jr.*

Johnny Barbour, Jr., has given of himself for more than forty years as a servant of the A.M.E. Church. As a student, he pastored Heard Chapel A.M.E. Church in Greenwood, Mississippi and Bethlehem A.M.E Church in Winona, Mississippi, where he purchased the ground to build a new church. As a full time pastor, he served at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Yazoo City, Mississippi; renovated churches in Meridian and Laurel, Mississippi; built a church in Forest, Mississippi; built a parsonage and education building at Fayette, Mississippi. As pastor of Saint Matthew A.M.E. Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, he completely renovated the church and parsonage, purchased and developed a parking lot, a project of over \$200,000. As pastor of Pearl Street A.M.E. Church, Jackson, Mississippi, he has led the congregation in the purchasing of a new facility, valued at \$2.5 million dollars. The facility is debt free.

Johnny Barbour is a servant of the people and a leader for the people. As a student during the years 1958 to 1960, he served as the President of the Intercollegiate Chapter of the NAACP, and led the first "Bus Sit-in" in the state of Mississippi. He was the first coordinator for Voter Registration Education in that state. He has served as President of the Connectional Pastors' Council of the A.M.E. Church, and as a member of the General Board. He has served as Chairman of the Revisions Committee for the last two quadrennials, and is a member of the Compilation Committee. He has served as a member of the Highway Commission for the state of Mississippi. He was actively involved in the election of the first Black mayor of the city of Jackson. He is a spiritual leader and a capable administrator.

**PERSONAL BACKGROUND:**

Born — Greenwood, Mississippi, the son of Johnny and Zula Davis Barbour; Married — Clara Mae Jackson Barbour; Children — one son, Thomas Monroe Barbour; Daughter-in-law — Juanita Adams Barbour; Grandchildren — two, Thomas Monroe Barbour, III, and Brianna Kathleen Barbour.

**EDUCATION:**

Elementary: Greenwood, Mississippi; Diploma: Broad Street High School, Greenwood, Mississippi; Associate of Arts Degree: J.P. Campbell College, Jackson, Mississippi; Diploma: E.W. Lampton, School of Religion, Jackson, Mississippi; Bachelor of Business Administration: The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Certificate: Kodak Institute in Production, Dallas, Texas; Alumnus of Urban Training Center for Christian Mission, Chicago, Illinois; Further Study: Reform Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi.

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Honorary Degree: Doctorate of Divinity, Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio.

**EXPERIENCE IN ADMINISTRATION:**

1964-66 Coordinator of Voter Registration Education Project, state of Mississippi  
1968-70 Assistant Chief Administrator, Department of Urban Development, Laurel, Mississippi  
An Associate in the May's Graphic Arts and Printing Company  
President of PSAMEC Press.

**ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS:**

American Welfare Association, 100 Concerned Clergy, NAACP, SCLC, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, YMCA, International Toastmasters Club, Prince Hall Masons, IBPOE of W.

**Johnny Barbour is the Secretary-Treasurer of the A.M.E. Sunday School Union  
of the African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**A Liberating & Reconciling People**  
**A People in the WORD ~ Serving People in the WORLD**  
**Sunday, September 23, 2007 ~ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
***Men's Day Celebration***

*Meditate: "He (Cain) said "I do not know. Am I my brother's Keeper?" Genesis 4: 9*

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

*Acolyte ..... Marissa Owens & Xavier Rembert*

***Enter and Worship & Depart and Serve***

*Doxology* *Call to Worship*  
*PASTOR McCall*

*Leader: 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.*

*Leader: 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.*

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

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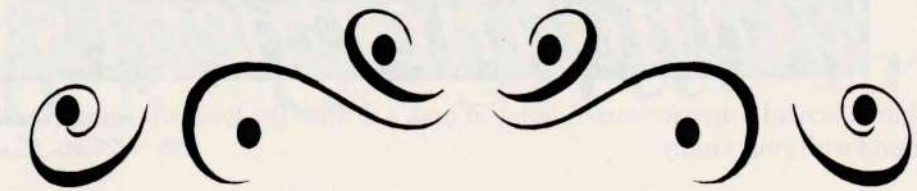
## Men's Day Litany

- Leader: The Old Testament is a record of God's promise to patriarchs, kings, prophets, Israel, lowly saints, and to the world at large.
- People: "I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations."
- Leader: The God we serve and love is the God of Truth, and requires truth as one of the virtues of His intelligent offspring.
- People: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most high: For thou, LORD, has made us glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands."
- Leader: God is rich in His promises, but He never multiplied them unnecessarily; nor was He guilty of clothing His promises with unnecessary adornment.
- People: "The LORD reigns, He is clothed with Majesty: the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself: the world is also stabilized, that it cannot be moved."
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AMEN.

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Composed by: Dr. L. E. Williams, II



## Order of Worship

Hymn of Praise.....(#513) "Time Is Filled with Swift Transition" ..... Choir Congregation

Prayer of Confession..... Mr. Otha Owens, Sr.

Scripture † Exodus 32: 7 - 14 ..... Mr. Brian Wilson  
I Timothy 1: 12 - 17 ..... Mr. Gerald Teague, Sr.  
Luke 15: 1 - 10 ..... Mr. Bill Williams

Decalogue ..... Mr. Terry Speight  
Men's Day Litany ..... Dr. L. E. Williams

★Music ..... 'I AM SO SATISFIED' ..... Male Chorus  
Welcome & Occasion ..... Mr. Randy Love  
Announcements & Guest Recognition ..... Mr. Glenn Pippen  
Remarks ..... Mr. Guy Ginn, President, St. John Sons of Allen Chapter  
Pastor's Moments..... Rev. H. L. McCall

The giving of Tithes & Offerings ~ Offertory Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Mr. Arthur Sconiers

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

Introduction of the Preacher ..... Pastor McCall

Hymn of Preparation.....(#361) "Yes, God Is Real" ..... Choir/Congregation  
★Music ..... Praise Him, The Lamb of God! ..... Male Chorus

Sermon ..... Reverend Dr. Johnny Barbour  
Secretary-Treasurer, Publisher ~ A. M. E. Church Sunday School Union

Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
Hymn of Invitation..... (#258) "Just As I Am" ..... Choir/Congregation

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

Recessional ..... The Apostles' Creed ..... Benediction

★The Asterisk Indicates When People May Enter To Worship



## Invitation To Christian Discipleship

September 23, 2007

10:00 AM.

Mrs. Clementine Pearson  
Mrs. Geneva Fontenot

Stewardess

September 30, 2007

10:00 AM

Mrs. Angeline Brownlow  
Ms. Beverly Hill

Mrs. Martha Smith  
Mr. Jerry Baldwin

Stewards

Mr. Eddie Sherrod  
Dr. Clifton Pearson

Mrs. Vanona Walton  
Mrs. Martha Smith  
Mr. Otha Owens  
Dr. Clifton Pearson

Finance Committee

Mrs. Vanona Walton  
Mrs. Martha Smith  
Mr. Otha Owens  
Dr. Clifton Pearson

### *Prayer for the Week*

Our Father, May the power of your Holy Spirit remind us always that we are our brother's keeper. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

### *Thought for the Week*

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you"  
John 15: 12

### *The Apostles' Creed*

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## *St. John Sons of Allen Chapter Officers*

*Mr. Guy Ginn, President*  
*Mr. Brian Wilson, Vice President*  
*Mr. Arthur Sconiers, Treasurer*  
*Mr. Carl Lewis, Recording Secretary*  
*Mr. Randy Love, Corresponding Secretary*

### *The Road Not Taken*

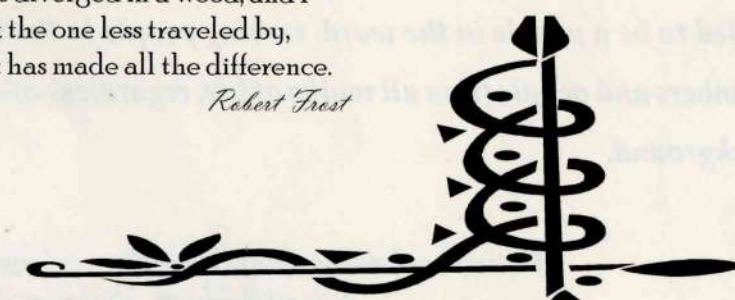
Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth.

Then too the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

*Robert Frost*





## *Jesus Saves*

### *Stay in the Word*

*Home Daily Bible Reading - September 24 ~ September 30, 2007*

|                |                   |               |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Monday.....    | Genesis 24: 1-9   | Thursday..... | Genesis 24: 28-32 |
| Tuesday.....   | Genesis 24: 10-21 | Friday.....   | Genesis 24: 33-41 |
| Wednesday..... | Genesis 24: 22-27 | Saturday..... | Genesis 24:42-51  |
| Sunday.....    | Psalm 100         |               |                   |

### *"It Takes a Whole Community to Educate One Child"*

### *Boards & Organizational Meetings*

*Sunday ~ September 23, 2007*

*Finance Committee ..... After Service*

*Wednesday ~ September 26, 2007*

*Prayer Service and Bible Class ..... 6:30 PM*

*Thursday ~ September 27, 2007*

*Noon Prayer ..... 12 Noon*

*Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:00 PM*

*Saturday ~ September 29, 2007*

*Finance Committee ..... 8:30 A M*

### *Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church Vision/Mission Statement*

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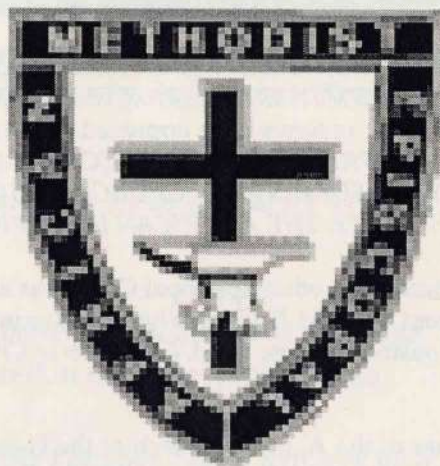
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St. John A. M. E. Church  
229 Church Street ~ Huntsville, Alabama 35801  
Sunday, September 28, 2008  
10:00 A. M.

**Men's Day/Pastor's Day Celebration**

*Theme: "Brother to Brother: United We Stand"*



*Guest Preacher: Reverend Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson*  
*Executive Director Department of Research and Scholarship*  
*African Methodist Episcopal Church*

*The Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop*  
*Reverend Dwight E. Dillard Sr., Presiding Elder*  
*Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall, Pastor*





*Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson*

Dennis C. Dickerson, Executive Director of the Department of Research and Scholarship of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In this capacity he is the Thirteenth Historiographer and the Thirteenth Editor of the A. M. E. CHURCH REVIEW. He is James M. Lawson, Jr. Professor of History and a member of the Faculty of the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt University. Born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania as the fourth and youngest son of Carl O'Neal Dickerson and Oswanna Wheeler Dickerson. He received the B. A. from Lincoln University, the M. A. and Ph.D from Washington University, M.Div. From Vanderbilt University. He did additional study at Hartford Seminary and Memphis Theological Seminary. Morris Brown College conferred upon him the honorary L. H. D.

His academic appointments have included teaching stints at Forest Park Community College in St. Louis, Missouri, Pennsylvania State University, Ogontz campus in Abington, Pennsylvania, and Rhodes College. He completed over twenty years at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts beginning in 1976 where he rose from Assistant Professor

of History to the prestigious tenured post of Stanfield Professor of History and Chairman of the Department of History. He was visiting professor at Yale Divinity School and at Payne Theological Seminary. He is James M. Lawson, Jr. Professor of History at Vanderbilt University where he teaches courses on the Civil Rights Movement, Religion and the Civil Rights Movement, The Social History of American Medicine, and African American Religious History. He has been the recipient of grants and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation and The American Council of Learned Societies. A Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship supported him as a visiting scholar at the Carter G. Woodson Institute at the University of Virginia.

Dr. Dickerson's extensive writings include *OUT OF THE CRUCIBLE: BLACK STEEL WORKERS IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, 1875-1980* (Albany, State University of New York Press, 1986) and *MILITANT MEDIATOR: WHITNEY M. YOUNG, JR.* (Lexington, University Press of Kentucky, 1998). His scholarly articles and book reviews have appeared in several anthologies and in such journals as *PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE*, *JOURNAL OF PRESBYTERIAN HISTORY*, *METHODIST HISTORY*, *JOURNAL OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST HISTORY*, *NEW JERSEY HISTORY*, *CHURCH HISTORY*, *THE NEW YORK STATE JOURNAL OF MEDICINE*, *JOURNAL OF SOUTHERN HISTORY*, *THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW*, and many others.

He was ordained into the ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church as an itinerant deacon and itinerant elder in the New York Annual Conference. On loan from the A. M. E. Church he served as interim minister at Second Congregational Church in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He was pastor of Payne A. M. E. Church in Chatham, New York and St. Mark A. M. E. Church in Munford, Tennessee.

Dr. Dickerson was elected the Historiographer of the A. M. E. Church at the General Conference of 1988 meeting in Fort Worth, Texas. He was re-elected in 1992 in Orlando, Florida, in Louisville, Kentucky in 1996, and Cincinnati, Ohio in 2000 where he assumed duties as Executive Director of the Department of Research and Scholarship. He was re-elected in 2004 and in 2008.

He has written, *THE PAST IS IN YOUR HANDS: WRITING LOCAL A. M. E. CHURCH HISTORY* (1989), *RELIGION, RACE, AND REGION: RESEARCH NOTES ON A. M. E. CHURCH HISTORY* (1995) and *A LIBERATED PAST: EXPLORATIONS IN A. M. E. CHURCH HISTORY* (2003). A trustee of the American Bible Society he served as senior consultant to the JUBILEE BIBLE to which he contributed as essay on the history of the black church.

He belongs to the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World. He was initiated into the Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity of October, 1968 at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, the same chapter into where two of his three brothers were invited. Now he belongs to TAU Lambda Chapter in Nashville. He served in 2004 as President of the American Society of Church History and is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Bible Society.

Dr. Dickerson is married to Mrs. Mary A. E. Dickerson, a graduate of the University of Memphis. She serves as the Subscriptions Manager for the A. M. E. CHURCH REVIEW. They are the parents of four children: Nicole, a graduate of Spelman College and Paralegal at a Nashville law firm. Valerie, a graduate of Spelman College and a PH.D candidate in Ethnomusicology at U. C. L. A., and Christina a graduate of Spelman College and a PH. D. Candidate in History at Vanderbilt University. His son, Dennis Jr., a graduate of the University of Memphis, a first year M. DIV. Student at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. His grandchildren, Melanie, Morgan, Devyn and Tavian are his pride and joy.

*A Liberating & Reconciling People*

*A People in the WORD ~ Serving People in the WORLD*

*Sunday, September 28, 2008 ~ 10:00 A.M.*

*Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Men's Day/Pastor's Day Celebration*

*Theme: "Bother to Brother: United We Stand"*

*Meditate: "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith."*  
I John 5:4

*Prelude* ..... Mr. Rufus Gilmore, Director of Music

Mr. Talbert Cox, Percussionist

*Acolyte* ..... John Butler & Katherine Ingram

***Enter and Worship & Depart and Serve***

*Doxology*

*Call to Worship*

*Leader: 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.*

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

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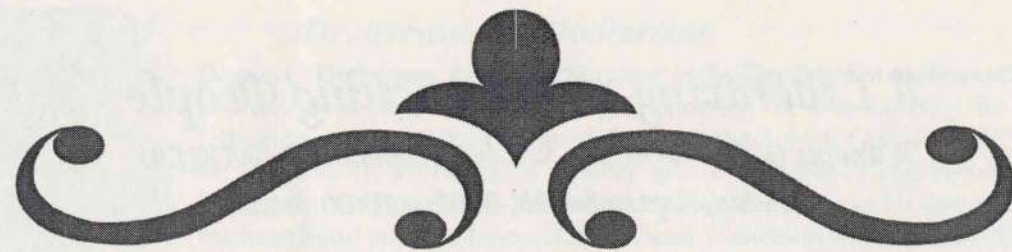
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## Order of Worship

Hymn of Praise. . . . . (#513) "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" . . . . . Choir/Congregation  
Prayer of Confession . . . . . Mr. Otha Owens

### Choral Response

Scripture Isaiah 5: 1- 7 . . . . . Mr. Arthur Sconiers  
Philippians 4: 4- 9 . . . . . Mr. Gerald Moore, Sr.  
Matthew 21: 33- 43 . . . . . Mr. Lincoln Brisker

Decalogue . . . . . Mr. John Butler

Men's Day Litany . . . . . Dr. L. E. Williams

\*Music . . . . . Male Chorus

Welcome & Occasion . . . . . Mr. Clifton Miller

Announcement & Guest Recognition . . . . . Mr. Keith Maddox

Solo . . . . . Mr. Walter Williams

Remarks . . . . . Mr. Tommy Anderson & Mr. Bill Williams

Presentation to Pastor & Mrs. McCall

Pastor's Moment

Renewal of Marriage Vows & Birthday Prayer

### The giving of Tither & Offerings ~ Offertory Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving . . . . . Mr. Theodore Tyson

Chant: We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine a-lone ~ A Trust, O Lord, from Thee. A-men.

Introduction of the Preacher . . . . . Pastor McCall

Hymn of Preparation. . . . . (#84) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" . . . . . Choir/Congregation

\*Music . . . . . Male Chorus

Sermon . . . . . Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson

Executive Director of the Department of Research and Scholarship of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn of Invitation . . . . . (#251) "All to Jesus I Surrender" . . . . . Choir/Congregation

Closing Song. . . . . "Victory Is Mine" . . . . . Choir/Congregation

Recessional The Apostles' Creed Doxology Benediction

\*The Asterisk Indicates When People May Enter to Worship

## MEN'S DAY LITANY

### "BROTHER TO BROTHER: UNITED WE STAND"

**Leader:** "This is the word that came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them; that every man should let his maidservant, being an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother." {Jeremiah 34:9}

**People:** "Life is a mirror and will reflect back to the thinker what he thinks into it."

**Leader:** "For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head." {Obadiah 15}

**People:** "Be very careful what you set your heart upon, for you will surely have it."

**Leader:** "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." {Genesis 9:6}

**People:** "Believe and trust that as it is easy for you to breathe the air and live by it, or to eat and drink, so it is easy and even still easier for your faith to receive all spiritual gifts from the Lord. Prayer is the breathing of the soul; prayer is our spiritual food and drink."

**Leader:** "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." {John 3:16-17}

**People:** "We recognize that there is one source of harmony, love, and peace in the universe—GOD, the good, omnipotent and omnipresent. GOD is perfect unity, the wellspring of rest and continual renewal."

**Leader:** "A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city; and their contentions are like the bars of a castle. A man that hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. The fear of the Lord tendeth to life; and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil." {Proverbs 18:19 & 24; 19:23}

**People:** "GOD is the source of love and respect. GOD is the ever-loving, all-merciful, all-joyful, everlasting, eternal source of unconditional love and respect. GOD is the wellspring of abundant love."

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**Leader:** "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in Heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, insomuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." {Matthew 12:50, 25:40}

**People:** "We forgive all past friends who have proved untrustworthy and unreliable. We welcome wonderful, loving friendships in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

**Leader:** "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one; for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praises unto thee." {Hebrews 2:11-12}

**People:** "We now fully accept in consciousness our perfect relationship with each other through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

**Leader:** "Seeing ye having purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." {Peter 1: 22-23}

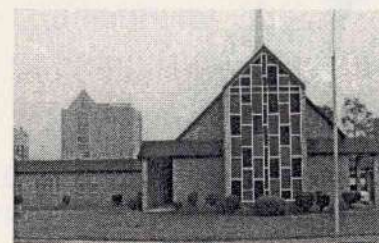
**People:** "GOD is unconditional love. GOD is the all-loving, all-forgiving healing presence and healing power that dwells within us and around us. GOD is perfect forgiveness and divine restoration."

**Leader:** "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is

your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." {Romans 12:1-2}

**People:** "To GOD Be The Glory. AMEN"

[Compiled by L. E. Williams, II from The Holy Bible, King James Version; Susan Shumsky, Miracle Prayer (Berkeley, CA: Celestial Arts, 2006): passim; Orville J. Nave, Nave's Topical Bible (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1979: passim; and The Bible Expositor and Illuminator (Cleveland, OH: Union Gospel Press, 2008: passim.]



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 & Love Feast will NOT be held Wednesday, October 1, 2008. Everyone is encouraged to attend the 130<sup>th</sup> Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference beginning Wednesday, October 1- 4, 2008 at St. Luke A. M. E. Church 2807 - 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Birmingham, AL ~ Rev. Horace J. Fitchard, Jr. Host Pastor.

Pastor McCall will make his report on Wednesday afternoon, October 1, 2008 at St. Luke A. M. E. Church, Birmingham, Alabama. We look forward to your standing with him.

The Women's Missionary Society Conference Branch Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2008.

The Son's of Allen Service will be Thursday evening October 2, and the Lay Organization Service will be Friday October 3 at 7:30 p.m. Please note the change.

The Youth Program will be held at St. Luke, AME Church on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Please Notice the bus schedule for the Annual Conference & WMS Meeting:

| Date         | Departure | Service                    |
|--------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| September 30 | 6:00 a.m. | WMS                        |
| October 1    | 6:00 a.m. | Opening Worship Service    |
| October 2    | 7:00 a.m. | (See Revised Agenda)       |
| October 3    | 7:00a.m.  | (See Revised Agenda)       |
| October 4    | 5:30 a.m. | YPD Program (8:30 a.m.)    |
|              |           | Closing Service 12:00 p.m. |

(You can get a Revised Agenda of the North Alabama Annual Conference in the Narthex or vestibule of the church.)



The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by ~ Tommy, Cheryl, Kevin and Kalon Anderson ~ IN CELEBRATION OF Rev. Meriam Garrett's up-coming birthday.

#### 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. A box will be placed outside the fellowship hall Sunday October 19 & 26, 2008. For more information, or if you would like to help with the event, please contact Patrice McIntosh.



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

Rehearsal Time Subject to Change Periodically



*Jesus Saves ~ Stay in the Word*

*Home Daily Bible Reading ~ September 29 ~ October 5, 2008*

|                 |               |                |                |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Monday .....    | 1 John 1: 1-4 | Thursday ..... | John 20:19-23  |
| Tuesday .....   | Acts 2: 22-35 | Friday .....   | Romans 12: 3-8 |
| Wednesday ..... | Acts 2:37-47  | Saturday ..... | Acts 2:1-13    |
| Sunday .....    | Acts 2: 14-21 |                |                |

***"It Takes a Whole Community to Educate One Child"***

*Boards & Organizational Meetings*

**Sunday ~ September 28, 2008**

Finance Committee ..... After Service

**Monday ~ September 29, 2008**

Gospel Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:00 PM

**Tuesday, September 30, 2009**

W. M. S. Conference Branch Annual Meeting, Saint Luke A. M. E. Church ~ 2807 ~ 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue North,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

**Wednesday ~ October 1 - Saturday, October 4, 2008**

North Alabama Annual Conference  
St. Luke AME Church ~ Birmingham, AL

(Please see today's announcements for the bus schedule for departures. (The bus will return every evening).

***St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church Vision/Mission Statement***

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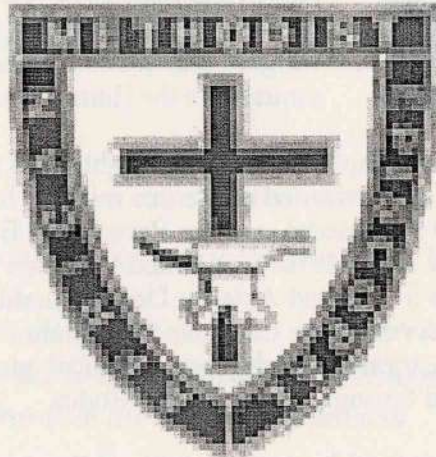
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St. John A. M. E. Church  
229 Church Street ~ Huntsville, Alabama 35801  
Sunday, September 27, 2009  
10:00 A. M.

## Men's Day Celebration

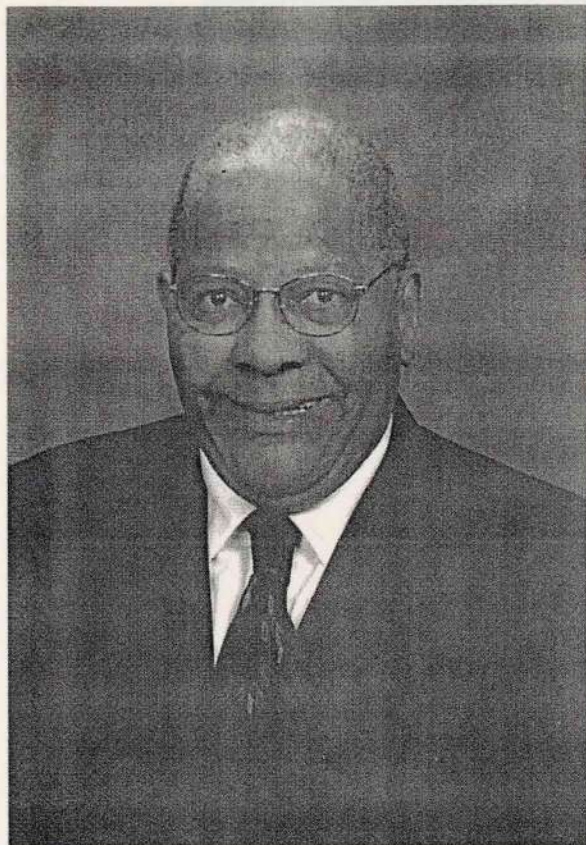
Theme: R. E. V. I. V. E.  
*"Rekindling Eternal Vision, Inspiring Victory Everywhere"*



*Guest Preacher: Reverend Dr. Calvin H. Sydnor*  
*The 20<sup>th</sup> Editor of the "The Christian Recorder"*  
*African Methodist Episcopal Church*

*The Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop*  
*Reverend Dwight E. Dillard Sr., Presiding Elder*  
*Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall, Pastor*





*Rev. Dr. Calvin H. Sydnor , III*

**Calvin H. Sydnor, III, D. Min.,** is the Editor of *The Christian Recorder*, the official newspaper of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He was elected to that position at the 47<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Session of the General Conference that was held in Indianapolis, Indiana in July 2004 and unanimously reelected at the 48<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Session of the General Conference that was held in St. Louis in July 2008. He attended Wilberforce University and received his baccalaureate degree from Cheyney University (Pennsylvania). He received his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees at Lexington Theological Seminary and is a graduate of the basic and advanced U.S. Army Chaplain School. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

Dr. Sydnor served as the Director of the online Bachelor of Arts Degree Program in Religious Studies at Hampton University from 1999 until 2004. He also served as an Assistant Professor of Ethics and Religion. He is currently an adjunct professor of religion and ethics for Hampton University and teaches online courses for the Hampton University Religious Studies Program.

Dr. Sydnor served as a United States Army Chaplain for twenty-eight years and provided pastoral care in support of soldiers and their families. He was awarded numerous military honors and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Parachutist Badge. He served in numerous locations in the United States, in Germany and was the Command Chaplain for the VII (U.S.) Corps and was assigned to that unit during deployment to Southwest Asia for Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990. During his last military assignment, Dr. Sydnor served as the Command Chaplain for United States Army Training and Doctrine Command where he provided pastoral leadership and technical supervision to the senior chaplains at the seventeen military installations located throughout the United States.

He is an experienced trainer of clergy in pastoral leadership, biblical theology, administration and organizational effectiveness. Prior to entering the United States Army, he served as the Dean of the Joint Pastors' Institute at Lane College providing theological education for ministers in the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Arkansas.

He is the author of the booklet; "Some thoughts on being an Effective Chaplain" published by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and "Understanding Islam" an individual study project, which is used as a supplemental text for Islam and World Religion classes at Hampton University. He has published many articles in denominational periodicals and conducts marriage, values clarification, and ministers' retreats. Dr. Sydnor serves on the Board of Trustees at Lexington Theological Seminary and serves on the Board of Directors of the Sloan-Consortium.

Dr. Sydnor's hobbies include playing the piano, walking, and cooking.

Dr. Sydnor is married to the Reverend Dr. Charlotte Ann (Blake) Sydnor, pastor of Shorter Chapel AME Church in Franklin, Tennessee. They have been married 47 years and are the parents of three children, Gloria, Calvin IV, and Christopher. They are the proud grandparents of twelve grandchildren.

*A Liberating & Reconciling People*

*A People in the WORD ~ Serving People in the WORLD*

*Sunday, September 27, 2009 ~ 10:00 A. M.*

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Men's Day Celebration*

*Theme: R.E. V. I. V. E. ~ "Rekindling Eternal Vision, Inspiring Victory Everywhere"*

- Meditate: "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51: 10*  
*Youth Praise and Worship . . . . . Brother Dennis DeLoach, Director*  
*Prelude . . . . . Mr. Rufus Gilmore, Director of Music*  
*Ms. Rosalind Crawford . . . . . Guest Musician*  
*Mr. Talbert Cox . . . . . Percussionist*  
*Acolyte . . . . . Kennedy Harris & Makenzi Maddox-  
JOHN Butler II*

*Enter and Worship & Depart and Serve*

- Doxology*
- Call to Worship . . . . . Brother Dennis DeLoach*
- Leader: 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.*
- Leader: 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.*
- Leader: 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.*
- Leader: 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!*



**MEN'S DAY LITANY**  
*Rekindling Eternal Vision, Inspiring Victory Everywhere*  
*"Thinking Globally and Acting Locally"*

**Leader:** We give thanks daily, not for mere riches, but for wisdom with which to recognize, embrace, and properly use the great abundance of riches we have at our command.

**People:** "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness." (Psalm 37:3)

**Leader:** We incur no enemies because we injure no one for any cause; but we try to benefit all with whom we come in contact by teaching them the way to God's enduring riches.

**People:** "We, therefore, the prisoners of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called." (Ephesians 4:1)

**Leader:** We have more material wealth than we need because we are free from greed and covet only the material things we can use while we live.

**People:** "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life." (1 Timothy 6:12)

**Leader:** God remembers the good we forget. God's love changes prodigal sons into precious saints. The highest motive for obeying God is the desire to please Him.

**People:** "The Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." (Romans 8:26)

**Leader:** One small step of obedience is a giant step to blessing because a Christian reflects Jesus the Christ. Furthermore, looking to the needs of others honors Christ.

**People:** "Let each of us esteem others better than ourselves. Let each of us look out not only for our own interests, but also for the interests of others." (Philippians 2:3-4)

**Leader:** Repentance is God's way of making the crooked straight. A Christian's life is the canvas on which others can see Jesus. Likewise, gratitude is the memory of a glad heart.

**People:** "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord." (Colossians 3:17)

**Leader:** The greatest force on earth is not the compulsion of law but the compassion of love because when we know that God's hand is in everything, we can leave everything in God's hand. Where God guides, God provides!

**People:** "Jesus said unto him, *THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND. THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE UNTO IT, THOU SHALT LOVE THEY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF. ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS HANG ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.*" (Matthew 22:37-40)

**All: AMEN**

[Sources: The Holy Bible (KJV); Billionaire Mastermind Forum ( 21 August 2009 ); Our Daily Bread (March-May, 2009); and Beth Moore, *Praying God's Word Day By Day* ( Nashville , Tennessee : B & H Publishing Group, 2006).

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**Order of Worship**

Hymn of Praise & Worship ..... "Victory In Jesus" ..... Men's Choir

Prayer of Confession ..... Mr. Clifton Miller

Choral Response (*He's Sweet I know*)

Scripture Isaiah 50: 4- 10 ..... Mr. Jessie Johnson

James 2: 14- 18 ..... Mr. John Butler

Mark 8: 27- 38 ..... Mr. Lincoln Brisker

Decalogue. .... (#797 Contemporary) ..... Mr. Larry Davis

Men's Day Litany ..... Dr. L. E. Williams

\*Music ..... *'I WILL BE MADE WHOLE' - O' LORD!* ..... Male Chorus

Welcome & Occasion ..... Mr. Bill Williams

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

2009 St. John A. M. E Sons of Allen Reflection .. (*Slide Show*) ..... Mr. Rickey McGraw

Sons of Allen President

\*Music. .... *'JUST HOW MUCH WE CAN BEAR'*  
Solo ..... Mr. Lars Avery & the Male Chorus  
*'WE ARE OUR HEAVENLY FATHER CHILDREN'*

Remarks ..... Mr. Everett Brooks, Jr.

Chairperson, Men's Day Program

Pastor's Moment ..... *Rev. H. L. McCall*

Renewal of Marriage Vows & Birthday Prayer

*'JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY'*  
*'I WILL OPEN UP MY HEART'*  
The giving of Tither & Offerings ~ Offertory Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Mr. Earl Fitchard

Chant: We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine a-lone ~ A Trust, O Lord, from Thee. A-men.

Introduction of the Preacher ..... Pastor McCall

Hymn of Preparation..... (#84) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ..... Choir/Congregation

\*Music ..... *'WHY, CAN'T I WAIT ON THE LORD?'* ..... Male Chorus

Sermon ..... Rev. Dr. Calvin H. Sydnor, III

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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

Closing Remarks ..... Rev. Dr. Calvin H. Sydnor, III

Closing Hymn ..... " 'Tis the Promise of God" ..... Choir/Congregation

Recessional ..... The Apostles' Creed ..... Doxology ..... Benediction

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Invitation To Christian Discipleship

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

Mrs. Patricia McIntosh  
Mrs. Regina Pippen

Dr. Jeanette Jones  
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Mr. Carol Cooper  
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 4, 2009

Mrs. Martha Smith  
Mr. Clifton Miller

Mr. Rufus Gilmore  
Mrs. Adrienne Pope-Kelly  
Mr. Otha Owens

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Our Father, help us to live constantly by the Word of your only Begotten Son who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as ransom for many. AMEN.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "  
Matthew 6: 33

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 ~ September 28 ~ October 4, 2009

Monday .....Ezekiel 34: 11 - 16      Thursday .....2 Chronicles 28: 6 - 10  
Tuesday ..... 1 Chronicles 16: 8 - 13      Friday ..... 2 Chronicles 7: 12 - 18  
Wednesday .....1 Chronicles 29: 17 - 29      Saturday ..... 2 Chronicles 14: 1- 7  
Sunday .....Mark 1: 32 - 45

"It Takes a Whole Community to Educate One Child"

BOARDS & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

Sunday ~ September 27, 2009  
Finance Committee ..... After Service

Wednesday ~ September 30, 2009  
Prayer Service, Bible Class & Love Feast ..... 6:30 PM

Thursday ~ October 1, 2009  
Noon Prayer ..... 12 Noon

Friday ~ October 2, 2009  
7 Minutes Prayer Renewal

Saturday ~ October 3, 2009  
Finance Committee ..... 8:30 AM

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**Men's Day Committee**

**Mr. Everett Brooks, Jr.**  
**Mr. Hodges Washington**  
**Mr. Tommy Anderson**  
**Mr. Lincoln Brisker**  
**Mr. Guy Ginn**  
**Mr. Jessie Johnson**  
**Mr. Gerald Moore**





## **St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church**

229 Church Street ~ Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Sunday, September 25, 2011 ~ 10:00 AM

Men's Day Celebration

### **Theme: Strength for the Struggle**

2 Corinthians 12:1-10



*Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop*

*Reverend Oliver Allen, Jr. Presiding Elder*

*Reverend Homer L. McCall D. Min., Pastor*



## Reverend Charles Glover

Reverend Glover is a native of Wilson, North Carolina. He was born into a family with several decades of church service with the Christian Church at various levels and positions. At an early age, he displayed a call to service, capturing many Oratorical Contests at various church conventions and conferences. He matriculated within the Wilson County School System with academic honors. He was a member of the first graduating class that integrated the high school system in Wilson in the 70's. He attended and graduated from Fayetteville State University on and academic scholarship, majoring in Social Sciences and Psychology.

Reverend Glover's life mate of thirty-three years is the Reverend Vanessa Glover, The Lord blessed this union with two sons (Charles II, who resides in Virginia and Christopher who resides here in Huntsville).

He is a decorated military veteran with service in the United States Marine Corp (3 Years) and the United States Air Force (retirement with 22 years), serving in Security and Intelligence positions. He was favored by the Lord to serve in several Special Duty assignments to include working on the Security Staff of Retired GEHN Colin Powell and working on Former President Reagan's Inauguration Detail while assigned to the Joint Staff at the :Pentagon. It was during his second assignment serving in Germany where he acknowledged his call into the ministry in 1987. Over the many years and military assignments that followed, he was blessed to be mentored and trained by Military Chaplains and various seasoned Men of God in various denominations within the military community. Upon his final return to the States (Virginia) in 1992, he joined the African Methodist **Episcopal** (AME) church where he was ordained an Itinerant elder in 2001 in the 2nd Episcopal District, Washington Annual Conference, after successfully completing mandatory AME Ministerial Education School for five years and Evangel Theological Seminary where he obtained the Master's of Theological Studies Degree.

Reverend Charles and Vanessa served at First AME Church, Manassas Virginia for 10 years where Rev. Charles Glover was the Senior Minister to the Pastor for several years. They also served at Emmanuel AME Church in Stafford Virginia for 2 years. Bothe are presently serving with Pastor Homer McCall and the Saint John AME Church in Huntsville, Alabama Reverend Glover is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated; Life member of the Disabled American Veterans; member of the American Legion; Alabama Democratic Conference, Inc. Madison County Chapter and American Society for Industrial Security Professionals (ASIS) North Alabama Chapter. He is currently employed with the Headquarters US Army Materiel Command (AMC) Redstone Arsenal, as the Chief, Security Branch, Directorate of Security and Intelligence. To God Be The Glory, Great Things He Has Done!

*A Liberating & Reconciling People*  
*A People in the WORD ~ Serving People in the WORLD*

*Sunday, September 25, 2011 ~ 10:00 AM*

*Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

## *Men's Day Celebration*

Meditate: "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live." Romans 8:13

Prelude ..... Mr. Lawrence Souffrant, Musician  
Brother Dennis DeLoach. .... Interim Choir Director  
Mr. Talbert Cox ..... Percussionist  
Acolyte. .... Rodrick Lockett

## *Enter and Worship & Depart and Serve*

Doxology

Call to Worship..... Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.

Leader: 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.

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I well seek your good.

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

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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!



*The Decalogue  
(Contemporary)*

Leader: Hear the commandments of God to His people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods but me.

People: Amen. Lord Have Mercy

Leader: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Amen. Lord Have Mercy

Leader: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: Amen. Lord Have Mercy

Leader: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: Amen. Lord Have Mercy

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Amen. Lord Have Mercy

Leader: You shall not commit murder.

People: Amen. Lord Have Mercy

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Amen. Lord Have Mercy

Leader: You shall not steal.

People: Amen. Lord Have Mercy

Leader: You shall not be a false witness.

People: Amen. Lord Have Mercy

Leader: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: Amen. Lord Have Mercy.

**SUMMARY**

Leader: And He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-man, A-men



*Order of Worship*

*Hymn of Praise* ..... (#571) "Lift Every Voice and Sing" ..... *Choir/Congregation*

*Prayer of Confession* ..... *Mr. Otha Owens, Sr.*

*Choral Response*

*Scripture*     *Jeremiah 15: 15-21* ..... *Mr. Ronald McIntosh*

*Romans 12: 1-8* ..... *Mr. Jesse Johnson*

*Matthew 16: 21-28* ..... *Mr. Bill Williams*

*Decalogue* ..... *Mr. Glenn Pippen, Sr.*

*Men's Day Litany* ..... *Dr. Lee Williams II*

*\*Music* ..... "Shake the Devil off" ..... *Male Chorus*

*Occasion* ..... *Mr. Jerry Baldwin*

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

*Solo* ..... *Mr. Lars Avery*

*Pastor's Moments.*

*Renewal of Marriage Vows & Birthday Prayer*

The giving of Tithes & Offerings ~ Offertory Music

*Prayer of Thanksgiving* ..... *Anthony Harbin-*

*Chant: We give Thee but Thine Own — What e'er the gift may be;*

*All that we have is thine a-lone — A Trust, O Lord, from Thee. A-Men*

*Introduction of the Preacher* ..... *Pastor McCall*

*Hymn of Preparation* ..... (#572) "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory" ..... *Choir/Congregation*

*\*Music* ..... "GOD IS" ..... *Male Chorus*

*Sermon* ..... *Rev. Charles Glover*

*Itinerant Elder AME Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Episcopal District*

*Invitation To Christian Discipleship*

*Hymn of Invitation* ..... (272) "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" ..... *Choir/Congregation*

*Closing Hymn* ..... "VICTORY IS MINE" ..... *Choir/Congregation*

*Recessional*

*The Apostle's Creed*

*Doxology*

*Benediction*

*\*The Asterisk Indicates When People May Enter to Worship*



### Invitation To Christian Discipleship

September 25, 2011

Stewardess

October 2, 2011

10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Mildred Powers

Mrs. Agnes B. Gilmore

Dr. Jeanette Jones

Stewards

Mr. Eddie Sherrod

Mr. Hodges Washington

Dr. Clifton Pearson

Mrs. Vanona Walton

Finance Committee

Mrs. Vanona Walton

Mrs. Martha Smith

Mrs. Martha Smith

Dr. Clifton Pearson

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Mr. Hodges Washington

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### Prayer for the Week

Our Father thank you for the strength, the shelter and the serenity that comes through accepting Jesus Christ as our personal savior.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Be not overcome of 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.

## 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: Rev. Charles Glover

Date: 25 Sept 2011

Biblical Text: (2 Cor 12:9-10) - Isaiah 43:1-2

Sermon Title: Keep Fighting

Main ideas from the sermon: Key Points: We Have to Keep Fighting By:

- ① Be prepared for Satan at all times (staying alert for the Satan)
- ② Knowing the WORD of GOD (staying on your faith)
- ③ Praying our way through (staying on our knees)
- ④ NOT FEARING the unknown (staying confident in GOD)

Illustration(s) I want to remember: Strength for the struggle

⊗ Stop Blaming GOD for the things you are not doing  
⇒ BOW and ARROW example

Isaiah 40:31

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

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## *Jesus Saves*

*Home Daily Bible Reading ~ September 26 through October 2, 2011*

|                |                       |               |                   |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Monday.....    | Deuteronomy 1: 9-17   | Thursday..... | Proverbs 28: 8-16 |
| Tuesday.....   | 2 Chronicles 32:20-26 | Friday.....   | Proverbs 28:20-28 |
| Wednesday..... | Proverbs 28: 1-5      | Saturday..... | Proverbs 29: 2-11 |
| Sunday.....    | Proverbs 29: 16-27    |               |                   |

### *"It Takes a Whole Community to Educate One Child"*

#### *Board & Organizational Meetings*

##### *Sunday ~ September 25, 2011*

Finance Committee . . . . . After Service

##### *Monday ~ September 26, 2011*

Gospel Choir Rehearsal . . . . . 6:00 PM

##### *Wednesday, September 28, 2011*

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

##### *Thursday, September 29, 2011*

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal . . . . . 6:00 PM

##### *Saturday ~ October 1, 2011*

Finance Committee . . . . . 8:30 AM

Youth Praise Dance Rehearsal . . . . . 9:30 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.*

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*Saint John African Methodist  
Episcopal Church*

**MEN'S  
DAY**

**R.E.V.I.V.E.**

Rekindling Eternal Vision  
Inspiring Victory Everywhere



**9.29.13 | 10:00 am**  
St. John AME Church

*The Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop  
The Reverend Oliver Allen, Jr., Presiding Elder  
The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Pastor*



# A Message from our Pastor

Dear Men of St. John AME:

Welcome to St. John AME Church's annual Men's Day celebration. Our men want to Rekindle Eternal Vision Inspiring Victory Everywhere (REVIVE). Let us join together to do just that – REVIVE!

Once, Jesus gave a man some life transforming directives: "Stand up, take your mat and walk" (John 5:8). We can be transformed if we follow these directions of Christ. When we stand up, we differentiate ourselves from the sicknesses in our communities: men who turn their backs on their families, men who do not honor women, men who disrespect themselves, men who perpetuate cycles of violence, and men who forget their heritage. When we stand up, we declare that a new day has come. When we stand up, we say yes to the calling of God on our lives.

As we take up the mat, we testify that God can still bless us even if others step in front of us to snatch our blessing. As we take up the mat, we witness to the fact that God will give us strength over the things that have confined and defined us: racism, classism, xenophobia, and hate. As we take up the mat, we do hands on mission. We say yes to getting our hands dirty and serving in places where others do not want to travel: mentoring young men, aiding senior citizens, and "Serving the City."

In our walking, we must walk with worship in our hearts and praise on our lips. We need to walk to those who are in need. Therefore, we have to walk with a love for people - with an urgency to be in relationship with others. Let us walk to the brother in despair. Let us walk to the brother who cannot find his way. Let us walk to the brother who fears responsibility. Let us show them our mats and testify to God's saving power. Let us stand this Men's Day with our eyes focused on Jesus – the author and finisher of our faith.

St. John, let us welcome our guest preacher for this Men's Day – Rev. Andrew T. Holtz, Jr., D.Min. He serves as the Presiding Elder of the Ozark-Troy District in the Southeast Alabama Annual Conference. Presiding Elder Holtz will bring passion, anointing, learning, and openness to our pulpit. We thank him for his willingness to come, and we thank God in advance for the message we will receive. Special thanks go to Mr. Theodore Tyson, the Sons of Allen, and the office staff of St. John for their leadership and support in planning this great occasion.

REVIVE!

Stand up – Take your mat – Walk!

*Patrick Clayborn*

Rev. Patrick Clayborn, Ph.D., Pastor

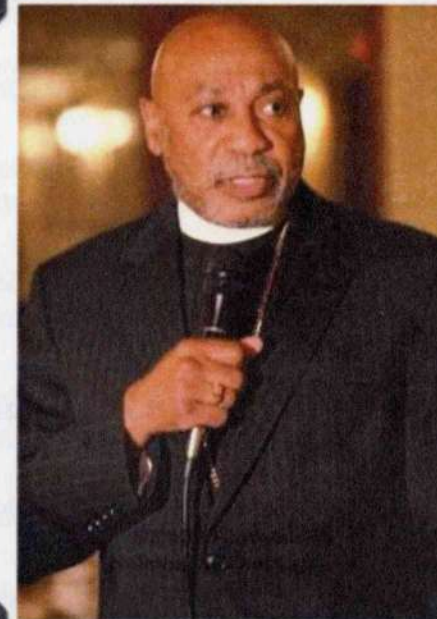


*Sheri D. Smith Clayborn*

Rev. Sheri D. Smith Clayborn, Executive Minister

## Men's Day Guest Preacher

The Reverend Andrew T. Holtz, Jr., D. Min., Presiding Elder  
The Ozark-Troy District/Southeast Alabama Annual Conference



Presiding Elder Andrew Holtz is married to his beautiful wife Ramona [Holly] whom he met during the Annual YPD Day she chaired at her home church where she introduced him as the guest preacher. They have two children, Andrew T. Holtz, III and Cecelia Elizabeth Darling Holtz - Curtis.

In November 2012, Dr. Holtz was appointed Presiding Elder of the Ozark - Troy District of the Southeast Alabama Annual Conference by Bishop James Levert Davis, Presiding Servant Prelate of the Ninth Episcopal District. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Holtz simultaneously served as pastor of two congregations: Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Scottsboro and Matthews Chapel A.M.E. Church, Fackler, Alabama. Similarly, he has administered THE Word pastorally in the following A.M.E.C. Episcopal Districts: 7th Episcopal District, The Columbia (South Carolina) Annual Conference; 6th Episcopal District, The Atlanta - North Georgia Annual Conference; 1st Episcopal District, The Philadelphia, New York, and Delaware Annual Conferences; and 9th Episcopal District, The Northwest Alabama Annual Conference.

Elder Holtz has distinguished himself academically by matriculating to the following: Wilberforce University, Wilberforce Ohio and Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina [Bachelor of Arts Degree]; Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Atlanta, Georgia [Master of Divinity Degree]; and Eastern University's Palmer Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania [Doctor of Ministry Degree] ... with Graduate Concentrations in Pastoral Counseling, Christian Education, and Church Administration. He has done additional studies in Substance Abuse Counseling and Psychopathology at Villanova University and Neumann College.

Presiding Elder Holtz's calling and fulltime ministry includes serving as an Adjunct Professor at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Medialle College, Eastern University's Palmer Theological Seminary, and Wesley College, where he has taught the following: Church in Community, Reading the Bible, Evangelism, Discipleship in The African American Community, Old Testament Literature, and New Testament Literature. He also served as a Certified Field Education Supervisor for Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Eastern University's Palmer Theological Seminary, and Princeton Theological Seminary. Outside of the academy, Dr. Holtz was the Director at the Pennsylvania Council of Churches for The Office of Ethnic Cooperation, and The Office of Institutional Ministries and Chaplaincy; and Founder/Developer-Director: The Chester Family Life Center. His professional involvements also include Counselor, Therapist, and Chaplain.

Elder Holtz has a heart for Mission Evangelism and Church & Community Development. He has traveled to South Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Ghana, Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Bermuda, Canada, Ethiopia, Botswana, Bujumbura, Switzerland, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, Japan, Puerto Rico, Barbados, Aruba, British Virgin Islands, and Martinique. Prior to his ministry in Alabama, the 9th Episcopal District of the AME Church, Presiding Elder Holtz spent twenty years Directing a Mission Church Plant Initiative where he advanced Church Plant Movements, trained and coached Church Plant Pastors and Leaders, and developed and established progressive Church Plant Networks that resulted in Alliances, Movements, Associations, and Regional Presbyteries through Global Kingdom Partnerships. He has been awarded Keys to Cities; but his most coveted award was "Pastor of the Year" by the Atlanta - North Georgia Annual Conference.

Immediately following God's blessing of having successfully raised and educated both Andrew and Cecelia and after giving Cecelia to Bryan in marriage, Dr. and Mrs. Holtz opened their hearts and home and became Therapeutic Foster Parents to children they have nurtured for the past ten years. Mrs. Holtz was awarded "Therapeutic Foster Parent of The Year."

Elder Holtz is a Life Member of NAACP and proud Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



## Order of Worship

Announcements.....Bro. Tommy Anderson

\*Doxology

\*Call to Worship.....Bro. Theodore Tyson

Pastor: O Lord open thou our lips

People: And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise

Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Opening Hymn.....(#97) *We Praise Thee, O God* .....Choir / Congregation

\*\*Prayer and Choral Response .....Rev. James Johnson, DMN

\*\*Scripture .....Bro. Karl Gullatte

\*Men's Day Litany .....Located in the Program.....Bro. Lee Williams II., Ph.D.

\*Worship through Song .....St. John AMEC Male Chorus

Occasion / Welcome.....Bro. Ray Sconiers

Bro. Darius Scott

Pastor's Moments

Worship through Tithes & Offerings - Offertory Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bro. Justin York

*We give Thee but thine own \* What e'er the gift may be*

*All that we have is thine alone \* A trust, O Lord from Thee. Amen*

Introduction of the Guest Preacher.....Rev. Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D.

\*Worship through Song .....St. John AMEC Male Chorus

\*\*Sermon.....Rev. Andrew T. Holtz, Jr., D.Min.

*Presiding Elder Ozark-Troy District*

*Special Prayer for Men*

Benediction

Please Join Us for Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall Immediately Following Service.

\*Please stand if you are able.

\*\*Please refrain from walking during this time.

## Men's Day Litany

*"REKINDLING ETERNAL VISION, INSPIRING VICTORY EVERYWHERE"*

Leader: We give thanks daily, not for mere riches, but for wisdom with which to recognize, embrace, and properly use the great abundance of riches we have at our command.

People: "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness." (Psalm 37:3)

Leader: We incur no enemies because we injure no one for any cause; but we try to benefit all with whom we come in contact by teaching them the way to God's enduring riches.

People: "We, therefore, the prisoners of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called." (Ephesians 4:1)

Leader: We have more material wealth than we need because we are free from greed and covet only the material things we can use while we live.

People: "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life." (1 Timothy 6:12)

Leader: God remembers the good we forget. God's love changes prodigal sons into precious saints. The highest motive for obeying God is the desire to please Him.

People: "The Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." (Romans 8:26)

Leader: One small step of obedience is a giant step to blessing because a Christian reflects Jesus the Christ; furthermore, looking to the needs of others honors Christ.

People: "Let each of us esteem others better than ourselves. Let each of us look out not only for our own interests, but also for the interests of others." (Philippians 2:3-4)

Leader: Repentance is God's way of making the crooked straight. A Christian's life is the canvas on which others can see Jesus. Likewise, gratitude is the memory of a glad heart.

People: "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord." (Colossians 3:17)

Leader: The greatest force on earth is not the compulsion of law but the compassion of love because when we know that God's hand is in everything, we can leave everything in God's hand. Where God guides, God provides!

People: "Jesus said unto him, THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND. THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE UNTO IT, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF. ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS HANG ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS." (Matthew 22:37-40)

All: AMEN.

[Sources: *The Holy Bible (KJV)*; *Billionaire Mastermind Forum* (21 August 2009); *Our Daily Bread* (March-May, 2009); and Beth Moore, *Praying God's Word Day By Day* (Nashville, Tennessee: B & H Publishing Group, 2006).



# An Invitation from the Sons of Allen



Men of St John AME Church,

The Sons of Allen (SOA) Ministry wants YOU!

The purposes of the SOA as explained in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME)

Discipline are:

- To lead men to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- To organize men into units and empower them to meet men's needs in such areas as Evangelism and Stewardship.
- To teach the men of our denomination the history, doctrine and policy of our denomination with focus on the life, mission and ministry of our ancestral father, Richard Allen.
- To teach the men to witness their faith in daily living, such as in the workplace, the community, and the home.
- To encourage men to engage in outreach and service as a part of Christian servant-hood.
- To seek resources and support of men as husbands, fathers and mentors.
- To empower men to serve as role models to young men and to develop youth ministries such as scouting ministries, in local units.
- To encourage men to share in ecumenical relations.

The AME Discipline shares, "Membership in the Sons of Allen of the African Methodist Episcopal Church shall consist of all men in the congregations and communities." In other words you are, according to the AME Discipline, *already* a member. We, the members of the SOA, personally invite you to join us in fellowship and service. If you are currently active, please continue to demonstrate your dedication by serving within the capacity in which God has called you to serve. If you have not committed to the SOA Ministry, we personally welcome you to join us, get to know the men of St. John and grow with us into the Men God has called us to be.

Theodore Tyson III  
President, SOA  
St John AME Church

## Church Announcements

Join us for Church School at 9:45am on Sundays.  
St. John AMEC offers church school classes for all ages.

The flowers on the altar are donated by Bro. Tommy and Sis. Cheryl Anderson and their sons, Kevin and Kalon, in honor of their Mother and Grandmother's birthday - Rev. Meriam Garrett.

September IS SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH. Each year 1,000 babies are born with the inherited chronic red blood cell disorder. The N. AL. Sickle Cell Foundation's goal is "improving the quality of life for these individuals through patient enrichment programs, educational programs, counseling services and screening programs. For more information visit: [www.nacsf.org](http://www.nacsf.org) or call 256-536-2723.

GOSPEL CHOIR MEMBERS: Your next rehearsal is set for Monday, September 30th at 6p.m. Those interested in joining the Gospel Choir are also invited to attend.

The date for the 50+ Auxillary's trip to the Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, AL. has been set for Tuesday, October 1st. Those who signed up to go are asked to arrive at the church at 7:30am that morning as the bus will leave promptly at 8:00am. Please take note: after the museum tour, the group will stop to have lunch at Niki's West | Quality Southern Food Restaurant. If you are no longer available to attend, please stop by the main office to have your name removed from the travel list or contact Dr. Lee Williams II, or Rev. Meriam Garrett.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The 9th District Planning Meeting will be held November 7th-9th at the Fairfield Civic Center in Fairfield, AL. The host hotel is the Sheraton Birmingham.

NEW MEMBERS: PLEASE CONTACT Sherry Cartmel of Life Touch at 256-582-5499 to be photographed for the new St. John AMEC Directory or submit a digital photo and a \$10 fee. Please give photos & payment to Deidre Walton (703) 772-1121. Also if you haven't received your free 8X10 photo, please contact Deidre Walton.

SAVE THE DATE: The Koinonia Young Adult Ministy invites St. John AMEC members ages 18-46 to their monthly fellowship on Sunday, October 20th immediately following the 10:50am service.

**got Homework?** We KNOW you do and we've got help! St. John has an excellent tutorial program that is organized and run by current and former area educators. The A.M.E. (Academics Meets Excellence) tutorial program at St. John AMEC is THE BEST! Tutors are tailored for your needs and are offered by appointment only. IT'S NOT TOO LATE to get on the right track! Stop by and sign up on the bulletin board outside the main office.

Please place your tithes and offerings in an envelope; include your name and the amount of the offering on the envelope. You may also give online by visiting [www.stjohname-hsv.org](http://www.stjohname-hsv.org). Once there click the tab marked 'Online Giving'.



## Daily Bible Reading

## Home Daily Bible Reading for September 30 - October 6

Monday: Hebrews 11: 8-16  
Wednesday: Genesis 13: 8-18  
Friday: Joshua 24:1-13

Tuesday: Genesis 12:1-7  
Thursday: Genesis 17:1-8  
Saturday: Psalm 105:1-11

Sunday: Genesis 15:7-21



## St. John's Week at a Glance

|         |            |                                                                                                                |                          |
|---------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sun.,   | Sept. 29th | <b>MEN'S DAY</b>                                                                                               | 10:00a.m.                |
| Mon.,   | Sept. 30th | Gospel Choir Rehearsal                                                                                         | 6:00p.m.                 |
| Tues.,  | Oct. 1st   | 50+ Civil Rights Museum Trip<br><i>Only those who signed up previously may travel</i><br>Church School Meeting | 7:30a.m.<br><br>6:30p.m. |
| Wed.,   | Oct. 2nd   | Bible Study   Love Feast                                                                                       | 12 Noon   6:30p.m.       |
| Thurs., | Oct. 3rd   | Mass Choir Rehearsal                                                                                           | 6:00p.m.                 |
| Sat.,   | Oct 5th    | Dance Ministry<br>Children's Choir Rehearsal                                                                   | 9:30a.m.<br>11:00a.m.    |

## Sermon Notes

**Preacher:** Rev. Andrew T. Holtz, Jr., D.Min.

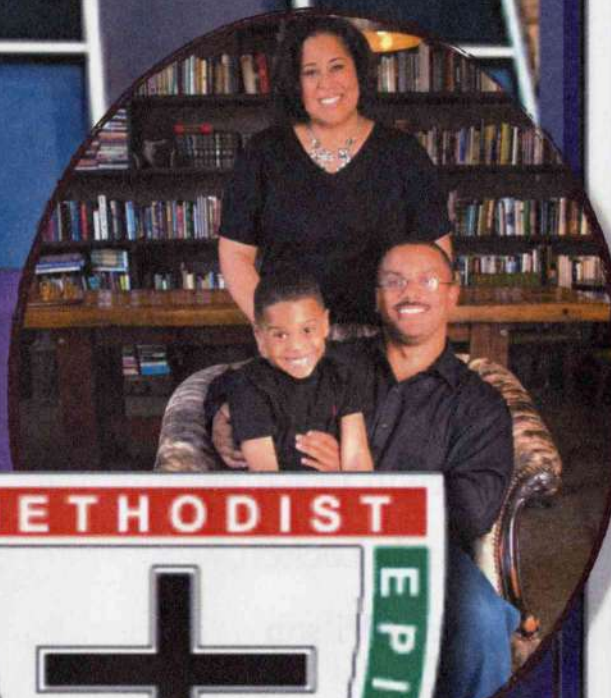
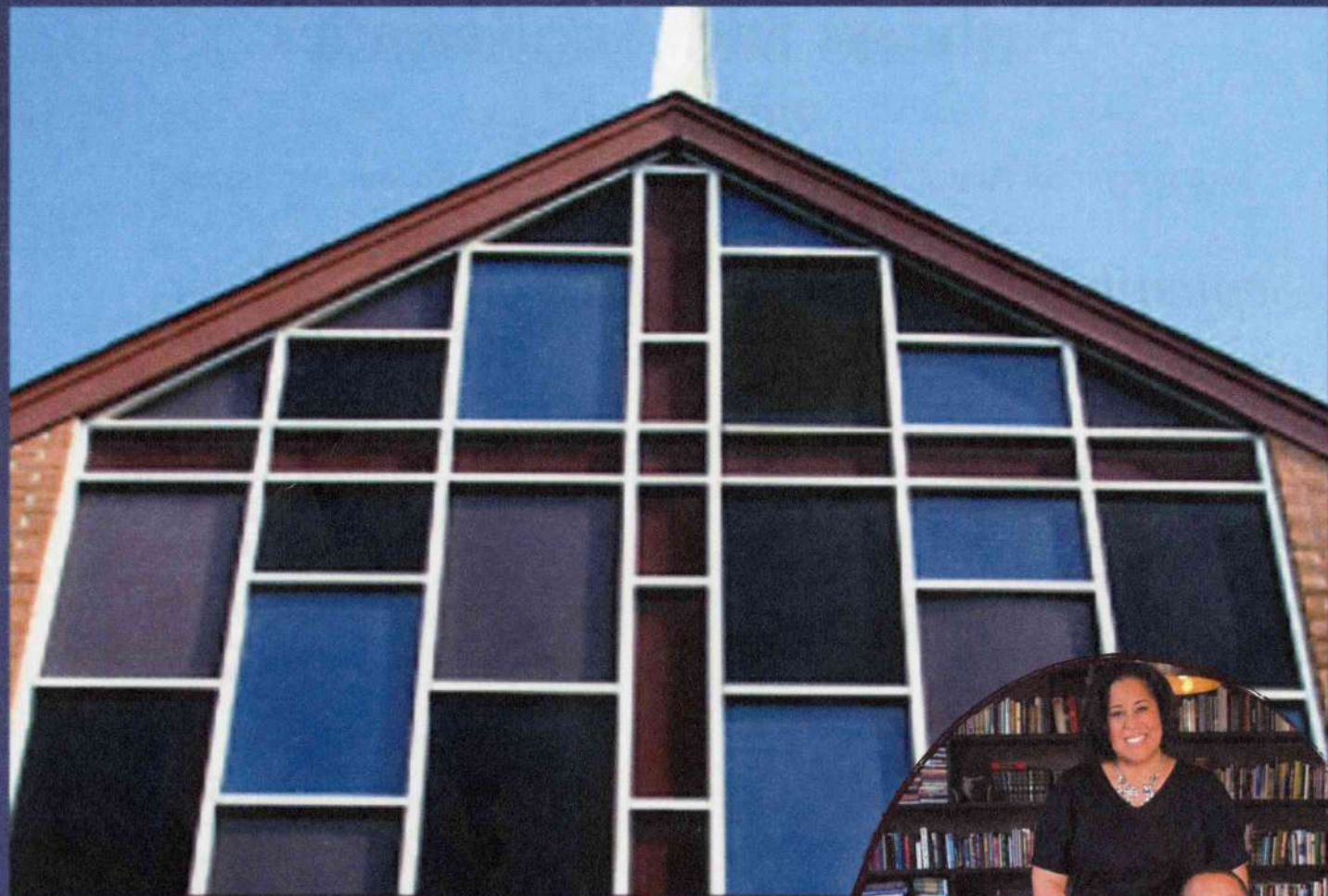
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Biblical Text \_\_\_\_\_

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**BIBLE STUDIES**  
**Weekly on Wednesdays**  
**12 NOON & 6:30PM**

**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**Sundays**

**8:00AM & 10:50AM**  
**9:45AM Church School**  
*Available for all Ages*

**5th Sundays**  
**10:00AM Worship Service**  
**9:00AM Church School**



*Pastor Patrick, Rev. Sheri & P2*

PEOPLE  
IN THE  
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**SERVING**

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