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SAINT JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2nd Pastoral Appreciation Celebration



HONORING

Reverend Maurice Wright, II

Reverend Joretha Wright

Pastor & First Lady

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour
especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."

1 Timothy 5:17 KJV



August 19, 2018



The Reverend Maurice Wright II, is a native of the Pacific Northwest, having grown up in Tacoma Washington and Portland Oregon. Reverend Wright dedicated his life to Christ at a very young age and was called into the ministry at the age of 10. He preached his very first sermon, **"You Got What You Wanted, But Lost What You Had"** at the age of 13 at the Powerhouse Temple Church of God in Christ.

While in Portland, Rev. Wright taught choir at Harriett Tubman Middle School and Thomas Jefferson High School. He served as both community leader and social activist in the greater Portland area. He is known as a youth mentor, with a passion of educating and improving the lives of young

people. During his time in the Portland Public School System, he was also employed as a Community Agent, working with high school dropouts and at risk teenagers to return to school and graduate.

His thirst for knowledge would lead him to leave his secular employment and study at Portland Bible College and Wilberforce University in Ohio. While at Wilberforce University he was an honor student, having received many scholarships and awards to include the Bishop Vinton R. Anderson Academic Award for two consecutive years. He was also one of the student conductors of the Wilberforce University Choir. He is a proud graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta Georgia, earning a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in the area of Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance.

While at Morehouse, Reverend Wright was a key member of the World Renowned Morehouse College Glee Club, and was part of the historic group that toured South Africa. He was also a four year member of the Martin Luther King Jr, Chapel Assistants and the director of the Chapel Choir. In 2012 Reverend Wright received King Chapel's highest recognition and was inducted into The Martin Luther King Jr. International College of Ministers and Laity.

Rev. Wright received his first pastoral appointment while still a student at Wilberforce University. He served the congregation of St. Paul AME Church in Zanesville, Ohio and then was sent to St. John AME Church in Uhrichsville, Ohio. In 2008, Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry assigned him to the pastoral charge of Bethel AME Church in Alexandria, Louisiana. While at Bethel, Pastor Wright led the congregation in a 2.5 million dollar renovation project of the churches low income housing complex.

In November of 2012, Bishop James L. Davis appointed Rev. Wright to St. John AME Church in Ft. Mitchell, Alabama. Within 5 weeks of being assigned Rev. Wright led the congregation into the new edifice. Through his visionary leadership, the church also remodeled the old sanctuary into a multipurpose fellowship hall and children's church center. Rev. Wright was actively involved in the Phenix City and Russell County area. Through his leadership, the church has become known for being a first responder to many community tragedies and other social concerns and serves as prayer center for all people.

Recently, Reverend Wright was elected as the Connectional Director of Music and Christian Arts of the African Methodist Episcopal Church worldwide. He is also the co-director of Evangelism and the Chairman of Finance for the 9th Episcopal District.

Reverend Wright is truly a family man. He is blessed to have Reverend Joretha Wright as his partner in marriage and ministry for 22 years. Together they are the proud parents of four children Terrence, Lessie, Isaiah and Joy.



Theme:
**"Celebrating Pastoral Excellence:
God Sent, Spirit Led, Vision Driven"**

Bro. Guy Ginn, Worship Leader

MOMENTS OF PRAISE

THE DOXOLOGY..... AMEC Hymnal No. 647
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Bro. Guy Ginn

Leader: I am part of the "Fellowship of the Unashamed. "The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.

Church: My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals.

Leader: I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I now live by presence, lean by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power.

Church: My pace is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed.

Leader: I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

Church: I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go until Heaven returns, give until I drop, preach all know, and work until He comes.

All: And when He comes to get His own, He will have no problem recognizing me because I was the one he gave POWER!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE..... AMEC Hymnal #84
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

THE INVOCATION** Bro. Clifton Miller

THE CHORAL RESPONSE..... Choir & Congregation
"Let the Church Say Amen"

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC..... St. John VIP Choir

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD..... Little Miss Jessica Harbin
John 10: 11-18 verse Sis. Barbara Johnson
YOUTH OF THE MONTH Pastor Maurice Wright, II
CHILDREN'S MOMENT..... Dr. Thalia Love
WELCOME & GUEST RECOGNITIONSis. Roselyn Akines
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIESBro. Clifton & Sis. Tullie Miller
Bro. David & Sis. Katrisa Norwood
THE ANNOUNCEMENTS Sis. Erica Harbin
WORSHIP THOUGH GIVING.....Bro. Eddie Sherrod
THE OCCASION..... Sis. Pamela Whitehead
THE LITANY.....Dr. Jeanette Jones

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST LADY

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER Pastor Maurice Wright, II
WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC..... St. John VIP Choir
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD..... Reverend Kenneth Hill
Pastor, Shorter Chapel AME Church
Franklin, TN
THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS..... Bro. Marcus Hill
Sis. Claire Philadelphia, Pastor's Aid Board
REMARKS..... Pastor Wright and Family
THE DOXOLOGY AND BENEDICTION

PASTOR'S APPRECIATION LITANY

Theme: "Pastoral Excellence: God Sent, Spirit Led, and Vision Driven".

Leader: Almighty and ever-gracious God, we give thanks, for the power of your work in Rev. Maurice Wright, II, our Servant Pastor, whom you have appointed to be our shepherd, to minister to our spiritual needs, to reach lost souls, and to prayerfully guide and tend to the needs of the St. John A.M.E. Church family.

Church: We humbly thank you and praise you, O Lord, for the anointing. Let Your anointing fall fresh on him.

Leader: We realize the work of our pastor is demanding and his job is never done; let Pastor Wright be counted worthy of double honor, especially as he labors in the word and is soaring to new heights on the wings of eagles.

Church: We hear your call and humbly thank You, O Lord, for the anointing. Let the anointing fall fresh on him.

Leader: For the need to envision, create, explore, and embrace the unlimited possibilities of the future church, our pastor listens, cares, and prays for us and with us, encourages us, and teaches us; and he reaches out to those in the greater community in need of help and salvation.

Church: We hear your call and humbly thank you and praise you Lord for a caring and praying pastor. Let the anointing fall fresh on Pastor Wright.

Leader: We give thanks for the inherent empowerment we receive, to teach and invest in our youth and for the enhancement of the church's spirit as we plant new seeds today to increase the church's harvest for tomorrow's blessings.

Church Lord, we humbly thank you and praise your holy name. Let the anointing fall on our pastor, our first lady and spiritual leaders everywhere.

Leader: On this day of appreciation for our beloved Pastor and spiritual leader, we give honor to Rev. Maurice Wright, II, who commits to you, your work, your will, and your way; and his wife, the Rev. Joretha Wright, your humble and faithful servant.

All We thank you, O Lord, for sending your servants, the Wrights to St. John and the Greater Huntsville community. We thank you and praise your holy name. We accept your commission to serve, to pray and to work in love and peace; let the anointing fall on the pastor of St. John A.M.E. church and his family; let the anointing fall fresh on us!

Amen

Inspired by scriptures from Isaiah 40:30; 42:1-9; compiled by Jeanette Jones

THE REVEREND DR. KENNETH HILL



The Reverend Kenneth H. Hill, Ph.D., is the pastor of the Historic Shorter Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Franklin, Tennessee.

Dr. Hill is a retired General Officer of the AME Church where he served as Executive Director of Christian Education of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In addition, he provided leadership to the 13th Episcopal District of the AME Church when he served as Presiding Elder of the Louisville Paducah District and the Chattanooga District. His teachings span across universities and seminaries throughout the country.

He is the author of several books including his most recent, "Religious Education in the African American Tradition."

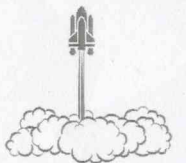
Reverend Hill completed his Masters of Theology from Harvard Divinity School, and his Doctorate of Philosophy degree at the University of Michigan. He brings to the ministry an educator's mind and a pastor's heart. These qualities serve him well as he labors with a view to lead the Church into the future.

Reverend Hill is married to Dr. Roberta Hill. They have five children and four grandchildren.



Announcements

- ❖ The flowers on the altar are donated by Sis. Donna Jones Gullatte and family in loving memory of their father, Brother Ernest C. Jones.
- ❖ The Women's Missionary Society will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday August 25th at 10:00am. This is our last meeting of the conference year. All Missionaries are asked to be present as we plan for the upcoming WMS Annual Conference.
- ❖ The Lay Organization will take orders for the New SAINT JOHN AME CHURCH Polo Shirt on Sunday, August 19 through Sunday, September 2. The shirts are available in all sizes and will feature our St. John AME Logo. Order now and wear your shirt during the Big Event on September 9th!!!" Contact Lorraine Parham for additional information.
- ❖ The 2018 St. John Pictorial Directory is now available. You may receive a directory from the office for a donation of \$5.00.
- ❖ August 24, 2018 Church School Game Night, 6:00—8:30 p.m. Bring your own game.
- ❖ September 9, 2018.....Don't Miss It!
We will have our Grand Launch of "Vision 2020", our capital campaign for construction of the new church on Blue Springs Road. Information on the project will be presented and we will have lots of fellowship, food and fun! Dress is casual.
- ❖ Morning Worship will be held on the campus of Alabama A&M University in the Ernest Knight Reception Center at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 26, 2018 in observance of AAMU Day. Alabama A&M University students are invited to join the St. John Church Family for this worship experience.
- ❖ September 1, 2018 Northwest Alabama Conference WMS & YPD Annual Conference.
- ❖ September 4-7, 2018 9th Session of the Northwest Alabama Annual Conference will be held at Daniel Payne Community Plaza - Birmingham, Alabama.
- ❖ The AME Church Council of Bishops/Call to Conscience – Day of Action – September 6, 2018 in Lafayette Park – Washington, D.C. located across the street from the White House.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 20

6:30 p.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 21

No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, August 22

12:00 p.m. Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, August 23

6:30 p.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal

Friday, August 24

Church School Game Night

Saturday, August 25

9:30 a.m. Dance Ministry Rehearsal

Sunday, August 26

(On the campus of Alabama A&M University)

8:45 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration

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The Reverend Oliver Allen
The Reverend Myers Hawkins
Interim-Presiding Elders, South Birmingham-Huntsville-Bessemer District

The Reverend Maurice Wright, II ***Servant Pastor***

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The Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall (retired)
Former Pastor

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REVEREND CHARLES GLOVER
REVEREND DR. JAMES R. JOHNSON
REVEREND DR. DANIEL WIMS
REVEREND ROBERT HEREFORD, SR. (RET.)
REVEREND MERIAM GARRETT
BROTHER JUSTIN YORK
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Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

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*An Appreciation Service for
Reverend Patrick Clayborn and First Lady Reverend Sheri Clayborn*

THEME

A Man of Faith with a Passion for Praise

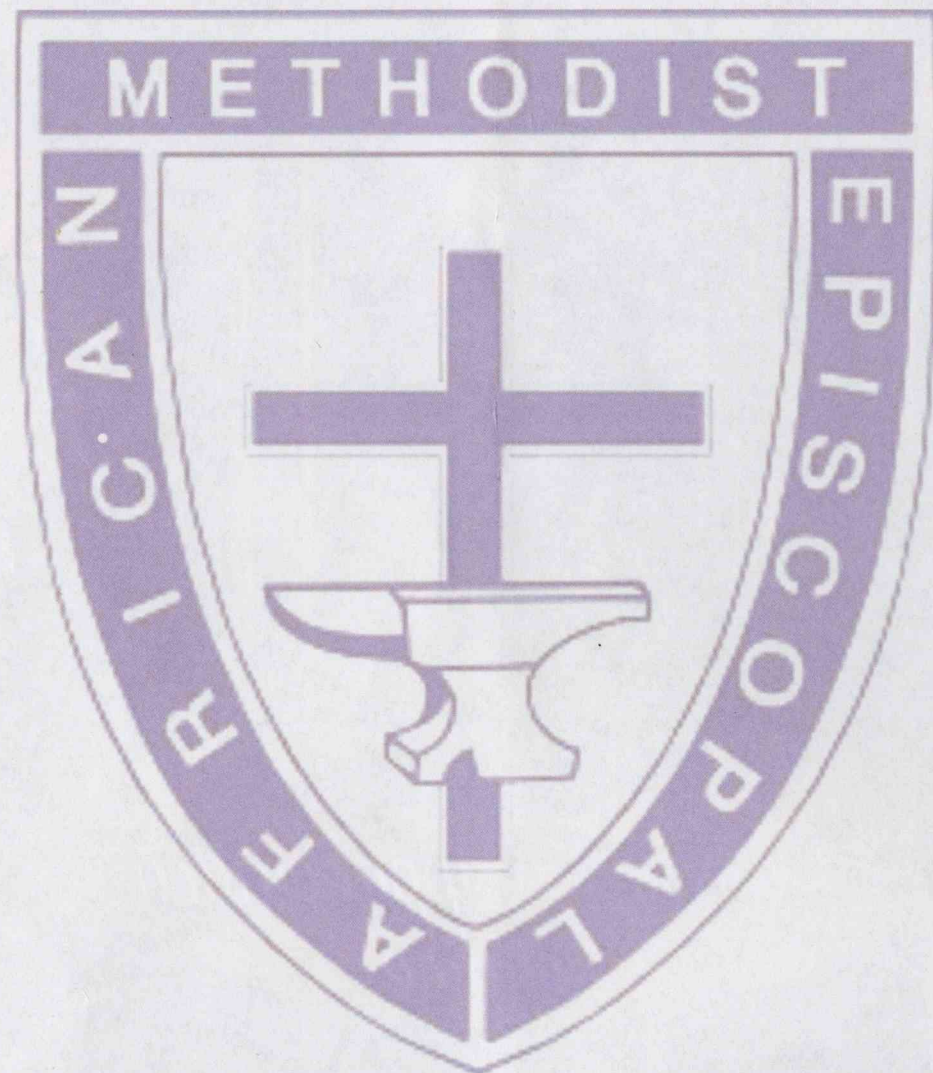


*Pastor's Appreciation
Service*



08.17.14 | 10:00am
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*



Appreciation Service Guest Preacher

Bishop Clement Willie Fugh

Clement Willie Fugh, son of the late Reverend Joseph and Deborah Malone Fugh, is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, where he attended the public elementary and high schools. He continued his education at Memphis State University (BBA), Boston University School of Theology (ThM), with additional studies at Atlanta University, Payne Theological Seminary, Memphis Theological Seminary, and United Theological Seminary (DMin) as an "H. Beecher Hicks Scholar."

Bishop Fugh, an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME CHURCH), has served as pastor of congregations in Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio.

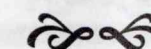
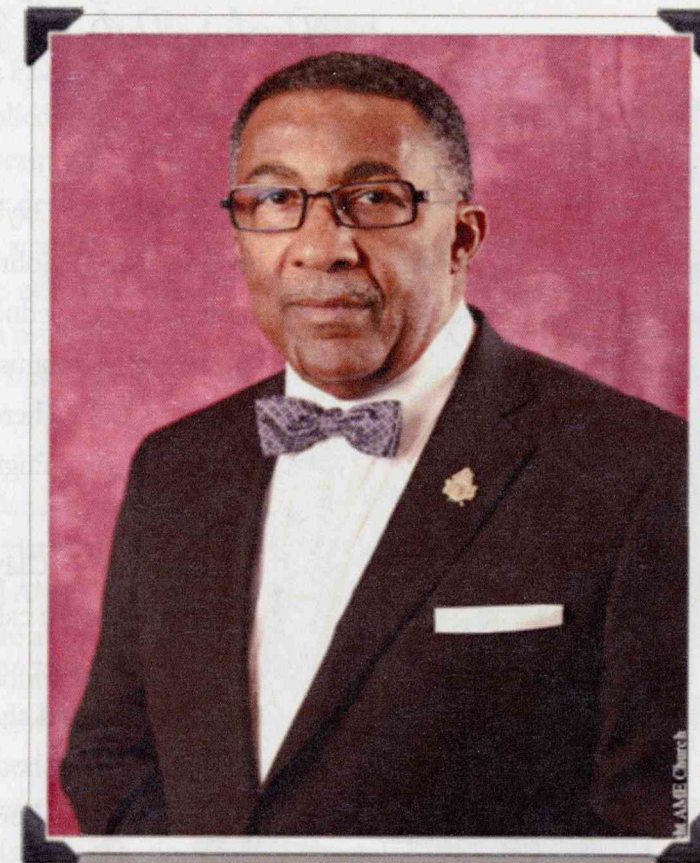
At the 46th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the AME Church, held in July 2000, he was elected as its 5th General Secretary and Chief Information Officer. At

the 49th General Conference, held in 2012, he was elected and consecrated the 131st Bishop of the AME Church. He was assigned general superintendent of the 14th Episcopal District, comprising the African countries of Sierra Leone, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Cote D' Ivoire, Togo and Benin.

A member of the World Methodist Council, he attended its quinquennium meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in 1986; its 2006 meeting in Seoul, South Korea; and in September 2013, a meeting of the Council at Wesley's Chapel in London, England.

Among his significant accomplishments are Secretary, Commission on Worship and Liturgy for the AME Church, which was responsible for producing and publishing the *Bicentennial Hymnal* and *The AME Church Book of Worship*; Secretary, Compilation Committee, *The Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church*, 1988; Member, Core Strategic Planning Committee for the AME Church; Member, Editing and Correcting Committee, *The Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church*, editions 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008; Secretary, Board of Trustees, Payne Theological Seminary; Contributor to *Liberation and Unity*, a Consultation On Church Union sponsored devotional; *African American Devotional Bible*; *The Pastor's Manual for the Twenty-First Century*.

Bishop Fugh is married to Alexia Butler Fugh, a registered nurse and Clinical Research Consultant. They are the parents of two adult children, Marcia Fugh Joseph and Joseph Edward Fugh; son-in-law Paul Steven Joseph II. They are the grandparents of a granddaughter, Taylor Joi Joseph.



Biographies

Pastor Patrick D. Clayborn

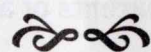


Rev. Dr. Patrick Clayborn was born and raised in Memphis, TN, by two loving parents – John and Lois Clayborn. After completing his primary and secondary education in the Memphis City Public Schools, he attended Morehouse College and Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA. There he earned undergraduate degrees in Mathematics and Electrical Engineering respectively.

Once Rev. Clayborn completed his undergraduate work, he answered the call of God on his life and enrolled in seminary. While there, he met and married his wife Rev. Sheri Smith Clayborn. He then earned the Master of Divinity and Master of Theology from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Rev. Clayborn also served as an adjunct instructor in the Philosophy and Religion Department at Spelman College.

Alongside his educational pursuits in seminary, Rev. Clayborn pursued ordination in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and served on the ministerial staff of Big Bethel AME Church in Atlanta, GA. He is an ordained itinerant elder. Shortly after ordination, Rev. Clayborn went to Drew University in Madison, NJ, and earned the Master of Philosophy and the PhD in Liturgical Studies with a focus on Homiletics. He also served as an adjunct Homiletics instructor at New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, NJ, and served as a Religion Instructor at St. James Preparatory School in Newark, NJ. In addition, Rev. Clayborn was on the ministerial staff of St. James AME Church in Newark, NJ. While living in New Jersey, he and Rev. Sheri had a son, Patrick Clayborn, II (P2) and in January of 2014 they welcomed their newest addition, Joya, who keeps them all on their toes.

Rev. Clayborn previously taught at Methodist Theological School in Ohio as an Assistant Professor of Homiletics. He was also a pulpit associate at St. Paul AME Church in Columbus, OH. He later returned to New Jersey and was the Assistant Professor of Homiletics at The Theological School of Drew University in Madison, NJ. Now, Rev. Clayborn is the proud pastor of St. John AME Church in Huntsville, AL. This is what makes Rev. Clayborn joyful: loving his family, serving his church, empowering his community, and being a child of God.



Rev. Sheri D. Smith



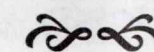
An ordained itinerant elder in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Rev. Sheri D. Smith Clayborn is a woman called by God, who answers that call continuously. One of her guiding scriptures is Psalm 118:17: "I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord (NRSV)." Through that scripture she is always acutely aware that an integral part of God's assignment for her is to help others to live better lives. Called to care for God's people through preaching, teaching, prayer, and presence, Rev. Smith Clayborn has ordered her life to fulfill this purpose.

Rev. Sheri most recently served as the Educational Consultant for Calvary Community Development Corporation, Morristown, NJ. She has served as the Minister to Women at St. Paul AME Church, Columbus. She previously served as a pulpit associate at St. James AME Church, Newark, NJ. In addition, she was appointed Dean of Administration for St. James Preparatory School in Newark, NJ, where she also served as the religious education teacher and the coordinator of religious life. Rev. Smith Clayborn also served as the Staff Minister for Congregational and Community Care at St. John AME Church in Fairburn, Georgia. There, her ministries of caring extended outside of the church through her work with Restoring Individuals and Society through Empowerment (RISE), a faith-based nonprofit organization, and through her volunteer efforts with the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence and Hospice Atlanta.

Firmly committed to excellence and to a true belief that she must study to show herself approved, Rev. Smith Clayborn is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University where she earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion, and she is a graduate of Candler School of Theology at Emory University where she was awarded a Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Black Church Studies. Rev. Smith Clayborn has also gained further training and experience through a Clinical Pastoral Education internship at Covenant Counseling Institute.

Rev. Smith Clayborn's commitment to caring and excellence, in addition to her passion for life, are built upon the foundation of a strong family. She is the daughter of life-long educators Gerald and Cassandra Smith of Lynwood, California, and is the youngest of their four children (her siblings are Gerald Jr., Courtney, and Sharon). Her zest for caring and excellence in life and in love were further strengthened on December 30, 2000, when she married her friend, her love, and her partner in ministry, the Rev. Patrick D. Clayborn. God greatly multiplied their blessings with the birth of a son, Patrick D. Clayborn, II and seven month old Joya D. Clayborn.

Rev. Sheri D. Smith Clayborn is truly grateful for God's abundant blessings on her life and ministry and is fully committed to sharing these abundant blessings with others through her ministry. She is proud to be the First Lady and Executive Minister of St. John AME Church in Huntsville, AL, under the pastoral leadership of her husband, the Rev. Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D.



Order of Worship

Theme: *A Man of Faith with a Passion for Praise*

Announcements.....Ms. Nedra McDaniel

*Doxology

*Call to Worship.....Mr. Eddie Sherrod

Leader: This is the day which the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: The Lord's Name be praised!

Hymn of Praise #424.....Standing on the Promises.....Choir / Congregation

**Prayer / Choral Response.....Mr. Clifton Miller

**Scripture.....Isaiah 43: 14-21.....Mr. Guy Ginn

Welcoming of Guests & /Occasion.....Mrs. Adrienne Pope-Kelly Washington

Ministry Through Giving

Tithes & Offerings

Love Offering

Mr. William Bell

*Litany.....Mrs. Martha Smith

Introduction of Guest Preacher.....Col (Ret.) James O. Heyward

Worship Through Song.....St. John AME Church Mass Choir

Guest Preacher.....Bishop Clement Willie Fugh
14th District - West Africa

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Special Presentation, Expressions and Acceptance

Remarks.....Rev. Patrick D. Clayborn

BenedictionBishop Clement Willie Fugh



PASTOR'S APPRECIATION LITANY

Theme: *"A Man of Faith with a Passion for Praise"*

Compiled by Dr. Jeanette Jones

LEADER: Almighty and ever-gracious God, thank you for the power of Your work in our Pastor. He is your gift to us – a shepherd, to lead us and feed us; and a light, to point lost souls to You.

CHURCH: Father, we praise You for our Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Patrick D. Clayborn.

LEADER: You are the God who sees in secret and rewards us openly. Bless every secret moment spent in your presence - interceding for our needs, meditating on your Word, serving your people. Grant our Pastor fresh blessings for each new day – new mercies, new vision, new strength.

CHURCH: Father, we praise You for a Pastor who shows us your Presence.

LEADER: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Pastor Clayborn is a man of vision who dares to explore, extol and embrace the limitless possibilities of his infinite God. Thank You for the time he spends in prayer, seeking your direction.

CHURCH: Father, we praise You for a Pastor who shows us your Power.

LEADER: You graced and gifted him to make us ready to do the work of ministry, in season and out of season. You empowered him to reach and to teach our youth, feeding young and old alike with knowledge and understanding. Give us a rich harvest for your Kingdom as we sow seeds together in your name.

CHURCH: Father, we praise You for a Pastor who shows us your Priorities.

LEADER: Thank you, for our Pastor and leader, a man committed to Your work, Your will, and Your way. Bless him in the ministry and marriage he shares with your faithful servant, Rev. Sheri Smith Clayborn.

ALL: Father, we praise You for sending your servant, the Rev. Dr. Patrick D. Clayborn, to this church and community. We pledge to follow him as he follows Christ - walking with humility, worshipping with love and walking in harmony with your will.

Amen!

"The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation;
He is my God, and I will praise Him" (Exodus 15:2)

ONE TEAM. ONE HILL.



Join us for a power-packed Worship Service
recognizing AAMU Athletic Students,
Coaches & Staff.

August 24, 2014 - 10:30 AM

Earnest L. Knight Center - Alabama A&M University
4900 Meridian Street | Huntsville, AL 35810-1015.

Church Announcements

Please join us for Church School at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays.

The flowers on the altar are donated by Bro. Ira and Sis. Paulette Bargon in honor of their 42 wedding anniversary.

SAVE THESE DATES!

AUG 24, 2014

AAMU Day

EARNEST L. KNIGHT CENTER
ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY

10:30 AM

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET HAD THE OPPORTUNITY — SHOW PASTOR CLAYBORN and REV. SHERI how blessed we are by their leadership here at St. John AMEC by honoring them with a monetary 'love gift'. Ask any usher for a special envelope, or they may also be found in the vestibule. or by asking an usher. Please take a moment and sow a seed toward the first family for all they do ! Thank you in Advance. Donations may be made anonymously.

Join us in celebrating our own Rev. Dennis DeLoach's first Pastor's Appreciation at Matthews Chapel AME Church August 31, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Patrick Clayborn will be preaching and the St. John AMEC Mass Choir will minister in song. The sign up sheet for the bus is posted outside the main office.

If you would like to purchase altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or loved ones, please contact Sis. Pearlean Myhand at 256.852.8265. The price is \$50. She is now taking orders for any Sunday date between September 2014 and August 2015.

A few of the events that will be taking place at the 2014 Annual Conference are included in this bulletin. Please note, you can pick up a complete schedule of the conference activities from the table located outside of the main office.

Would you like daily meditations from the Word? Be sure to pick up your free copy of the *Daily Bread* shared on the the table in the vestibule or on the table outside the main office. Large print copies are available in limited quantities.

Please place your tithes and offerings in an envelope; include your name and the amount of the offering on the envelope. To give online visit www.stjohname-hsv.org and click on Online Giving.



9th Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

Rekindling Eternal Vision Inspiring Victory Everywhere!

FIFTH SESSION OF NORTHWEST ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY-- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10-13, 2014

FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER
6509 EAST J. OLIVER ROAD, FAIRFIELD, ALABAMA 35064

MT. ZION AME CHURCH, CO-HOST - THE REVEREND SHERYL SHIPMAN, PASTOR
SADDLERS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, CO-HOST, - THE REVEREND THOMAS FRANKLIN, PASTOR
WARD CHAPEL AME CHURCH, CO-HOST, - THE REVEREND LEVI BILLUPS, PASTOR

THE REVEREND OLIVER O. ALLEN, HOST PRESIDING ELDER

THE RIGHT REVEREND JAMES L. DAVIS, SERVANT BISHOP
MOTHER ARELIS BEAVERS DAVIS, EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR

WEDNESDAY

WMS Conference (8 am - 5 pm)

4:00 PM
7:00 PM

ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Opening Session, Roll Call
WMS Night in White Candlelight Service,

THURSDAY

8:20 AM
8:30 AM
9:00 AM
9:45 AM

Devotion
Morning Glory Bible Study
Conference Institute
BUSINESS SESSION--(Reading of minutes, Financial Reports, Conference
Component Reports, Pastor's Report)
HOUR OF POWER WORSHIP SERVICE
BUSINESS SESSION--(Administrative Committee Reports, Pastor's Report)
OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE
The Reverend Cleophas Guice, Preacher
Pastor, Jones Chapel AME Church, Fairfield, Alabama

FRIDAY

8:20 AM
8:30 AM
9:00 AM
9:45 AM

Devotion
Morning Glory Bible Study
Conference Institute
BUSINESS SESSION--(Reading of minutes, Pastor's Report, Daniel Payne College
Report)
HOUR OF POWER WORSHIP SERVICE (Sons of Allen)
BUSINESS SESSION--(Literary Reports, Ministerial Efficiency Committee, Retirement
Acknowledgement, Statistician Report, Disciplinary Questions)
LAY NIGHT (NEW LIVES IN CHRIST CELEBRATION)

SATURDAY

8:00 AM
9:30 AM
11:15 AM
11:30 PM

YPD Session
YPD Program
Praise Service
CLOSING and COMMISSIONING SERVICE
Preacher: The Reverend Doctor Ann Lightner-Fuller
Pastor, Mt. Calvary AME Church, Towson, Maryland

NOTE: There will be a combined Ordination Service at the Ninth District Planning Meeting for all
candidates for ordination.

Daily Bible Reading

Home Daily Bible Reading for August 18 - August 24

Monday: Acts 7:23-28
Wednesday: Colossians 1:15-23
Friday: James 3:13-18

Tuesday: Romans 5:6-11
Thursday: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Saturday: Matthew 5:21-26

Sunday: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21



St. John's Week at a Glance

Sun., Aug. 17	<i>Pastor's Appreciation Service</i> Church School	10:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.
Mon., Aug. 18	No Scheduled Events	
Tues., Aug. 19	Soup Kitchen Trustee Meeting	11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 20	Bible Study	12 Noon & 6:00 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 21	Quarterly Conference	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 22	Male Chorus Rehearsal	6:00 a.m.
Sun., Aug. 23	<i>Harvest Home</i> Grady-Madison AME Church	8:00a.m.

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Pastor
Rev. Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D.

&
Rev. Sheri Smith Clayborn
Executive Minister

BIBLE STUDIES

Join us!

Weekly on Wednesdays
12 Noon & 6:00PM

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays

8:00AM & 10:50AM
9:45AM Church School

5th Sundays

10:00 AM Worship Service
8:45 AM Church School

Matthews Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

410 County Road 45 ~ Fackler, Alabama 35746

*And I will give you pastors according to
mine heart, which shall feed you with
knowledge and understanding*

Jeremiah 3:15

The Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop

The Reverend Oliver Allen, Jr., Presiding Elder

The Reverend Dennis R. DeLoach, Pastor

Pastors Appreciation

A Note from Pastor D

Greetings in the Name of Our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I am so grateful to have been able to serve my first appointment at Matthews Chapel AME Church. I am so glad that it was God's will to place me here in this season of my life. You have all been so wonderful to me and have allowed me to serve you as your shepherd. God has truly smiled on each and everyone of us over this past year and because of His grace we are able to say that we have made it this far.

Thanks to Bishop Davis for allowing me the opportunity to serve in the capacity. I will forever be grateful to God for the Bishop because he allowed me the chance to use my gift. I am grateful to Presiding Elder Allen for his guidance and encouragement along this journey. I am also grateful for my mentors in ministry, The Reverend T. Eric Nathan, The Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall, and The Reverend Dr. Patrick D. Clayborn. They have all been great examples to follow and are great modelers of effective ministry.

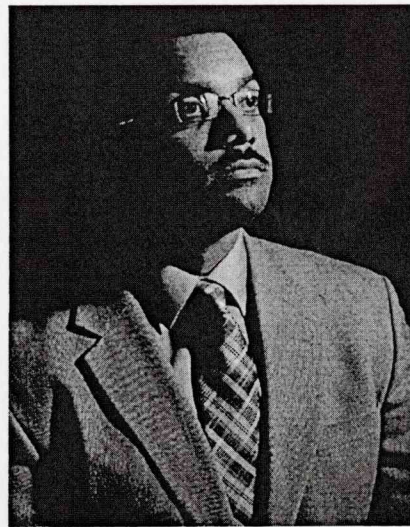
I am blessed to have people here at Matthews Chapel that don't mind being a blessing to their pastor. I love each and everyone of you for what you do for me. Everywhere I go I always speak well of the people here at Matthews because you all have been so nice to me. I was always reminded that if someone does something nice for you and they don't have to, you ought to tell them thank you. Thank you Matthews Chapel for loving your pastor even in times I didn't get it all right. You all are AWESOME! I also have the support of two church homes: Grant Chapel AMEC in Birmingham and St. John AMEC in Huntsville. Thank you for all that you've done collectively and individually to assist me in this first year of pasturing.

I am abundantly blessed to have family and friends that support me and my ministry. Thanks to my family for understanding that I have a higher calling fulfill and allowing me to miss holidays and special family days to make sure that I was on my post for ministry. I am grateful to have friends that I can call on anytime of the day or night and they're always right there. You guys ROCK and I wouldn't trade you for the world.

To sum it all up, all I can say is that God has been good to me and I am so grateful and thankful for his grace and mercy. I thank each of you for your kindness and love and I love you all. May God continue to bless each of you abundantly!

Yours in His Service,
Pastor D

About the Guest Preacher



Rev. Dr. Patrick D. Clayborn is a vision-driven disciple who is committed to building the Kingdom of God by empowering individuals to fully embrace five core values: Spiritual Growth, Service, Stewardship, Evangelism and Education. Through his own passionate worship, dedication to family, friends, and those he pastors, Rev. Clayborn's personal goal is to share and show the love of Jesus Christ with all those he comes in contact with.

Born and raised in Memphis, TN, by two loving and musically gifted parents – John and Lois Clayborn, music has always been an important part of Rev. Clayborn's life. He participated in school choirs and bands as a youth, and worked in the music department of several churches in his adult years. In addition to music, Rev. Clayborn has always been committed to education. After completing his primary and secondary education in the Memphis City Public

Schools, he attended Morehouse College and Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA. There, he earned undergraduate degrees in Mathematics and Electrical Engineering respectively.

Once he completed his undergraduate work, he answered the call of God on his life and entered the ministry. Rev. Clayborn pursued ordination in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and served on the ministerial staff of Big Bethel AME Church in Atlanta, GA. He is an ordained itinerant elder. Rev. Clayborn was also on the ministerial staff of St. James AME Church in Newark, NJ, and later served as a pulpit associate at St. Paul AME Church in Columbus, OH.

As he began his ministry, he enrolled in seminary. He then earned the Master of Divinity and Master of Theology from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Rev. Clayborn also served as an adjunct instructor in the Philosophy and Religion Department of Spelman College. While in seminary, Rev. Clayborn met and married his wife Rev. Sheri Smith Clayborn.

Rev. Clayborn also pursued an academic ministry. He went to Drew University in Madison, NJ, and earned the Master of Philosophy and the PhD in Liturgical Studies with a focus on Homiletics. He also served as an adjunct Homiletics instructor at New Brunswick theological Seminary in New Brunswick, NJ, and served as a Religion Instructor at St. James Preparatory School in Newark, NJ. Rev. Clayborn also taught at Methodist Theological School in Ohio as an Assistant Professor of Homiletics. He then returned to New Jersey and was the Assistant Professor of Homiletics at The Theological School of Drew University in Madison, NJ.

Rev. Clayborn is now the proud pastor of St. John AME Church in Huntsville, AL. and is the proud father of Patrick, II – affectionately known as P2 and his four month old baby girl, Joya, who is the epitome of her name. Alongside his wife and best friend, Rev. Sheri and their loving family, the other things that bring him joy include, serving his church, empowering his community, and being a child of God.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Sis. Michelle Reid

Based on Psalm 8

Leader: You, O Lord, are more wonderful than our lips can proclaim!

People: When we consider the awesome works of your hands,

Leader: Your love for us is more than amazing!

People: You have trusted us with the whole of the earth,

Leader: And put everything we see under the care of our hands.

People: Lord, O Sovereign Lord, the earth is filled with your glory!

Song of Praise

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;

the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the
Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

Prayer

Bro. Ronald Jackson

Prayer Response

Selection

St. John AMEC Choir

Scripture

Sis. Samantha Harrison

Litany

Sis. Sharron Teague

Praise Dance

St. John Dance Ministry

Recognition of Guest

Sis. Michelle Harris

Tithe/Offering Appeal

Sis. Dorothy Woods

Introduction of Preacher

Pastor D

Sermonic Selection

St. John AMEC Choir

The Preached Word

Rev. Dr. Patrick Clayborn
Senior Pastor, St. John AME Church, Huntsville

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Special Presentations

Remarks

Benediction

Pastor's Appreciation Litany

- Leader:** Holy God, we praise You for Your wisdom in gifting the church with pastors. We thank You for giving us a pastor after Your own heart.
- People:** Thank You for our pastor.
- Leader:** You know that in order for Your people to grow, they must be fed with knowledge and understanding.
- People:** Thank You for our pastor, who feeds us.
- Leader:** You gifted the Church with pastors to make us ready to do the work of the ministry, that the Church would know the truth concerning our faith in Jesus Christ and that we might no longer be gullible concerning the strange teachings of this world.
- People:** Thank You for our pastor.
- Leader:** We thank You for our pastor, who labors in the Word of God to preach and teach—rightly dividing the Word of truth. Thank You for our pastor's diligence in preaching and teaching the Word in season and out of season.
- People:** Thank You for our pastor's faithfulness to Your Word.
- Leader:** We thank You for the time our pastor spends in prayer, seeking You for direction in guiding this flock.
- People:** Thank You for a praying pastor.
- Leader:** Lord, we thank You for our pastor, who possesses a pastor's heart and is willing to comfort and willing to correct—a heart that is full of compassion.
- People:** Thank You for a caring pastor.
- Leader:** Truly the pastor's work is great and many times is beyond our understanding, but You have told us in Your Word to honor those who work hard for You, giving spiritual guidance to Your people. Help us to acknowledge, appreciate, respect, and overwhelm our pastor with love for the sake of Kingdom building.
- Together:** Thank You for the privilege of loving our pastor

Announcements

The Fifth Session of the Northwest Alabama Conference will be held Wednesday, September 10 through Saturday, September 13, 2014. The conference will be held at the Fairfield Civic Center. The roll call of pastors, delegates and alternates will be at 4:00 pm on the 10th.

The Northwest Alabama Conference WMS will hold its annual session on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at the Fairfield Civic Center. The annual night in white will be held at 7:00pm. All attendees are asked to dress in all white.

Happy Birthday
to the members
born in August!

