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Building Fund Campaign



"Sharing The Word. Serving The People."

The Reverend Maurice Wright, II Servant Pastor

The Reverend Oliver Allen, Jr. and The Reverend Myers Hawkins
Interim-Presiding Elders

The Right Reverend Harry L. Seawright
Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District

NUTRITIONAL FACTS

Serving Size:

1 Willing Heart

Serving Per Person:

Unlimited

Faith.....100%

Love.....100%

Joy.....100%

Peace.....100%

Prayer.....100%

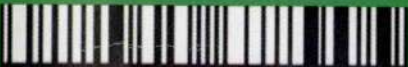
Commitment.....100%

Grace.....100%

INGREDIENTS:

All members of

St. John AME Church



PRICELESS



I can do all things through Christ that strengthen me. Philippians 4:13

*Thanks for all your
love and support!!!*





He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This **is** what the LORD says to you: 'Do **not** be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the **battle is not yours, BUT GOD'S.** 2 Chronicles 20:15



FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



To Bishop James L. Davis, Servant Bishop, to Mrs. Arelis Davis, Episcopal Supervisor, and Members of the 131st Session of the North Alabama Conference :

“He has made everything beautiful in its time.”
- Ecclesiastes 3:11

During the past conference year First Lady Mable and I remain always grateful to Almighty God through Jesus Christ our risen Lord and Savior for especially all of our family, St. John family, and District and Connectional family. In spite of our national and international social, economic, political and ethical problematic conditions, we have learned “to depend on Jesus, to trust in God.”

By the grace of God and the dynamic leadership of the church, St. John is one of the leading churches in our District. As we continue to launch out into the deep (Luke 5:4) to gain more souls for the Kingdom and serve all humanity, we remain grateful for all the ministries of St. John that meet the needs of the people. I will focus briefly on only a few of them that are making a significant impact: the Sons of Allen, the Soup Kitchen, the Koinonias, the Singles Ministry.

The Sons of Allen of St. John not only provided a large number of Ushers for the 9th District Pentecostal Explosion it went above and beyond the call of duty by participating in the City of Huntsville Community Development Emergency Home Repair Program. The Sons of Allen of St. John repaired 5 houses. The Koinonias continue to grow and bond together through many different activities. It is encouraging to see the Soup Kitchen grow each month and meet the social, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those in the community. The 2009 Relationship Conference showed that the Singles Ministry and Marketing Ministry are definitely two of the most viable ministries in St. John.

To paraphrase the Word of God to Jehoshaphat:
“The battle is not ours; it’s the Lord’s.”
2 Chronicles 20:15

For The Best Is Yet To Come!

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801



Rev. Homer L. McCall, Pastor
Rev. Dwight E. Dillard, Presiding Elder
Mrs. Arelis Davis, Episcopal Supervisor
The Rt. Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop



Members of St. John AME Church attended the Ninth District Pentecostal Explosion in large number: **PROUD TO BE AME!**

North & West Alabama Annual Conference
November3-7, 2009
Sheraton-Birmingham Hotel

North Annual Conference
Rev. T.W. Parker, Host Pastor
Greater St. Paul AME Church, Florence
Rev. Raymond B. Swafford, Host Pastor
Oak Grove AME Church, Florence
Rev. Albert L. Hyche, Host Presiding Elder

West Annual Conference
Rev. James A. Davis, Host Pastor
Saint Mark AME Church, Tuscaloosa
Rev. Truman A. Reynolds, Host Presiding Elder

2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Conference Opening Date	November 3, 2009	Annual Conference	North Alabama
Pres. Elder District:	South Birmingham-Huntsville	Presiding Elder	Dwight E. Dillard
NAME OF CHURCH: ST. JOHN AME			
Address of Church	229 Church Street	City, State, Zip	Huntsville, AL 35801
PASTOR'S NAME: HOMER L. MCCALL			
Pastor's Address	4008 Cedar Grove Road	City, State, Zip	Huntsville, AL 35810

NUMERICAL STATISTICS		FINANCIAL STATISTICS	
1. Conversions	2	23. Total Funds Raised For Local Church	\$442,638
2. Accessions	10	24. Total Indebtedness	\$205,570
3. Baptisms	4	25. Church Treasury Balance	\$497,435
4. Full Members	378	26. Presiding Elder's Salary/Upkeep	\$6,865
a. Adults	296	27. Pastor's Salary	Adequate
b. Youth	40	28. Insurance Annuity	\$1644.20
c. Children	40	A. Pastor	\$1,445
d. Retirees	60	B. Presiding Elder	\$199.20
5. Churches found on Charge	1	29. Receipt On General Budget	\$ 4,268
6. Parsonage found on Charge	0	30. Cash On General Budget	\$4,268
7. Newly Erected Parsonages	0	31. Balance On Budget	0
8. Amount of Mortgage	0	32. General Conference Sustentation	0
9. Newly Erected Church	0	33. Grand Total Budget	0
10. Amount of Mortgage	0	34. Conference Sustentation	\$360
11. Property of Valuation	\$1,650,000	35. Church School Offering	\$100
12. Insurance Coverage	\$1,000,000	36. Public Offering	\$300
13. Registered Voters	280	37. State Expansion Paid	\$222
14. Church School Membership	104	38. Ninth District Contingency	
a. Teacher/Officers	16	39. Brotherhood	\$50
b. Cradle Roll	10	40. Sustentation For Pastor	\$180
15. Annual Conference Members	5	41. Sustentation for Delegate	\$180
a. Itinerant Elders/ Deacons	4	SUBSCRIPTIONS	
b. Local Elders/Deacons	1	42. Christian Recorder	\$36
c. Licensed Evangelist/Missionary	0	43. AME Review	\$25
d. Retired Elders/Deacons	0	44. Voice Of Mission	\$25
e. Licentiates	0	45. Journal Of Religious Education	\$25
f. Supernumerary	0	46. Missionary Magazine	\$25
16. Itinerant Elder's Widow/ers	0	47. Secret Chamber	\$25
17. Widow/er Children Under	14	48. YPD Newsletter	\$15
18. Marriages Performed	0	49. Total Subscriptions	\$176
19. Number of community projects within the Church receiving funds from outside the Church, et al, church child care, senior citizens, homes, etc.	0		
20. Lay Organization in Local Church	1		
a. Number of Members	25		
21. Number and Kind of Vehicles in Bus Ministry	2		
15 passenger van and mini-bus			
22. Is there a copy of your deed on file with the Annual Conference, in accordance with the Discipline?	YES		

2008-2009 Highlights

NEW MINISTRIES

Angel Food Ministry
Koinonia Ministry
Marketing Ministry
Women's Ministry
Singles Ministry
Soup Kitchen

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Huntsville Assistance Program
Sons of Allen – Community Development Mission
Financial and Volunteer Support for Downtown Rescue Mission
Matthew 25 Ministries
Serving the City As One
2009 Habitat House
Financial Support for numerous service agencies and foundations

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Men's Day – General Officer Calvin Sydnor III, Guest Preacher
Women's Day – Bishop Sarah Davis, Guest Preacher
124th Church Anniversary – Bishop James L. Davis
Founder's Day – Presiding Elder Leo Brock, Guest Preacher
9th Annual Praise Dance Worship & Workshop
Men's Retreat
Women's Retreat
AAMU Athletic Day/ AAMU Founder's Week Worship
Pastor's 38th Year Anniversary Celebration
Annual Revival – Rev. Dr. Michael Bell, Evangelist

DISTRICT AND CONNECTIONAL

Pentecost Explosion (4 chartered buses)
Back to Basics
And Then They Prayed Prayer Journal Contributors
North Conference & Ninth District Lay Activities
North Conference & Ninth District Missionary Activities
North Conference & Ninth District YPD Activities
Christian Education Congress



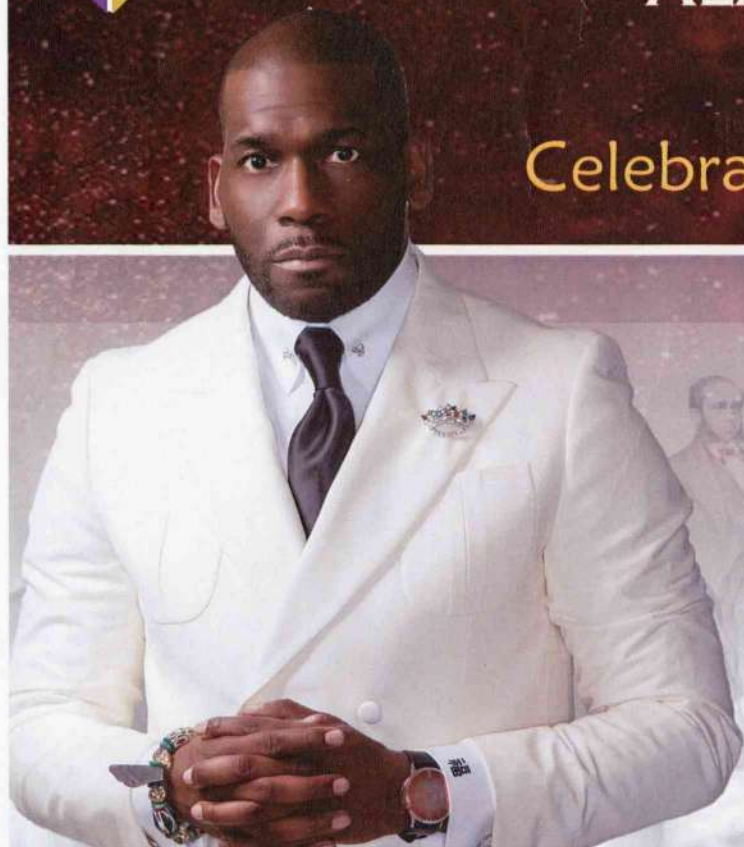


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HUNTSVILLE
Sharing The Word, Serving The People."

ST. JOHN AME CHURCH
ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY



Celebrating Black History Month



PRESENTS

Rev. Dr. Jamal Bryant

ONE NIGHT EMPOWERMENT REVIVAL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

6:00 P.M.

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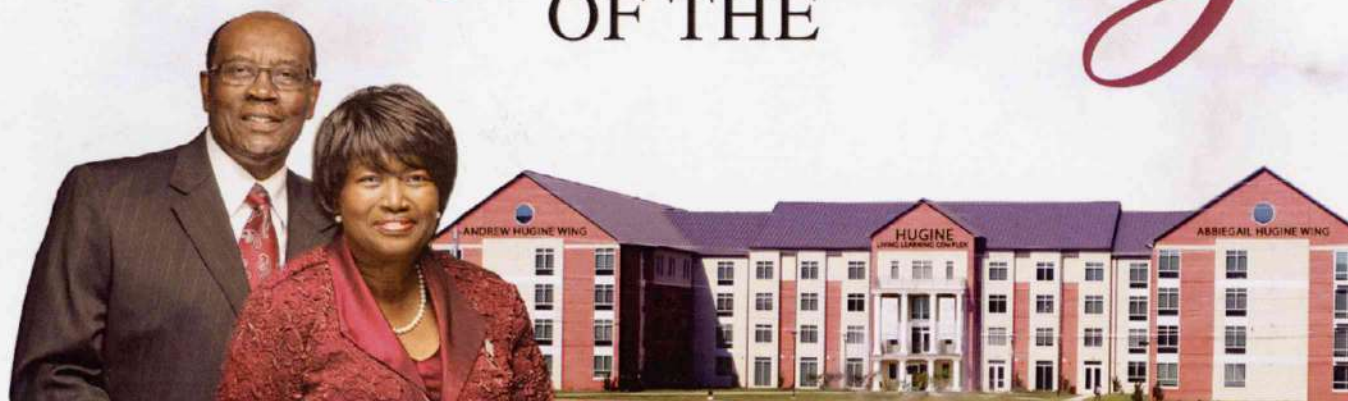
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Name
Unveiling
OF THE



**ANDREW AND ABBIEGAIL HUGINE
LIVING LEARNING COMPLEX**

**June 2, 2022
11:00 AM**

**ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY
Normal, Alabama**

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

God-fearing, visionary leader, faithful husband, devoted father, amazing grandfather, and faithful servant, President Andrew Hugine, Jr. (pronounced hugh-guinea), served as the 11th President of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University. President Hugine was born in Green Pond, South Carolina, to Rev. Andrew and Irene Hugine. Reared by a father who was the pastor of his home church, he was introduced to Christ at an early age who has served as the center of his life. Reared by a mother who was an educator and his first and second grade teacher, he was taught early that "Education is the Key to a Successful Life."

President Hugine earned a Bachelor of Science (BS) and Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Mathematics from South Carolina State University (SCSU) and his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Higher Education/Institutional Research from Michigan State University. He has presented at numerous professional meetings on strategies for increasing the number of minorities in the STEM disciplines and is the author of three mathematics textbooks.

Hugine began his career as a teacher of mathematics at Beaufort High School in Beaufort, South Carolina. Other positions held included Director of the Special Services Program, Director of University Year for Action Program, Assistant Professor of Institutional Research, Director of Institutional Self-Study, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Mathematics, and Interim Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. These positions prepared him and ultimately led to his appointment as the 9th President of South Carolina State University, his Alma Mater, in 2003.

At SCSU, relative to capital improvements, he secured \$33 million for the completion of the science building addition and construction of a new engineering and computer science building. He also secured a \$42 million loan for the construction of a 755-bed apartment style housing complex for students, the *Andrew Hugine, Jr. Suites, A Living Learning & Community*, which is named in his honor. At the time, the loan was the largest non-student aid funding ever provided by the U.S. Department of Education to any institution.

He also established the Miller Society to recognize \$100,000 of lifetime giving and the enrollment increased by 14%. During this time, the university hosted the first debate for the 2008 presidential race. Hugine gave the greetings at the opening on national TV on NBC to a listening audience of millions. Participating in the debate was a young Senator from Illinois, Barack Obama, who would go on to become the 44th President of the United States and the first African American to hold the position.

On June 16, 2009, Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr. was selected as the 11th president of Alabama A&M university. A glimpse of the visionary leader that was chosen was revealed in a response to an interview question. When asked how he would deal with challenges facing the university at the time, he politely answered with "as long as I have faith the size of a mustard seed you can move any mountain." His unwavering faith has afforded him 12 years of transformative leadership at AAMU.

Immediately upon his appointment as president of AAMU, Hugine addressed the University's probationary status with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) resulting in the removal of the university from

SACSCOC's sanction. He also developed a financial plan to address the university's budgetary issues. Among the many transformative accomplishments during his tenure were the following: reorganizing the five academic schools into four colleges: Colleges of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences; Business and Public Affairs; Engineering, Technology and Physical Sciences; and Education, Humanities and Behavioral Sciences; securing a \$96 million-dollar financing agreement with the U.S. Department of Education, the largest in the Department's history; construction of a new 580-bed student residence hall; increasing enrollment by 25.83% since Fall 2012; adding ten (10) new academic degree programs; increasing funds from external sources by 146%; establishing the Normal Legacy Society to recognize \$100,000 of life time giving; securing an anonymous \$2.2 million dollar gift from a young alum; successfully completing the University's first ever capital campaign totaling \$27.3 million; expending over \$50 million in upgrading facilities; installation of a million dollar electronic video score board in the stadium; construction of a university event center and welcome center/food court; and strengthening the university's finances as evidenced a budget that now exceeds \$192 million dollars with end of year cash on hand more than forty times the amount in 2009.

In recognition of his many accomplishments, Hugine was named the 2019 HBCU Male President of Year by *HBCU Digest*. Other honors include honorary chair of the salute to education centennial celebration of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; included in the 2012 Stellar Alumni Calendar of the South Carolina State University; Educator Award by *Essence Magazine*; included in the *Noteworthy News* section of *Diverse Issues*; featured in the *HBCU Times*; recipient of commendation for commitment to education by 100 Black Men of America; featured on the winter 2005 and 2006 covers of the Oracle, the national publication of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Professor of Year for South Carolina State University; and listing in the publications, Outstanding Young Men in America, Personalities of the South and Marquis Who's Who. Another honor was the invitation to be the only Non-Chinese speaker at the 50th Celebration of the founding of Nanjing Forestry University in Nanjing, China. Also, upon his retirement, the AAMU Board of Trustees bestowed upon him the title of President Emeritus and the new residence hall was named the *Andrew and Abbiegail Hugine Living Learning Complex* in honor of he and his wife.

Community, civic and religious organizational affiliations include: St. John AME Church and White Hall AME Church; Life and 50 Year member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity; Life Member NAACP; Life member of the SCSU National Alumni Association; 100 Black Men of America; Edisto Masonic Lodge (PHA); United Way of Madison County; elected member of the Orangeburg Consolidated School District Board of Trustees for 10 years; Board of Trustees for the Alabama School of Cybersecurity and Technology; Huntsville Rotary; Huntsville Madison County Chamber of Commerce; and Chair of the South Western Athletics Conference (SWAC) Council of Chancellors and Presidents. He and his wife are members of the SCSU Miller Society and the AAMU Normal Legacy Society.

Dr. Hugine and his wife Abbiegail of almost 50 years, have an adult son, Andrew Hugine, III and daughter-in-law Karen; a daughter, Akilah Hugine-Elmore and a son-in-law, Quincy Elmore; two grandsons, Amir and Kal-el; and a granddaughter, Nylah.

Mrs. Abbiegail Hugine

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mrs. Abbiegail Mariam Hamilton Hugine was born in Green Pond, South Carolina, the eldest of eleven children to Isiah and Viola Wright Hamilton. She retired from Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five after a very successful 37-year career in education. While employed with Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five, she was the director of The Technology Center, where she served as instructional leader and monitored and supervised all school operations. During her tenure at The Technology Center, the Center received several awards: The National Blue Ribbon Schools Award; The Red Carpet School Award for customer service; and the Palmetto Gold School Award for achievement for four consecutive years. Other positions held included assistant principal, administrative assistant, chair of the Department of Social Studies and History, and Social Studies teacher. Prior to coming to Huntsville, Alabama, she was the director of a federally funded American History grant, which was designed to improve the performance of social studies teachers.

Her professional development activities included the Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five Strategic Planning Committee; chair of the Social Studies Performance Goals; member of the SREB Making Schools Work Site Visit for Jasper County Public Schools; and consultant with Stuart Flanagan in writing test items for Social Studies Pact Test. Additionally, she was the administrative coordinator for Orangeburg Wilkinson High School Southern Association of Colleges and Schools School Improvement Peer Review Visit; freshman academy administrator; High Schools That Work District Coordinator; SACS Committee administrative chairperson; and the presenter for numerous educational workshops on the local, regional and national levels.

In recognition of her exemplary work and service, she was the recipient of a number of honors and awards, including Orangeburg School District Five Teacher of the Year; Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School Teacher of the Year; South Carolina Law Related Teacher of the Year; Soror of the Year for Beta Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Mother of the Year for the Orangeburg Chapter of Jack and Jill of America; Outstanding Young Women of America; recipient of the Clara Barton Award for Service as chairperson of the Edisto Chapter of the American Red Cross; the Wil Lou Gray Outstanding Educator Award; and she was listed among Who's

Who Among Outstanding Teachers. In 2014, she was the recipient of the Alabama A&M University Black Tie Gala Advocate of the Year Award.

Presently, she is a member of White Hall AME Church in Green Pond, South Carolina, and St. John AME Church in Huntsville, Alabama. At St. John, she is a member of the Steward Board and the CPR Ministry (Caregivers, Prayer, Respite), The History Makers Committee, the Fifty Plus Auxiliary, the Lay Organization and the Missionary Society. She is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Huntsville Botanical Garden and the North Huntsville Library Capital Campaign Project. Other organizations include the Greater Huntsville Chapter of Links, Inc.; Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Life Member and Golden Soror); and the Advisory Board of the Huntsville Literary Association.

At Alabama A&M University, she has initiated an effort to enhance the beautification of the campus and continue the legacy of pride. The genesis of these efforts is spearheaded through the Bulldog Pride Committee, which strives to actualize the University's motto, "Service is Sovereignty." An Endowed Normalite Pavers Scholarship has been set up to help students to complete their degree programs at AAMU. She initiated the First Lady's Scholarship Fund in 2011 to raise scholarship dollars for deserving students who need financial assistance to graduate. This scholarship is also endowed within the AAMU Foundation.

Mrs. Hugine received the Educational Specialist degree from the Citadel, and Master of Education and Bachelor of Arts degrees from South Carolina State University. The First Lady of Alabama A&M University is married to Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., president of Alabama A&M University, and they have two adult children: Andrew, III, (Karen) and Akilah (Quincy Elmore); grandsons, Amir and Kal-el; and a granddaughter, Nylah.

Programme

Dr. Wayne Watts
Vice President, Board of Trustees
Alabama A&M University
Presiding

Presentation of the Colors

Alabama A&M University ROTC

Invocation

Rev. Maurice Wright, II
Servant Pastor
St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
Huntsville, Alabama

Welcome and Occasion

Dr. Jeanette Jones
Chair, University Naming Committee
President of the Faculty Senate
Ex-Officio, AAMU Board of Trustees

Musical Selection

Perfect Praise

Mr. Courtney Moore
Admissions Assistant
AAMU Office of Admissions

Remarks

Representing the Board of Trustees

Trustee John Hackett, Jr.
AAMU Board of Trustees

Representing the University

Dr. Daniel K. Wims
President

Representing Former Cabinet Members

Dr. Malinda W. Swoope
Special Assistant to the President

Representing the Students Under Hugine's Administration

Mr. Austin Smith
Former President
AAMU Student Government Association

Representing the Bulldog Pride Committee

Mrs. Sandra Stubbs
Director, AAMU Alumni Affairs

Representing State Government

The Honorable Laura Hall
Representative Alabama House District 19

Representing the City of Huntsville

The Honorable Tommy Battle
Mayor, City of Huntsville

Representing the Huntsville City Council

Councilman Devyn Keith
District 1, Council Member

Representing Madison County

Mr. Samuel Greene
Director of Outreach, Madison County District 6

Representing the Family

Dr. Akilah Hugine Elmore
Daughter

Representing Friends of the Family

Mrs. Brenda D. Davis
Family Friend

Musical Selection

My Tribute

Mrs. Renee M. Knight
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter
Huntsville, Alabama

Declaration of Naming on Behalf of the Board

Attorney Tiffany Johnson Cole
Secretary, AAMU Board of Trustees

Honorees Responses

Mrs. Abbiegail Hugine
Former First Lady, AAMU

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.
President Emeritus, AAMU

Alabama A&M University Hymn

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs
Pastor Emeritus
First Missionary Baptist Church
Huntsville, Alabama

Building Name Unveiling

Amir, Nylah and Kal-el Elmore
Grandchildren

Reception Immediately Following Ceremony



Acknowledgments

Dr. Andrew and Mrs. Abbiegail Hugine would like to extend gratitude to the members of the Board of Trustees and the University's Naming Committee for this recognition and opportunity. Thank you to the HBCU Capital Access Program for providing the funding for the construction of this new residence hall. Lastly, thank you to all who helped make this day memorable and successful.



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Retirement Celebration

in honor of

Cleophas N. Haygood



*Friday evening, the twenty-ninth of January
two thousand and ten
at six o'clock
Ernest Knight Center
Normal, Alabama*

Cleophas N. Haygood is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He is the only son of Bernice and the late Cleophas H. Haygood and he has one sister, Maurice. His early education was in the Birmingham Public School System where he attended Thomas and Tuggle Elementary Schools. He is a graduate of A. H. Parker High School.

He attended Alabama A&M University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Studies and a Master's Degree in Personnel Administration.

He is a Vietnam era veteran, who served in the United States Army as a Communications Center Specialist. During his tour of duty he traveled to three continents. He has fond memories of pulling a lot of kitchen patrol (KP) and guard duty.

After returning from service, he was offered his first job by Mr. L. R. Patton and became the first Purchasing Agent employed by Alabama A&M University. Mr. Haygood served the university diligently and honorably for thirty-nine years. He is considered an expert on purchasing policies and procedures in the State of Alabama. He is respected and loved by many on the "Hill."

Haygood is affiliated with several organizations including: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Council Federal Credit Union Board of Directors; National Association of Purchasing Management (NAPM); the North Alabama Purchasing Association (NAPA); the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association; and St. John A.M.E. Church.

Through the magic of the "Hill" Cleophas found his life partner Wilsonia, also an Alabama A&M University graduate. They are the proud parents of a daughter, Alysia.

Congratulations and continued success on your journey through life!

Programme

Mrs. Elizabeth Sloan-Ragland, *Mistress of Ceremonies*
Director, Telecommunications Center and Distance Learning

Welcome and Occasion Ms. Vindetta Medlock
Buyer

Meditation and Grace Dr. Homer McCall
University Chaplain
Pastor, St. John A.M.E. Church

Dinner

Tributes to the Honoree
Alabama A&M University Dr. Andrew Hugine
President

Business and Finance Mr. Charlie Rucker
Vice President

Purchasing Department Mrs. Delores Hudson
Interim Director

Family and Friends

Presentations to the Honoree
Mrs. Belinda Hill
Supervisor, Accounts Payable (Retired)

Mrs. Venita King
Director, Alabama A&M University Alumni Association

Delta Gamma Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Introduction of the Honoree Ms. Kourtney Green
Buyer

Expressions from the Honoree Mr. Cleophas N. Haygood

Benediction Dr. Edward Jones
Associate Professor, Secondary Education

Entertainment

C & E Show Band



St. John AME Church
Music & Christian Arts Ministry

presents

EVENING OF SPIRITUALS

Rev. Maurice Wright, II Servant Pastor

About the Clinician Dr. Roland M. Carter



Composer, arranger, conductor, pianist, scholar, researcher, teacher... the list of roles performed by UTC Holmberg Professor of American Music, Roland M. Carter, is never-ending. During his 23-year tenure at The University of Tennessee Chattanooga, Professor Carter conducted choirs, taught classes, accompanied recitals, arranged music, funded concerts, fostered inter-departmental productions, chaired the department, mentored and recruited students, and promoted affirmative action while at all times retaining the demeanor of a true professional.

To the greater Chattanooga community he has served as an advocate for the arts through his work with Allied Arts of Greater Chattanooga, the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Association, with a very special promotion of the great musical traditions of the African-American heritage, through his work with The Chattanooga African American Museum, (Bessie Smith Cultural Center) and the Chattanooga Choral Society for the Preservation of African American Song.

Roland Carter served as the Ruth S. Holmberg UTC Foundation Professor of Music at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Carter served as Head of the Cadek Department of Music and Conservatory for six years (1989-1995). Prior to returning to his hometown to accept this assignment, he served as Chair of the Department of Music at Hampton (Institute) University and director of its internationally acclaimed choirs for nearly a quarter century.

In addition to teaching performing, Carter has an outstanding record in arts advocacy and service. A life member of the National Association of Negro Musicians, Carter has served on its Board of Directors, Chair of the Committee on Choral Standards, and national President. He is a life member of the American Choral Directors Association. He has held membership in Music Educators National Conference, the Music Teachers National Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Most recently, he was inducted as a national arts advocate and honorary member of Sigma Iota Theta. Carter has served as a member and co-chair of the NEA Music Advisory Panels for Chorus.

Dr. Carter is founder and CEO of MAR-VEL, a publisher specializing in music by African American composers and traditions.

An Evening of Spirituals

◆
Welcome

Opening Prayer & Remarks

Master of Ceremonies—Mr. Robert Drake

The Huntsville Spiritual Choral

Ev'rytime I Feel the Spirit—Arr. William L. Dawson
Soloist—Frank Jones

I Heard De Preaching of de Elders—Arr. Roland M. Carter

Rock-A My Soul Arr. Uzee Brown, Jr.
Soloist—Demetrius Davis and Kyla Pitcher

Offering

Dr. Roland M. Carter and the Workshop Choral

Same Train—Arr. Roland M. Carter
Soloist: Arthurine Shackelford

Two Spirituals in Tribute to Wings Over Jordan—Transcribed by
Roland M. Carter

1. Yes, Lord!
Soloist: Lula Rochelle
2. Leaning on the Lord
Soloist: Phillip Pugh and Jabari Walton

King Jesus Is A'Listening—Transcribed by Roland M. Carter

Ride On, Jesus—Arr. Roland M. Carter

Acknowledgements

Closing Song—Total Praise

Benediction—Rev. Maurice Wright, II

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5:00PM

Sunday March 25th

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Dr. Roland M. Carter

Mr. Robert Drake

The Huntsville Spiritual Chorale

Ms. Erica Fox & 90.9 WJAB

Ms. Jakeyah Williams

Mrs. Pamela Whitehead

**AAMU Students: Aaron Bosley, Tydashia Porter, & Jabari
Walton**

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

Huntsville, Alabama



2002 Pastor's Annual Report

Homer L. McCall, D.Min.

"Conformed to Jesus Christ"

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2



Letter from Pastor Homer L. McCall

"I sought the Lord, and He answered me;
He delivered me from all my fears."
Psalm 34:4

What a joy to hear from the Lord and to abide in His presence! Over and over again our Father has delivered us not only as a family, as a people and as a nation but He has also delivered us individually from unseen perils. Mable and our family join me in thanking God for each of you, for all His blessings and for His empowerment of the Episcopal leadership, officers, members, clergy, youth, lay and missionaries. We are thankful for your commitment to Him "to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

We remain thankful not only for the increase in membership but also for the faithful ministries that continue to meet the needs of God's people at St. John, in the community and District and throughout the Connection. Through prayer and love, let us continue to "praise the Lord and forget not all His benefits." (Psalm 103:2).

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Romans 8:35). Year after year, month after month, day after day, and moment after moment, the answer remains the same: "NOTHING will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord", (Romans 8:39). Let us continue to yield to God's transformation in us through the Holy Spirit.

We, therefore, joyfully and gladly celebrate the 124th Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference with highest accolades to the Episcopal leadership of Bishop and Mrs. T. Larry Kirkland, Presiding Elders Dwight E. Dillard, Sr. and A. L. Hyche, Pastor and Mrs. J. A. Rumph and the Grant Chapel family, and all levels of membership in the North Alabama Conference. May His Spirit empower each of us to no longer conform to this world but to be transformed and to stand tall for Christ by **TRUSTING GOD** for His Grace!

by **TREATING** people right!
and by **THANKING GOD** constantly!

We love each of you. To God be the glory!

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Episcopal District	Ninth	Presiding Bishop	T. Larry Kirkland
Annual Conference	North Alabama	Pres. Elder District	S Birmingham - Huntsville
Name of Church	St. John AME	Church Address	229 Church Street Huntsville, Alabama 35801
Pastor	Homer L. McCall	Office	(256) 534-3265 Fax (256) 534-6828
Presiding	D. E. Dillard, Sr.	Pastor's Address	4008 Cedar Gate Road NW Huntsville, Alabama 35810-1125 (256) 852-7541
Conference Opening Date October 2, 2002			

NUMERICAL STATISTICS

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| 1. Newly Erected Church <u>none</u> | 14. Baptism |
| 2. Newly Erected Parsonage <u>none</u> | A. Infants <u>1</u> |
| 3. Churches found on Charge <u>one (1)</u> | B. Children <u>2</u> |
| 4. Is there a parsonage <u>No</u> | C. Adults <u>3</u> |
| 5. Do you live in the parsonage <u>No</u> | 15. Number and Kind of vehicles in Bus |
| 6. Appraised Value of Church Property <u>\$1,000,000</u> | Ministry <u>one van</u> |
| 7. Conversions <u>5</u> | 16. Do you have a Radio Ministry or Media |
| 8. Accessions <u>25</u> | Presentation? Yes <u>X</u> No <u></u> |
| 9. How many persons joined Church from | Describe Church advertisement in local |
| Sunday School <u>none</u> | newspaper, website, tape ministry |
| 10. Deaths <u>4</u> | 17. Number of Marriages Performed <u>2</u> |
| 11. Left without certificate <u>5</u> | 18. Number of persons enrolled in Sunday |
| 12. Total Membership <u>398</u> | School <u>85</u> |
| 13. Total number of registered voters <u>296</u> | 19. Sunday School Average Attendance <u>75</u> |
| | 20. Number of persons in Lay Organization <u>44</u> |

Is there a copy of your deed on file with the Annual Conference as per the Discipline? Yes X No

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

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| 21. Presiding Elder's Salary <u>\$3,272.50</u> | 31. Ninth District Contingency <u>\$200.00</u> |
| 22. Pastor's Salary <u>\$24,442</u> | 32. Brotherhood <u>\$50.00</u> |
| 23. Total Raised for all purposes <u>\$294,000</u> | 33. Sustentation for Pastor <u>\$75.00</u> |
| 24. Total indebtedness <u>none</u> | 34. Delegate <u>\$75.00</u> |
| 25. Balance in Treasury <u>\$390,000</u> | |
| 26. Employee Security | SUBSCRIPTIONS |
| Pastor <u>\$1,445.00</u> | 35. AME Christian Recorder <u>\$26.00</u> |
| Presiding Elder <u>\$185.00</u> | 36. AME Review <u>\$20.00</u> |
| 27. Conference Support <u>\$50.00</u> | 37. Voice of Missions <u>\$20.00</u> |
| 28. Total Paid to General Budget <u>\$2,618.00</u> | 38. Journal of Christian Education <u>\$20.00</u> |
| 29. Roll Call <u>\$18.00</u> | 39. Women's Missionary Magazine <u>\$20.00</u> |
| 30. State Expansion Paid <u>\$185.00</u> | 40. Secret Chamber <u>\$20.00</u> |
| | 41. YPD Newsletter <u>\$20.00</u> |
| | 42. Total Subscriptions <u>\$146.00</u> |
| TOTAL BROUGHT TO CONFERENCE | \$5,352.00 |

The 2001-2002 Conference Year Literary Report

To Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Mother Mary Kirkland, Presiding Elder & Mrs. Dwight E. Dillard, Presiding Elder & Mrs. A. L. Hyche, Host Pastor, Reverend and Mrs. James A. Rumph, members of the 124th session of the North Alabama Annual Conference of the Ninth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Conference visitors and friends, the Pastor of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, Huntsville, Alabama, humbly submits the following annual report.

Worship and Christian Education

Sunday Worship Services are held at 8:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Our membership increased by twenty-five (25) members. One (1) infant, two (2) youth and three (3) adults were baptized this year.

Go preach my gospel, saith the Lord. The ministerial staff of St. John continues to grow. **Sister Meriam Garrett** united with St. John this conference year as a transfer of membership from the Second Episcopal District as an Exhorter and was licensed to preach by the late Presiding Elder Blankenship. Other ministerial staff who continue to assist Pastor McCall are Reverends Kenneth Johnson, James R. Johnson, Claudewell Campbell, and Debra Woods; Brother Raymond Nomel; Reverend Lenwood Purce (of Bethel AME Church, Ensley and a student at Alabama A&M university); and Sister Judith Gardner (of St. Paul AME Church, Hamilton, Bermuda and a student at Alabama A&M University.) Other Licentiates who served during the conference year were Brothers David Perry, Micah Perry, Eric Etheridge, and Darrell Ezell.



Church School, under the direction of **Pastor McCall** and **Superintendent Willie Sandifer**, was held each Sunday morning. Church School Anniversary and Promotion Sunday were celebrated in October. A Back-to-School Night of Christian fun, food and fellowship was sponsored by the Church School on August 9. Our Church School youth represented St. John at the Sunday School Convention in June.

The pastor and the ministerial staff led **Weekly Prayer and Bible Study Class** on Wednesday evenings. On each Wednesday before the first Sunday, Bible Study concludes with Love Feast. Noon Prayer is held each Thursday.

St. John Ministries

The **50+ Auxiliary** provided fellowship and growth for seniors. The Annual Harvest Service was held in November and monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. Trips were made to events and sites in the Huntsville area.

The **Prison Ministry** continued to operate under the leadership of **Brother Powers** and **Brother Burnett**. The Pastor and members of the Prison Ministry led several services at Limestone Correctional Facility during March, April and May of this year.

FoodSOURCE provided fresh and frozen meats, vegetables and fruit for about half the retail cost. Members and organizations of the church have made monthly donations to purchase FoodSOURCE units to donate to those in need. Volunteers work each month to assist with the collection of funds and the distribution of food.

St. John, **Habitat for Humanity** of Madison County, and four (4) other churches partnered to build a home for the Baker Family during a Building Blitz from August 31– September 14. This is the ninth home St. John members have participated in building.



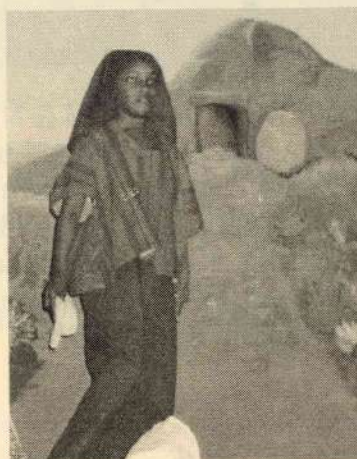
The **Media Ministry** includes the St. John A.M.E. Newsletter (St. John A.M.E.N.) and the St. John web site on the Internet. This year the St. John A.M.E.N. continued to provide informative articles on church activities at the local, district, and connectional levels; community activities; information about outstanding contributions of our members; and potpourri articles on books, puzzles, and recipes. The newsletter staff published a cookbook, *AMEN: A Taste of St. John and Friends*, this conference year. They also published a weekly Lenten Series entitled "By His Stripes We Are Healed" during Lent.

Our **Music Ministry** continues to grow and expand under the leadership of our talented and gifted Director of Music and Organist, **Brother Rufus Gilmore, III**. The Sanctuary Choir sings the first Sunday of each month under the direction of **Sister Ellen Washington** and Brother Gilmore. The Gospel Choir renders music on the second Sunday of each month under the direction of **Mr. Cleveland Wilson** and accompanied by **Mrs. Antoinette Wilson**. The third Sunday music is led by the Children/Youth Choir under the direction of **Sister Ellen Washington** and accompanied by **Mr. Kevin Long**. **Brother Gilmore** directs and accompanies the Male Chorus as they render music on the fourth Sunday. **Brother Talbert Cox** serves as percussionist each Sunday. New robes were purchased for the Gospel Choir. Membership has increased in all choirs.



The **Van Ministry** provides transportation for trips taken by the organizations within the church, provides transportation to connectional meetings, and provides transportation on Sunday for students and members who desire to attend worship services.

Youth Ministry activities include Church School, Y.P.D., youth ushers and Children/Youth Choir, Vacation Bible School, as well as participation in worship services, District Conference and statewide youth meetings. Our youth represented St. John at the Ninth District YPD Meeting in February, Youth Crusade for Christ in May, and Christian Education Congress in July.



New Life Ministries continues to provide a spiritual growth and development course with emphasis on new members. The course is guided by Biblical principles.

The **Telecommunication Ministry** enhances our communication with members and the community by combining the technologies of the telephone and the computer. The pastor delivers prayers and announcements to the entire membership via this system. Organization representatives use this ministry to inform members of meetings and rehearsals.

The **Praise Dance Ministry** has grown this conference year. A Women's Praise Dance Group was added to this ministry. The Second Annual Praise Dance Workshop was preceded by a Praise Workshop that featured the Praise Dance Groups of St. John; **Sister Shona Henry** of Bermuda; and **Mrs. Ira Cummings and daughters** of St. Paul AME Church, Birmingham. **Reverend C. C. Cummings**, pastor of St. Paul, was the guest preacher. The Second Annual Praise Dance Workshop was held the following Saturday. The guest presenters were **Sister Shona Henry** and **Sister Ira Cummings**.



The **Women's Ministry** led the planning for the Second Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast on June 29 and the Annual Women's Day Observance on July 14. This ministry plans to support the women of the church by offering mentoring for young women, leadership development opportunities for all, special workshops, focused seminars and small discussion groups devoted to learning more about the Bible and enhancing spiritual growth and development.



Special Services and Activities

We observed **Thanksgiving** week with two special services. The Fifty Plus Auxiliary led the Annual Harvest Service the Sunday before Thanksgiving. St. John participated in the Huntsville Downtown Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

The **YPD** sponsored the Annual Christmas Program and Easter Program with speeches and songs by the children and youth.

The **St. John A.M.E.N.** staff sponsored a Taste Tea following service on the second Sunday in December. Members brought their favorite dish for others to taste and the recipes for these dishes were published throughout the year in the "Recipe of the Month" section of the St. John A.M.E.N. A collection of recipes was published in the *AMEN: A Taste of St. John and Friends Cookbook*.



The **December Group**, members with birthdays and anniversaries in December, sponsored a **Christmas dinner** for its members. The group sponsored an outreach project that collected warm blankets, scarves, hats, gloves and socks for the homeless. Additionally, the group made a financial contribution to the FIND (Family Integrity Network Demonstration) Team of the Huntsville Madison County Mental Health Center. These funds were used to enhance Christmas for young persons served by the FIND Team.

St. John continued the tradition of holding **Christmas** morning worship service. A service was held at 6:30 a.m. on Christmas morning. **Reverend R. B. Hereford, Sr.** delivered the Christmas Message, "Nothing Is Impossible With God," with text from Luke 11:26-27.

St. John participated in the **GHIMF Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**. Members of our Music Ministry joined other choir members from throughout the city in the GHIMF Mass Choir.

Ash Wednesday Service was held on February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. **Reverend Claudewell Campbell** brought a spirit-filled message entitled "Putting Off and Putting On" with text from Colossians 3:8-14. The **ceremony of the ashes** followed the invitation to discipleship and the service concluded with prayer.

African American History Sunday was observed in February. Both the Youth and Women's Praise Dance Groups ministered in dance. Brother David Perry delivered the sermon entitled "Who Turned the Lights Out?"

The **Annual Stewardess Candlelight Service** was held on March 17. **Reverend Timothy Rainey**, Pastor of Indian Creek P.B. Church, preached a sermon entitled "Be Thou Faithful Until Death" with text from Revelations 2:10.

St. John celebrated our **117th Anniversary** on April 28 with the theme "Recommitment to Praise and Serve the Lord." **Retired General Officer Anderson Todd, Jr.** was the preacher for this great celebration. His sermon was entitled "A Little Bit of Leaven Will Go a Long Way" with text from Matthew 13:33.

The Women's Missionary Society observed **Annual Missionary Day** on Sunday, May 19 during the 10:50 a.m. service. Reverend **Sheryl Shipman** delivered an inspirational sermon.

We commemorated Pentecost during the 8 a.m. service on **Pentecost Sunday**. The theme was "Allowing the Fruit of the Spirit to Ripen Through Love". Special music was rendered by an ensemble of Sanctuary Choir members under the direction of Brother Rufus Gilmore and the Praise Dancers ministered in dance. Reverend Lenwood Purce preached the Pentecost Sermon entitled "When Assembling Together as the Body of Christ" with text from Acts 1:6-8, Acts 2:1-4 and I Corinthians 12:12-14.



Youth Day and **Retiree Recognition Sunday** were observed on June 12th during the 10:50 a.m. service. We recognized high school graduates, college graduates, advanced degree graduates, and retirees. Reverend Nathaniel Copeland, pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Troy, Alabama, was the guest preacher. The youth weekend began with a lock-in on June 10.

The **Vacation Bible School** was held July 15-19. **Brother Clarence Cooper, Jr.** was the coordinator. Children and adults were spiritually, intellectually, and physically invigorated through Bible study, enrichment sessions, fun and food. The theme was "Online With Jesus" for the children and youth and *Journey to the Well* for the Adult Class. A special art workshop was presented by Dr. Clifton Pearson. Following the closing program on Friday, hot dogs and hamburgers were served by the Stewards and Trustees. Attendees went skating the Saturday after VBS.

The **Annual Women's Day** celebration was held on Sunday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. The



theme was "God, The Source of Women's Strength, Facing Today's Crises." We were blessed with a spirit-filled sermon by our guest preacher, **Reverend Dr. Jo Ann Brown-ing**, co-pastor of Ebenezer AME Church, Ft. Washington, Maryland. The message was entitled "Even Though, God Is." A pre-Women's Day Prayer Breakfast was held on Saturday, June 29. **Sister Meriam Garrett** delivered the meditation, "Lord Make Us Thank-ful." **Mrs. Mable McCall** was general chairperson, **Mrs. Susie Akins** was program chairperson, **Mrs. Beverly Hill** was program co-chairperson, and **Mrs. Dana Johnson** was chairperson for the Prayer Breakfast.



Reverend Dr. James L. Davis, pastor of Big Bethel AME Church, Atlanta, Georgia, was the evangelist for the **Summer Revival**, August 5-7. His empowering messages were entitled "Trusting God in Tight Situations," "The Family Is Under Attack," and "Dealing and Living In the Meantime."

Men's Day was observed on Sunday, September 22nd at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The theme was "Christian Men Leading in Worship Through Prayer." **Bishop William DeVeaux** was the preacher for Men's Day. The Male Chorus rendered music. **Brother Clifton Pearson** was the Men's Day chairperson and Brothers Carl Lewis and Carver Myhand were co-chairmen.



Connectional and Community Activities

The **Ninth District Mid Year Convocation** was held at St. John, March 15-16. **Bishop Z. L. Grady** presided.

St. John members participated in the city-wide **2002 March for Jesus** on Pentecost Saturday, May 18. As a part of the Jesus Day Activities preceding the March for Jesus, St. John and Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church sponsored a **spiritual block party** for the residents of **Searcy Homes** on Saturday, April 20. The party included booths on evangelism, prayer, literacy, senior issues, health, and Christian education; food and stage activities of praise singing, praise dancing, and story telling. Bibles, FoodSource units and attendance prizes were given away. WJAB radio station provided audio equipment. **Sister Gardner** and **Brother David Perry** served as anchors for the stage activities.



St. John made financial contributions to Grady Madison A.M.E. Church and other area AME Churches, Alabama A & M Council Challenge, UNCF, 2002 MS Walk-a-thon, Habitat for Humanity, and NAACP as well as financial support to many other community organizations. We made benevolent contributions to numerous persons within the church and in the community.

St. John worshiped with **Wayman Chapel, Decatur**, on Sunday afternoon September 15 for Reverend Hereford's Pastor's Day and with **Matthew Chapel, Fackler**, on Sunday afternoon, September 29 for Reverend Vicki Sander's Pastor's Day.

Director of Music, **Brother Rufus Gilmore**, attended the **26th Anniversary Church Music Workshop of America**. Jackson State University and the 8th Episcopal District of the AME Church sponsor this workshop annually.

Pastor and Mrs. McCall attended the **Bishop's Council** in Tampa, Florida in June 2002. **Mrs. McCall** represented the Ninth Episcopal District as the **First Lady of the District**.



Pastor McCall was selected to participate in the Leadership Alabama Class XIII (2002-2003), received the Path of Honor Award from the Huntsville Senior Center, and the Special Service Award from the Huntsville UNCF.

The **Nichols-Grady School of Religion** continued to offer classes for students in North Alabama at **St. John - Huntsville**. Pastor McCall has taught classes on Homiletics, AME Church Polity/History, and this fall he is teaching courses in Christian Ethics, Worship & Evangelism, and Introduction to Theology.



Baptisms

J. Daniel Haygood
Antonia Borders
Mattie McKinney
Talishia Rice
Lenita Rochelle
Shanika Jones
Josiah Gullatte

In Memory....

Mrs. Ethel Richards
Mrs. Hattie Sales
Mr. Victor Jamar
Mr. S. C. O'Neal, Sr.

Marriages

Raymond Nomel & Shanika Jones
Christopher Phillips & Myesa Simmons

New Members

Kimberly Battle
Michaela Janise Brown
Christopher Butler
Clarence Cooper, Jr.
Talbert Cox
Victoria Cox
Meriam Garrett
Francis Hambrick
Beverly Hill
Marceia Ingram
Shanika Jones
Mazie Ford Mason
Phillip McGraw

Rickel McGraw
Sarah L. McGraw
Tamela McGraw
Ronald McIntosh, Jr.
Talisha Rice
Jeffrey Rivers
Lillie P. Rivers
Lenita Rochelle
Patrice Ruffin
Myesa Simmons
Waylon Sims
Marshall Slade

A tribute to the Late Presiding Elder E. L. Blankenship.....

During my sixth year as pastor at St. John (1977), the Reverend Dr. E. L. Blankenship was appointed Presiding Elder of the South Birmingham-Huntsville District. He led us with a sense of preparedness. He often reminded us, "It is better to be prepared to fight and not have to fight, than to have to fight and not be prepared." He led us with a tough love, but he never lost his touch of human kindness. He often said and he also lived his own words, "It's nice to be nice," and "You can catch more folk with honey than vinegar." He always tried to make everyone feel important, needed, and he utilized everyone's gifts in the District's work and worship. He recognized the accomplishments of all through scholarships, prizes, awards and accolades.

Elder Blankenship led us with humor. Perhaps someone on the District has found the wood that Esau Wood sawed with the wood-saw, Wood saw wood? Dr. Blankenship could talk with tough tongue twisters and talk with kings, Bishops and Presidents but he kept the common touch. He led us with a strong sense of spirituality and social consciousness. This was felt throughout the connection, country, community, as well as in our congregations. He championed the cause of the poor. He opposed racism and discrimination. "He too sang God Bless America and no coward soul was his."

Finally, Presiding Elder Blankenship led us not only with a sense of preparedness and humor, tough love with human kindness, spirituality with social consciousness; in short, he led the District by ordering his steps in God's Word and by also allowing his wife, Mrs. Mary B. Blankenship, to daily work with him. As the home goes, so goes the nation; as the home goes, so also goes the District. Dr. Blankenship was a family man. He loved his family. He loved the family of God. He was a friend.

Perhaps, one of his favorite scriptures sums up best this tribute of him: Isaiah 40:28-31: "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but they who wait on the Lord; shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

We thank God for Dr. Blankenship's courage to hold on without complaining and to walk on in the storm in spite of his illness. We thank God for allowing him to stay at his post until He called him to his heavenly reward on May 24, 2002.

Staff

Mrs. Mable J. McCall, Administrative Assistant
 Mrs. Mattie McKinney, Clerical Assistant
 Mr. Rufus Gilmore, III, Director of Music
 Mrs. Ellen C. Washington, Choir Director
 Mr. Kevin Long, Children/Youth Choir Musician
 Mrs. Antoinette Wilson, Gospel Choir Musician
 Mr. Cleveland Wilson, Gospel Choir Director
 Miss Brittney Bell, Church School Musician
 Mr. Bobby Rice, Church School Musician
 Mr. Calvin Cox, Percussionist
 Mr. Earl Fitchard, Custodian
 Mr. Lafayette Townsend, Sr., Lawncare

Ministerial Staff

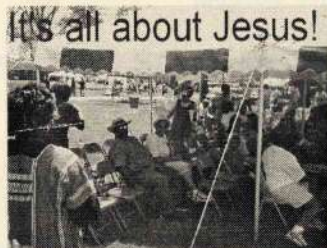
Reverend Kenneth D. Johnson, Assistant to the Pastor
 Reverend Dr. James R. Johnson, Assistant to the Pastor
 Reverend Claudewell Campbell, Assistant to the Pastor
 Reverend Debra Woods
 Reverend Lenwood Purce
 Reverend Claudewell Campbell
 Sister Judith Gardner
 Brother Raymond Nomel
 Sister Meriam Garrett

Officers

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 Mrs. Cora H. Speight, Financial Secretary
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Birmingham, Alabama

October 1-4, 2008

**The Rt. Reverend James L. Davis,
Servant Bishop**

**Mrs. Arelis Davis,
Episcopal Supervisor**

**Reverend Dwight E. Dillard,
Host Presiding Elder**

**Reverend Albert L. Hyche,
Associate Presiding Elder**

**Reverend Horace J. Fitchard, Jr.,
Host Pastor**



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2008 Pastor's Report

To Bishop James L. Davis, Servant Bishop, to Mrs. Arelis Davis, Episcopal Supervisor, and Members of the 130th Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference:

"This is my story..."

*If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in
your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be
saved.*

- Romans 10:9

Mable and I remain grateful every hour to Almighty God, to our Episcopal and District Leaders and especially, of course, to the people of God at St. John. Your many God-sent loving Christian examples reflect daily in the home, church, school, work and community the Mission and Purpose of the AME Church.

Your participation with joy and gladness in Christ's ministry of saving souls and serving people is not "your story" or "my story" but it is truly "HIS" story, the SACRED STORY. The challenge of this 2008 pastoral report is to ask God for strength and faith to continue to launch out into the deep, to lift HIM up and to praise and thank God constantly for His Grace and Mercy.

The purpose of listing in this report some of our triumphs at St. John during the past conference year is only to glorify God who has blessed us all not only according to our needs but also beyond what we can imagine or think. As we end another chapter in the story of our ministry, we can all say, "Had it not been for the Lord on our side..." and "the best is yet to come."

- TO GOD BE THE GLORY -



"This is my song."

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.
— Psalm 118:1

Ministries and Community Outreach

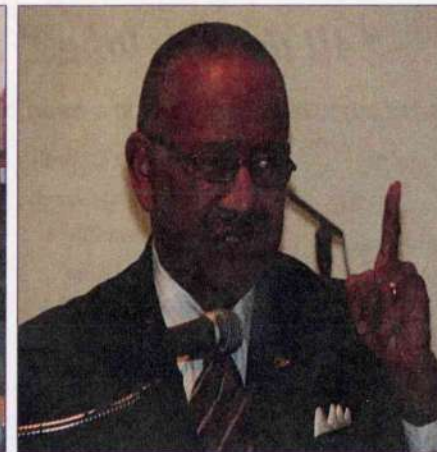
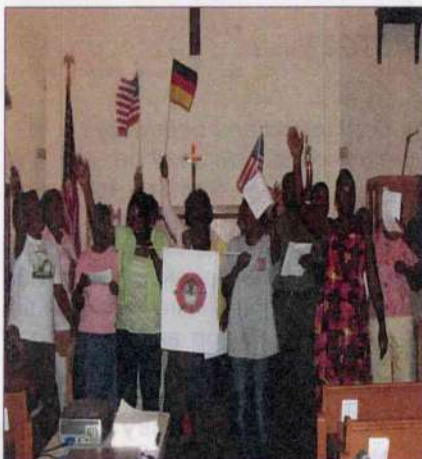
Our song is a song of thanksgiving for God's goodness and mercy that have brought us through another year in which we have been blessed to offer ministries in His service to the church and the community.

Stewards, Trustees, Missionaries and YPD, Stewardess, Deaconess, and Ushers serve the church in the traditional roles for these boards in the AME Church. St. John music ministry includes the Sanctuary Choir, Gospel Choir, Youth/Young Adult Choir, Children's Choir and Male Chorus. One of the newest ministries, the Computer Ministry, offered computer enrichment classes throughout the year. The Sons of Allen Men's Ministry held their second Annual Men's Retreat and held several Saturday Fellowship Breakfasts. The Seniors Ministry, the Fifty-Plus Auxiliary, continues to provide information for seniors and foster monthly fellowship. The Newsletter ministry published the monthly A.M.E. Newsletter. Missionaries and YPD hosted area and conference meetings at St. John and provided ministry to Hope Place, the Downtown Rescue Mission and area nursing homes.

Christian Education at St. John includes Church School, Bible study and Vacation Bible School. The theme "Champions for Jesus" provided an opportunity for growth for all who attended Vacation Bible School. The Church School added a Book Club. The Praise Dance Ministry includes youth and adults. This year the dance ministry participated in St. John worship services and they were invited to join other churches in the community for praise dance ministry.

Community outreach included ministry to Alabama A&M University, Searcy Homes, and Habitat for Humanity. St. John greeted AAMU freshmen with welcome bags at the Campus Ministry Church Festival; students, Staff, Faculty and Alumni worshiped at St. John during AAMU Founders Week; and the AAMU worshiped at St. John and enjoyed a fellowship meal on the 5th Sunday in August. Searcy Homes ministries included the Fall Festival "Signs of Harvest" activity, Serving the City as ONE, and the Back-to-School outreach.

This is our song ...meeting the needs for spiritual growth and fellowship for members. This is our song...meeting the needs of the community through ministry. This is our song... thanking God for His goodness and mercy. This is my song...Praising my Savior...



"Praising my Savior..."

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. — Psalm 95:6

St. John members were fed spiritually each Sunday with edifying messages from Pastor McCall. Associate Ministers Reverend Dr. James R. Johnson, Reverend Kenneth D. Johnson and Reverend Merriam Garrett also delivered morning messages during the conference year.

Ministers from throughout the Connection graced the St. John pulpit. Presiding Elder Dillard preached for Quarterly Conferences. Reverend Andrew Dawkins, a retired Ninth Episcopal District pastor, brought the Founder's Day message. Revival evangelist were youth/spring evangelist Reverend Nathaniel M. Copeland, Nichols Chapel, Phenix City, and summer evangelist Reverend Dr. Michael E. Bell, Sr., Allen Chapel AME Church, Washington, D.C. St. John was blessed abundantly during these revivals. Other guest ministers included Reverend Claudewell Campbell for Christmas Morning, Reverend Raymond Swafford for Praise Dance Ministry, Reverend Johnathan Richardson for Pentecost Service, and Reverend Charles Marie Davis for Missionary Day.

Bishop T. Larry Kirkland was the preacher for the 123rd Church Anniversary Celebration. Annual Women's Day culminated several Women's special services with Reverend Dr. Cecelia E. Greene Barr, pastor of Trinity AME Church in Detroit, Michigan, as Guest Preacher. Men's Day/Pastor's Day concluded the conference year with General Officer, Reverend Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson, as Guest Preacher.

Services were enhanced with music from the choirs, musicians, adult and youth Praise Dancers, and the youth and senior ushers.

At St. John, we are *praising our Savior* for a blessed year. We are *praising our Savior* for the anointed leadership of Bishop Kirkland for the majority of this conference year and for the leadership of Presiding Elder and Mrs. Dwight E. Dillard and caring, dedicated, loving leadership of Pastor and Mrs. Homer L. McCall. We are *praising our Savior* for spirit-filled worship, enriching Church School and Bible Study. We are *praising our Savior* for membership growth and for ministries that meet the needs of members and the community. We are *praising our Savior* for the assignment of Bishop and Mrs. James L. Davis, as Servant Bishop and Episcopal Supervisor, to the Ninth Episcopal Church. We are *praising our Savior* for blessing us to move forward toward the physical expansion of St. John by purchasing 52 acres of land. For all of the blessings listed and countless other blessings, we are *"Praising our Savior... All the day long."*



“All the day long.”

So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. — Psalm 90:12

Conference Opening Date	October 1, 2008	Name of Church	St. John AME
Annual Conference	North Alabama	Address of Church	229 Church Street
Pres. Elder District	South Birmingham-Huntsville	City, State ZIP	Huntsville, Alabama 35801
Presiding Elder	Dwight E. Dillard	Pastor's Name	Homer L. McCall
		Pastor's Address	4008 Cedar Gate Road
		City, State ZIP	Huntsville, Alabama 35810

NUMERICAL STATISTICS

1. Conversions	3	c. Children	30
2. Accessions	20	d. Youth	10
3. Baptisms	2	e. Adults	38
4. Full Members	371	15. Annual Conference Members	FOUR (4)
(a) Adults 290 (b) Youth 40 (c) Children 40 (d) Retirees 57		a. Itinerant Elders/Deacons	THREE (3)
5. Churches found on Charge	ONE (1)	b. Local Elders/Deacons	ONE (1)
6. Parsonages found on Charge	NONE	c. Licensed Evangelist/Missionary	NONE
7. Newly Erected Parsonages	NONE	d. Retired Elders/Deacons	NONE
8. Amount of Mortgage	NONE	e. Licentiates	NONE
9. Newly Erected Church	NONE	f. Supernumerary	2
10. Amount of Mortgage	NONE	16. Itinerant Elder's Widow/ers	ONE (1)
11. Property of Valuation	\$1,650,000	17. Widow/er Children under 14	NONE
12. Insurance Coverage	\$1,000,000	18. Marriages Performed	FOUR (4)
13. Registered Voters	270	19. Number of community projects within the Church receiving funds from outside the Church, et al, church child care, senior citizens homes, etc.	NONE
14. Church School Membership	104	20. Lay Organization in Local Charge	YES
a. Teachers/Officers	16	a. Number of Members	25
b. Cradle Roll	10	21. Number and Kind of Vehicles in Bus Ministry	2 - Van and Minibus
		22. Is there a copy of your deed on file with the Annual Conference, in accordance with the Discipline?	YES

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

23. Total Funds Raised for Local Church	\$403,497	32. General Conference Sustentation	\$ 200.00
24. Total Indebtedness	\$300,000	33. Grand Total Budget	\$ 3,268.00
a. Stewards		34. Conference Sustentation	\$ 275.00
b. Trustees		35. Church School Offering	\$ 100.00
c. Stewardship Commission		36. Public Offering	\$ 300.00
d. Other (For items A – D, see # 24)		37. State Expansion Paid	\$ 222.00
25. Church Treasury Balance	\$463,740	38. Ninth District Contingency	\$ 200.00
a. Stewards		39. Brotherhood	\$ 50.00
b. Trustees		40. Sustentation for Pastor	\$ 175.00
c. Building Fund/Capital Improvement		41. Sustentation for Delegate	\$ 100.00
d. Central Budget			
e. Other (For items A – E, see # 25)			
26. Presiding Elder's Salary/Upkeep	\$6,865		
27. Pastor's Salary	Adequate		
28. Insurance Annuity			
a. Pastor	\$1,570.16		
b. Presiding Elder	\$ 295.00		
29. Receipt on General Budget	\$3,268.00		
30. Cash on General Budget	\$3,268.00		
31. Balance on Budget	-0-		

SUBSCRIPTIONS

42. Christian Recorder	\$36.00
43. AME Review	\$25.00
44. Voice of Mission	\$25.00
45. Journal of Religious Education	\$25.00
46. Missionary Magazine	\$25.00
47. Secret Chamber	\$25.00
48. YPD Newsletter	\$20.00
49. Total Subscriptions	\$181.00

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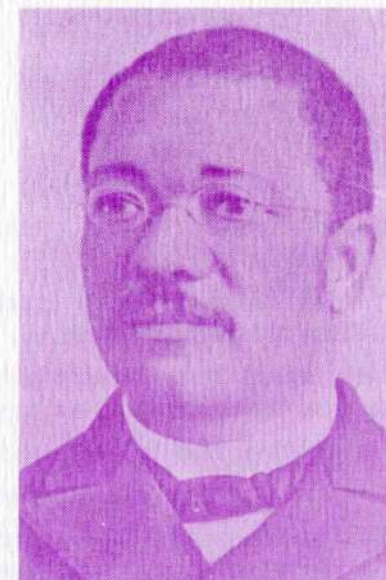
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GOD OUR FATHER

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

MAN OUR BROTHER



PORTRAIT PRESENTATION OF **Reverend Doctor William Hooper Council II**

to

The Alabama State Department of Archives
Montgomery, Alabama

by

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church
Huntsville, Alabama

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1992 - 4:00 P. M.

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

Responsive Reading

"INSTRUCTIONS IN GODLY WISDOM" — Psalm 37:23-37



- LEADER: The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in His way.
- AUDIENCE: Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand.
- LEADER: I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread.
- AUDIENCE: He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and His seed is blessed.
- LEADER: Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell forevermore.
- AUDIENCE: For the Lord loveth judgement and forsaketh not His saints; they are preserved forever; but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
- LEADER: The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever.
- AUDIENCE: The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgement.
- LEADER: The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.
- AUDIENCE: The wicked watcheth the righteous and seeketh to slay him.
- LEADER: The Lord will not leave him in his hands nor condemn him when he is judged.
- AUDIENCE: Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.
- LEADER: I have seen the wicked in great power and spreading himself like a green bay tree.
- AUDIENCE: Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not: Yea, I sought him but he could not be found.
- ALL: Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

Order of Service



MR. JERRY J. BALDWIN, *Presiding*

- PRELUDE Mr. Rufus Gilmore III, Minister of Music
Mr. Lamar Higgins, Mr. Houston Yarbrough, Musicians
- HYMN—"God Moves In a Mysterious Way" Cowper
God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.
Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain
God is His own interpreter
And He will make it plain.
- PRAYER Mr. Clayton Hammonds, Chaplain Steward Board
- RESPONSIVE READING Colonel E. C. Smith, Sr.
"Instructions In Godly Wisdom"—Psalm 37:23-37
- MUSIC Mr. Walter Williams, Soloist
Class of '84, Alabama A&M University
Accompanied by Mr. Richard Tucker
- GREETINGS Mrs. Adrienne Pope-Kelly, Steward
The Honorable Steve Hettinger, Mayor, City of Huntsville
The Honorable Prince Preyer, Madison County Commissioner
Dr. David B. Henson, President Alabama A&M University
- OCCASION Mr. Eddie C. Sherrod, Vice Chairman, Steward Board
- MUSIC Children's Choir
- PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall, Pastor
Rev. Dr. E. L. Blankenship, Presiding Elder
South Birmingham-Huntsville District, A.M.E. Church
- ACCEPTANCE Dr. Edwin C. Bridges, Director
State of Alabama Department of Archives and History
- MUSIC Senior Choir
- RECOGNITION OF ARTIST, Dr. L. W. Bonner
MR. THOMAS COLVIN III, Steward and Secretary
AND HONORED GUESTS St. John A.M.E. Church
- MUSIC Gospel Chorus
- CLOSING REMARKS Pastor McCall
Dr. Blankenship
- BENEDICTION

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*Please excuse any oversight in this acknowledgement of invited guests.
ALL persons who worship with us are special and honored.*

Honored Guests

- BISHOP AND MRS. C. E. THOMAS and the Ninth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church
- THE HONORABLE STEVE HETTINGER AND FAMILY, Mayor, City of
Huntsville and The City Council Members
- THE HONORABLE MICHAEL GILLESPIE AND FAMILY, Chairman, Madison
County Board of Commissioners and Commissioners
- DR. GEORGE GRAYSON AND FAMILY, Alabama House of Representatives
District Nineteen and The Madison County Legislative Delegation
- DR. AND MRS. DAVID B. HENSON AND FAMILY, President, Alabama
A. and M. University, Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students,
Alumni, Board of Trustees and Advocates
- MR. RODNEY SCOTT, President; MS. FELICIA INGRAM, Vice President,
Alabama A. and M. University Student Government Association
- DR. ANN DRAKE, Widow, Dr. J. F. Drake, Former Alabama A. and M.
University President
- DR. RICHARD D. MORRISON, Former President, Alabama A. and M.
University
- DR. CARL MARBURY, Former President, Alabama A. and M. University
- DR. DOUGLAS COVINGTON AND FAMILY, Former President, Alabama
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- MR. S. C. O'NEAL, Former President, J. F. Drake State Technical College
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- DR. JOE ANGLIN, Superintendent, and Board Members, Madison County
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- REV. DR. JOHN HERNDON III AND FAMILY, President, Huntsville-Madison
County NAACP



The Easter Story Musicale

*Written & Directed by Donna Gullatte, Cheryl Anderson
and Dennis DeLoach*

Musical Director Dennis DeLoach

Musicians

Lawrence Souffrant-Organist, Swain Dennis-Pianist,

Brandon Prigg-Percussionist

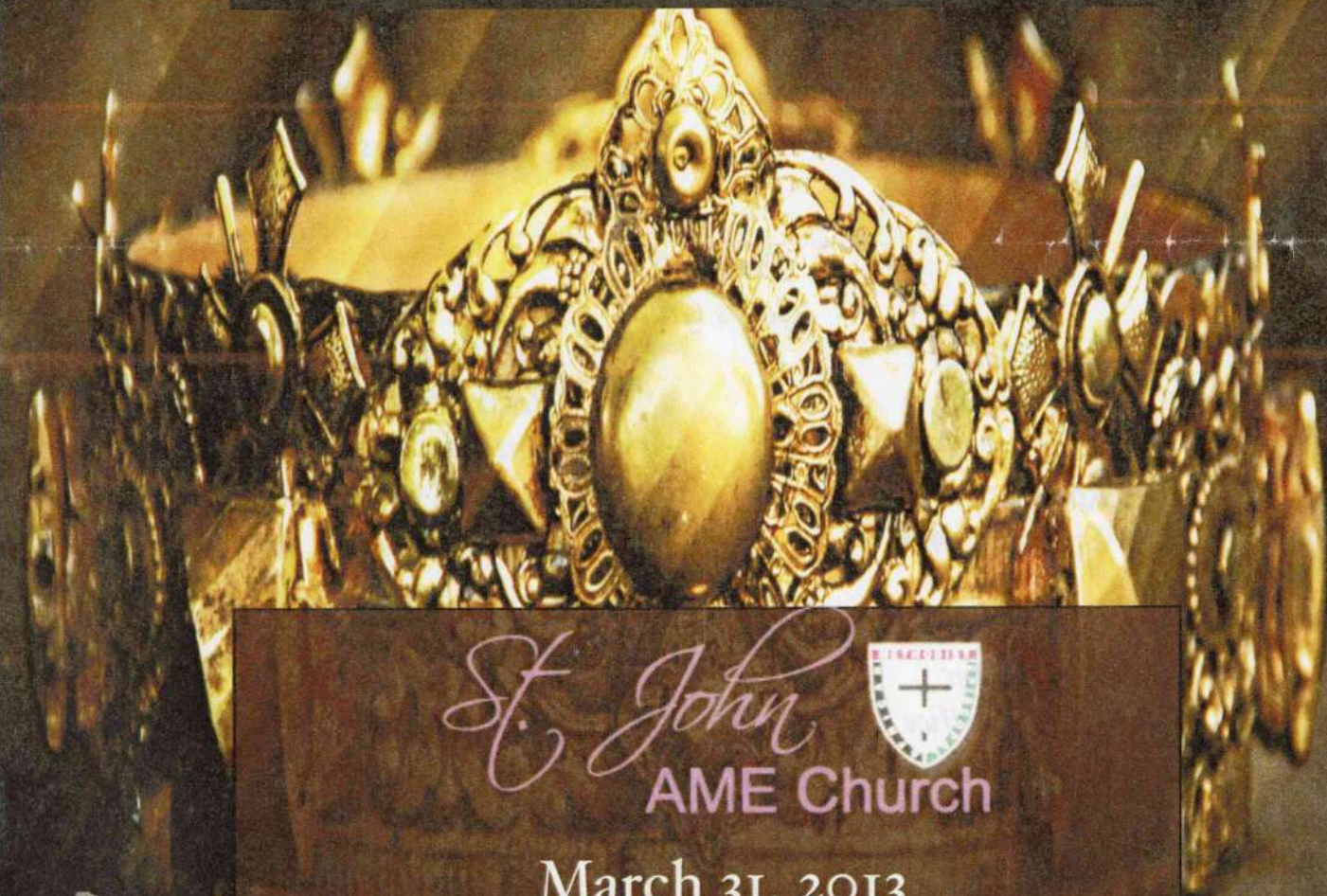
Praise Dance Director-Dr. Jennifer Patterson

Presented by The St. John AMEC-Hsv
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KING OF KINGS

The Easter Story ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ *Musicale*

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St. John 
AME Church

March 31, 2013
8:30 a.m.

The Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop
The Reverend Oliver Allen, Jr., Presiding Elder
The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Pastor



The Easter Story Musicale

Anthem of Praise

St. John Mass Choir accompanied by Praise Dance Team

Speaker 1
David Wells

Were You There
Hostess

St. John AME Children's Choir
Daisha Rembert

Chapter 1 Christ's Resurrection

Sign Holder
John 11: 25-26
Happy Easter Morning
Rolled Away
Saxophone Solo
"Down In the Valley"

Jayla Mack
Jordan Patterson
Blake Johnson
Kathryn Buckham-White
Curtis Mayes

Chapter 2 God's Grace

Sign Holder
God's Gift
Hebrews 4:16
Romans 5:1-2
Ephesians 4:4

Cambridge Wilson
Jessica Harbin
Anthony Mack
McLeod Buckham-White
Tyler Williams

Chapter 3 God's Sacrifice

Sign Holder
God's Sacrifice
Easter Praise
John 3:16

Channing Ransom
Michael Clark
Kennedy Rankin-Crutcher
Caylon Mayes

Chapter 4 The Cross

Sign Holder
Philippians 2: 6-8
What The Cross Means to Me
Written by
I Wear A Cross

Jayla Mack
Josiah Gullatte
Anthony Harbin
Reagan Lawson

The Easter Story Musicale

Chapter 5 Jesus' Love

Sign Holder
Jesus Loves Little Ones
It Was Love
His Love
I John 3:16

Channing Ransom
Patrick Clayborn II
Written by Breeyanna Rochelle
Written by Jasmyne Rochelle
Callynn Williams

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"
Happy Easter
Just For Me

St. John AME Children's Choir
Zaria York
St. John Mass Choir

Spoken Word Speaker 2

They Could Not

Kaitlyn McClung

Jesus The Carpenter
Jesus The Healer
Jesus The Teacher

Wallace Parham
Delorin Carpenter
Xavier Rembert

Precious Is The Blood

St. John AME Mass Choir

Spoken Word Speaker 3

Hosanna
"Celebrate"

Justin York
St. John AME Praise Team

Speaker 4 Michael Clark

"It's Not Over"
Praise Dance Team

Jennifer Patterson

Jasmyne Brown

Eleanor Burnett

Chelsea Carter

Mariah Gullatte

O'Torria Williams

Delorin Carpenter

Carl Lewis

Xavier Rembert

Wallace Parham

Jason S. Gilmore

Props and Costume
Ashley Lewis

Acknowledgments

Many thanks to all the Stewards and adult male members of St. John, their sons and/or significant persons for supporting this annual banquet. Special appreciation to Mrs. Bessie Smith, Chairperson, and the Food Services Committee, Mrs. Nedra L. McDaniel, Mrs. Mable McCall and hostesses for this evening.

St. John A. M. E. Church
Huntsville, Alabama
Homer L. McCall, D. Min., Pastor

Eighth Annual Father Son Banquet

Mr. Bernard Powers, Speaker

The Steward Board, Sponsors
Col. E. C. Smith, Sr., Chairperson

Saturday, June 13, 1998
6:30 p.m.

THE BUILDERS

A builder built a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work his will

Men said as they saw its beauty,
"It never shall know decay,
Great is thy skill, O builder!
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A father built a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.

None praised his unceasing efforts
None knew of his wondrous plan
For the temple the father builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumbled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.

But the temple the father built
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

Adopted from Hattie Vose Hall

Order of Service Col. E. C. Smith, Sr., Presiding

Meditate: "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy
fathers have set." - Proverbs 22:28

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

Opening Song..... "I am on the Battlefield for my Lord"

Invocation and Grace

Scripture

Occasion

Solo.....Dr. W. M. Clark

~~~~~ DINNER SERVED ~~~~~

Introductions.....Fathers, Sons, and Significant Persons

Introduction of Speaker.....Rev. Homer McCall

Speaker.....Mr. Bernard Powers

Solo.....Dr. W. M. Clark

Remarks.....Col. E. C. Smith, Sr.  
Pastor McCall

Closing Song..... "This Little Light of Mine"

Benediction



# *Graduate & Retirees*

HONORS CELEBRATION

JUNE 27, 2014 | 6:30



Prepared for a  
new beginning

*St. John A&ME Church*

229 Church Street | Huntsville, AL 35801



THEME  
*Living on Purpose*  
Call to Worship

**Opening Hymn**

*We've Come This Far by Faith*  
\*see the next page

**Prayer**

Bro. Rufus Gilmore

**Scripture | Isaiah 43:18-19**

Rev. Meriam Garrett

**Musical Selection**

*Tis So Sweet*

Rodney Milton

St. Bartley P.B. Church

**Honoring Graduates & Retirees**

**Intro Guest Preacher**

Pastor Patrick D. Clayborn

**Musical Selection**

*My Soul's Been Anchored In The Lord*

Jonathan Bender

First M.B. Church

**Sermon**

The Reverend Gregory Bentley

Pastor, Fellowship Presbyterian Church

**Prayer for Honorees**

*Reception Immediately Following  
in the S.S. Hereford Fellowship Hall*

*We've Come This Far by Faith*

*Intro : (Like the end of the Refrain)*

*Refrain:*

*We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord;  
Trusting in His Holy Word, He's never failed me yet.  
Oh, oh --, oh -- can't turn around --  
We've come this far by faith.*

*Refrain:*

*Verse 1:*

*Don't be discouraged, when trouble's in your life.  
He'll bear your burdens, and move all misery and strife.  
Thank God we've...*

*Refrain:*

*Verse 2*

*Just the other day I heard a man say  
He didn't believe in God's word.  
But I can truly say that God has made a way.  
And He's never failed me yet.  
That's why we've...*

*Refrain*



## High School Graduates

### Wallace Edward Parham

Wallace Edward Parham is a graduate of Sparkman High School who has earned the Advanced High School Diploma. Wallace will attend the University of South Alabama. He plans to earn a degree in Physical Therapy and pursue a career that will allow him to assist others.

Wallace has been a member of St. John all of his life. He is an active member and officer of the YPD, a member of Voices In Praise Choir, Youth Usher Board, Dance Ministry, Media Ministry, and regularly attends Church School.

Wallace Edward Parham is the son of Kenneth and Lorraine Parham, and the cousin of Walter Nikolby Jenkins.

## College Graduates

### Ashley-Ann C. Lewis

Ashley-Ann C. Lewis graduated from J. F. Drake State Technical Community College with an Associate's Degree in Applied Technology. During her matriculation at J. F. Drake TCC she was on the Dean's List. Ashley plans to further her education.

Ashley currently serves on the Usher Board, in the YPD, and on the Media Team. Ashley gives God the glory for giving her the peace and understand of her craft. Her mantra is, "Don't follow the money. Follow your dreams and the money will follow."

Ashley-Ann C. Lewis is the daughter of Carl and Dawn Lewis.

## Graduate School Graduates

### Keri Vochon Daniels

Keri Vochon Daniels graduated from Strayer University with a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Keri is currently employed by the Corp of Engineers as an intern.

Keri Vochon Daniels is the daughter of Angelia and Sylvester Daniels.

## Graduate School Graduates continued

### Timyra Marshall

Timyra Marshall graduated from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University with a Master of Science Degree in Counseling Psychology concentration in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling. She received the following honors: Vocational Rehabilitation Scholarship recipient, Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Inc., Miss Alpha Kappa Mu 2012-2013. Timyra plans to work as a vocational rehabilitation counselor and/or a substance abuse counselor, helping individuals overcome their addictions in the area of substance abuse.

Sis. Marshall serves in the Voices In Praise Choir, Koinonia Ministry, Women's Ministry, and the Women's Missionary Society. Timyra gives God the glory for His grace. His graces has kept her and strengthened her to never give up and to always persevere. She also gives God the glory for never failing her, as He said in Jeremiah 29:11, "His plans are to prosper me and give me a hope and a future".

"I thank God for His faithfulness and for the love and support of my loved ones. I was given an opportunity to pursue a degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling and now that goal is complete. I am ready to help individuals with disabilities achieve independence and maximize their full potential. My prayer is that I will be a beacon of light to this population and that they will realize they too are the light of the world. Their disability doesn't have to be a barrier for them to be a productive member of society."

### Glenda Faye Sconiers

Glenda Faye Sconiers graduated from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University with a Master of Science Degree in Counseling Psychology. She graduated with a 3.88 GPA. Sis. Sconiers plans to work as a therapist/mental health counselor.

Sis. Sconiers serves on the Stewardess Board and in the Women's Missionary Society. She gives God all the glory for she could not have successfully completed this endeavor without Him!

"Everyone needs a support system. Thank you for being there for me. I appreciate every prayer and every act of kindness you have given me. God blessed me with a wonderful husband, beautiful children, and grandchildren. He also blessed me with a wonderful church family. Thank you St. John for all that you do for me and others. Now, it is my turn to bless others more than ever before." - Sincerely, Glenda F. Sconiers

Glenda Faye Sconiers' family members are: Arthur Sconiers (husband), Rakita and Adrina Sconiers (daughters), and Vercie and Valora Johnson and Audrie Jones (grandchildren).



## *Medical School Graduate*

### **Chariss Chambers**

Chariss is a graduate of the School of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is a member that joined with us during her medical residency here in Huntsville. Despite her hectic schedule, she regularly attended bible study and worship. While still a member, we understand she will be transitioning for her profession. We are glad that she was with us, even for a short time. We pray God's blessings upon her, wherever the Lord may send her.

## *Retirees*

### **Jill Burwell**

Jill Burwell retired from Huntsville City School System with 25 years of service. During her tenure at Huntsville City Schools, she held many positions, starting as a clerk typist during the late 1980's; taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade for 10 years; served as assistant principal for 7 years and finished her career as Principal of Davis Hills Middle school, May of 2014. Sis. Burwell has been a member of St. John for over 25 years. Over the years, she has served on the Usher Board, Stewardess Board, and Women's Missionary Society. Her future plans are to relocate to Georgia with her fiancé Sammy Jackson.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Felicia Y. Carter**

LTC Felicia Carter's last assignment was S-3 Joint Munitions Command Detachment (JMC) of Army Reserve Element-Army Materiel Command within the Army Reserve Support Command. She was responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, implementing and evaluating all aspects of the operations and readiness for assigned soldiers stationed in three states. LTC Carter deployed to Southwest Asia in February 2011 as the Brigade S-3, 402<sup>nd</sup> Army Field Support Brigade. She has mobilized five times and deployed twice in support of Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn.

She retired on June 1, 2014 after a 28 year career, she served ten consecutive years on active duty prior to being assigned to the Army Reserves. Her key leadership and staff assignments include Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Battalion S1, Chief Operations Officer, Executive Officer, and Brigade S3. She was commissioned on May 18, 1986. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University and graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate.

Sis. Carter serves as the president of the Women's Missionary Society at St. John AMEC-Huntsville, AL, on the Adult Usher Board, and in the Women's Ministry.

LTC Felicia Carter is married to Clarence L. Carter of Mobile, Alabama. They have one daughter, Chelsea.

## *Retirees continued*

### **Donnie Thompson**

Donnie Thompson retired from Madison County Department of Human Resources after 25.5 years of service as a Senior Social Worker. Sis. Thompson's future plans include becoming a business owner.

Sis. Thompson is a longtime member of St. John AMEC and serves as a choir member in the Mass and Gospel Choirs, Pastor's Aid Board, Women's Missionary Society, and the Stewardess Board. Donnie gives God the glory for ordering her steps. She is thankful that God allowed her to complete a chapter in her life. She is praising God for what God is going to do in her future. Thanks be to God!

Deetra, Drucilla and Earl Fitchard are Donnie's family members that also attend St. John AMEC.

### **Kenneth R. Parham**

Kenneth R. Parham is retiring from the United States Army Aviation and Missile Command. Bro. Parham plans to continue to work in his current field as a Safety Engineer with a Department of Defense Contractor.

After thirty-one years of dedicated service, Kenneth is ending his career as a safety engineer with the U. S. Army Aviation and Missile Command. Career development opportunities have allowed him to work on numerous programs at various locations across the country. He was assigned to the Chemical Agent Munitions Demilitarization Program (Tooele Army Depot, UT); Ammunition Load, Assembly and Packaging Operations at Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant (Texarkana, TX); the Army's Explosive Safety Policy and Compliance section at the Technical Center for Explosive Safety (Savanna, IL); the International Space Station, and the Patriot Advance Capability-3, Missile Program (Huntsville, AL).

Bro. Parham currently serves in the Male Chorus and on the Senior Usher Board. Bro. Parham gives God glory and is thankful for the many opportunities to share Christian experiences with his co-workers throughout his career.

Kenneth R. Parham's family members include: Lorraine Parham (wife), Wallace (son), and Walter Nikolby Jenkins (nephew).



# *Graduate & Retirees*

HONORS CELEBRATION

JUNE 27, 2014 | 6:30



Prepared for a  
new beginning

*St. John A&ME Church*

229 Church Street | Huntsville, AL 35801



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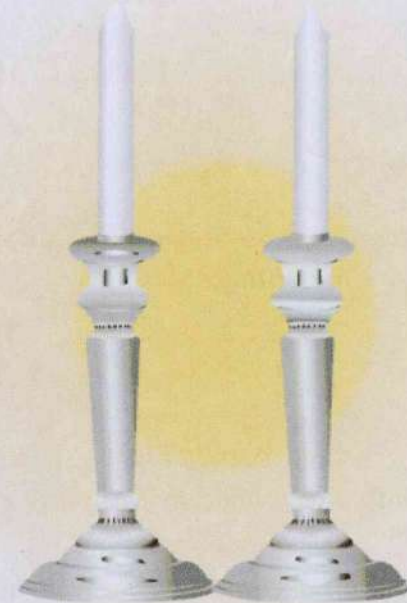
*Mrs. Rosetta Williams, Parliamentarian*

**St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**229 Church Street ■ Huntsville, Alabama**

**Homer L. McCall, D. Min., Pastor**

*"You are the light of the world"  
Matthew 5:14*



**Stewards & Stewardesses Candlelight March**

**Reverend Richard McDuffie, Preacher**

**Sunday, March 19, 2006**

**4:00 PM**



*Stewards & Stewardesses Candlelight March  
Sunday, March 19, 2006  
4:00 PM*

*Theme: Beacons of God Walking in the Light*

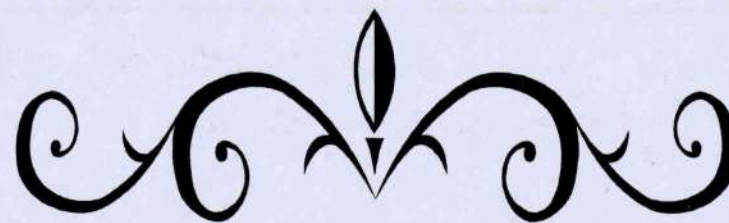
*Meditate: "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in  
the Lord. Live as children of light" Ephesians 5:8*

*Prelude: ..... Phillips C. M. E. Musician(s)*

*The petite red rose worn by each Stewardess is a special tribute to  
Mrs. Mable McCall*

*Lead, Kindly Light  
Lead, Kindly light, amid th'encircling gloom,  
Lead thou me on!  
The Night is dark, and I am far from home:  
Lead thou me on!  
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one step enough for me.*

*John Henry Newman*



## *Order of Service*

Processional ..... "This Little Light of Mine"  
Devotion  
Selection ..... Phillips CME Choir  
Scripture..... Matthew 5:13-16 ..... Mrs. Cheryl Anderson  
Welcome & Occasion ..... Mrs. Victoria Cox  
Offering  
Offertory Music ..... Phillips CME Choir  
Offertory Prayer ..... Mrs. Shanika Nomel  
Memorial Service .... Mrs. Pearlean Myhand & Mrs. Pamela Whitehead  
Selection ..... Phillips CME Choir  
Introduction of Speaker ..... Pastor McCall  
Hymn of Preparation ... (#226) "Amazing Grace"... Choir/Congregation  
Selection Phillips ..... CME Choir  
Sermon ..... Reverend Richard McDuffie, Pastor  
Phillips C. M. .E Church  
Invitation to Discipleship  
Selection ..... Phillips C. M. E. Choir  
Recognition of Guest Churches ..... Mrs. Donna Gullatte  
Remarks ..... Mrs. Sharon Butler President Stewardess Board  
Pastor McCall  
Closing Remarks & Benediction ..... Reverend Richard McDuffie

Refreshments will be served after the service in the fellowship hall



## Announcements

Join us for church school immediately following the 8am service.

The flowers on the altar are donated by Mrs. Lanita Slaton in memory of her husband Mr. Charles Slaton.

**30 DAYS of PRAYER has begun.** Please check your calendar for prayer call-in times and activities. More calendars are located in the main office. Please feel free to share them.

**8AM attendees PLEASE come back for our holiday celebration "Straight Out of Bethlehem"**-the Christmas Musical coming up at 10:00am. Come for warm and heart-felt worship and to support our little people.

**JOIN US FOR OUR WATCH NIGHT SERVICE December 31 at 10:00pm.** We encourage you to invite your friends and family out for a power-packed Word and passionate worship. WE ARE VICTORIOUS IN 2016!

**REMINDER: The 2015 Taste Tea that was scheduled for today has been canceled.** We thank you for your overwhelming support in the past and we thank all persons who had made a commitment to contribute to the Taste Tea this year. We regret any inconvenience this cancellation may have caused. We will let you know if the event is rescheduled for a later date.

**Thank you for the contributions that you have made to Daniel Payne Community Plaza.** Let us continue to support this effort as it is a blessing to us and the community.

Please place your tithes and offerings in an envelope; include your name and the amount of the offering. To give online visit [www.stjohnamec-hsv.org](http://www.stjohnamec-hsv.org) or scan the QR code below.

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## 10:00 AM PROGRAM

### Announcements

#### Prayer

### Straight Outta Bethlehem

NARRATOR: Sherrill Amber Humphrey-Luwoye

#### Musical Intro:

Straight Outta Bethlehem – Khriissy Jefferson

#### Without Him/Walk in the Light – Holiday Ensemble

(Shay Williams, Janette Smith, LaCondria Bryant, Deidre Walton, Reginald Pearson & The Christmas Choir)

#### Mary Did You Know

Christina Sanders - Solo | Mariah Gullatte - Dance

#### Who Could Imagine A King

St. John Children's Choir

#### O Little Town of Bethlehem

Sharon Hicks - Solo

#### Little Drummer Boy

(Jamela Bradford, Christina Sanders, Khristina Jefferson, Ashley Humphrey)

#### Offering

#### Emmanuel

Christmas Choir

#### Joy to the World

Kaitlyn McClung - Trombone Solo w/ Dancers  
(Jennifer Patterson, Jason Gilmore, Mariah Gullatte)

#### Happy Birthday - Jesus Medley

The ~~Youth~~ Choir  
CHILDREN'S & YOUTH

#### Peace & Favor

VIP Choir w/ Dancers

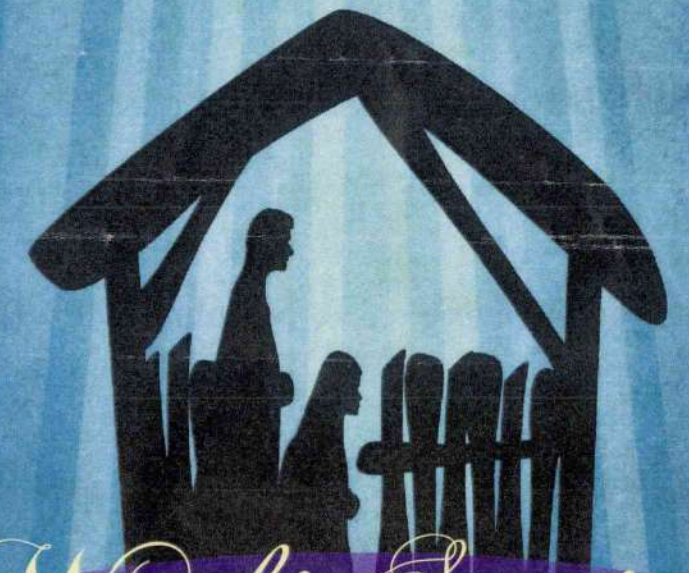
#### Invitation to Discipleship

#### Remarks & Prayer

Pastor Patrick Clayborn

# STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM

*Christmas Program - 10:00am*



## Worship Service

Dec. 13, 2015  
8:00am

The Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop  
The Reverend Oliver Allen, Jr., Presiding Elder  
The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Pastor



Sunday School Anniversary Committees  
Mrs. Mildred Powers, Chairperson

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Mrs Mabel McCall, Director

Refreshments

Mrs. Maeola Snell  
Mrs. Bessie Smith

Sunday School Department

Teachers

Beginners

Mrs. Esther Fields  
Mrs. Rosetta Williams  
Mrs. Zelda Goggans

Primaries

Mrs. Leona Townsend  
Mrs. Vanona Walton  
Mrs. Rose Thomas

Juniors

Mrs. Marie Cobb  
Ms. Patricia Grier

Intermediates

Mrs. Agnes Bailey

Seniors

Mrs. Eunice Tucker  
Mr. Chekibe Holman  
Ms. Jackie Grier

Young Adults

Dr. Nimrod Cobb

Adults

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

Sunday School Anniversary

Theme: "God's Word: A Foundation to Build On"

Speaker: Rev. Karnie C. Smith, Pastor  
St. John A.M.E. Church  
Birmingham, Alabama

July 11, 1993 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mildred Powers, Anniversary Chairperson  
Mr. Claudewell Campbell, Superintendent  
Rev. Homer L. McCall, Pastor



### Our Challenge

I shall not compare a tiny child  
To the bud of a flower or a leaf,  
For he is unique in this world of ours---  
He can be taught our belief.

A child is born without knowledge of life;  
He is helpless, dependent, and dear.  
But within him God placed a satiable brain  
To record what he will see and hear.

No other offspring in the animal world,  
No little bud or a leaf,  
Can be taught to respond to the knowledge of God ---  
Their limit of learning is brief.

The image of God was conceived in a child  
But his knowledge of life is from us---  
The father, the mother, the friends, and the foes,  
The teachers of everything, plus.

Our challenge as teachers of God's inspired Word  
Is to bring him a knowledge of truth,  
To give him a basic foundation for life  
While he is yet in his youth.

And when he is grown and must choose for himself,  
His knowledge of God will be there  
To help him with problems, with love and with life---  
You are charged with that privilege rare!

--- Glorietta King

### Order of Service

Prelude Mr. Rufus Gilmore, III Minister of Music  
Mr. Lamar Higgins, Musician

Doxology

Call to Worship Marcus Bailey

Opening Hymn Choirs /Congregation  
"Come We That Love the Lord" (520)

Prayer Walter Davidson

Scripture Gravitts Chapel A.M.E. Church, New Market, AL  
Matthew 7:24-29 Min. Chekibe Holman

Selection Youth Choir

Welcome/Occasion Ms. Patricia Banks

Special Music Royal Sounds Hand Bells Choir  
Mrs. Mary P. Flenoy, Director

Historical Reflections Charlsie Brooks

Selection Children's Choir

Offering  
Offertory Prayer

Introduction of Speaker Mr. Cydale Smith

Hymn of Preparation Choir/Congregation  
"My Hope is Built" (364)

Anniversary Sermon Rev. Karnie C. Smith  
Pastor, St. John A.M.E. Church, Birmingham, AL

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Choir/Congregation  
"Down At The Cross" (243)

Remarks Mrs. Mildred Powers  
Mr. Claudewell Campbell  
Rev. Homer L. McCall

Benediction Rev. Smith

Refreshments



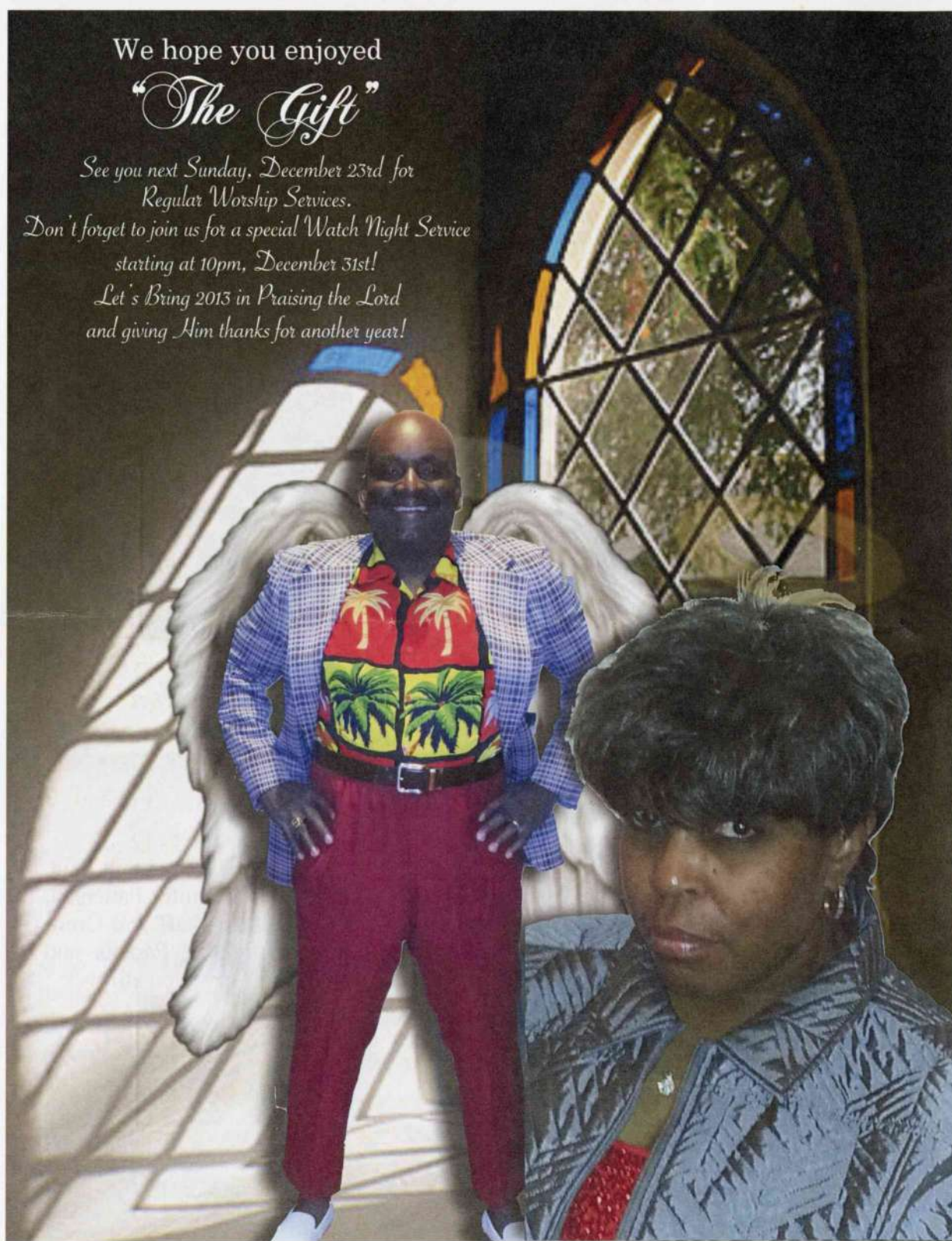
We hope you enjoyed

## *"The Gift"*

See you next Sunday, December 23rd for  
Regular Worship Services.

Don't forget to join us for a special Watch Night Service  
starting at 10pm, December 31st!

Let's Bring 2013 in Praising the Lord  
and giving Him thanks for another year!



## *The Gift*

*"The best gifts don't always come in packages"*



Presented by The St. John AMEC-Hsv  
Drama & Dance Ministries

**December 16, 2012**

**10:30 a.m.**

The Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop  
The Reverend Oliver Allen, Jr., Presiding Elder  
The Reverend Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D., Pastor





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## Synopsis

### *The Gift*

St. John AMEC's "The Gift", is a humorous and moving original stage play written by Janette Smith with Donna Gullatte, and Cheryl Anderson - co-writer. This year, the children's traditional St. John AME Christmas speeches are tucked inside the plot of "The Gift". This 'play within a play' for the children was written by Mary Rankin.

The production is one that is sure to minister hope and healing through laughter. Deena Mae Avery (aka Momma D), is an Angel on heavenly assignment in Huntsville, AL. She has a "high calling," but doesn't mind taking the "low road" ere now and then, to get things done! Thank goodness her angelic side-kick Mr. Brown keeps her in check. (At least he TRIES to.) Momma D's mission takes her to St. John AMEC, where a few precious members are in need of a 'heaven's eye view' of their earthly troubles. The Ross' seem to be under attack in every area. When the finances got funny, the well-being of their family also took a hit. Another member, Ms. Vicki, thinks she's done fine raising two sons after the divorce, but she's discovering that becoming a workaholic doesn't solve all of life's problems. The children of St. John are needing "Momma D" to help them learn the true reason for the season. This story provides a 'one-two punch' with side-splitting humor and endearing moments sure to warm the heart, reminding us all —

*"The best gifts don't always come in packages."*



# Scenes

## The Gift

Opening: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

|                |                           |                                                                  |                                                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| SCENE 1        | "Heaven Help Us"          | - Heaven -                                                       | Momma D, Mr. Brown                                              |
| SCENE 2        | "A Special Feeling"       | - St. John Office -                                              | Momma D, Job Applicant, Staffer                                 |
| SCENE 3        | "Something Is Not Right"  | - Ross Home -                                                    | James, Jasmine, Darrell Ross                                    |
| SCENE 4        | "Kerch"                   | - St. John Sanctuary -                                           | Mildred, Marguerite, Bernice<br>Church Lady #4, Tiffany<br>Ross |
| SCENE 5        | "Stop Thief!"             | - Bridge Street -<br><i>Praise Dance "What If"</i>               | Mr. Brown / JT / Kiosk Owner                                    |
| SCENE 6        | "It's Done!"              | - Ross Family Home-                                              | James, The Realtor, Tiffany<br>Jasmine, Darrell                 |
| SCENE 7        | "It's Gettin Hott In Ere" | - St. John Office -                                              | Momma D, Vicki<br>Mr. Brown, Thomas                             |
| SCENE 8        | "Lord, Fix It"            | - St. John Sanctuary -<br><i>Praise Dance "Nobody but Jesus"</i> | Jasmine, Momma D                                                |
| ~INTERMISSION~ |                           |                                                                  |                                                                 |
| SCENE 9        | "Everybody Knows!"        | - St. John Sanctuary -                                           | Momma D, Tiffany                                                |
| SCENE 10       | "SuSTIXtics"              | - Bridge Street -<br><i>Praise Dance "Take Me to the King"</i>   | Mr. Brown, Thomas, JT                                           |
| SCENE 11       | "You Want Half?"          | - Ross family Home -                                             | James, Tiffany, Darrell                                         |
| SCENE 12       | "You Needed Me!"          | - St. John Office & Sanctuary -                                  | Momma D, Vicki, JT<br>Michael, Mr. Brown                        |
| SCENE 13       | "The Gift"                | - St. John Sanctuary -                                           | Momma D, Children<br>Mrs. Parham                                |

Children's Ensemble "Away in a Manger"

SCENE FOURTEEN

(Present Day) Church Service

*Joy to the World - Children's Ensemble & Congregation*

|                      |                                   |                           |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WELCOME              |                                   | Rev. Sheri Smith Clayborn |
| OFFERING             | "Behold That Star"                | Children's Chorus         |
|                      | <i>We Give Thee but Thine Own</i> |                           |
| SERMONIC SELECTION   |                                   | Voices in Praise Choir    |
| SERMON               |                                   | Pastor Patrick Clayborn   |
| CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP |                                   |                           |

# Cast

## In Order of Appearance

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Momma D.....                   | Yvonne Barbour      |
| Mr. Brown.....                 | Karl Gullatte       |
| Job Applicant.....             | Alicia Brownlow     |
| St. John AME Staff Member..... | Janette Smith       |
| Vicki.....                     | Rickshel Love       |
| James Ross.....                | Glenn Harbin        |
| Jasmine Ross.....              | Mariah Gullatte     |
| Darrell Ross.....              | Jason Gilmore       |
| Mildred.....                   | Maola Peoples       |
| Marguerite.....                | Lillie Rivers       |
| Bernice.....                   | Rev. Meriam Garrett |
| Church Lady #4.....            | Rosemary Wells      |
| Tiffany Ross.....              | Pamela Whitehead    |
| JT.....                        | Josiah Gullatte     |
| Kiosk Owner.....               | Eleanor Burnett     |
| Realtor.....                   | Clifton Miller      |
| Thomas .....                   | Justin York         |

## Children's Play (in alphabetical order)

Michael Clark  
Patrick "P2" Clayborn  
Jessica Harbin  
Blake Johnson  
Darrin Lott

Anthony Mack  
Caylon Mayes  
Eddie Whitehead  
Cambridge Wilson

## Children's Ensemble Solos

|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Kimberly Whitehead | (solo) "Away in a Manger" |
| Callynn Williams   | (solo) "Away in a Manger" |
| Channing Wilson    | (solo) "Behold That Star" |

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Narrator.....  | Anthony Harbin          |
| Joseph .....   | Curtis Mayes            |
| Mary .....     | Janise Williams         |
| 1st Angel..... | Kennedy Rankin-Crutcher |
| Angel.....     | Jayla Mack              |
| Angel.....     | Breeyanna Rochelle      |
| Angel.....     | Jasmyne Rochelle        |
| Angel.....     | Channing Wilson         |
| Angel.....     | Callynn Williams        |
| Angel.....     | Kimberly Whitehead      |
| Innkeeper..... | Eddie Whitehead         |
| Innkeeper..... | Tyler Williams          |
| Magi.....      | Eddie Whitehead         |
| Magi.....      | Jared Williams          |
| Director.....  | Mrs. Lorraine Parham    |



# St. John AME Theatrical Support

## In Alphabetical Order

### Vocalists

Cheryl Anderson  
Dennis DeLoach  
Christina Sanders  
Janette Smith  
Jakeyah "Shay" York

### Dancers

Delorin Carpenter  
Mariah Gullatte  
Jayla Mack  
Wallace Parham  
Jennifer Patterson  
Jordan Patterson  
Channing Ransom  
Xavier Rembert  
Kimberly Whitehead  
Janise Williams

### The Band

Swain Dennis  
Brandon Prigg  
Lawrence Souffrant

## Production Staff Credits

### PRODUCTION STAFF AND CREW

Executive Producer / Co Writer.....Donna Gullatte  
Director / Writer.....Janette Smith  
Production Manager / Assistant Writer.....Cheryl Anderson  
Choreographer.....Jennifer Patterson  
Music Coordinator.....Dennis DeLoach  
Children's Play Producer / Director / Writer.....Mary Rankin  
Children's Play Manager.....Lorraine Parham  
Children's Play Staging Helpers.....Erica Harbin  
Yvette Cooper Clark  
Playback & Sound.....Tommy Anderson  
Set Dressing.....Donna / Karl Gullatte  
Stage Hand Ninjas.....Ashley Lewis / David Wells  
Nina Johnson / Kourtney Burwell / Alicia Brownlow  
Costumes.....St. John Drama Department  
Props Manager.....Cheryl Anderson  
Ashley Lewis  
Audio Head Sets.....America's Party Pros  
Videographer.....Carl Lewis  
Randy Barbour

## Special Thanks

### James 1:17

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of change.*

Greetings My St. John Family!

We had this zany vision last year that was some type of "Madea-ish" production not knowing what that vision would lead to. Believe me when I say - "The Gift" has truly been a "Gift". I pray that it will be a gift for each you who took the time to come and witness what the Holiday Season is really all about. It has been an amazing experience working closely, sharing and bonding with church family and friends who have shared that same spirit of giving, as Jesus gives to us everyday of the year.

As we have been working and rehearsing it has been revealed to me, and others that St. John is filled with some of it's own very special Angels!

THANK YOU from the depths of my soul to each one of you "Angels", who helped, labored and most of all prayed. This has been a wonderful journey-learning and growing in Christ with each of you.

A Very Special THANK YOU to Pastor Clayborn, Rev. Sheri, My Husband and Fam, Janette Smith, Cheryl Anderson, Mary Rankin, Lorraine Parham, Jennifer Patterson, Dennis DeLoach, The Gift Cast, Crew, my babies, the Production Staff and Crew, Mrs. Eva Smith, Mrs. Pearlean Myhand and the Food Committee, Parents and Volunteers for your support and prayers. You all are AWESOME! I love you all!

Have a Fabulously Blessed Holiday Season!

*Donna Gullatte*





***The 7-WEEK***

*Journey  
of Prayer*

A GROUP-SUPPORTED, JOURNAL-GUIDED  
EXPERIENCE OF SELF-DISCOVERY

**Rev. Patrick D. Clayborn, PH.D.**



## INTRODUCTION

I am so excited that you've joined us for this journey in prayer! I can hardly hold my anticipation in. I believe that God is doing something wonderful in our midst. Yes, as the body of Christ, we are under a Divine mandate to pray at all times. Prayer, however, should not be viewed as an item to check off of our To Do Lists. Prayer – for us – must be the most integral part of our individual lives – the activity we hunger for – the time we are desperate to maintain – the compass for our journey – the lifeblood of our existence. As a church, prayer is our reason for being because God's house is to be a house of prayer for all peoples!

There is no one right way to pray. Prayer is a conversation with God that springs from the heart. The posture we take in prayer ought to include: honesty, humility, openness to others [forgiveness, loving others, etc.], gratitude, faith, living that is line with what is said in prayer, hope – an expectation of God's movement, and an openness to God and God's will. The only wrong way to pray is to pray with pride and self-elevation (Matthew 6:5-8; Luke 18:9-14).

Jesus gave the model prayer – the Lord's prayer (*Matthew 6:9-15*). Acknowledgement of God and show God reverence: Our Father...hallowed be Your name...Your will be done.... Confession of sins: Forgive us our debts.... Thanksgiving to God: For Yours is the kingdom.... Supplication of need: Give us this day.... Many refer to this model of prayer as the ACTS model.

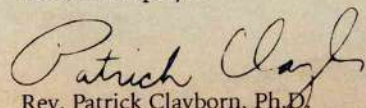
Jesus is not as concerned with the form of the prayer as with the heart of the prayer. What are the desires of your heart? What is the concern in your home? What is the pain of your past that still haunts? What is the vision in your spirit? What is the longing of your soul? Where are your places of uncertainty, fear, shame, promise, joy, praise? Lay all of these before God, and that makes prayer!

As we take this journey, we will look at seven different aspects of prayer. This is not exhaustive, because learning about prayer takes a lifetime. Instead, this is suggestive of what we ought to consider as we focus on prayer. There is an entry for each week which includes a scripture, a focus, an activity, further exploration, and an entry point for journaling. This journal will be used alongside our weekly bible studies. I pray that this will not only meet our need as a church to be galvanized around prayer, but that it will also "enlarge our territory" of love, service, giving, hospitality, faith, and learning.

Fully immerse yourself in this voyage. Don't hold back. Let go and allow God to do a new thing in you! You will be surprised how God will meet you in this season.

Special thanks to our Executive Minister, Rev. Sheri Smith Clayborn for the idea and intention and Janette Smith for the design layout. They both contributed various content throughout.

Now, let us pray...

  
Rev. Patrick Clayborn, Ph.D.  
Pastor

## CHOOSING AN INTENTION

// Be still and know that I am God. //  
Psalm 46:10

It's very important to set your intention before diving into the next 49 days and nights on this prayer journey. This is a personal agreement that puts an energetic focus on your particular vision. Intention is also hinged on action since it directs your attention toward self-inquiry and personal truth. Some may want to address specific issues, and others may want to set broader parameters.

As you formulate your intention, ask yourself the following questions:

- 🌀 What is it I wish to enhance?
- 🌀 What is it I wish to let go of?
- 🌀 What is it I wish to discover or uncover?
- 🌀 What is it I wish to manifest?

Listen. Wait for an answer. List your intention here:

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## INTENTION LIST

If you need help, review the following list. Remember, intentions will be quite varied from person to person.

### PRACTICAL

I want to read more.

Face my finances.

I want to worry less. (*about...career, the future, the past*)

Spend more time with friends and loved ones.

Give up unhealthy dependency on technology.

Learn how to spend quality time with myself

Clean up the ... (*garage, house, closets, office ...etc.*)

Meditate.

Build, Bake or Cook something from scratch.

End relationships that don't work.

Learn a new skill.

Pick up a new hobby.

Exercise more.

Volunteer.

Devote more time to the kids.

Take in more culture.

Plan a Trip.

Bring more balance to my life.

Purge.

## SPIRITUAL OR PHILOSOPHIC

Find something to believe in.

Rediscover my faith.

Pay more attention to my dreams.

Break out of stagnant automatic living.

Discover my true values. Live by them.

Learn more about myself.

Indulge in solitude and quiet time.

Actively express and embrace love.

Be less critical of myself and others.

Find more joy.

Talk to God.

Stop rushing. Slow down. Cultivate patience.

Be less rigid.

Be less bound by the clock.

Examine my priorities.

Take more risks.



## WEEK ONE

### Partnering with God

“For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.”  
– James 2:26 –

## Focus:

Since prayer is a dialogue with God, it is a joint effort. Most often, for the answers to our prayers to materialize, we must do some work alongside God. For example, if you are praying for God to bless you with a new job, then you may need to partner with God by filling out the job application. When we find that our prayers are slow in being answered, we may need to ask ourselves what steps we have taken to partner with God on helping the prayer come to fruition.

### Activity:

Make a list of the things or people for which you are praying. Next to each prayer request, write what steps you are taking to partner with God to help the prayer be answered.

**Note:**

God is not expecting us to do God's job. God is expecting us to do our job. There are gifts and skills that God has placed within each of us. Those resources are the foundation to the answers to our prayers. When we use our gifts in the direction of our prayers, God will do the things that we are unable to accomplish. For example, after we fill out the job application (our part), God will give us favor with the hiring manager (God's part). If we don't do our part, God's part is useless. Faith without works is dead!

### Journal Prompts:

When you made the list of ways in which you have partnered with God, did you find that you are actively working on your prayer? If so, describe your progress and what you're expecting/needing God to do. If not, detail the obstacles you face in partnering with God for your prayers. How will you start working with God on those prayer requests?





## WEEK TWO

## Being Present with God

*“Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” – Matthew 26:41*

## Focus:

Prayer is being present with God. This is how we partner with God. When we pray, we are doing more than just talking – giving our wish list to the Almighty. We are listening for God, looking for God, and being attentive to God. Prayer is noticing our limitations and God’s infinite ability. Prayer is paying attention to God’s movement in our lives and in the lives of others. When we search for God’s purpose in a situation – even if it’s hurtful – or when we look for God in another person – including one that is opposed to us, we are increasing the effectiveness of our prayers. Prayer is our being present in the moment. To do anything less is to fall asleep.

### Activity:

Access a timer on your smartphone or other device as you prepare for prayer. Choose a place that's quiet or at least away from mainstream traffic. Sit quietly for (1) one full minute with no barriers around what you think about or see in your mind. Write down what you remember. BE honest. Now, set your stopwatch for another minute. Before you begin this time - pray and ask God in earnest, what He wants you to get out of this 7-week Prayer Journey. Start the timer. Listen. Write down what you see and hear.

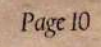
**Note:**

Have you ever experienced a conversation with a person who is constantly looking past you trying to listen to other nearby conversations? You realize that the person is not fully “present” with you. That is what Jesus discovered when the disciples fell asleep during his prayer. They lacked engagement in his prayer time. Matthew’s gospel says that their eyes got heavy. Luke’s version says that they were in grief. Being present in prayer can be difficult, but it is not impossible. When we eliminate distractions and focus on God’s goodness, the more we are able to be present.

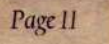
### Journal Prompts:

Take note of where your mind wanders when you're not focused on God. Write about them and assess why these things take 'center stage' in your mind. What happens when you turn them over to God through prayer? Does your perspective shift? If so, how?



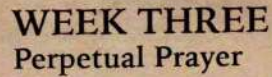


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## WEEK THREE

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## WEEK FOUR

### Standing in the Gap

*"I looked for a [person] among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it...." – Ezekiel 22:30*

Prayer is only complete when we lift up the needs of those around us. God commands us to love our neighbors (Mark 12:30-31). By loving them, we show love for God. An essential way to love someone is to pray for her. Please note that neighbors include more than just friends. We are also required to pray for our enemies (Luke 6:27-28). To find out how to focus your prayers for another, ask that person in what ways prayer is needed. In addition, take time to observe that person's needs yourself because you may see a need that he misses. In your prayers for that person, ask God what she/he needs and allow God's Spirit to lead your thoughts and words (Romans 8:26.)

Take note of the names or faces of people who 'pop' into your mind this week. Write down their names. Ask God who needs your prayers? Write down those names. Pray for them all, and if possible - call them to 'check in.' Do this with no motive of telling them you prayed for them.

Praying for another person is called intercession. Interceding – or standing in the gap – for someone else is primarily based on putting that person's prayer requests before the Lord. However, there are more levels. Intercession also includes sacrifice. To pray for another requires a sacrifice of time, energy, spirit, and perhaps resources (faith without works is dead!). Standing in the gap can also involve a sacrifice of self. To intercede means to stand between the person for whom you pray and the issue that the person faces. When we intercede for someone, we are positioning ourselves to take on (for a certain amount of time) the concern affecting that person. We are bearing the burden of another (Galatians 6:2). This kind of prayer is for those called and willing to accept those sacrifices. Be sure to recognize that any progress we have made is a direct result of the prayers of another on our behalves. Someone stood in the gap for you and me!

Take note of the people you thought of and prayed for. How does it feel to pray for others? What came out of your 'check-in' conversations?





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## WEEK FIVE

### Corporate Prayer

*"Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." - Matthew 18:19-20*

### Focus:

Prayer can be extremely powerful when done with other believers. This is what we call Corporate Prayer. This form of prayer can be powerful. One of the reasons group dynamic has the potential to experience the power of God is because our effectiveness in prayer is not solely dependent on the size of the gathering. Notice, the scripture does not require a huge group... “where two or three are gathered in my name...” The size of the gathering only matters to the extent that the individuals have developed their personal prayer lives. When people with developed, personal prayer lives connect with one another in corporate prayer they are able to experience more of God. It is when we know God’s name (who God is which also leads us in what we should ask for) that we can feel that God knows our name...that is Power!

### Activity:

1. Commit to developing your closet (personal) prayer life. Pray (with listening) daily.
2. Commit and show up for corporate prayer at our meeting this week.
3. When you arrive, begin to center yourself. Remember the goal is not necessarily to be the leader of the prayers but to be a worthy (earnest) participant.
  - a. Stay present during the prayer / Exalt God in a new way / Visualize what you are praying for coming to pass (healing, loving kindness, employment, etc)

**Note:**

Remember: *"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts."* So when we move the focus from ourselves to the needs of the whole, we have an opportunity to petition God in a way that can yield greater power, through greater access.

### Journal Prompts:

Describe your Corporate Prayer experience. How does it differ from your individual prayer time: physically, spiritually, and emotionally?





## WEEK SIX

## From Warfare to Breakthrough

*"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." – Ephesians 6:12*

*"But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.'" – Genesis 32:26*

## Focus:

Prayer is a spiritual weapon (2 Corinthians 10:4). The conversation we have with God is quite powerful. In that dialogue, God can let us know who our enemy is, where danger is upcoming, and how to prepare for the challenges ahead. Our talk with God also gives us a place to confess our sins, frustrations, hurts, desires, and questions. In prayer, God has a place to express His will for our lives and to express frustrations with us when we err. This conversation with God has the power to cast out demons, bring healing, open jail cells, break addictions, mend marriages, convey comfort in times of bereavement, locate resources, clarify vision, increase faith, find human help, overturn sorrow, instill forgiveness for self and others, free the mind, lift self-esteem, eradicate fear, protect from evil attacks, provide in times of lack, and supply peace in the midst of chaos.

**Activity:** Read the scriptures below and identify the kind of warfare and breakthrough that takes place with prayer (for example – healing, fight against sin, victory over an enemy, etc.)

2 Kings 20:1-11

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Matthew 16:15-19

Luke 22:40-46

Mark 15:34

Job 19:17-27

Luke 23:34

Jude 1:9

Psalm 27

Psalm 51

John 11:39-44

Acts 12:5-7

Mark 9:23-27

Daniel 10:1-21

2 Chronicles 20:1-29

Acts 9:36-42

## Acts 14:19-20





## From Warfare to Breakthrough *continued*

Ephesians 6:12

**Note:**

Prayer that takes us through warfare into breakthrough comes boldly before God's throne focused on a particular need, desire, or outcome (Hebrews 4:16). We ask, seek, and knock for what we want (Matthew 7:7). We must call upon all the faith within us (Mark 11:22-24). We even make sacrifices to clarify our focus. One such sacrifice is fasting – abstaining from anything that distracts our attention away from God. Some issues are so great that they can only be resolved when we add fasting to our prayers (Mark 9:29). In these prayers, mountains can be moved, demons can be cast out, and sicknesses can be healed. God WILL move! We may not be able to predict God's plan, but God will do something. God will transform us – our perspective, faith, courage, hope, resolve, love, wisdom, thinking, vision, and service – and elevate us to where God wants us. Our spiritual development is a primary weapon in the war! Be aware that the victory is not just in what we can see; victory is also about what takes place within us and in the Spirit!

### Journal Prompts:

What areas in your life need warfare prayer? Note how you can implement each kind of breakthrough prayer (*from the activity*) into your life.

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## WEEK SEVEN

## In the Spirit

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*"Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication." – Ephesians 6:18*

*"...I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also...." – 1 Corinthians 14:15*

## Focus:

Prayer is a dialogue with God that is established and enhanced by God. Yes, we play our part in prayer, and we can initiate the conversation. Yet, prayer is most powerful when God within us connects to God beyond us (Psalm 42). To reach the place where we pray in the Spirit, we must yield our wills to God. Even though we can pray in the way that Jesus taught (Matthew 6) and we can pray for the things/issues/people we know, we must admit that we do not have God's larger perspective. When we yield our desires to God's care and acknowledge that our insight is limited, we say yes to the Spirit interceding for us in prayer. What is released to us is fresh power that is indescribable, wisdom that is amazing, and peace that goes beyond comprehension. While this sounds great, it may not feel good in the moment. Jesus yielded His will to God's will (Luke 22:41-44). He did get strength and yet had great anguish at the same time in His prayer. All that emerged during His prayer time infused Him with the power to face the cross! When we pray, we pray with our understanding and desires about the job, about the marriage, about the family drama, about the bills, about the health concerns, about the dreams, about the relationship, about the fear, about the uncertainty, about the journey, about the regret, about the anger, about the expectation, and about the memories. In that same prayer, we must allow room for God's will. We have to yield our hope on a desired outcome, be obedient to the leading of the Spirit, and place the outcome in God's hands – trusting that God knows our needs.

### Activity:

### Group Discussion / Q&A during the Prayer Meeting



## WEEK SEVEN

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**Note:**

Praying in the Spirit may not be as grand as Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. It may result in a gentle nudge from God to go in an unexpected or unwanted direction. It may not come as a light show. Rather, it may manifest in a small voice (1 Kings 19:12). As well, praying in the Spirit may manifest in very radical and unique ways. Speaking in tongues – praying in a heavenly prayer language – is one of those radical forms. Often, when the bible refers to praying in the Spirit, those authors are including the idea of speaking in tongues. Speaking in tongues is the result of a person yielding his/her will (and his/her tongue) to God. The Spirit has taken over the person's prayer and voice since that person was open and willing. There is no particular formula on how this kind of prayer comes about. A person must be yielded to God, desiring more of God, and actively searching out new ways to connect with God. In God's time, God blesses with a new prayer language. Read Acts 2; Acts 10; 1 Corinthians 12-14.

### Journal Prompts:

Identify and list areas in your life where you are NOT open and yielded. Why are those areas closed? What will it take for you to be open? How would your prayer life change if you were?



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Sunday, November 11, 2018

THE REVEREND MAURICE WRIGHT, II  
SERVANT PASTOR





## We honor these World War I veterans who are relatives of St. John AME Members

**Mr. Arthur L. Heyward, Sr.** the uncle of Col. (Ret) James O. Heyward served in WW1. Arthur Heyward was born in Charleston, South Carolina on April 11, 1893 to Archie W. and Luready Heyward. He and his brother Julian three years his senior lost their parents thru death in 1898. They were raised by his mother's brother Isham Gary, Jr. on a farm in Sumter County, South Carolina.

Arthur was drafted and served in the US Army in WW1. He was assigned to a Quartermaster unit. His unit was sent to France. After the end of the war, he was honorably discharged and returned to Sumter County, SC. He married the late Katie Brogdon. They were the parents of three children who are all deceased. His brother Julian was so proud of his brother's military service and he kept a large picture of Arthur in uniform on the wall in his home.

In 1959, Arthur accompanied his nephew then LT. James Heyward to the Brooklyn Army Depot (Docks) on official business. It reminded him of the preparation of his trip to France during WW1. Arthur died in April 1966 and is buried in Sumter, South Carolina.



**Mr. Q.T. Walker (1893-1950)**, paternal grandfather of Dr. Arthur L. Walker, Jr., was one of more than 350,000 African-American soldiers to serve this nation during World War I. Q.T. (referred to as "Cute" or "Mr. Cute" by the town's black population) grew up in Bridgeport, Alabama, a small town in the extreme Northeastern corner of Jackson County. He was one of 14 children born to Henry and Cora Walker.

While working as a coal miner in Eastern Kentucky, he was inducted into the United States Army and served as a private in the "Colored" 515<sup>th</sup> Engineer Services Battalion, which, by all accounts, was a labor unit.

After being discharged at the war's conclusion, Q.T. returned to Bridgeport. He later married Julia Criswell and to their union was born two children: Arthur L. Walker, Sr. and Dorothy Walker Blair.

Q.T. Walker died March 5, 1950 at age 56. He was buried with full military honors in Lloyd Cemetery in Bridgeport, Alabama.



## *Veterans Day Guest Speaker*

LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RET.) ANGELO W. JOHNSON

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Angelo William Johnson is a native of Huntsville. He is a 1986 graduate of Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology. He earned his Commission through the Alabama A & M University's Army ROTC Program. He continued his studies and graduated with a Masters in Military Arts & Science from the United States Air Force, Air University, Montgomery, Alabama in 2001. LTC.(Ret.) Johnson served his country honorably for twenty-eight years in many capacities and retired in 2012.



LTC.(Ret.) Johnson, has continuously built "Teams of Teams", led, taught, coached, and mentored, over 60,000 elite warriors on 4 continents and 9 sovereign nations. Several highlights of his career were, becoming a Special Forces Officer and serving as the Director of Training and Development at the U. S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. However, he affirms that his greatest accomplishment was returning from multiple combat operations without losing a soldier.

He also served as Director, U. S. Army Special Operations Digital Training Center, and trained over 10,000 U. S. Army Special Operations Force Warriors on Digital Systems to standard with a budget of \$6.2 million annually. He transformed the U. S. Army Special Operations Force Language program to a \$20 million, 5 year Omni Bus Program and improved speaking capability. He was the military advisor to an Iraqi General commanding a 70,000 member Iraqi Security Armed Force engaged in counterinsurgency operations.

A global business leader post retirement, he became the Director of Operations for Reliant Global Solutions (RGS), and Defense/Security Consulting Associate for Booz Allen Hamilton's International Office. His primary responsibility was engaging the Kuwait Ministry of Defense (MOD), and the Ministry of Interior (MOI) at the National Security level.

His professional affiliations include membership in the American Business Council of Kuwait (2012-15); Cape Fear Regional Bureau for Community Action, Inc.; Special Forces Association Life Membership; Triple Nickel Parachute (555th) Association; and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

LTC.(Ret.) Angelo W. Johnson most important of all is a son of St. John AME. His parents were Mr. & Mrs. Ollie Elworth (Mary Alice Powers) Johnson.

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Angelo William Johnson is married to Mrs. Lauroselle Ray Johnson, a 1984 graduate of Alabama A&M University. They have two adult children, Mr. Jared Austin Ray Johnson, (Florida A&M graduate) of Atlanta, GA., Miss Lindsay Olivia Johnson, (North Carolina A&T graduate) of Durham, North Carolina and a beloved pet Shih Tzu named Freedom Shakur. He and his wife reside in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He is the sibling to Mrs. Janice Johnson-Hereford, Mr. Jesse Johnson, Ms. Barbara Johnson and Mr. Ronald Johnson.



# Order Of Worship

## Veterans Day Celebration

Sister Zelda Goggans, Worship Leader

Posting of the Colors..... ROTC, Alabama A&M University  
The National Anthem of the United States of America..... Bro. Walter Williams  
Doxology ..... "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
Call to Worship.....Sis. Zelda Goggans  
The Opening Hymn ..... *Battle Hymn of the Republic* .....Choir/Congregation  
Prayer/Choral Response.....Bro. Justin L. York  
Scripture .....Ephesians 6:10-20.....Bro. Michael J. Clark  
The Ministry of Music..... *My Country Tis of Thee*.....Choir/Congregation  
Welcome & Announcements .....Sis. Jana Goggans  
The Worship through Giving (*"Give Up and let Jesus"*).....Sis. Abbiegail Hugine  
Introduction of Guest Speaker ..... Sis. Barbara Johnson  
Veterans Day Presenter..... LTC. (Ret.) Angelo W. Johnson, USA  
Director Middle East Operations, Reliant Global Solutions

## Veteran's Day Observance

Drum Beat Dirge

At 11:00 a.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month

Veterans Day is observed every year on November 11th. Veterans Day was originally called "Armistice Day" when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed this day in November 1919. Armistice is when warring parties agree to stop fighting. "Armistice Day" recognizes the end of World War 1 when hostilities ceased on November 11th at 11 A.M, 1918 (11<sup>th</sup> hour, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day, of the 11<sup>th</sup> month).

The War to End All Wars ..... (Composed by Dr. Arthur Walker)  
Narrators — Bro. Bernard Powers  
Bro. Eddie Whitehead, Jr.  
Sis. Claudinette Purifoy-Fears

The Media Ministry..... Salute to All Service Personnel, Past and Present

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....The Reverend Maurice Wright, II

The Doxology and Benediction



## Veterans Day Litany

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**LEADER:** Almighty God and most merciful Father, on this day we remember, with gratitude, the men and women who served our country and gave their time, talent and some their lives for our beloved country.

**CHURCH:** WE GIVE THANKS TO THEE O GOD, FOR THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.

**LEADER:** For those who protected this country in the time of need, who served with dignity and strength,

**CHURCH:** WE GIVE THANKS TO THEE O GOD, FOR THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.

**LEADER:** For those in the military who placed the welfare of others ahead of their own safety in all times and places and have been true and brave.

**CHURCH:** WE GIVE THANKS TO THEE O GOD, FOR THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.

**LEADER:** For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**CHURCH:** WE GIVE THANKS TO THEE O GOD, FOR THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.

**LEADER:** Almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage, strength, and sacrifice, we also hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings to many memories of those they have lost, may it also bring consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

**ALL:** We give thanks to thee O God for the Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen who have served with honor. We salute the veterans, celebrate our freedom and remember with thankful hearts, the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

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# St. John AME's Patriots



James O. Heyward, Sr.  
U.S. Army  
July 1953 - August 1983  
Colonel



James Russell Johson, Sr.  
U.S. Army  
13 December 1962 - 6 June 1992  
LTC



Darwin Washington  
U.S. Army  
1973 - 1993  
Lieutenant Colonel



Felicia Carter  
U.S. Army  
1986 - 2014  
LTC



Katrisa Norwood  
U.S. Army  
1995-2016  
LTC



Lars Avery  
U.S. Navy 1973-1977  
Navy Reserve 1978-1984  
Nco



Adrienne C Smith  
US Navy  
1996 - Present  
Lieutenant (LT)



Robert Bernard Hereford, Sr.  
U.S. Army  
March 1969 - March 1971  
SPC4

# St. John AME's Patriots



Dr. Arthur Walker  
U.S. Air Force  
1962 - 1988  
Major



Homer H. McCraw, Sr.  
U.S. Army  
August 23, 1942 - Nov. 10, 1945  
Staff Sergeant



Sammie Walton  
United States Air Force  
October 1983 - November 2003  
Technical Sergeant



Delroy C Petgrave Jr.  
U.S. Army  
1999 - Present  
First Sergeant (1SG)



Mike Clark  
U.S. Army and Army Reserves  
1985-2001  
Major



Robert Wilson  
U.S. Army Reserve  
December 2012 - Present  
E5



Austin L. Franklin  
U.S. Army  
August 2006 - Present  
Captain



David Norwood Jr  
U.S. Army  
1980 - 2000  
SSG



Bobby Adkins II  
United States Marine Corps  
August 1984 - September 2004  
Gunnery Sergeant



Clifton Miller  
U.S. Army  
May 19, 1975 - June 1, 1995  
Major



Keri V. Daniels  
U.S. Army  
March 2006 - Present  
Major



Ira M. Bargon, Jr.  
U.S. Army  
Oct 20, 1969 - April 24, 1972  
Sergeant



# St. John AME's Patriots



Nathaniel Brownlow  
U.S. Navy  
Active Duty  
Petty Officer Second Class



Rev. Charles E. Glover  
U.S. Marine Corps  
May 1974 - 1976  
SGT



Carver C. Myhand, Sr.  
U.S. Army  
January 1959 - March 1962  
SP4



Ray Sconiers  
U.S. Army  
1979 - 1990  
E5/SGT



Sylvester Daniels  
U.S. Army  
October 1979 - October 1982  
Specialist



Hodges Washington  
U.S. Army  
22 yrs 6 months  
Major



Wesley L. Daniels  
U.S. Army  
October 2016 - Present  
Sergeant



Glenda O'Neal Sconiers  
U.S. Army  
1979-1982  
SP/4



Adidoyen C Lewis  
U.S. Army  
1977 - 1995  
Sergeant First Class (SFC)



Rickey McGraw  
U.S. Army  
Aug 17, 1976 - Jan 31, 2004  
MAJ/SSG



Angelia V. Daniels  
U.S. Army  
May 1995 - May 2002  
Lieutenant Commander



Johnathan Scott  
U.S. Army  
12/5/85- 7/31/2015  
CW2/ Chief Warrant Officer

# St. John AME's Patriots



Stephanie Scott  
U.S. Army  
4/20/89- 2/27/1997  
SGT/E5



Yvonne Barbour  
Army National Guard  
1985-1989  
SP4



Brandy Powers Lockett  
U.S. Army  
July 1997 - July 2001  
Staff Sergeant



Terrence Sigler-Wright  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2012 - Present  
Lieutenant



Karl Gullatte  
U.S. Navy & Naval Reserves  
August 1987 - 2000  
E5/ Petty Officer Second Class

Not pictured

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Cleophas Haygood  
U.S. Army  
1965 - 1968  
SP4

James Avery Burnett  
U.S. Navy  
1987 - 1995  
Private

## Note of Thanks

The St. John Church Family received a Thank You



# SEARCY HOMES BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, April 20, 2002

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

THEME: "It's All About Jesus"

Matthew 22:37-40

## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Percussion Group  
Puppet Ministry  
Clown Ministry  
Skits

Praise Dancers  
Music

Food

Games

Prizes and Giveaways

Informational Booths  
Health Booth  
Senior Booth  
Literacy Booths

Radio Station WJAB will be on the grounds

Sponsored by Church Street CPCA and St. John AME Churches



Each Sunday we hear the minister say in the summary of the Decalogue, "Hear what Christ our Savior saith, 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."

**On next Saturday, John AME Church and Church Street CPCA Church will put these commandments into action as we extend love to our neighbors at Searcy Homes by sponsoring an Evangelistic Block Party from 1:00-3:00 PM.**

Continue to pray that souls will be saved. If you have not completed a volunteer form, please do so today. If you are donating a **FoodSource unit**, we need to receive your **payment today**. If you are donating cookies, chips, or books; please leave them in the designated boxes in the vestibule and outside the church office. You may also bring these donations by the church between 1 and 5 PM, Monday through Friday of this week. **Volunteers for setup** are to meet at the church at **10 AM on Saturday**. **Booth volunteers** should have their **materials in place by 12:45 PM on Saturday**. Food committee volunteers will be contacted by the committee chair, Mrs. Benita Jackson, with details of their responsibilities. Pastor McCall will provide training for the evangelism team. Sister Alice Hereford will contact Praise Dance and Drama participants. Brother Gilmore will contact Male Chorus members.

**We need additional coolers to store food on site and patio canopies for the display areas. Please contact Nedra McDaniel at 721-0022, if you will lend the church either of these items for the block party.**

A few T-shirts and yard signs are still available for purchase in the church office after service. T-shirts are \$12 each and yard signs are \$2.50.

There will be a prayerwalk around the Searcy Homes area on Wednesday April 17 at 6 PM. Please join us in prayer. We will canvas the area on Thursday at 4:30 PM to invite residents to attend the block party.

You may contact Pastor McCall, Nedra McDaniel, Alice Hereford, or William Bell for more information.



# SEARCY HOMES "FRIENDS DAY"

Sunday, May 30, 2004 at

Church Street CPCA

Saint John AME



Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.  
Worship Service, 10:30 a. m.

Doctor Mitchell M. Walker, Sr., Pastor  
228 Church Street      Huntsville, AL  
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Church School, 9:00 a. m.  
Worship Service, 10:00 a. m.

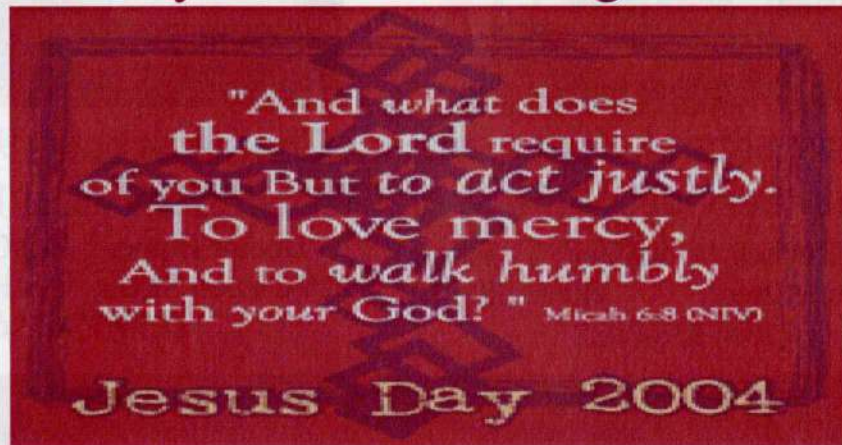
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"And what does  
the Lord require  
of you But to act justly.  
To love mercy,  
And to walk humbly  
with your God? " Micah 6:8 (NIV)

Jesus Day 2004



MARCH FOR JESUS/JESUS DAY 2004  
JOIN US FOR THE  
EVANGELISTIC BLOCK PARTY  
SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2004 – 1 TO 3 P.M.  
IN  
The Searcy Homes Housing Community



*2004 Theme: "Walk the way. Believe the truth.  
Live the life."*

BEGIN YOUR WEEKEND WORSHIP WITH PRAYER,  
PRAISE, SINGING, CHRISTIAN RAP, SPIRITUAL  
DANCERS, KICKING FOR JESUS, USEFUL INFORMATION,  
REFRESHMENTS AND MORE.

A JOINT PRODUCTION OF  
SEARCY HOMES RESIDENT COUNCIL AND  
CHURCH STREET CPCA                      SAINT JOHN AME  
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The celebration continues at Milton Frank Stadium!  
Come help fill the air with the love of Jesus!, as we  
MARCH FOR JESUS. Registration begins at 3:00 p. m.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6





**POP**  
(Power of Praise)  
**Fall Festival**

*on the Grounds of Searcy Homes*

*Sunday, October 20, 2002*

**4:00 PM**

*Music*  
*Praise Dance*  
*Drama*

**Sponsored by:**

***St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church***  
***Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church of America***

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.*

*Psalm 150:6*





# **SEARCY HOMES POWER OF PRAISE (POP) FALL FESTIVAL**

On the grounds of Searcy Homes

2004 Theme: "Sowing seeds of love and  
praising God for His Harvest"

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2004  
4:00 P. M.**

**SINGING  
DRAMA  
PRAISE DANCE  
CHOIR-GROUP PERFORMANCES  
CHILDREN'S GOODIES  
REFRESHMENTS**

Sponsored by  
St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
Searcy Homes Resident Council



ST. JOHN AME CHURCH

WOMEN'S

*Prayer  
Breakfast  
Dream Builder:  
The power to change*

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Praise, Prayer  
and  
Practical  
Points of Power

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SATURDAY  
APR 11 2015  
8:00 AM

**DoubleTree Suites**  
6000 Memorial Parkway SW | Huntsville AL  
35802





# Women's Prayer Breakfast

April 11, 2015

## Meet & Greet

The Gathering – Rev. Sheri Smith Clayborn  
*Exec. Minister & First Lady of St. John AMEC*

Welcome – Sis. Shannon Lott

Prayer – Sis. Janette R. Smith

*In the Valley I Grow* – Sis. Templena Stanley

Praise & Worship – St. John AMEC Praise Ensemble

~ Breakfast ~

*Is My Living In Vain* – Friends of St. John AMEC

Introduction of the Speaker – Sis. LaCondria Bryant

*Destiny* – St. John AMEC Praise Ensemble

**Dr. Kreslyn Kelley- Ellis** – Guest Speaker

Guided Exercise – Rev. Sheri Smith Clayborn

Pastor's Remarks and Closing Prayer – Rev. Patrick D. Clayborn, Ph.D.

*A special Thank You to the Women's Prayer Breakfast Committee Members:*

Lauretta Teague

Barbara Johnson

Templena Stanley

LaCondria Bryant

Shannon Lott

Donna Gullattee

Mary Rankin

How good and pleasant it is when **sisters** dwell (work, plan, pray) together in unity (Psalm 133:1).

This has been a joint event of empowerment led by the  
Koinonia & Women's Ministries.

Dr. Kreslyn Kelley-Ellis  
GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. Kreslyn Nichole Kelley-Ellis (affectionately known as Dr. Kreslyn) is an Empowerment Coach, Educator, Speaker, Consultant, Author, Servant Leader, and President/CEO of Premier Leadership Academy, Inc. She was born to a teenage mother and father in Memphis, TN. September 27, 1970 and was raised in Huntsville, AL by her mother and stepfather, who worked hard to provide for her and five other siblings in a very blended household. Dr. Kreslyn was diagnosed with Crohn's disease as a teenager and was terminally ill for most of her high school years. She was a single parent for several years of her adult life, and has known poverty first hand. She stands strong in her faith, because she attributes that to her breaking free from all the chains that kept her bound in the early years of her life. Her life experiences, challenges, and victories are what spark her passion for loving and supporting as well as challenging others to fight to overcome hardship, particularly women, children, and the poor.

On a professional note, Dr. Kreslyn retired as a school principal from Huntsville City Schools five years with a burning passion to fulfill her dreams of becoming a motivational speaker and of owning her own business;

and, she has never looked back. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 1993 and during that time worked for Teledyne Brown Engineering

for almost five years. She received her Master's in Education from Alabama A&M University in 1997, completed her Doctoral studies at Tennessee State University in 2003, and has since published several articles on the topic of education and co-authored several books in a new series called "My NOW." Her new book, *Fear Factor: Your 21 Day Journey to Freedom* will be released in just a few weeks.

In addition to her duties of one-on-one coaching, writing, managing employees, conducting workshops and making speaking engagements, Dr. Kreslyn's most important and favorite roles are daughter of the Most High God, wife to Lorenzo, mother to Megan (Jarrod), Aaron, and AJ, grandmother to Caleb and Brandon, and friend. Furthermore, she enjoys serving as the Board Chair for Interfaith Mission Services (IMS), and as a member of the Alabama A&M Foundation Board and the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation Board in Montgomery, AL.

Kreslyn's favorite quote and mantra is "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people will not feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone and as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give others permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." ~Marianne Williamson



# *Save The Dates*

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

April 24, 2015

6:00pm

S.S. Hereford Fellowship Hall  
*St. John AMEC*

## WOMEN'S WATCH PARTY

May 15, 2015

6:00pm

*St. John AMEC*  
*Refreshments served*  
*5:15 - 6:00pm*

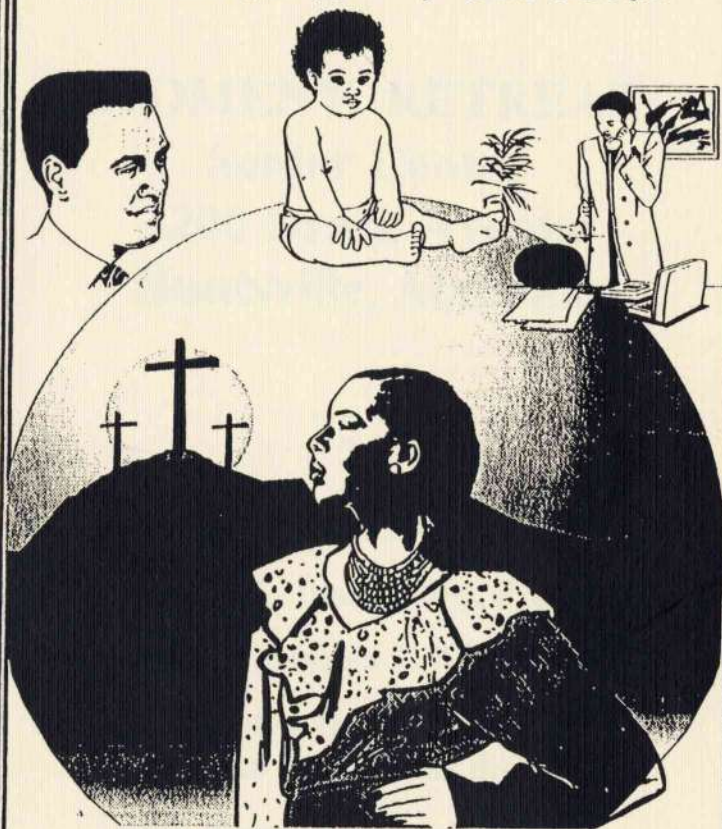
*St. John AMEC Women's Events*  
*are opened to all women.*





Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

# Women's Retreat



*Christian Women*

*Seeking the power of the Holy Spirit  
in our Spiritual, Emotional, Physical and Social Lives*

**Saturday, July 26, 1997**

**9:00 a.m.~5:00 p.m.**

**Senior Center, Drake Avenue**



**St. John A. M. E. Church**

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**WOMEN'S RETREAT
Senior Center
2200 Drake Avenue
Huntsville, Alabama**

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**The Right Reverend Z. L. Grady, Presiding Bishop**

**Reverend Dr. E. L. Blakenship, Presiding Elder**

**Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall, Pastor**

**Ms. Kathlyn Dulaney, President  
General Stewardess Boards**

**Mrs. Sharon Butler, President  
Stewardess Board I**

**Mrs. Katherine Campbell, President  
Stewardess Board II**

**Thank you for your prayers, presence and participation !!!**



**Theme: "Christian Women: Seeking The  
Power of The Holy Spirit In Our Spiritual,  
Emotional, Physical and Social Lives."**

I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that  
Christ gives me. ~~~Philippians 4:13 (TEV)

**~SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES~**

9:00 - 9:30 Registration and Food for Thought  
9:30 - 9:45 Devotion.....Mrs. Agnes Bailey, Leader  
9:45 -10:00 Welcome.....Rev. Homer L. McCall  
Retreat Overview.....Ms. Kathryn Dulany

10:00-10:40 Guest Speaker  
Reverend Eileen Marshall, Associate Pastor  
Livingston Chapel A.M.E. Church  
Guntersville, Alabama

10:45-11:30 REACTIONARY PANEL  
"Strong Black Women..Coping With Busy  
Lives.."

PANELISTS: Reverend Vickie Saunders, Mrs.  
Janice Hereford, Ms. Patricia Grier and Ms.  
Edmonia Lankford

11:30-12:15 LUNCH

"Going to God In Song"  
Mrs. Joyce Marshall, Soloist  
Mr. Rufus Gilmore, Accompanist

12:30-03:00 WORKSHOPS

**SESSION I**

12:30 - 01:30

**Y. P. Ders**

I. Putting God First and Saying No  
A. Relationships and Coping With Conflict  
Speaker: Mrs. Evelyn Hildreth

B. Abuse-----No Way!!  
Speaker: Mrs. Sandra Connaway

**ADULTS**

I. Health Awareness  
A. Diseases That Effect Our Bodies  
Speaker: Mrs. Martha Smith, R.N.  
B. Homeopathy.....A German Medicine With Emphasis for  
Women Dr. Vandana Srivastava, M.S., Ph. D.

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SESSION II

01:45 - 02:45

Y. P. Ders

II. A Look At The Future
A. Will There Be A Career For Me?
Speaker: Mrs. Gloria Batts
B. Dressing For Success
Speaker: Mrs. Barbara Bradford

ADULTS

II. Financial & Legal Empowerment

A. Tithing and Saving for the Future

Speakers:

Mrs. Cora Speight & Mrs. Nedra McDaniel

B. Do I Need A Will?

Attorney Gwendolyn Harris

SESSION III

03:00 - 04:00

ALL GROUPS

III. Praise In Fun

A. Warm-Up and the Macrama'

Leader: Mrs. Mydell Smith

B. Great Games

Leaders:

Mrs. Estelle McDonald

&

Mrs. Gertrude Winston

FINALE

04:00 - 05:00

SNACK

EVALUATIONS

PRAISE IN-SONG SERVICE.....Ms. Celeste Gilmore
& Y.P. Ders

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++ LUKE 2:36-38

- + ANNA, the prophetess
- + Fastings... of your time
- + Private Prayers... devotion
- + Be ^{more} thankful > Tell the Lord how Good He Is!

⇒ Be Ready For Jesus' Coming!

Take Time Out To Be WITH Jesus!

MARY	and	MARtha
sat at Jesus' feet and prepared to receive Him!		don't be Too Busy FOR Jesus!

The art of forgiving... WORK ON IT!

You can be happy.....

→* Busy Lives... even being single:

I Corinthians 7:17, 32

- Serving God by serving others
- Private Prayers and devotion time
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→* Give Respect to your Elders... Praying Grannies!
(Janice Hereford...)

Notes

Workshop Sessions:

Health Awareness:

① Hypertension - ($120/80$) - Silent Killer
average

- more severe in Blacks and women
- controllable factors
 - Smoking
 - Obesity
 - intake of alcohol; sodium
 - emotional stress
- Treatments

- diet

- exercise pgm

To relieve stress: Practice ^{good} self-esteem

Homeopathy Medicine

Phases of Diseases:

(homeopathy) ↑ - excretion ↓ (symptoms)
- deposition
- degenerative ↓ (diseases)

Homeopathy - like cures like!

Psalm 24

Malach 3

Luke 6:38

Romans 12

Slow Me Down, Lord

*Slow me down, Lord!
Ease the pounding of my heart
By the quieting of my mind.
Steady my hurried pace
With a vision of the eternal reach
of time.*

*Give me,
Amidst the confusions of my day,
The calmness of the everlasting hills.
Break the tensions of my nerves
With the soothing music of the sighing streams
That live in my memory.
Help me to know
The magical restoring power of sleep.
Teach me the art
Of taking minute vacations of slowing
down to look at a flower;
To chat with an old friend or to make
a new one;
To pat a stray dog;
To watch a spider build a web;
To smile at a child;
Or to read a few lines from a good
book.*

*Remind me each day
That the race is not always to the
swift;
That there is more to life than increasing
its speed.*

*Let me look upward
Into the branches of the towering
oak
And know that it grew slowly and
well.*

*Slow me down, Lord
And inspire me to send my roots
deep
Into the soil of life's enduring
values
That I may grow toward the
stars
Of my greater destiny.*

Wilbert Thorpe