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The fruit of the Spirit is

Love Joy

P E A C E

P A T I E N C E

Kindness

Goodness

F A I T H F U L N E S S

gentleness *self control*

Against such there is no law.

GALATIANS 5:22,23

THE 111TH SESSION OF THE NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Homer L. McCall.....Host Pastor
E. L. Blankenship.....Host Presiding Elder
S. T. Davis.....Associate Presiding Elder
C. E. Thomas.....Presiding Bishop

GOD OUR FATHER CHRIST OUR REDEEMER MAN OUR BROTHER
ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH, HUNTSVILLE, AL.

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1989

11:00 A.M.

Order of Worship

Reverend S. I. Davis, Presiding

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Homer L. McCall

OPENING HYMN(#27).....Rev. R. J. King
(TUNE: DENNIS S. M.) "WELCOME, SWEET DAY OF REST"

PRAYER.....Rev. George Spearman
(WITH CHORAL RESPONSE)
#307 "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER"

SELECTION.....Choir

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT.....Rev. Charles M. Davis

NEW TESTAMENT.....Rev. A. D. Reed

SECOND HYMN(#435)....."Why Should I Feel Discouraged"

DECALOGUE..... Rev. J. W. Nashville

OFFERTORY.....Rev. W. N. Huggins

SELECTION.....Choir

PRESENTATION OF BISHOP.....Rev. E. L. Blankenship

HYMN OF PREPARATION..... Rev. F. D. Parker
#448 "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

SERMON.....Bishop C. E. Thomas

LORD'S PRAYER CHANTED

INVITATIONAL HYMN(#260)
"I WANDERED FAR AWAY FROM GOD"

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESOLUTIONS

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

HYMN(#220)
"GO PREACH MY GOSPEL"

READING OF THE APPOINTMENTS

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

NORTH ALABAMA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1989

9:00 O'Clock, a.m.

SAINT JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

REV. HOMER MCCALL
HOST PASTOR

DR. MARGARET F. TRIMBLE SUPERINTENDENT
CONFERENCE SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
LEGISLATOR LEWIS SPRATT . ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
REV. E. L. BLANKENSHIP HOST PRESIDING ELDER
REV. S. T. DAVIS ASSOCIATE
PRESIDING ELDER
RT. REV. C. E. THOMAS BISHOP

ORDER OF SERVICE

DR. MARGARET F. MARTIN TRIMBLE, PRESIDING

- I. BELL TAP (signal for silence)
- II. SINGING - "Jesus Loves Me"
- III. THE APOSTLES' CREED
- IV. PRAYER (closing with The Lord's Prayer in concert)
..... Legislator Lewis Spratt
- V. SINGING - "Love Him"
- VI. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND TEACHERS
(\$1.00 - Adults, \$.25 - Children)
- VII. READING OF THE LESSON TEXT
- VIII. THE DECALOGUE (summary)
- IX. THE LESSON

-ORGAN INTERLUDE-

*Children Under Twelve Mrs. A. L. Hyche

THE LESSON
OCTOBER 29, 1989
"CHALLENGED TO STAND FIRM"

OVERVIEW OF THE LESSON DR. HATTIE GREENE
SUPERINTENDENT
BIRMINGHAM-FLORENCE DISTRICT

OUTLINES

- I. SEEING THE NEED
- II. LIVING THE FAITH MR. JAMES ECBERT THOMAS
SUPERINTENDENT
ST. JOHN, BIRMINGHAM
- III. SPIRIT WORD LETTER
- IV. THE DAY HAS NOT COME MR. D.J. HENRY
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
SOUTH BIRMINGHAM-HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT
- V. SIGNS OF THE END
- VI. INTERPRETING PAUL'S WORD .. MRS. JAMES ELLA BULL
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
BIRMINGHAM-FLORENCE DISTRICT

VII. WHY THE WICKED PERISH
VIII. SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS MR. CALDWELL CAMPBELL
SUPERINTENDENT
ST. JOHN, HUNTSVILLE

SINGING - "O HOW I LOVE JESUS"

REVIEW AND APPLICATION OF THE LESSON
MRS. VIVIAN SMITH

SECRETARY'S REPORT
(by Pastor and Church)

POLLING BY DISTRICTS

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL BENEDICTION

We Have come; we have studied; we have learned.
We were once blind; now we see.
Thank you, Lord Jesus!
May we serve Christ to the glory of God.
So, until our next coming together
to study God's Word, may the rich
blessings and grace of God abide
with us and be eternally ours. AMEN

-THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CREED-

Our Sunday School must grow and glow,
And I must help to make it so.
Every member a Christian,
Every Christian a worker,
Every worker trained,
A worker that need not be ashamed,
This we ask in Jesus' name. AMEN

GO, PREACH MY GOSPEL

"Go, preach My gospel," saith the Lord.
"Bid the whole earth My grace receive.
Explain to them My sacred word;
Bid them believe, obey, and live."

"I'll make My great commission known,
And ye shall prove My gospel true
By all the works that I have done
And all the wonders ye shall do."

"Go heal the sick; go, raise the dead;
Go, cast out devils in My name;
Ner let My prophets be afraid,
Though Greeks reproach and Jews blaspheme."

He spake, and light shone round his head,
On a bright cloud to heaven he rode.
They to the farthest nation spread,
The grace of their ascended God.

The New Anointed Ninth

124th Session NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 1-5, 2002



Held at
GRANT CHAPEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
6931 Division Avenue
Birmingham, AL 35206
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The Reverend J. Arthur Rumph, *Host Pastor*
The Reverend Albert Lee Hezekiah Hyche, *Associate Presiding Elder*
The Reverend Dwight E. Dillard, *Host Presiding Elder*
Mrs. Mary Kirkland, *Episcopal Supervisor, WMS*
The Right Reverend T. Larry Kirkland, *Presiding Prelate*



Pastor's Message

Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Mrs. Mary L. Kirkland, Dr. and Mrs. Dwight E. Dillard, Dr and Mrs. A. L. H. Hyche, Ministers, Ministers Spouses, Delegates, observers and friends, and to the 124th Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference, I greet you in the joy of the Lord. I am grateful for the opportunity to make a fifth report from and for the Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. I shall limit this report to the following: welcome, worth, and witness.

The Grant Chapel family joins me in welcoming each of you to the 124th Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference. We are delighted to serve as your host church and have spared no effort in making your stay with us both memorable and enjoyable. We join the entire state of Alabama in extending a hearty welcome to our Episcopal team, Bishop and Mrs. T. Larry Kirkland, to the anointed Ninth Episcopal District. We also joyfully welcome our Presiding Elder team, Dr. and Mrs. Dwight E. Dillard, to the South Birmingham-Huntsville District.

In five years, it has been worth the faith journey to see over three hundred new members and over \$300,000 paid in mortgages, new property purchases, demolition of two houses for additional parking, recreation and community outreach. We are proud of our stained glass windows, which add luster, mystic, warmth, and awe inspiration to our sanctuary. The sanctuary is also brightening by the beautiful choir chairs, refurbished pews and enhanced by a new state of the art public address system. The purchase of a twenty nine-passenger bus is also a welcome addition. Our property value now exceeds a million dollars. Our staff membership has grown significantly. Substantial tithes and offerings in the midst of a weak economy, makes Stewardship a noted part of our ministry.

We have witnessed the development of numerous new ministries that God has established at Grant Chapel: Couples, Singles, Athletics (Basketball, Softball and Cheerleaders), Fitness and Wellness, Praise Team, Audio visual, Safe Net, Inc. (non-profit), and Teen Ministry to name a few. The community is well aware of our presence and concern for the neighborhood. The addition of a third worship service (7, 9, and 11 AM) makes worshipping at Grant Chapel a unique experience blending the traditional and contemporary. Bible classes for all ages enhance our Sunday School's effort to help us grow spiritually. This ministry seeks to provide opportunity for all people and ages.

It is a pleasure to service the Lord with the wonderful people of Grant Chapel. This is a "Big Church With A Personal Touch." The future goal is to extend the Sanctuary to make space for worshippers, additional parking, outdoor recreation for church and community, and to add a Family Life Center.

As always, my wife Mrs. Sandra B., our children JaSan and James II, join me in thanking God and everyone for all you do to help make the our work in the ministry of Jesus Christ productive and joyful. Our prayer is for God's continued blessings upon all.

—J. Arthur Rumph, Senior Pastor.

Greetings from the Committee Chair

Patricia Curry



Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good!

To Bishop T. Larry Kirkland and Mrs. Kirkland, Presiding Elder Dillard and Mrs. Dillard, Presiding Elder Hyche and Mrs. Hyche, Rev. and Mrs. James A. Rumph Sr., delegates, and to the entire 124th Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference, I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It has been with great anticipation and expectancy as we host this conference. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of those who are in attendance. We are making every effort to make sure that your time with us is as pleasant as possible.

It has been a pleasure to serve as chairperson of the Commemorative Souvenir booklet committee. We have worked very hard to produce a worthy memoir.

At this time, I would like to commend and express my sincere appreciation to all of those who worked tirelessly on this committee. Many thanks to Sister JoSephine Rumph, and Sister Cynthia Toodle. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Many, many thanks to the Grant Chapel AME Church Family for all of your support as well as various churches, and businesses who gave their support in this effort. We will be forever grateful to each of you.

In His Name,

— Sister Patricia S. Curry
Souvenir Booklet Committee Chair

The Episcopal Message

—an excerpt—

Spiritual Revival for A Church in Crisis

Text: 1 John 2:27



When I was assigned to the Ninth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church a few months ago, I was completely overjoyed for many reasons. First, I am blessed to be serving in the area of my spiritual gift. I am convinced that God has called me to evangelize. Secondly, I am privileged to serve in the district where I was born, both physically and spiritually. My father served in the Ninth District for over 50 years and my mother served here as a missionary. What a mighty God we serve! God has always blessed my ministry, but to serve in the Ninth District is more than a blessing, it is a treat! Every now and then God gives us a special treat and to serve the Ninth District is my special treat. Mrs. Kirkland and I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome you have given us as we come back home.

I call upon all members of the Ninth District, particularly the leadership, to join the Bishop and Supervisor in lifting the Name of Jesus. The top priority of my ministry has always been, and will always be, soul winning. Matthew 28:19-20 tells us **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.** If this was the top priority for Jesus, it must be the top priority for us.

If the AME Church in the State of Alabama is going to honor its past and justify its future, it must be intentional and passionate about winning the lost to Jesus Christ. Not only must we win the lost, but we must disciple our memberships that they may be empowered to live better and more productive lives. That is why we have called the Ninth District "The Anointed Ninth" because we know that the anointing breaks the yoke and the anointing makes the difference. Therefore, this anointing not only energizes us for the work inside of the church, but it also energizes us for work in the streets, pool halls, sports arenas, and every phase of life.

Editor's Note: Please refer to the *Schedule of Annual Conferences and Program Outline Book* to read the entire Episcopal Message from Bishop Kirkland.

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Dwight E. Dillard, Sr. Presiding Elder



On December 11, 1878, in the courthouse in Florence, Alabama. Bishop Jabez Pitt Campbell led the congregation in the hymn, "Let Zion's Watchmen All Awake." The Second Chapter of Joel was read. Bishop Campbell's gave fell and the North Alabama Conference was declared open for organization.

Here we are one hundred and twenty-four year later, meeting at Grant Chapel, under the leadership of Bishop Theodore Larry Kirkland. The good Bishop calls us to revival as he leads us with the theme "A New Breed, A New Day, A New Way." During this annual conference as we reflect, celebrate, report our stewardship, and set apart those for ordained ministry may we be filled with the wind of revival. As we return to our local churches, we will be empowered to stomp the devil and win the world for Christ.

—Dwight E. Dillard
Presiding Elder
South Birmingham-Huntsville District

Serving Christ and North Alabama Since 1878

Greetings

*From the
Birmingham-Florence District
The Reverend Albert Lee Hezekiah Hyche
Presiding Elder*



*Greetings to the New, Anointed Members of the
124th Session of the North Alabama Conference,
Ninth Episcopal District of the African Methodist
Episcopal Church!*

God is always calling and providing opportunities to exceed in service to His church. Those who care about the spiritual growth of the church must come to realize that we can make a difference *now* for continuous improvement in missions and ministries of God's Church.

The challenges of this present age loom large. Through our commitment and consecrated Christian efforts, we must strive to let our communities and schools see the God in us and feel God's presence in our local churches. We must acknowledge our personal "wake-up calls" for spiritual renewal within our families. We believe spirited-filled families beget spirit-filled children who populate and spread spiritual renewal throughout schools and beget spirit-filled peers, who become spirit-filled contributing adults to society and churches. But, it all begins with one person: You and I becoming new creatures in Christ.

We pray that this 124th session of the North Alabama Conference provides a forum for honest reflection and evaluation of our stewardship as a Conference, prayerful discussion and strategic analysis of our evangelistic means to address the declining membership in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I, along with my wife, Mrs. Ida Tyree Hyche, daughter, Shade' Alexandria Hyche, and the entire loyal and faithful family of the Birmingham - Florence District, welcome Bishop and Mrs. T. Larry Kirkland as new Episcopal leaders of the Ninth Episcopal District. We also commend Reverend and Mrs. J. Arthur Rumph Sr. and the Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church family for hosting this annual conference session.

—Presiding Elder Albert Lee Hezekiah Hyche

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October 1, 2002

Dear Friends:

Welcome!

As governor and personally, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 124th Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Alabama is proud of the African Methodist Episcopal Church organization and its many immeasurable contributions to our state. Alabama's heritage has always been characterized by the enlightenment of its residents through strong beliefs in church and state. I commend the many African Methodist Episcopal churches that exist throughout Alabama for their focus and commitment to social, civic and cultural prosperity for the purpose of enriching the lives of Alabamians.

The 124th Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church promises to continue the tradition of excellence that has characterized this event since its inception. As you convene in Birmingham, I know you will share a productive and enjoyable time together, and I offer my best wishes for a successful convention. Please know that the services you provide to our communities are valuable, indeed, and I applaud your efforts and challenge you to continue your fine efforts in the years to come.

May God continue to bless you, your family and America's many African Methodist Episcopal churches with health, prosperity and success.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am ...

Sincerely,

Don Siegelman
Governor

DS/me/ec



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

BERNARD KINCAID, MAYOR

September 6, 2002

Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
6931 Division Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama 35206

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Birmingham, it gives me great pleasure to extend greetings to the attendees of Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church on the occasion of your 124th Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference of the AME Church. This is but one of the many activities by which Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church demonstrates its dedication to the social enrichment of our community, and you are to be congratulated.

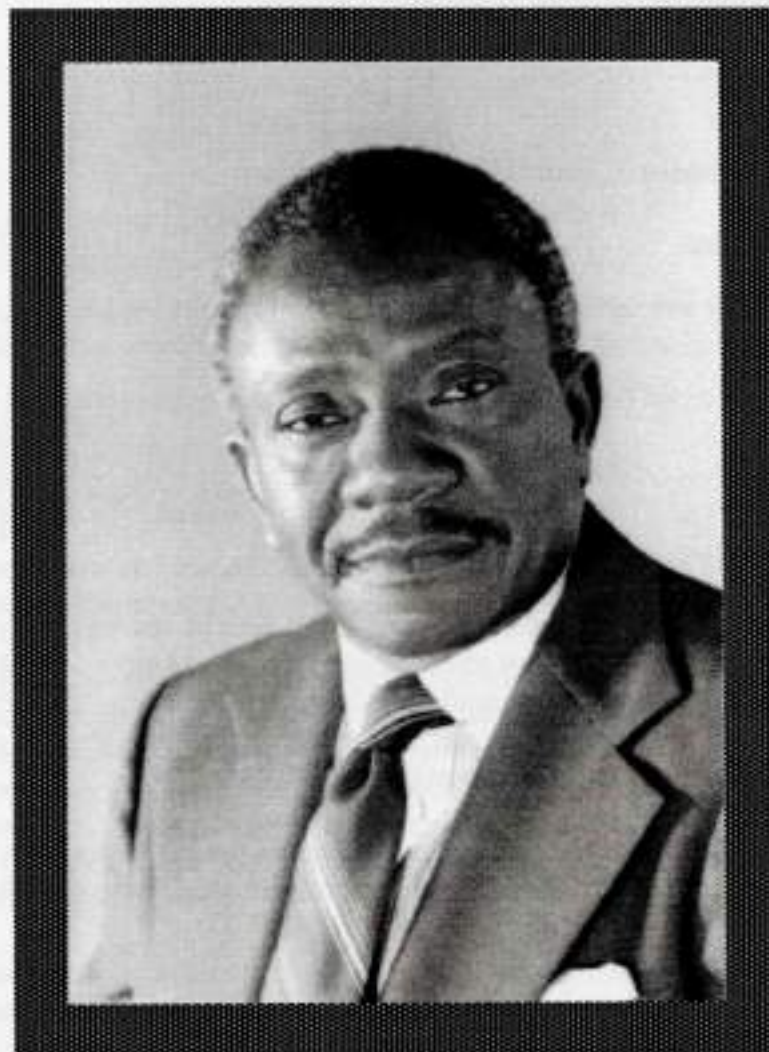
It is my belief that organizations such as yours do not flourish and endure by accident. Such organizations gain prominence, and remain vital, through the good works of those committed to improving our community. It gives me tremendous satisfaction, therefore, to take this opportunity to recognize and commend the Organization and its members who, through their selfless devotion of time and effort made this worthwhile occasion possible.

Accordingly, I know I speak for every citizen of Birmingham in saluting the honorees of this occasion. In closing, I wish the entire Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church continued success as you reach out in service to our community.

Sincerely,

Bernard Kincaid
Mayor

In Memory of



Reverend Dr. Eddie Lotana Blankenship

Presiding Elder
of

The South Birmingham-Huntsville District

May 1977 – May 2002

2002 Annual Conference Agenda Ninth Episcopal District Conference Week

TUESDAY

- 9:00 A.M. The Women's Missionary Convention
- 1:00 P.M. LUNCH
- 2:30 P.M. The Women's Missionary Convention continues
Presiding Elder's Report to Bishop
- 3:30 P.M. The Report from the Board of Examiners
- 5:00 P.M. DINNER
- 7:30 P.M. Missionary Program

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30 A.M. BREAKFAST
- 9:15 A.M. Pre-Conference Session with Ministers
- 10:00 A.M. Opening Worship Service
Annual Sermon—The Reverend T. Eric Nathan
Holy Communion
Acknowledgement of Visitors
- 1:00 P.M. LUNCH
- 2:45 P.M. Business Session of Roll Call
Ministers and Delegates
Acknowledgement of Transfers
Organization of Conference
Summary Report of Presiding Elders
- 5:00 P.M. DINNER
- 7:30 P.M. Missionary Sermon—The Reverend J.C. Smith
Missionary Night In White

THURSDAY

- 7:30 A.M. BREAKFAST
- 8:45 A.M. Conference Institute
- 10:00 A.M. Business Session—Report from Pastors
- NOON The Hour of Power
- 1:00 P.M. LUNCH
- 2:30 P.M. Business Session—Report from Board of Examiners
- 5:00 P.M. DINNER
- 7:30 P.M. Lay Night—Speaker to be Announced

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FRIDAY

7:30 A.M. BREAKFAST
8:30 A.M. Conference Institute
9:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M. Business Session
11:00 A.M. Ordination Service
1:00 P.M. LUNCH
2:30 P.M. Business Session
6:30 P.M. Evening with Y.P.D.

SATURDAY

8:00 A.M. YPD Business Session
9:00 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service
Presentation of Certificates
Reading of Appointments
Benediction

—ANNUAL CONFERENCE HYMNS —

A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may
it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live,
and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account
to give!

Help me to watch and pray, And on thyself rely,
Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

—ANNUAL CONFERENCE HYMNS —

GO PREACH MY GOSPEL

Retreat, L.M.

Go preach My Gospel," saith the Lord, Bid the whole earth My grace receive;
Explain to them my sacred word, Bid them believe, obey and live.

I'll make your great commission known, And ye shall prove My Gospel true,
By all the works that I have done, By all the wonders ye shall do.

Go heal the sick, go raise the dead, Go cast out devils in My Name;
Nor let My prophets be afraid, Though Greeks reproach, and Jews blaspheme.

While thus ye follow My commands, I'm with you till the world shall end;
All power is trusted to My hands, I can destroy, and I defend."

TAKE THE NAME OF JESUS WITH YOU

Take the Name of Jesus with you, Child of sorrow and of woe,
It will joy and comfort give you; Take it then, where'er you go.

Refrain

Precious Name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n.
Precious Name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n.

Take the Name of Jesus ever, As a shield from every snare;
If temptations round you gather, Breathe that holy Name in prayer.

O the precious Name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
When His loving arms receive us, And His songs our tongues employ!

At the Name of Jesus bowing, Falling prostrate at His feet,
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown Him, When our journey is complete.

—ANNUAL CONFERENCE HYMNS —

WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well, with my soul, It is well, with my soul, It is well, it is well, with my soul.

JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME

Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will, When Thou sayest to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Exalting the Name of Jesus

Greeting from

Elder and Mrs. Dwight E. Dillard

&

The South- Birmingham-Huntsville District

to

Bishop & Mother T. Larry Kirkland

&

The Entire Body of
The 124th Session of the
North Alabama Annual Conference

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

—Matthew 24:14

Dwight E. Dillard Sr.
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Mrs. Ida Tyree Hyche, JD, District Coordinator of Programs

**CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. JAMES A. RUMPH, SR.
AND THE GRANT CHAPEL AME CHURCH FAMILY**

**AS YOU HOST
THE 124TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NORTH ALABAMA
CONFERENCE**

1. Rev. Bobby Cox	Saint John AME	Birmingham
2. Rev. C. C. Cummings	Saint Paul AME (Smithfield)	Birmingham
3. Rev. Ronnie Cole	Saint James AME (Avondale)	Birmingham
4. Rev. T. Eric Nathan	Greater Saint Paul AME	Florence
5. Rev. Raymond Swafford	Oak Grove AME	Florence
6. Rev. Roosevelt Williams	Hopewell AME	Birmingham
7. Rev. Gloria Stutson	New Saint Mark AME	Birmingham
8. Rev. James Barnett	Mount Zion AME	Muscle Shoals
9. Rev. James Burks	New Bethel AME	Sheffield
10. Rev. Levi Billups	New Pisgah AME	Florence
11. Rev. Richard Davis	Gaines Chapel AME	Birmingham
12. Rev. Charles Marie Davis	First Community AME	Roebuck
13. Rev. Sheryl Shipman	Hopewell AME	Florence
14. Rev. Robert Hereford	Wayman Chapel AME	Decatur
15. Rev. Ron Sterling	Saint Stephen AME (Airport)	Birmingham
16. Rev. Patricia Smith	Nichols Chapel AME	Florence
17. Rev. Emma W. Johnson	Bailey Springs AME	Florence
18. Rev. W. D. Kemp	Emanuel AME (Smithfield)	Birmingham
19. Dr. Eric Little	Mount Zion AME	Florence
20. Rev. Doris Marshall	Saint Paul AME	Tusculum
21. Rev. Jacob W. Nashville	Saint James AME (Pratt City)	Birmingham
22. Rev. Chris D. Walker	Saint Matthew (East Thomas)	Birmingham
23. Rev. Mildred Hardy	New Allen Temple AME	Birmingham

Greetings

Best Wishes

Welcome

to

Bishop & Mother T. Larry Kirkland

"Alabama's New Leaders"

Of the

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

&

Congratulations

Reverend & Mrs. J. Arthur Rumph

& Grant Chapel AME Church Family

&

Reverend & Mrs. Dwight Dillard

Presiding Elder and First Lady

For Hosting

**The 124th Session of the
North Alabama Annual Conference**

The West Birmingham, Ensley District

Reverend Myers Hawkins Jr., Presiding Elder

Mrs. Floy Mae Hawkins, First Lady

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

—Proverbs 16:3

West Alabama Annual Conference
West Birmingham-Ensley District
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Birmingham, Alabama

Profile of a Church

In researching the history of Grant Chapel AME Church, it was found that this great church as we know it today, is not the church it has always been. A minister once used the analogy of an oyster bringing forth or producing a beautiful pearl. When you see the beautiful pearl, it's the end result of a lot of things that the oyster had to go through-sometimes very painful-in order to achieve that end result. From that same standpoint, when you look at Grant Chapel today, this is the end result of a lot of hard work, struggles and prayers by the pioneering saints who were before us. The beautiful pearl, which we enjoy today, is a true blessing for us to have the opportunity to talk to some of the pioneering saints and to dig into our rich history.



Pastor J. Arthur Rumph and life-long Grant Chapel member Mrs. Clara Bullard.

In 1921, this church was no more than a vision in the hearts, minds and spirits of a small group of worshipers who walked approximately 12 blocks each Sunday worship. This Group, about 14 in number, led by the late Reverend Harris, decided to start an AME church. They first met in a small house. A lot was purchased on Fifth Avenue and 28th Street South. Under the leadership Dr. J.B. Carter, a lot was purchased on 4th Avenue and 30th Street with Dr. Carter paying the first \$50. A wooden structure was built and the church was known as the Brown Hill Mission.

The Church was led by the pastorate of the late Reverend Fields, reverend C.S. Woods, and Reverend E.D. Taylor.

The membership out grew that facility and under the leadership of the late Reverend Sam Hill, the edifice located at 3001 Fourth Avenue South was erected in 1928. The name of the church changed from Brown Hill Mission to Grant Chapel located at 3000-4th Avenue South.



Grant Chapel at it's current location in Birmingham, AL



For a number of years the Birmingham Board of Education used the church for first, second, and third graders.

The following pastors have led Grant Chapel: Reverends Ed Harris, Fields, C.S. Woods, Ed Taylor, Sam Hill, S.T. Grove, J.S. Brown, seven years. Under his leadership of W.H McSpadden; four years. Under his leadership the church mortgage was paid. During Rev. E.P. Green's leadership, the church was remodel, new pews, a piano; organ, floor carpeted, kitchen and dining areas were installed. After 16 years of rapid growth, Rev. E.P. Green was appointed Presiding Elder for the South Birmingham Huntsville District, North Alabama Conference. Rev. A.L. Lamar, son of Grant Chapel was appointed pastor and served until his death. Rev. Lamar served as the pastor for more than 18 years. The following renovations took place under his pastorage: new widows, air conditioning installed, new organ, piano, sound system, carpeting and more then 200 souls were saved. Rev. Jacob Nashville, served two years and three acres of land was purchased on Ishkadoo Road. Rev. Myer Hawkins, Jr., served seven years. The congregation purchased the present site at 6931 Division Avenue, an organ, Baby Grand piano, stained glass windows, and purchased other property. Re. T. H. Sconiers served five years church property was purchased, Baptism Pool, centralized treasury, computer installed, tithing of 15% of membership. The Reverend J. Arthur Rumph Sr. has served four years. Praise Groups, Step Ministry, Praise Dances, Video and Photography Ministry, new choir chairs, purchase of other properties were accomplished. The church also paid off the mortgage.

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Profile of a Pastor, Preacher

Ja'Mia Milliner may not understand what goes on at official board meetings and annual church conferences. The bright-eyed six year-old just wants a hug. "Do you know where Pastor Rumph (The Reverend J. Arthur Rumph Sr.) is?" she asked an adult. Not waiting on a response, Ja'Mia explains, "I just want to give him a hug." The sincere six-year old is pointed to the direction of the pastor's study. She walks in without regards to the meeting that's taking place.

Pastor Rumph stops in mid-sentence to hug Ja'Mia and tells her she is special. "Ja'Mia, Pastor Rumph loves you," he reassures her gently. Shyly, but unselfishly Ja'Mia tells the pastor that her cousin wants a hug too. She exits and emerges moments later with her younger cousin. The pastor does not mind the interruptions. These are cherished moments for him. He thanks the girls for coming to see him and reminds them to get some candy from his "candy basket" before they leave.

When asked about the weekly hugs and special moments he shares with his young parishioners, the pastor quickly asserts, "This is about the most important thing I do. All of the children here are my responsibility. I have to teach them about being a Christian now," he admits.

Ja'Mia and her cousin are two of many youth who have a special relationship with Pastor Rumph. When the Teen Ministry founder, Blake Sanders, was assigned to write an essay on a person he admires, he chose his pastor. "I just like Pastor Rumph. When he preaches, he



BAPTISM: Pastor Rumph performs baptism following morning worship.



Bishop T. Larry Kirkland is keynote speaker for Pastor Rumph's Appreciation Service.

talks about things teenagers deal with a lot. And, he always takes time to talk to us one on one. He is a cool pastor, Blake acknowledges. Blake's sentiments are echoed among his friends.

Rumph has been the pastor at Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church for five years. When the church's basketball teams play, he is the loudest spectator. He cheers in an almost sermonic tone, "I believe in you, NETS." The pastor has appointed himself the "number one fan." As a Christmas gift, the team gave him a team jacket proclaiming his number one fan status. Likewise, when the church's praise dancers perform, the

proud pastor is on the edge of his seat, gleaming with admiration and adoration. He gives each performance a standing ovation. "I love my children," he says.

With more than two decades of preaching and pastoring under his belt, the Barbour County native has learned how to meet the needs of all of his parishioners. "He is passionate about preaching and pastoring," says Board of Trustee member, Jeff Jackson. "He is truly dedicated. The Reverend Lottie Person, who serves on Rumph's ministerial staff, puts it all in perspective; "Pastor Rumph is the best pastor on this side of heaven." His colleagues will agree, "Rumph is a fine preacher," asserts The Reverend A. C. Mixon, pastor of St. John AME Church, Eufaula. "He knows how to reach the masses."

"You have an anointed man of God as your leader," Elder Dwight Dillard, recently

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—The Reverend Lottie Person



A Preaching Moment

told the members of Grant Chapel. "He is a lover of people and African Methodism.

Rumph pastors almost 800 members at the east Birmingham church. He has an impeccable vision for growth and recently instituted an additional worship service. "We have to give the people an option and choices for worship. In these changing times, the church has to be ready to meet the needs of its people," Rumph says. Nowadays parishioners have an opportunity to worship on Sundays at 7:00, 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. In addition, Grant Chapel offers Thursday evenings Bible Class, plus several active ministries, including couple's, teens, fitness and wellness.

Additionally, Rumph's vision for growth led him to develop an outreach ministry, SafeNet, Inc. Under which an awarding winning athletic ministry was developed. This is the premiere ministry that has literally taken boys off the streets and provided a recreation activity within a faith-based environment. Through this initiative, sev-

eral youth have become born-again Christians and all are active participants in the church. "My main goal with this ministry is to win souls. Yes, we want to win in basketball and softball ball games, but we must win with Christ," Rumph says.

Rumph's ministry extends beyond his Birmingham pulpit. He is active in the connectional church. He is the newly elected Financial Secretary of the Connectional Council, AME Church. In 2000, former 9th District Bishop, the Right Reverend Z.L. Grady, appointed Rumph to represent the North Alabama Conference as a Delegate and Council Member to

the 18th World Methodist Conference in Brighton, England. Consequently, he was named Pan Methodist Representative, General Council on Ministries for the United Methodist Church. Currently, Rumph is a candidate of the Doctoral Program at Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, AL.

How did he get from rural Alabama to the England? It began with a strong desire to be used by God. When Rumph was a wide-eyed youngster, he told his mother, "I want to be a preacher." His mother's encouraging words then were, "Preach James, if that's what you really want to do."

So enthralled by the spirit of preaching that at 12 years old, Rumph would build his own pulpit, by strategically stacking chairs together for height. Then he would emulate local preachers while his siblings acted as a congregation. "Although, it was a source of entertainment for us, we somehow believe that James was se-

rious about the gift of preaching. He would become so involved that many times we would

*If preaching
could be in your
blood, it's in his.*

—May Denson

think we were actually in church," his sister, May Denson acknowledged from her Little Rock, AR home.

"When James wasn't preaching, he was singing gospel and we (siblings) shifted from a congregation to a singing group. He was always out front. If preaching could be in your blood, it's in his."

When Rumph comes to the small community of Mt. Andrews, in Barbour County, where he was raised, it's a sobering experience. "I love Mt. Andrews. This is where I first came to know Christ. I was taught how to



DADDY'S GIRL: JaSan surprise her father with a special dance dur-

be a Sunday School Superintendent, by the late C.L. Person," he recalls.

"There is something indescribably special about Mt. Andrews. When I am home, I want to take off my shoes and feel the sand running through my toes. There is no place in the world like Mt. Andrews, AL," he smiles.

The veteran preacher makes an annual appointment to visit and preach from his home church's pulpit during a special worship service celebrating the Stewardship of Christian Men. Unlike his Birmingham facility, Shiloh AME Church is a small rural church nestled in the shady pines of Southeast Alabama. Not surprising, the congregation still includes several of his 11 siblings. Shiloh parishioner and Rumph's younger sister Mary Jordan says, "My brother is a gifted man of God and hearing him preach is spiritually rewarding." More than two decades of preaching and hundreds of sermons later, he is still a source of encouragement, motivation and inspiration for his family. "For spiritual insight, we (sibling) look to James," says, brother Arthur.

So when the busy pastor is not tending to church affairs or jetting across the country to speaking/preaching engagement, you will find him at home with Sandra, his wife of 15 years and their children JaSan and James. "The demands of my schedule keeps me away a lot. But, when I am at home, I try to make the best of it." So, this preaching Dad is the loudest fan at his son's basketball game and the proudest parent at his daughter's dance recital.



PROUD PASTOR: Rumph shows off NETS Basketball Team First Place Trophy

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But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

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My family, along with the entire membership of Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church join me in remembering and celebrating the life an legacy of our beloved Presiding Elder, the late Reverend Dr. Eddie L. Blankenship.

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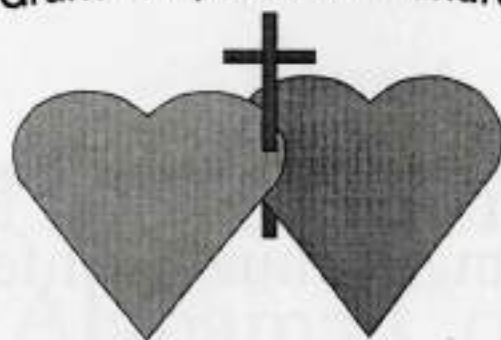
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—Markham

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From the Servant Bishop's Heart

August 2014

Dear Family,

Please allow me to thank each of you for the exceptional work displayed this conference year in Kingdom building. Arelis and I humbly offer a warm welcome to the 2014 series of Annual Conferences. We can say with joy that the work is all divine.

We stand ready to hear the reports of pastors, congregations and each of the component ministries regarding our communal stewardship and discipleship. This past year, our connectional focus was on "The Cost of Discipleship" – Mark 8:34-36 -- "Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' For whoever wants to save their life²⁶ will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 'What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Our reports should reflect how we as the body of Christ have made good on our covenant to count the cost of discipleship so that the whole may be saved.

This year, we have so much to be thankful for as God continues to move mightily within the 9th Episcopal District. As we experience this God moment, let us not grow weary, for He has not brought us this far to leave us now, for ears have not heard, nor eyes seen, what the Lord has in store for those who are obedient to His will and His way. We are the witnessing heirs of a phenomenal movement of almighty God. It is my prayer that we will approach each conference with an open mind and heart to discover new and innovative ways to fulfill our calling and our purpose.

Arelis and I reverently acknowledge that we are blessed to be a part of the 9th District. We have been overwhelmed with love and support from each of you. We solicit an interest in your prayers as we together intercede before our gracious God for a spirit-filled, power packed, peaceful series of annual conferences.

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36-38	The Opening Worship Service
39	The Friday Hour of Power Service
40	The Retirement Celebration Service
41	The Memorial Moment Service
42	The New Lives in Christ Celebration (Lay Night)
43-44	The Closing Worship Service
44	The Commissioning Service
45-49	The Annual Conference Singing
49	The Conference at Worship
	Missionary Benediction
	Lay Organization Quadrennial Theme
	The Lay Benediction
50	Disciplinary Questions

2014 Annual Conference Schedule

5TH NORTHWEST ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 – WMS Annual Convention
 Wednesday – Saturday, September 10–13, 2014 • Business, Training & Worship
(Opening Annual Service – September 10, 2014 at 7pm)
 Ward Chapel, Saddlers Chapel & Mt. Zion AME Church, Co-Host Churches
Fairfield Civic Center
 6509 E. J. Oliver Road, Fairfield, AL 35064
 Reverends Levi Billups, Thomas Franklin & Sheryl Shipman, Co-Host Pastors
 Reverend Oliver Allen, Host Presiding Elder

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Sheraton Hotel Birmingham

2102 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd, North
 Birmingham, AL 35203
 205.324.5000
 Room Rate: \$99.00 + Tax
 Deadline – September 1, 2014

5TH SOUTHEAST ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 – WMS Annual Convention
 Wednesday – Saturday, September 17 – 20, 2014 – Business, Training & Worship
(Opening Annual Service – Sept 17, 2014 at 7pm)
 Allen Chapel, St. Matthew and St Peter AME Church, Co-Host Churches

The Flowers Center of Performing Arts

312 East College Street, Ozark, AL 36361 • 334.774.2618
 Reverends Paul Phillips, Willie White, Jr., and Dwight Ingram, Co-Host Pastors
 Reverend Andrew Holtz, Host Presiding Elder

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hampton Inn & Suites Ozark

235 North Highway 231
 Ozark, AL 36360
 334.443.6669
 www.hampton.com
 Group Name: SE Alabama Conference
 Room Rate: \$83.00 + Tax (includes buffet breakfast)
 Cut-off Date: September 3, 2014

5TH ALABAMA RIVER REGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, October 2, 2014 – WMS Annual Convention
 Thursday – Saturday, October 2-4, 2014 – Business, Training & Worship
(Opening Annual Service – October 2, 2014 at 7pm)
Brown Chapel AME Church
 410 Martin Luther King Street, Selma, AL 36703
 Reverend Leodis Strong, Host Pastor
 Reverend Albert L. Hyche, Host Presiding Elder

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Holiday Inn Express

2000 Lincoln Way
Selma, AL 36701
334.874.1000
Room Rate: \$89.00 + Tax
Cut-off Date: Sept. 10, 2014

Hampton Inn and Suites

2200 W. Highland Ave
Selma, AL 36701
334.876.9995
Room Rate: \$109.00 + Tax (includes breakfast)
Cut-off Date: Sept. 10, 2014



5TH NORTHEAST ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 – WMS Annual Convention
Wednesday – Saturday, October 15 – 18, 2014 – Business, Training & Worship
(Opening Annual Service – October 15, 2014 at 7pm)

St. John AME Church

944 Alabama 165, Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856
Reverend Maurice Wright, II, Host Pastor
Reverend Samuel Smith, Host Presiding Elder

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hampton Inn and Suites Phenix

620 Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy
Phenix City, AL 36869
334.664.0776
Room Rate: \$89.00 + Tax (includes breakfast)
Cut-off Date: Sept. 19, 2014



5TH SOUTHWEST ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 – WMS Annual Convention
Wednesday – Saturday, October 22 – 25, 2014 – Business, Training & Worship
(Opening Annual Service – October 22, 2014 at 7pm)

Gaines Chapel AME Church

122 Carter Avenue, Atmore, AL 36502

Gaines Chapel AME Church, The Chapel at Black Bluff, & Rosebud
Co-Host Churches

Reverends Joseph Williams, Isiah Perry, Sr., and LaChaune Nicole Slater
Co-Host Pastors

Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn L. Denson, Host Presiding Elder

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hampton Inn and Suites

45 Rivercane Blvd. West, Atmore, AL 36502
(251) 368-0344
Room Rate: \$99.00 + Tax
Group Name: Southwest Annual Conference

Holiday Inn Express

111 Lakeview Circle, Atmore, AL 36504
(251) 368-1585
Room Rate: \$99.00 + Tax
Group Name: Southwest Annual Conference



PRE-PLenary MEETING

Presiding Elders' meeting with Bishop
St. John AME Church, Birmingham
Wednesday, November 12, 2014

PLenary MEETING

Fairfield Civic Center – 6509 E. J. Oliver Road, Fairfield, AL 35064
November 13 – 15, 2014

Thursday Night All Conference Ordination and Holy Communion Service

Friday Night Worship Service – Bishop John R. Bryant, Preaching

Presiding Prelate of the 4th Episcopal District

Saturday Worship Service – TBA, Preaching

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Sheraton Hotel Birmingham

2102 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd, North
Birmingham, AL 35203
205.324.5000
Room Rate: \$99.00 + Tax
Deadline – November 5, 2014

The Bishops of the A.M.E. Church

DISTRICTS	ELECTED	BISHOPS
1 ST	118	GREGORY GERALD MCKINLEY INGRAM
2 ND	113	WILLIAM PHILLIPS DEVEAUX, SR.
3 RD	109	MCKINLEY YOUNG
4 TH	106	JOHN RICHARD BRYANT
5 TH	114	THEODORE LARRY KIRKLAND
6 TH	119	PRESTON WARREN WILLIAMS, II
7 TH	116	RICHARD FRANKLIN NORRIS
8 TH	129	JULIUS HARRISON McALLISTER, SR.
9 TH	123	JAMES LEVERT DAVIS
10 TH	117	VASHTI MURPHY MCKENZIE
11 TH	115	ADAM JEFFERSON RICHARDSON, JR.
12 TH	125	SAMUEL LAWRENCE GREEN, SR.
13 TH	128	JEFFREY NATHANIEL LEATH
14 TH	131	CLEMENT W. FUGH
15 TH	124	DAVID RWHYNICA DANIELS, JR.
16 TH	130	JOHN FRANKLIN WHITE
17 TH	120	WILFRED JACOBUS MESSIAH
18 TH	130	JOHN FRANKLIN WHITE
19 TH	121	PAUL JONES MULENGA KAWIMBE
20 TH	132	REGINALD T. JACKSON
ECUMENICAL OFFICER		REGINALD T. JACKSON
LOCATED	127	E. EARL MCLOUD, JR.
?	126	SARAH FRANCES DAVIS

The Retired Bishops

BISHOPS	No.
JOHN HURST ADAMS	87
FREDERICK HILBORN TALBOT	90
✠ VINTON RANDOLPH ANDERSON	92
FREDERICK CALHOUN JAMES	93
FRANK CURTIS CUMMINGS	95
PHILIP ROBERT COUSIN, SR.	96
HENRY ALLEN BELIN, JR.	104
ROBERT VAUGHN WEBSTER	110
ZEDEKIAH LAZETT GRADY	111
CORNAL GARNETT HENNING, SR.	112
CAROLYN TYLER-GUIDRY	122

✠ DECEASED

The Bishops who have served the Ninth Episcopal District

In Retrospect & Respect

BISHOPS	SERVED
JOHN MIFFLIN BROWN	1868 - 1872
THOMAS M. D. WARD	1872 - 1878
J. P. CAMPBELL	1878 - 1880
ALEXANDER WASHINGTON WAYMAN	1880 - 1884
DANIEL ALEXANDER PAYNE	1884 - 1888
WESLEY JOHN GAINES	1888 - 1892
WESLEY JOHN GAINES	1900 - 1904
ABRAM GRANT	1892 - 1896
HENRY MCNEAL TURNER	1896 - 1900
LEVI JENKINS COPPIN	1904 - 1908
HENRY B. PARKS	1908
JOSHUA H. JONES	1908 - 1916
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LEE	1916 - 1924
WILLIAM A. FOUNTAIN	1924 - 1928
WILLIAM A. FOUNTAIN	1951 - 1952
ROBERT A. GRANT	1928 - 1936
DAVID H. SIMS	1936 - 1940
DECATUR W. NICHOLS	1940 - 1948
SHERMAN L. GREENE	1948 - 1951
ISAIAH H. BONNER	1952 - 1956
ISAIAH H. BONNER	1960 - 1968
CAREY A. GIBBS	1956 - 1960
HUBERT N. ROBINSON	1968 - 1972
VINTON R. ANDERSON	1972 - 1976
PHILIP R. COUSIN, SR.	1976 - 1984
FRANK M. REID, JR.	1984 - 1989
CORNELIUS E. THOMAS	1989 - 1996
ZEDEKIAH L. GRADY	1996 - 2002
THEODORE L. KIRKLAND, SR.	2002 - 2008
JAMES LEVERT DAVIS	2008 -

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Dr. Richard A. Lewis, Sr.
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GLOBAL WITNESS AND MINISTRY	Dr. George F. Flowers
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RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP	Dr. Teresa Frye-Brown

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 Dr. Hercules Miles
 Dr. Anderson Todd, Jr.
 Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams
 Rev. Ricky Spain*

*Deceased 11/2012

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YPD, PRESIDENT	Mr. Jon Ingraham
YPD, DIRECTOR	Dr. Sherrell Vicks Crawford
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MEDICAL DIRECTOR	Rev. Dr. Miriam J. Burnett
CONN-M-SWAWO + PK'S	Ms. Lula Shaw Cleckley
SONS OF ALLEN	Mr. George Brown
MUSIC AND CHRISTIAN ARTS	Rev. Anthony V. Vinson, Sr.
WOMEN IN MINISTRY	Rev. Kimberly L. Detherage
CHAPLAIN	Chaplain Mark Cisco
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CLERGY INFORMATION	Mrs. Ora L. Easley

The Episcopal District Officers and Staff

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TBA	ASST. DIRECTOR, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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The Episcopal District Residing Elders

NORTHWEST ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Birmingham-Florence Tuscaloosa District	Rev. Dwight E. Dillard P. O. Box 11170 Birmingham, AL 35202 205.785.2727 (Phone) ~ 205.786.2949 (Fax)
South Birmingham-Huntsville Bessemer District	Rev. Oliver Allen P. O. Box 22345 Huntsville, AL 35814 256.585.1521 (Home) ~ 334.797.5386 (Cell)
West Birmingham-Ensley Greensboro District	Rev. Willis N. Huggins, Jr. 1104 Turtle Lake Drive Birmingham, AL 35242 205.747.0130 (Home) ~ 334.756.5001 (Cell)

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Dothan-Eufaula District	Rev. David E. Reddick P. O. Box 311048 Enterprise, AL 36331 334.306.1400 (Home) ~ 334.494.0306 (Cell)
Ozark-Troy District	Rev. Dr. Andrew Holtz 200 Sweetwater Drive, Bldg. E#072 Dothan, AL 36305 484.832.2725 (Cell)

ALABAMA RIVER REGION CONFERENCE

Montgomery Selma District	Rev. Albert L. Hyché 933 Woodbrook Road Birmingham, AL 35215 205.620.0295 (Phone) ~ 205.616.2570 (Cell)
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NORTHEAST ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Phenix City District	Rev. Samuel Smith 168 Reyes Street Ozark, AL 36360 334.774.8810 (Home) ~ 334.798.1703 (Cell)
Tuskegee District	Rev. Johnny Rutledge 2004 38 th Court Phenix City, AL 36870 334.297.4460 (Phone) ~ 706.587.4232 (Cell)

SOUTHWEST ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Mobile District	Rev. Johnnie Bryant 6754 Mauvilla Drive W Eight Mile, AL 36613 251.675.7715 (Home) ~ 251.610.2928 (Cell)
Camden District	Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn L. Denson P. O. Box 333 Andalusia, AL 36420 334.427.7235 (Home) ~ 334.207.8331 (Cell)

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Northeast Alabama Conference

Mrs. Betty Davis
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Northwest Alabama Conference

Rev. LaKenya Anderson
Southeast Alabama Conference

Mrs. Sharon Reed
Alabama River Region Conference

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Northeast Alabama Conference

Rev. Charlotte Greene
Southwest Alabama Conference

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Dr. Wayman Shiver
Northwest Alabama Conference

Mrs. Bernella Knight Rose
Southeast Alabama Conference

Mr. Kenneth Strong
Alabama River Region Conference

Mr. Robert Turner
Northeast Alabama Conference

Mr. Gary Hart
Southwest Alabama Conference

SONS OF ALLEN COORDINATORS

To Be Elected
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Southeast Alabama Conference

Mr. John Campbell
Alabama River Region Conference

Mr. Robert Turner
Northeast Alabama Conference

Mr. Terry Jones
Southwest Alabama Conference



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KOINONIAS COORDINATORS

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Northwest Alabama Conference

Sharla Herring
Southeast Alabama Conference

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Alabama River Region Conference

Kendra Jacobs
Northeast Alabama Conference

Wendy Washington
Southwest Alabama Conference

BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEE

Rev. Dwight E. Dillard, Treasurer

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Northwest Alabama Conference

Rev. Freddie Flowers
Southeast Alabama Conference

Rev. Dr. Farrell Duncombe
Alabama River Region Conference

Rev. Leo Brock, Sr.
Northeast Alabama Conference

Rev. John L. Dees, Jr.
Southwest Alabama Conference

SUPERINTENDENTS

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Northwest Alabama Conference

Sis. Faye McLeod
Southeast Alabama Conference

Bro. Ira Simmons
Alabama River Region Conference

Sis. Jewel Harris
Northeast Alabama Conference

Sis. Mary Turner
Southwest Alabama Conference

Conference Agenda & Daily Schedule

NORTHWEST, SOUTHEAST, NORTHEAST AND THE SOUTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCES

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PASTOR'S REPORT – ORAL PRESENTATION

1. What is the one thing that excited you this year?
2. Delegate's Statement of the Pastor's Leadership & Church's Progress.
3. How can we help you?
4. What was your evangelist plan for this past year?
5. Did the church meet its membership quota?
6. Have you committed and led others to commit to the Daniel Payne College Legacy Village Project?
7. Is the church in love?
8. Did your church attend the 2014 Pentecost Explosion?

WEDNESDAY

- 08:00am Presiding Elders will meet with the Bishop
- 09:00am Conference Finance Committee, District Accountant and Treasurer will meet with the Bishop
- 09:30am* WMS Annual Convention Meeting
*Bishop's Moment with the WMS
- 10:00am Conference Secretaries & Statistician will meet with the Bishop
- 10:45am Board of Examiners and all candidates will meet with the Bishop. (Please be on time and ready to report.)
- 01:00pm Clergy one on one talk with Bishop
- 03:00pm Bishop will meet with ALL Clergy
- 04:00pm

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 5TH SESSION OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- Roll Call
- Transfers
- Organization
- Conference Boundary
- Presiding Elders' Summary Report

06:00pm Business Session Adjournment

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONVENTION (8am – 5pm)

- 08:00am Registration/Fellowship/Breakfast/Devotion
- 09:30am Bishop's Moment with the WMS
- 12:00pm WMS Noon Day Worship Service
- 01:30pm LUNCH/RECESS
- 02:45pm WMS Annual Convention Meeting/Election
- 07:00pm **WMS Night in White Candlelight Service**
(All clergy are to be present and you are requested to dress in white or a light colored suit, if possible.)

THURSDAY

- 07:30am
- 08:20am
- 08:30am
- 09:00am
- 09:45am

BREAKFAST

- Devotion (4th Year Candidates)
- Morning Glory Bible Study
- Conference Institute

BUSINESS SESSION

- Reading of the Minutes
- Financial Reports

- 9th District Budget Presentation
- 9th District Audit Report
- Brotherhood
- Conference Treasurer

Conference Component Reports (Summary and Action Items Only)

- Social and Political Action
- Women in Ministry
- Health Ministry
- CONSWO + PL's
- Christian Debutantes & Masters

11:30am

PASTOR'S REPORT (All persons must be prepared to read when your church is called. The order for reading is from front to back in an alternate process. This is the same format we have used for previous conferences.)

12:30pm

HOUR OF POWER WORSHIP SERVICE

(Women in Ministry & Worship Leader & Program Participants)

01:30pm

LUNCH/RECESS

(Bishop will have private consultation with Pastors and congregations as needed)

03:00pm

BUSINESS SESSION

- Devotion (3rd Year Candidates)
- Administrative Committee Reports

- Board of Examiners
- Employee Security
- Church Growth
- Christian Education
- Church School

Administrative Committee Reports

- Conference Trustees
- Deeds, Abstracts and Abandoned Property
- Missions, Circuits and Stations
- Conference Boundaries

04:30pm

PASTOR'S REPORT (All persons must be prepared to read when your church is called. The order for reading is from front to back in an alternate process. This is the same format we have used for previous conferences.)

05:45pm

DINNER/RECESS

(Bishop will have private consultation with Pastors and congregations as needed)

07:00pm

OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

FRIDAY

07:30am	BREAKFAST
08:20am	Devotion (2 nd Year Candidates)
08:30am	Morning Glory Bible Study
09:00am	Conference Institute
09:45am	BUSINESS SESSION Reading of the Minutes
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11:30am	DANIEL PAYNE COLLEGE REPORTS
12:30pm	HOUR OF POWER (Sons of Allen & Worship Leader & Program Participants)
01:30pm	LUNCH/RECESS (Bishop will have private consultation with Pastors and congregations as needed)
03:30pm	BUSINESS SESSION Literary Reports • Social, Civic and Political Actions • Ecology, Temperance and Health • State of the Country • State of the Church Ministerial Efficiency Committee Retirement Acknowledgement Statistician Report Disciplinary Questions
04:00pm	MEMORIAL SERVICE
04:30pm	CHURCH SCHOOL
06:00pm	DINNER/RECESS (Bishop will have private consultation with Pastors and congregations as needed)
07:00pm	LAY NIGHT (NEW LIVES IN CHRIST CELEBRATION)

SATURDAY

07:00am	BREAKFAST
08:00am	YPD SESSION
09:30am	YPD PROGRAM
11:15am	PRaise SERVICE
11:30am	CLOSING & COMMISSIONING SERVICE Resolutions Accountant's Finance Report Expressions of Gratitude Commissioning Service Presentation of Certificates Reading of Appointments Benediction

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ALABAMA RIVER REGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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FIFTH SESSION

Northwest Alabama Annual Conference

September 10 - 13, 2014

Mt. Zion, Saddlers Chapel & Ward Chapel AME Church, Birmingham

Host Churches

Fairfield Civic Center, Fairfield, AL

The Reverends Sheryl Shipman, Thomas Franklin & Levi Billups

Host Pastors

The Reverend Oliver Allen, Host Presiding Elder

SERMONS AND SERVICES

WMS (Night in White)	TBA
ANNUAL	The Rev. Cleophas Guice <i>Pastor, Jesus Chapel AME Church, Fairfield, AL</i>
HOUR of POWER (Thurs)	TBA <i>(Women in Ministry & Worship Leader & Program Participants)</i>
HOUR of POWER (Fri)	TBA <i>(Sons of Allen & Worship Leader & Program Participants)</i>
LAY NIGHT (New Lives in Christ Celebration)	TBA
COMMISSIONING CLOSING	The Rev. Dr. Ann Lightner-Fuller <i>Pastor, Mt. Calvary AME Church, Tussum, MD</i>

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

All Conference Presiding Elders serve as Advisors to the Board

DEANS	The Rev. T. Eric Nathan
SECRETARY	The Rev. Raymond Swafford
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FIRST YEAR	The Rev. Dr. Lugenia Johnson The Rev. Mashod A. Evans
SECOND YEAR	The Rev. Ronald D. Sterling The Rev. Agnes Lover
THIRD YEAR	The Rev. Alfonso Colvin The Rev. James Platt
FOURTH YEAR	The Rev. Dr. Patricia Outlaw The Rev. Dr. Patrick Clayborn
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	The Revs. Bruce Hunter, Xavier Carter, Percy Jones and Christopher Burnett

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FIFTH SESSION

Southeast Alabama Annual Conference

September 17 - 20, 2014

Allen Chapel, St. Matthew and St. Peter AME Church, Co-Host Churches
The Reverends Paul Phillips, Willie White, Jr., and Dwight Ingram, Co-Host Pastors
The Flowers Center of Performing Arts
312 East College Street, Ozark, AL 36361 * 334.774.2618
Reverend Andrew Holtz, Host Presiding Elder

SERMONS AND SERVICES

WMS (<i>Night in White</i>)	TBA
ANNUAL	The Rev. LaKenya Anderson <i>Pastor, New Mt. Zion AME Church, Eufaula, AL</i>
HOUR OF POWER (<i>Thurs</i>)	TBA <i>(Women in Ministry ~ Worship Leader & Program Participants)</i>
HOUR OF POWER (<i>Fri</i>)	TBA <i>(Sons of Allen ~ Worship Leader & Program Participants)</i>
LAY NIGHT (<i>New Lives in Christ Celebration</i>)	TBA
COMMISSIONING CLOSING	Bishop Adam J. Richardson <i>Presiding Pastor of the 11th Episcopal District AME Church</i>

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FIFTH SESSION

Alabama River Region Annual Conference

October 2 - 4, 2014

Brown Chapel AME Church, Selma

The Reverend Leodis Strong, Host Pastor
The Reverend Albert L. Hyche, Host Presiding Elder

SERMONS AND SERVICES

WMS (Thurs. Noonday Service)	TBA
ANNUAL	The Rev. Sammie Nelms Pastor, United AME Church, Wetumpka, AL
HOUR of POWER (Fri)	TBA (Sons of Allen & Worship Leader & Praise Participants)
LAY NIGHT (New Lives in Christ Celebration) ..	TBA
COMMISSIONING CLOSING	Bishop James L. Davis

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FOURTH YEAR	The Rev. Dr. Farrell Duncombe
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FIFTH SESSION

Northeast Alabama Annual Conference

October 15 - 18, 2014

St. John AME Church, Ft. Mitchell

The Reverend Maurice Wright, II, Host Pastor
The Reverend Samuel Smith, Host Presiding Elder

SERMONS AND SERVICES

WMS (Night in White)	TBA
ANNUAL	The Rev. Nathaniel Copeland <i>Pastor, Washington Chapel AME Church, Tuskegee, AL</i>
HOOR of POWER (Thurs)	TBA <i>(Women in Ministry ~ Worship Leader & Program Participants)</i>
HOOR of POWER (Fri)	TBA <i>(Sons of Allen ~ Worship Leader & Program Participants)</i>
LAY NIGHT (New Lives in Christ Celebration)...	TBA
COMMISSIONING CLOSING.....	Bishop James L. Davis

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FIFTH SESSION

Southwest Alabama Annual Conference

October 22 - 26, 2014

The Chapel at Black Bluff, Rosebud/St James & Gaines Chapel AME Church,
Co-Host Churches

Reverends Isiah Perry, Sr., LaChaune Nicole Slater and Joseph Williams,
Co-Host Pastors
Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn L. Denson, Host Presiding Elder

SERMONS AND SERVICES

WMS (<i>Night in White</i>)	TBA
ANNUAL	The Rev. Amos Smith <i>Pastor, Antioch AME Church, Grimsboro, AL</i>
HOUR OF POWER (<i>Thurs</i>)	TBA <i>(Women in Ministry ~ Worship Leader & Program Participants)</i>
HOUR OF POWER (<i>Fri</i>)	TBA <i>(Sons of Allen ~ Worship Leader & Program Participants)</i>
LAY NIGHT (<i>New Lives in Christ Celebration</i>)	TBA
COMMISSIONING CLOSING	Bishop James L. Davis

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THIRD YEAR	The Rev. T. W. Parker
FOURTH YEAR	The Rev. _____
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The Hour of Power Service

(Women in Ministry ~ Worship Leader & Program Participants)

THURSDAY - 1:00PM

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, make known God's depth of power.
People: In due time, God sent Moses, Miriam, and Aaron to rescue Israel from slavery. God brought God's people out of bondage.
ALL: Sing - Sing - Sing to the Lord; tell God's wonderful works.

THE OPENING PRAISE "JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS" (Pg 45-46)

THE PRAYER

THE CHORAL RESPONSE "LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN"

*Let the church say Amen, let the church say Amen
God has spoken, so let the church say Amen.*

THE OFFERING (Finance Committee)

THE CHANT "ALL THINGS COME OF THEE"
(Tune - A.M.E. Hymnal No. 646)

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE

THE MINISTRY IN MUSIC

THE MESSAGE

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

"SAVED, SAVED!"

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! He loved me ere I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love, And thus He bound me to Him;
And round my heart still closely twine Those ties which naught can sever?
For I am His, and He is mine, Forever and forever.

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! He bled, he died to save me;
And not alone the gift of life, but His own self He gave me;
Naught that I have mine own I call, I'll hold it for the giver;
My heart, my strength, my life, my all Are His, and His forever.

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! So kind and true and tender,
So wise a counselor and guide, So mighty a defender!
From Him who loves me now so well, What power my soul shall sever?
Shall life or death, shall earth or hell? No! I am His forever.

THE BENEDICTION

The Opening Worship Service

THURSDAY - 7:00PM

A MOMENT OF REVERENCE CONFERENCE CHOIR

"WELCOME INTO THIS PLACE"

(African American Heritage Hymnal #114)

Welcome into this place. Welcome into this broken vessel.
You desire to abide in the praises of Your people, so we lift our hands
and we lift our hearts as we offer up this praise unto Your name.

THE DOXOLOGY (Tune - A.M.E. Hymnal #17 "Hursley")

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will seek Your good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in Your house Lord, I have loved Your habitation, the place where Your honor dwells.

People: For the Lord is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight. O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

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

THE OPENING PRAISE "AND ARE WE YET ALIVE" (Pg 45)

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER CONFERENCE CHOIR & CONGREGATION

"YOU PRAY FOR ME"

I pray for you, you pray for me and watch God change things
I pray for you, you pray for me and watch God change things

THE INVOCATION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE "THANK YOU, LORD"

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank You, Lord - I just want to thank You, Lord.
Been so good, been so good, been so good, I just want to thank You, Lord. Amen.

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

THE SCRIPTURE READING

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE..... "FROM ALL THAT DWELLS"

(Tune - A.M.E. Hymnal No. 69 - Woodworth)

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.

THE DECALOGUE (SUMMARY)

Hear what Christ our savior says, you shall love the Lord Your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. The second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE MISSION HYMN "ONLY WHAT YOU DO FOR CHRIST WILL LAST"

You may build great cathedrals large or small,
You can build sky scrapers grand and tall,
You may conquer all the failures of the past,
But only what you do for Christ will last.

Remember only what you do for Christ will last.
Remember only what you do for Christ will last.

Only what you do for Him will be counted at the end;
only what you do for Christ will last!

You may seek earthly power and fame,
the world might be impressed by your great name,
Soon the glories of this life will all be past,
But only what you do for Christ will last.

Though you songs and prayers are heard and praised by man,
they've no meaning unless you've been born again,
Sinner, heed these words, don't let this harvest pass,
for only what you do for Christ will last.

THE MISSION OFFERING

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER

THE SERMONIC HYMN..... "I'VE A MESSAGE FROM THE LORD" (Pg 45)

THE ANNUAL SERMON

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP HYMN

"I SURRENDER ALL" (Pg 46)

THE OFFERING (Finance Committee)

THE CHANT "WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN"

(Tune - A.M.E. Hymnal No. 646 - St. Andrew)

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

THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CONSECRATION HYMN "KING OF MY LIFE" (Pg 47-48)

THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things. Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

"KING OF MY LIFE" (Pg 47-48)

"WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS" (Pg 48)

"HE WILL REMEMBER ME" (Pg 48)

"THERE'S ROOM AT THE CROSS FOR YOU" (Pg 48)

"DOWN AT THE CROSS" (Pg 49)

"AT THE CROSS" (Pg 49)

THE FELLOWSHIP SONG "WHAT A FELLOWSHIP"

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

THE BENEDICTION

The Hour of Power Service

(Sons of Allen - Worship Leader & Program Participants)

FRIDAY - 1:00 PM

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Minister: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.**

ALL: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."**

THE OPENING SONG "STANDING ON THE PROMISES" (Pg 46)

THE PRAYER

THE CHORAL RESPONSE "PASS ME NOT, O GENTLE SAVIOR"

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by. Amen.*

THE OFFERING (Finance Committee)

THE CHANT "ALL THINGS COME OF THEE"
(Tune - A.M.E. Hymnal No. 644)

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE

THE MINISTRY IN MUSIC

THE MESSAGE

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

"SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING"

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me;
See on the portals He's waiting and watching, Watching for you and for me.*

**Come home, Come home, come home, come home,
Ye who are weary, come home; Earnestly tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!**

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and for me?*

*Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, Passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, death's night is coming, Coming for you and for me.*

*O for the wonderful love He has promised, Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, Pardon for you and for me.*

THE BENEDICTION

The Retirement Celebration Service

THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

We come now in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to give God the praise for the life and labors of *this/these* preacher(s) who *is/are* retiring from the itinerancy and to acknowledge *his/her/their* service in the ministry of the church.

THE INVOCATION

Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your Holy Name, and finally by your mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF PREACHER(S)

Reverend Father in God, the _____ Annual Conference desires formally to recognize at this session the completion of the active service of _____ of its ministers. As Secretary of the Annual Conference, I present unto you these faithful ministers for this service of recognition and honor, in appreciation of their untiring labors in the Christian ministry.

THE RESPONSE

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6

THE TESTIMONIES TO THE LIFE OF MINISTRY

THE RESPONSE AND EXPRESSIONS FROM THE RETIREES

THE MESSAGE OF TRIBUTE

Beloved, the record of your active ministry is written. It is written in the records of God.

Your Church is deeply grateful for your ministry and for the care which you have exercised in faithfully fulfilling your vows of ordination. May the precious memories of your years of sacrificial service and fruitful labor be blessed and hallowed.

And now, as you yield your official responsibilities in the active ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, be assured that the years that are yet to be, may be filled with good works and become the crown of all your ministry, bringing glory and honor to you and to the Church. The congregation of which you will be a member will look to you for spiritual guidance and godly example. Your brethren in the ministry will continue to seek and respect your counsel. They will annually listen for your answer to the Roll Call of the Conference.

THE SOLO: IT IS WELL

THE FINAL WORD OF APPRECIATION & THE BISHOP'S BLESSING

Clergy Expressed Intent to Superannuate

Rev. Xavier Carter, Northwest Annual Conference

The Memorial Moment Service

THE CALL TO PRAISE

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

THE PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE

THE SELECTION

THE PRESENTATION OF NAMES OF THOSE BEING MEMORIALIZED

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE EXPRESSIONS FROM THE BISHOP

THE BENEDICTION

In Loving Memory

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

REV. PERCY WASHINGTON

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

REV. JERRY WILSON

REV. LOUIS JACKSON

ALABAMA RIVER REGION CONFERENCE

NO DEATHS

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

REV. ELUAH MCKISSIC

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

REV. KEVIN BECKHAM

Rest in Peace, Servants!

* PRESIDING ELDER - PLEASE NOTIFY THE FAMILY OF THIS SERVICE

The Lay Organization Night

Lay Fulfilling the Great Commission!

New Lives in Christ Celebration

PRESENTATION OF THE TOP

NINE (9) CONFERENCE SOUL WINNING CONGREGATIONS

Conference Soul Winning Congregation is determined by the following -

1. Largest number of accessions in each category reported to the quarterly conference this conference year.
2. List of new member's name, address, telephone number & email address - as required to be submitted at the time of completing the pastor's report online.
3. All new members must be present on Friday night in order to be considered.
4. The congregation meeting all requirements and having the highest accessions in one of the three categories shall be awarded a cash prize for the pastor, church and the presiding elder's district.

CATEGORY 1

200 or more (members)

50 or greater (accessions)

CATEGORY 2

75 - 199 (members)

25 - 49 (accessions)

CATEGORY 3

3 - 74 (members)

1 - 24 (accessions)

OUR COLLECTIVE APPRECIATION GIFT

Welcome

to the

African Methodist Episcopal Church Family!

The Closing Worship Service

SATURDAY - 11:30A.M.

THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We give thanks within his holy sanctuary.

People: For the blessings of life and the strength of God's love, we worship our God.

Minister: We sing as a people who have the joy of Jesus in our lives.

People: For the goodness of his grace and the power of his mercy, we sing hallelujah to the Lamb.

Minister: So let us celebrate the liberation we have in God's divine spirit.

People: Give thanks with a triumphant voice and worship in spirit and truth.

THE OPENING PRAISE "WE'LL PRAISE THE LORD" (Pg 46)

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER "It's Me, Standing in the Need of Prayer"

It's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer;

It's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE "PRAISE HIM"

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus, blessed Savior He's worthy to be praised.

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE MISSION OFFERING

What shall I render unto God for all His blessings?

What shall I render, (Tell me) What shall I give?

God has ev'ry thing; Ev'ry thing belongs to Him.

God has ev'ry thing; Ev'ry thing belongs to Him.

What shall I render, Tell me what shall I give?

THE CHANT "ALL THINGS COME OF THEE"
(Tune - A.M.E. Hymnal No. 644)

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

THE SERMONIC HYMN "BLESSED ASSURANCE" (Pg 46-47)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

"WE OFFER CHRIST TO YOU"

*We offer Christ to you, oh, my brother, We offer Christ to you, oh, my sister.
He will give you brand new life Through life abundantly;
Oh come, come on to Christ.*

THE WORSHIP THROUGH OFFERING (Finance Committee)

THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS & EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

THE RESOLUTIONS

THE FINANCE REPORT



The Commissioning Service

THE HYMN "A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE" (PAGE 47)

THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

THE PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE - (II TIMOTHY 4:1-5)

THE DISPATCHING HYMN "GO, PREACH MY GOSPEL" (Pg. 47)

THE READING OF APPOINTMENTS

"TILL WE MEET AGAIN"

*Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet; God be with you till we meet again. Amen.*

THE BENEDICTION



The Annual Conference Singing

AND ARE WE YET ALIVE

And are we yet alive, And see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give, For His redeeming grace!

Preserved by power divine, To full salvation here,
Again in Jesus' praise we join, And in His sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, What conflicts have we passed, Fightings
without, and fears within, Since we assembled last.

But out of all the Lord, Hath brought us by His love;
And still He doth His help afford, And hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast, Of His redeeming power,
Which saves us to the uttermost, Till we can sin no more.

I'VE A MESSAGE FROM THE LORD

I've a message from the Lord, Hallelujah! The message unto you I'll give;
'Tis recorded in His Word, Hallelujah! It is only that you "look and live."

Look and live, my brother, live, Look to Jesus now and live;
'Tis recorded in His Word, Hallelujah! It is only that you look and live.

I've a message full of love, Hallelujah! A message, O my friend for you;
'Tis a message from above, Hallelujah! Jesus said it and I know 'tis true.

Life is offered unto you, Hallelujah! Eternal life your soul shall have,
If you only look to Him, Hallelujah! Look to Jesus Who alone can save.

I will tell you how I came, Hallelujah! To Jesus, when He made me whole;
'Twas believing on His Name, Hallelujah! I trusted and He saved my soul.

I SURRENDER ALL

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee,
my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me, May I know Thy power divine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender, Now I feel the sacred flame;
O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to His name.

JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS

I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in, And then a little light from
heaven filled my soul; It bathed my heart in love, and wrote my name
above, And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

Now let us – Have a little talk with Jesus, tell Him about our troubles,
Hear our faintest cry, answer by and by; Feel a little prayer wheel
turning, Know a little fire is burning, Find a little talk with Jesus
makes it right.

Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer, And then a cloud
of doubt may hide the light of day; The mists of sin may rise and hide the
starry skies, But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way.

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears, But Jesus is a
friend who watches day and night; I go to Him in prayer, He knows my
every care, And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Through eternal ages let His
praises ring, Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the
promises of God.

*Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, When the howling storms of
doubt and fear assail, By the living Word of God I shall prevail, Standing on
the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him eternally by
love's strong cord, Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, Standing on
the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, Listening every moment to the
Spirit's call, Resting in my Savior as my all in all, Standing on the promises
of God.

WE'LL PRAISE THE LORD

We'll praise the Lord for He is great, And in His presence angels wait;
All heaven is swelling with His praise, Shall we not, to, our anthems raise?

O we will praise Him, O we will praise Him,
O we will praise His holy name!
O we will praise Him, O we will praise Him,
O we will praise His holy name!

We'll praise the Lord for He is wise; His wisdom shines through all the
skies; The earth He measures with a span, And crowns us with His image,
man.

We'll praise the Lord for He is just, And in Him we may ever trust;
Princes and kings may turn aside, But God by right will e'er abide.

We'll praise the Lord for He is true, His word the same all ages through;
Earth, sea and sky may pass away, But firm God's truth will ever stay.

O praise Him for His name is love, And from His glorious throne above
He bends to welcome our weak praise; Shall we not, then, I anthems
raise?

BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my
sight; Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of
love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His
love.

A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE

A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage To do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care, As in Thy sight to live,
And O, Thy servant, Lord, prepare, A strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray, And on Thyself rely
Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die. Amen.

GO PREACH MY GOSPEL

"Go, preach My gospel," saith the Lord, "Bid the whole earth
My grace receive. Explain to them My sacred word;
Bid them believe, obey, and live.

"I'll make My great commission known, And ye shall prove
My gospel true By all the works that I have done
And all the wonders ye shall do.

"Go, heal the sick; go, raise the dead; Go, cast out devils in
My name; Nor let My prophets be afraid,
Though Greeks reproach and Jews blaspheme.

"While thus ye follow My commands I'm with you till
the world shall end; All power is trusted in My hands;
I can destroy and can defend."

He spake, and light shone round His head, On a bright cloud to heaven He
rode. They to the farthest nation spread
The grace of their ascended God.



COMMUNION HYMNS

KING OF MY LIFE

King of my life, I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Calvary.

*Lest I forget Gethsemane; Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary.*

Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid, Tenderly mourned and wept;
Angels in robes of light arrayed Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.

Let me like Mary, through the gloom, Come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the empty tomb, Lead me to Calvary.

May I be willing, Lord, to bear Daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share, Thou hast borne all for me.

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My
richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God; All the
vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled
down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a
crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering too small; Love so
amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

HE WILL REMEMBER ME

When on the cross of Calvary The Lord was crucified,
The Mob stood 'round about Him, And mocked until He died. Two thieves
were nailed beside Him, To share the agony,
But one of them cried out to Him, "O Lord remember me."

*Will the Lord remember me When I am called to go? When I have
crossed death's chilly sea Will He His love there show? O, yes, He
heard my feeble cries, From bondage set me free; And when I reach
the pearly gates, He will remember me.*

O, what a shame to kill Him There on that rugged cross; But such a death
was needed To rescue all the lost. His blood was made a ransom To set
the captives free; I know that I'm included and
He will remember me.

At His dear feet I'm kneeling, My sins I now confess; I bow in deep
repentance, My soul He'll surely bless. My blinded eyes He opens So that
the light I see; And when I reach the pearly gates
He will remember me.

THERE'S ROOM AT THE CROSS

The cross upon which Jesus died Is a shelter in which we can hide
And its grace so free Is sufficient for me And deep is its fountain as wide
as the sea.

*There's room at the cross for you, There's room at the cross for you
Tho' millions have come, There's still room for one Yes, there's room
at the cross for you.*

Tho' millions have found him a friend, And have turned from the sins they
have sinned The Savior still waits To open the gates
And welcome a sinner before it's too late.

The hand of my Savior is strong, And the love of my Savior is long;
Through sunshine or rain, Through loss or in gain,
The blood flows from Calvary to cleanse ev'ry stain.

DOWN AT THE CROSS

Down at the cross where my Savior died, Down where for cleansing from
sin I cried, There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His Name!

*Glory to His Name, Glory to His Name: There to my heart was the
blood applied; Glory to His Name!*

I am so wondrously saved from sin, Jesus so sweetly abides within; There
at the cross where He took me in; Glory to His Name!

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin, I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean; Glory to His Name!

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's
feet; Plunge in today, and be made complete; Glory to His Name!

AT THE CROSS

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?

*At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away, It was there by faith I received
my sight, And now I am happy all the day.*

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity!
grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut his glories in,
When Christ the mighty Maker died For man, the creature's sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'Tis all that I can do.

The Missionary Benediction

In the Name of the Triune God, May the Spirit of Christian Missions
Enter every heart. This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.



The Lay Benediction

May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity,
That we may live together, not as man over man,
but as Lay persons working with God. Amen.



The District Benediction

Every Member a Christian, Every Christian a Worker
Every Worker Trained, Every Trained Worker Saved
Every Saved Worker a Tither
This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Disciplinary Questions

1. Who are the preachers admitted on trial?
2. Who remain on trial?
3. Who are admitted or readmitted to full connection?
4. Who have been elected and ordained deacons?
5. Who have been elected and ordained elders?
6. Who have been located this year?
7. Who have been elected by the General Conference to exercise the Episcopal Office and to superintend the African Methodist Episcopal Church?
8. Who are the supernumerary preachers?
9. Who are the superannuated preachers?
10. Who have been expelled from the Connection by this Conference?
11. Who have withdrawn this year from this Conference and the Connection?
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?
13. What members of the Conference have died this year?
14. Have all the preachers subscribed to *The Christian Recorder* and also to *The A. M. E. Church Review*, *The Voice of Missions*, *The Journal of Christian Education*, *The Secret Chamber*, or *The Missionary Magazine*?
15. What preachers are indebted to any of the departments or the church publications?
16. (A) Does each station, circuit, or mission in this Annual Conference have a Lay Organization? (B) If not, what stations, circuits, or missions do not have a Lay Organization?
17. (A) Does each station, circuit, or mission in this Annual Conference have a Koinonias Ministry? (B) If not, what stations, circuits, or missions do not have a Koinonias Ministry?
18. When shall this Annual Conference next meet?
19. Where shall our next Annual Conference be held?
20. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Notes

Notes

*A Pictorial Peek at the 1st District's
God Moment*





To God Be the Glory!



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Absent
 McColl
 Barbours
 Felicia
 Jennifer Jones
 Darnell
 Williams
 R. Sheri
 R. Johnson

St. John A.M.E. Church 4th Quarterly Conference Agenda August 21, 2014

Devotion
 Selection of Secretary
 Establishment of Quarterly Conference Boundaries
 Selection of Marshall - Col. Heyward
 Approval of Agenda

Greetings from Presiding Elder Allen

Roll Call - Whitehead
 Reading of the Minutes - Whitehead
 Treasurer's Report - Anderson (Cheryl)

Disciplinary Questions

Reports from Boards

- (6) Steward Board - Nicks
- (4) Trustee Board - Williams
- (7) Stewardess - Mrs. Williams - Total members (40)
- (8) Women's Missionary Society - 41 Total (62) New members
- YPD - Sanders
- Christian Education - Dillhunt
- Church School - Sanifer - 146 Total
- Lay Organization - Hodges Washington
- IThrive - Jenette Smith (12)
- Media - Curtis (9) (1) New
- Women's Ministry - Teague
- (10) Sons of Allen - 77 members Justin
- (8) Hospitality Ministry - Pam
- (3) Dance Ministry - Patterson
- Koinonias - (26) Justin
- Military Ministry - No report
- Kitchen Ministry - Mayhew
- Senior Usher Board - No report
- Newsletter Ministry - Near 300 families 60-70 on internet
- Habitat for Humanity - No report Mr. Whitehead

Closing Remarks from Presiding Elder Allen
 Adjournment

Stewards - church wide visitation 1st Sat.
 Trustee - possibly getting another vehicle
 Stewardess - 1,660 needs for 2014
 Missionary - met 901 last Tues.

Negotiating with Japanese Company to build a
 Hotel on property we own, Jefferson county
 looking at staff 621
 truck

To help continue
 all that needs
 be done

23 Harvest Home
 Grady Madison
 - Devotional Service
 - 10 min. meditation
 - Power point of
 upcoming conf.
 Things for pastors &
 delegates
 - Cook out

Marrried - 1
 Baptism - 5
 610,677.40 Total Amount Raised

Planning Meeting will be at
 Middle School

Wallace attending
 Bethel AME
 Montgomery
 mobile

At the point of selling the
 Episcopal office
 This will not be the
 end of the request for
 Friday at Legacy
 Village

11:30 Answer

any questions
 about Legacy Village
 Building about 17 miles

Conf - 1
 Nov 11
 Nov 12
 67 for the
 year

Family 2
 to - 2
 Cert - 2
 left - 1
 Cert
 1/29/2014
 337
 Full
 membership

13-Att.
 73-Prep
 45-Sun School
 attendance
 Not Incorporated
 1.4 million
 Insurance

900,000
 General
 Budget

New
 Improbable
 coming in

The African Methodist Episcopal Church
9th Episcopal District



2014

Mid-Winter Conference

"FOUNDERS' DAY AND MID-YEAR EVALUATION"

March 20-22, 2014

James L. Davis, Servant Bishop
Arelis B. Davis, WMS Supervisor

R. E. V. I. V. E.

"Rekindling Eternal Vision, Inspiring Victory Everywhere"

Opening Evening Worship Service

Thursday, March 20, 2014
7:00pm



The Reverend Bruce Hunter, Worship Leader

*St. Mark A.M.E. Church, Tuscaloosa
Northwest Alabama Annual Conference*

THE PRAISE MOMENT Led by Minister Michael Dawsey

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Damien Littlejohn
*Bryant Chapel AME Church, Birmingham
Northwest Alabama Annual Conference*

LEADER: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

PEOPLE: *For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.*

LEADER: Who may climb the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

PEOPLE: *Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies.*

LEADER: They will receive the Lord's blessing and have a right relationship with God their Savior.

PEOPLE: *Such people may seek you and worship in your presence, O God of Jacob.*

LEADER: Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter.

PEOPLE: *Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord, invincible in battle.*

LEADER: Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter.

All: *Who is the King of glory? The Lord of Heaven's Armies— he is the King of glory.*

THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION Rev. Jimmie Reeves
*Freemount AME Church, Eufaula
Southeast Alabama Annual Conference*

"I AM SO GLAD THAT JESUS LOVES ME"

I am so glad that our Father in Heav'n, Tells of His love in the Book He has giv'n;
Wonderful things in the Bible I see, This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me.

I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me.

Though I forget Him, and wander away, Still He doth love me wherever I stray;
Back to His dear loving arms I do flee, When I remember that Jesus loves me.

Oh, if there's only one song I can sing, When in His beauty I see the great King,
This shall my song through eternity be, "Oh, what a wonder that Jesus loves me!"

THE PRAYER	Rev. Roderick Callins St. Mark AME Church, Brigham Northwest Alabama Annual Conference
THE PRAYER RESPONSE	"JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS"

*Now let us have a little talk with Jesus, Let us tell Him all about our troubles
He will hear our faintest cry, He will answer by and by
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning And you know a little fire is burning
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right*

THE SCRIPTURE.....	Rev. Pamela Edwards Bethel AME Church, Hartford Southeast Alabama Annual Conference
THE SELECTION	Mt. Zion AME Church Choir Trussville, Alabama Rev. Cheryl Shipman, Pastor
THE BENEVOLENT OFFERING	Rev. James E. Arnell St. Johns AME Church, Montgomery Alabama River Region Annual Conference
THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS	Rev. Dwight E. Dillard Presiding Elder of the Birmingham Florence Tuscaloosa District Northwest Alabama Annual Conference
THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER.....	Bishop James L. Davis
THE SELECTION.....	Mt. Zion AME Church Choir Trussville, Alabama Rev. Cheryl Shipman, Pastor
THE PREACHED WORD	
THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....	Rev. Maurice Wright St. John AME Church, Ft. Mitchell Northwest Alabama Annual Conference

"WE OFFER CHRIST TO YOU"

*We offer Christ to you, oh my brother.
We offer Christ to you, oh my sister.
He will give you brand new life,
through life abundantly;
oh come, come on to Christ.*

THE OFFERING.....	9 th District Finance Committee
THE DIRECTIONS	
THE BENEDICTION.....	

Mid-Day Empowerment Service

Friday, March 21, 2014
12:30pm



The Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn L. Denson, Worship Leader

*Presiding Elder of the Camden District
Southwest Alabama Annual Conference*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DIRECTIONS	Rev. Damien Littlejohn <i>Bryant Chapel AME Church, Birmingham Northwest Alabama Annual Conference</i>
THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS	Rev. Mashod Evans <i>St. John AME Church, Birmingham Northwest Alabama Annual Conference</i>
THE PRAISE MOMENT	Led by Minister Michael Dawsey

"GLAD TO BE IN THE SERVICE"

*Glad to be in the service, Glad to be in the service,
Glad to be in the service one more time
He didn't have to let me live,
He didn't have to let me live,
Glad to be in the service one more time
One more time, one more time
One more time, one more time
Glad to be in the service one more time*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP	Rev. Richard Davis <i>Guines Chapel AME Church, Forestdale Northwest Alabama Annual Conference</i>
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LEADER:	The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.
PEOPLE:	<i>For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.</i>
LEADER:	Who may climb the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?
PEOPLE:	<i>Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies.</i>
LEADER:	They will receive the Lord's blessing and have a right relationship with God their Savior.
PEOPLE:	<i>Such people may seek you and worship in your presence, O God of Jacob.</i>
LEADER:	Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter.
PEOPLE:	<i>Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord, invincible in battle.</i>
LEADER:	Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter.
All:	Who is the King of glory? The Lord of Heaven's Armies— he is the King of glory.

THE SONG OF CELEBRATION.....	Rev. Brunhilde Mitchell <i>Peachburg Circuit AME Church, Peachburg Northeast Alabama Annual Conference</i>
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"BLESSED ASSURANCE"

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

THE PRAYER	Rev. Sammie Nelms <i>United AME Church, Verbena Alabama River Region Annual Conference</i>
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THE PRAYER RESPONSE	"Yield Not to Temptation"
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*Ask the Savior to help you, Comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through.*

THE SCRIPTURE.....	Rev. Percy W. Jones, Sr. <i>Payne Chapel AME Church, Titusville Northwest Alabama Annual Conference</i>
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THE SELECTION

THE BENEVOLENT OFFERING	Rev. Bobby B. Cox <i>Bethel AME Church, Mobile Southwest Alabama Annual Conference</i>
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THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER.....	Bishop James L. Davis
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THE SELECTION

THE PREACHED WORD

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....	Rev. Ronald Thompson <i>Greater Bethel AME Church, Brundidge Southeast Alabama Annual Conference</i>
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"I SURRENDER ALL"

All to Jesus, I surrender, All to Him I freely give
I will ever love & serve Him In His presence, daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all

All to Jesus, I surrender Humbly at his feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken Take me Jesus, take me now

THE OFFERING.....	Rev. Mashod Evans <i>9th District Finance Committee</i>
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THE BENEDICTION.....

9th Episcopal District Founders Day Worship Service

Friday, March 21, 2014

7:00pm



The Reverend Isaac N. Hudson, Jr., Worship Leader

Nichols Chapel A. M. E. Church, Phenix City

Northeast Alabama Annual Conference

THE PRAISE..... Led by Minister Michael Dawsey

THE CALL TO WORSHIP..... Rev. Dr. Farrell Duncombe
St. Paul AME Church, Montgomery
Alabama River Region Annual Conference

LEADER: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

PEOPLE: Because Thou hast been my help, therefore under the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.

LEADER: Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

PEOPLE: In God will I praise His word; in the Lord will I praise His word.

LEADER: Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves, we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

PEOPLE: The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple. Order my steps in Thy word: and let not my iniquities have dominion over me.

LEADER: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

PEOPLE: With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandment. Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

LEADER: For the Lord is good. His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth to all generation.

All: O Come let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE # 519 Rev. Ruby Heard-Bustamonte
St Paul AME Church, Sylacauga
Alabama River Region Annual Conference

"The Church Is One Foundation"

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation, by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
 by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;
 yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
 she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
 till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
 and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in one,
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
 like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

THE PRAYER Rev. Isiah S. Perry, Sr.
Black Bluff AME Church, Cozy
Southwest Alabama Annual Conference

THE PRAYER RESPONSE "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"
Savior, Savior hear my humble cry,
While on others thou art calling
Do not pass my by.

THE SELECTION Southeast Annual Conference Choir

THE SCRIPTURE..... Rev. Lionel C. Green
Uchee Chapel AME Church, Uchee
Northeast Alabama Annual Conference

THE CONTEMPORARY DECALOGUE & SUMMARY..... Rev. Albert Robinson
Friendship AME Church, Daphne
Southwest Alabama Annual Conference

Tune: AME Hymnal No. 614 (Anderson)

Leader: Hear the commandments of God to His people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: You shall not commit murder.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Leader: **You shall not steal.**

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Leader: **You shall not be a false witness.**

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Leader: **You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

THE SUMMARY

Leader: And He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your Soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

THE GLORIA PATRI

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN."

THE FOUNDERS DAY LITANY.....

Rev. Anre' D. Faush

*Allen Temple AME Church, Bessemer
Northwest Alabama Annual Conference*

"Celebrating the 'A' in AME – written by Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr.

LEADER: **Do I despise my heritage, my unique physique, my looks, my locks, my manner of speech?**

PEOPLE: These, too, are among my treasures from God; I am determined to be "True to our God" – in thanksgiving – for the precise humanity given to me and the person God made me to be.

LEADER: I affirm with glad heart that God is Creator, and the Creator included Africa in the geographical crucible from which Salvation History would be launched. The biblical narratives of Creation, the Exodus, the Law and the Prophets, generals and warriors, vigorous and expressive worship, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit would be very much incomplete without Africa. Why would I despise what God has esteemed?

PEOPLE: These, too, are my renewing treasures from God; I am determined to be "True to our God" – in grateful praise – for the precise humanity given to me and the person God made me to be.

LEADER: Give a thought to Africa – the birth of civilization. The progenitors of the nations have their genesis in Africa. The Nile, famous in every worthwhile book of geography, makes its majestic northerly 4,000 mile run through Africa, wending its way into the pages of the sacred writ. Moses was born in Egypt; married Zipporah, a beautiful Nubian woman. The biblical narrative could not be fully told without the honorable and numerous references to Ethiopia. The star-gazing Magi, "westward leading, still proceeding" in the direction of Africa; bringing with them prophetic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to offer at the feet of Jesus, Incarnate God. Jesus spent his earliest years in Africa. Why would I despise what God has esteemed?

PEOPLE: These, too, are my self-affirming treasures from God; I am determined to be "True to our God" – in Stewardship, like the 'wise men' of old – for the precise humanity given to me and the person God made me to be.

LEADER: People of African heritage, many who looked like me, in a variety of shades of blackness, were among the first to acknowledge the Christ of God: helping "Jesus bear the Cross" to the place called Calvary, standing in the crowd listening to Peter preach the first Christian sermon after Pentecost; among the first to ask "how is it that we hear in our own language;" to be among the first to "wade in the water" at the baptism of the 3,000; inviting Deacon Philip into my ancestor's chariot to help him sort through the Scriptures, in search of the Christ of history; the Christ of faith - and to take that 'Good News' home to Ethiopia. Why would I despise what God has esteemed?

THE MISSION OFFERING.....	Rev. Roosevelt Williams, III <i>Hopewell AME Church, Kingston Northwest Alabama Annual Conference</i>
THE PRESENTATION OF THE MESSENGER.....	Bishop James L. Davis
THE SELECTION.....	Southeast Annual Conference Choir
THE SERMON	BISHOP SAMUEL LAWRENCE GREEN, SR. <i>Presiding Prelate, 12th Episcopal District - AME Church</i>
THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....	Rev. Agnes M. Lover <i>Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Florence Northwest Alabama Annual Conference</i>

"COME UNTO JESUS"

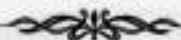
Come unto Jesus while you have time
Come unto Jesus, make up your mind
He will make your life brand new,
Oh He will take care of you
Come unto Jesus while you have time

Just know Jesus sure has paid off in your life
Come unto Jesus while you have time
Though you may not have a friend
He'll go with you 'til the end
Come to Jesus while you have time

THE OFFERING.....	9 th Episcopal District Finance Committee
THE DIRECTIONS	
THE DIRECTION.....	Bishop James L. Davis
THE BENEDICTION.....	Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.

Closing Meditation Worship Service

Saturday, March 22, 2014
1:30pm



Mrs. Dorothy Davis, Worship Leader
9th Episcopal District WMS Worship Leader
Northwest Alabama Annual Conference

THE PRAISE.....	WMS Melodies of Praise
THE PRAYER.....	Ms. Cassandra Hughley <i>Southwest Alabama Annual Conference</i>
THE SCRIPTURE.....	Miss Eleeze Jones <i>Northwest Alabama Annual Conference</i>
THE ARTS MINISTRY..... "Liturgy Dance".....	St. Paul AME Church, Smithfield <i>Northwest Alabama Annual Conference</i>
THE MISSION OFFERING.....	The 9th Episcopal District Finance Committee
THE PRAISE SELECTION.....	WMS Melodies of Praise
CLOSING CHARGE.....	
INVITATION OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....	Rev. Sheila Williams <i>St. Mark AME Church, Doon</i> <i>Northwest Alabama Annual Conference</i>
THE OFFERING.....	9th District Finance Committee
READING OF APPOINTMENTS.....	Bishop James L. Davis
BENEDICTION	Bishop James L. Davis

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Daily Schedule
 9th Episcopal District
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 Daily Schedule
 March 20-22, 2014

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2. **Prayer Focused** . . . and a
3. **Worshipping** AME Church.

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 Them, Including Me!*



Daily Agenda



THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014

TIME	EVENT
09:30a.m. – 10:25a.m.	Bishop's Meeting with the Council of Presiding Elders
10:30a.m. – 10:55a.m.	General Assembly
	➤ Praise
	➤ Prayers
	➤ Component Meetings
11:00a.m. – 11:55a.m.	➤ Christian Education Mr. Mark Nathan ➤ Women's Missionary Society Mr. Carolyn Cummings ➤ Sons of Allen Dr. John Campbell and Rev. Robert Turner ➤ Health Ministry Mr. Timothy Davis ➤ Social Action Rev. Linda Strong and Rev. Susan Higgins
12:00p.m. – 12:55p.m.	➤ Lay Organization Rev. James C. Bowers ➤ Evangelism Dr. Eugene Johnson ➤ 9th District-M-SWAAG + PCS Mr. Michael Bryant ➤ Women in Ministry Dr. Mary Hudson ➤ Christian Deaf/Deaf-Mute Rev. Agnes Lister ➤ Karonia Ministry Mr. Robert Smith and Dr. Michael Johnson
01:00p.m. – 02:15p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
02:15p.m. – 03:55p.m.	Components and Ministry Reports (New first to 3 minutes)
	➤ Christian Education Mr. Mark Nathan ➤ Women's Missionary Society Mr. Carolyn Cummings ➤ Sons of Allen Dr. John Campbell and Rev. Robert Turner ➤ Health Ministry Mr. Timothy Davis ➤ Social Action Rev. Linda Strong and Rev. Susan Higgins ➤ Lay Organization Rev. James C. Bowers ➤ Evangelism Dr. Eugene Johnson ➤ 9th District-M-SWAAG + PCS Mr. Michael Bryant ➤ Women in Ministry Dr. Mary Hudson ➤ Christian Deaf/Deaf-Mute Rev. Agnes Lister ➤ Karonia Ministry Mr. Robert Smith and Dr. Michael Johnson
04:00p.m. – 05:30p.m.	CLERGY MEETING WITH BISHOP JAMES L. DAVIS
05:30p.m. – 06:45p.m.	DINNER BREAK
07:00p.m. – 09:00p.m.	OPENING EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2014

TIME	EVENT
07:30a.m. – 08:30a.m.	BREAKFAST
08:35a.m. – 09:05a.m.	Praise and Worship – Lillian Mendenhall, Doreen
09:10a.m. – 09:55a.m.	Bible Study
10:00a.m. – 01:00p.m.	BUSINESS SESSION
	9th Episcopal District Ministry Model Update
	- Love of Money.....Mrs. Carolyn Gentry & Committee - Pentecost.....Mrs. Nedra McDaniel & Committee - Summer Meeting.....Mrs. Hattie Nathan - Witness Without Fear.....Rev. Dr. Eugene Johnson - Nichols Thomas Grady Institute.....Rev. Dr. Patrick Claghorn
	9th Episcopal District Financial Reports
	9th District Administration Fund.....Rev. Oliver Allen - Mid-Year Budget Status.....Rev. Brian Bachaud - Quadrants Travel.....Rev. Ernest A. House
	9th Episcopal District Annual Conference Announcement & Plans
	- New Life in Christ Night - Evangelistic Quotas - Report online and Due Dates for Each Annual Conference - Annual Conference Minutes - Annual Conference Committees
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	General Board InformationBishop James L. Davis
01:00p.m. – 01:30p.m.	BREAK
01:30p.m. – 02:00p.m.	CLOSING MEDITATION
	Reading of Appointment
	Adjournment

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Pastor's Greeting



Greetings to The Right Reverend Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate & Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright, Episcopal Supervisor, Presiding Elder Oliver Allen, Jr., Presiding Elder Dwight Dillard, Pastors, Delegates, Alternates and Observers to the 8th Session of the Northwest Alabama Annual Conference.

On behalf of our energetic ministerial staff, officers and members, I am ecstatic to give my 1st Annual Report as the proud Pastor of the Historic St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, Huntsville, Alabama. I am certain that God's hand has touched and guided our Christian Ministry and service this year.

We are the church in the heart of the city with the city at heart. Our mission is "Sharing the Word and Serving the People." Over the past 11 months, God has truly rained down innumerable blessings upon us whereof we are glad. Worship is exciting and ministry is meaningful. Because of God's goodness, St. John has experienced both spiritual and numerical growth.

As we seek to serve, St. John continues to provide for the needs of our membership and our local community. We are proud supporters of the various district and connectional needs and endeavors. We are grateful for the extraordinary contributions and support of our faithful members who have been steadfast in their humility, commitment and undying love for Christ and His kingdom.

This report offers a glimpse of some activities and ministries that have taken place at St. John Church. While we are excited about what has taken place this conference year, we recognize there is much more work to do. Our anticipation continues to build as we await more of what God has in store for us.

As a point of personal privilege, I'd like to thank Bishop Seawright for the opportunity to serve, and the great people of St. John for your enthusiasm and trust that you have given me. Last but not least, thank you Rev. Joretha Wright and our beautiful children for your support of all that God has called me to do in His vineyard.

In the words of our legendary leader, the Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall, "The best is yet to come."

Forever in His Service,

Rev. Maurice Wright, II
Servant Pastor





St. John



Rev. Joretha Wright



Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall



Rev. Dr. James R. Johnson



Rev. Dr. Daniel Wims



Rev. Meriam Garrett



Rev. Charles Glover



Rev. Robert Hereford, Sr.



Rev. Gloria Madison



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Licentiate



Sister Lillie Rivers
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Brother Justin York
Licentiate



Sister Pamela Whitehead
Secretary, Official Board



Brother Marcus Hill
Pro-Tem, Steward Board



Brother Bill Williams
Pro-Tem, Trustee Board



Sister Karol Hersey
Pastor's Executive Assistant



Sister Barbara Johnson
Secretary, Steward Board



Sister Celeste Gilmore
Secretary, Trustee Board



A Glimpse Of St. John



At The Cross...



10:00 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP



"SHARING THE WORD, SERVING THE PEOPLE."



Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

John Boston	Annie Rush
Mashonda White	Rebecca Rush
Donald Goode	Rosalie Rush
Jailyn Grandberry	Anthony Fears
Gloria Madison	Tristan Myles
David Norwood	Teresa Edwards
Katrisa Norwood	Antonio Wright
Cara Davis	Joyce Little
Arlena M. Brown	Brittney Caulley
London Briggs	Chiquita Green
Roderick A. Green	Pamela Reedus
Lisa R. McCraw	Cornelius Washington
Annie Cook	Mazell Avery
Philip Alan Green	Nakim Solomon
Orlando Clay	Julia Phillips
Aleia Clark	Carmella Goree
Roberta McCoy	Kelsey S. Wilson
Monique White	Alexander Pye
Nadia Young	Aubriana Bonner
Candra H. Branch	Kanisha Tharpe
Nigeria Jones	Torrance Sellers
Talisha Chriotian	Sydney Hawkins
Trenone Johnson	

We are excited about what God is doing in the life of our church and are happy to welcome new members to our church family.

We are the "CHURCH ON CHURCH STREET" and our doors swing open on welcome hinges. It is our sincere desire that our Celebrations of Worship are both uplifting and meaningful in the lives of our members. We pray that you experience the presence of the Lord in this place.

Gone But Not Forgotten

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
And there shall be no more death, neither
sorrow, nor crying, neither shall
there be any pain; for the
former things are passed away.

Revelations 21:4 (KJV)



BROTHER JASON J. BROWN
NOVEMBER 12, 2016



SISTER DELOIS E. PIPPEN
FEBRUARY 13, 2017



BROTHER JERRY BALDWIN
FEBRUARY 23, 2017



SISTER KEERA SHEPHERD
MARCH 5, 2017



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SISTER ELIZABETH S. MOULTON
MAY 3, 2017



SISTER DOLLIE D. MACK
MAY 10, 2017



SISTER LAURETTA Y. TEAGUE
MAY 29, 2017



SISTER LOU V. CLARK
JUNE 10, 2017



Serving The People

The Christian life is one of service. Therefore, as we grow, we must use every opportunity we can to serve others. Through our unselfish acts of kindness, we are able to point others to Christ. When we lend a helping hand we bring to life the mission and ministry of Jesus and the church.

When others need our help most, we should make a special effort to show them that we care. By providing love and support, we can make a real difference in the lives of others. Paul has reminded us that helping others when they are struggling is fundamental to the gospel.

"Sharing The Word, Serving The People."



Women's Brunch (Hosted by First Lady)

The First Lady's Brunch was held on the first Saturday of July at the beautiful home of Pastor Maurice and The Reverend Joretha Wright. The guests were greeted and welcomed with a smile by the junior hostess, Lessie Wright. Once everyone was inside, Pastor Wright blessed the food and the feasting began. The brunch menu was very scrumptious and appetizing to all.

While the attendees were seated and enjoying the delectable foods, First Lady Rita asked all to participate in several entertaining games: "My Name Is" and "Truth or Dare." The afternoon was a time of true sisterhood and much needed fellowship. The activity came to an end with words of inspiration, encouragement and a prayer of recommitment led by Pastor Wright.



Pastor's Welcome Reception

On Sunday, March 12, 2017, the St. John A.M.E. Church family gathered to officially welcome to St. John AME, Huntsville, the new leadership team, Servant Pastor, the Reverend Maurice Wright, II, Executive Minister, the Reverend Joretha Wright, and their children, Joy, Isaiah, Lessie, and Terrence.

It was a sunny, bright and beautiful day in Huntsville as the St. John family, friends and leadership of the Greater Huntsville community gathered to officially welcome the Wrights to Huntsville. It was a cool day, but there were warm hearts and big smiles as the well-wishers came out to extend their hands of friendship to the Wright Family for St. John. Representatives from the city, county and state, and religious community offered words of support and intentions of cooperation to work for the greater good of the Huntsville community. Alabama A&M University (AAMU) presented Pastor Wright the Presidential Medallion as a signal of its confidence and respect for his leadership. AAMU is uniquely connected to St. John AME Church in that they share the Founder. Dr. William Hooper Councill, founder of Alabama A&M University, is also one of the organizers of St. John AME Church where several of the former presidents, trustees, faculty, staff and students attend.

Pastor Wright responded with words of appreciation and noted his commitment to St. John and anticipation of future endeavors with St. John as well as working with the Huntsville community at large.



Former Councilman
Richard Showers



Dr. Aladan Beshir, IMS



Councilman
Devyn Keith



Mr. Anderson
represented the
Mayor's Office



Dr. Jones presented
award to Pastor
Wright

Habitat for Humanity

St. John partnered with other local churches and organizations to provide funding and volunteers to support the Habitat for Humanity of Madison County's 2017 Spring Build. The 2017 Build is a five bedroom home for the Ford Family at 6314 Maywick Drive. The home dedication service was held June 24, 2017. Pastor Maurice Wright II, Sister Tami McGhee and Brother Jesse Johnson represented St. John at the Habitat Dedication Ceremony.



Evening of Spirituals

St. John presented "An Evening of Spirituals" on the last Sunday of Black History Month to an overflowing audience. The service was sponsored by the Music and Christian Arts Department, under the direction of Music Director, Mr. Reginald Pearson. Spirituals were sung during slavery as a form of communications. They are an integral part of Black History.

Miss Erica Fox Washington of 90.9 WJAB radio presented the talented participants. Choirs and soloists included the St. John Mass Choir, Alabama A&M University, Voices of Oakwood University, Montview Elementary Singin' Mustangs, Mr. Walter Williams, the Reverend Janette Kotey, Ms. Kelsey Wilson and Pastor Wright. The accompanists were Mr. Roberto Burton, Dr. Wayne Bucknor, and Mr. Steven Blackmon.



Urban Strings

The Orchestra is a Central Ohio-based community youth orchestra of seriously talented young musicians from various public, private, charter, and suburban schools throughout the metropolitan Columbus area. Urban Strings Columbus performs a multicultural repertoire of great music ranging from classical, jazz, and gospel to R&B and movie themes. On Saturday, June 24, 2017, St. John AME was blessed to host the Urban Strings as they celebrated their 10th anniversary with a Southern Tour. The Urban Strings are under the direction of Mr. Stephen Spottswood and under the guidance of their founder, Ms. Catherine T. Willis.



Church Picnic

The Winfred Thomas Agricultural Research Station (The AAMU Farm), where the Carnival Extravaganza was held on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., was beautifully decorated and ready for all to enter and enjoy the festivities. Because of the glorious weather, the moon bounce, football, inflatables and high strike games were all huge attractions for the children.

Games offered inside included Uno, Spades, and Phase 10. St. John's signature game Family Feud led by Mr. W. Sandifer and Mrs. A. Brownlow was a usual mashing hit. Teams played fearlessly with many winning prizes awarded. The Bid Whist and Phase 10 games competitors almost cheered the roof off the building. Oh yes, there was Bingo for the quiet participants.



AAMU / McCall Endowment

During the Alabama A&M University's Annual Founder's Day Celebration, the members of St. John AME Church presented a check in the amount of \$26,500.00 to Alabama A&M University's 11th President, Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr. to establish an endowed scholarship in honor of the Reverend Dr. Homer Littlefield McCall.



Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall

Dr. McCall worked for approximately 39 years as professor of English and Chaplain at Alabama A&M University and 40 years as Senior Pastor of St. John AME Church. There is a divine connection between the church that the Reverend McCall pastored and the University where he worked and mentored legions of students and young faculty members. Because of the Reverend McCall's love and dedication to Alabama A&M University, the members of St. John AME thought it befitting to establish an endowed scholarship in his honor.





The College Connection

Servant Pastor Maurice Wright, II and the Reverend Joretha Wright, along with members of St. John arrived early on "The Hill" on the mornings of August 10th and 11th to welcome the members of the entering class of 2021 and returning students to Alabama A&M University. The church provided refreshments, encouragement, smiles and friendly advice to the students, their families and friends who traveled from as far away as California and Alaska to attend this historic University.

Students also received information about St. John AME Church, its various ministries and how we welcome them to join us for Sunday Morning Worship and Bible Study. Plans are already underway to expand the church outreach activities in the community.

Below, the students of Foster Hall Complex Living Learning Complex gathered for moments of introduction and prayer with Pastor Wright and Reverend Joretha.



Pastor Wright & Rev. Joretha



Above, Pastor Wright offers prayer in Foster



In It to Win It was the theme of the sermon for the AAMU Day Celebration on the campus of Alabama A&M Univ. Approximately 600 athletes and members of the St. John congregation witnessed this dynamic message of encouragement. Rev. Wright highlighted four important points for students as they engage in goal setting: always consider the outcast, the outlook, the outreach and the outcome. At the conclusion of the message, one student gave her life to Christ and seven others joined as affiliate members.

Bishop's Visit

On Sunday, April 9, 2017, the members of St. John marked Palm Sunday and welcomed the Right Reverend Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate of the Ninth Episcopal District. The service began with the processional and the blessing of the palms by Reverend Maurice Wright, II. Pastor Wright also introduced the Right Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright, the Episcopal Supervisor of the Ninth Episcopal District of the AME Church.



Bishop Seawright highlighted his praise for the Lord along with praise and thanksgiving for his miraculous recovery after a sudden illness. He intertwined his testimony of faith and God's grace in his literally being brought back to life by first responders and others who were used by God as tools of healing and recovery via heart quadruple bypass surgery and the associated rehabilitation.



Land Dedication

Palm Sunday was a jubilant day of worship and celebration in observance of the journey toward the culmination of the earthly walk of Christ Jesus and the beginning of Holy Week. It was also a joyous occasion that celebrated all that God has done for St. John AME Church in the expansion of its territory! After a wonderful and spirit-filled worship experience, the day continued with a "Service of Thanks and Blessing" of the St. John AMEC property located on Blue Springs Road, Huntsville, Alabama 35810.

Pastor Wright II and Reverend Rita along with the Right Reverend Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate of the Ninth Episcopal District, Supervisor, the Reverend Sherita M. Seawright and the Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall (the pastor when the property was purchased) led a motorcade of scores of St. John members to the location for the occasion. Pastor



Wright led the congregation in a very moving litany befitting of the occasion. The St. John congregation was reminded that they are the "chosen ones" and the Bishop further gave the charge to let all plans for the Blue Spring property be for God's glory. In closing, the Bishop fervently thanked God in advance for the souls that will be saved, the ministry that will go forth and for the leadership that is in place.



Legislative Delegation

It was a bright, cool, crisp Tuesday morning when 21 members of the St. John AME Fifty-Plus Auxiliary traveled with Pastor Wright to Montgomery, Alabama. The invitation to give the opening prayer had been extended to The Reverend Wright by our own representative and church member, Representative Anthony Daniels, House Minority Leader. Upon arriving at the State House, we were treated to a catered lunch provide by Representative Daniels. We were soon ushered into the visitor's gallery, where the members would be able to not only view but hear the invocation and observe the other business of the day.



Pastor Maurice Wright, II & Representative Anthony Daniels, House Minority Leader.

Leadership Conference

A leadership training session was held at St. John on Saturday, January 28, 2017. The workshop focused on the roles of Stewards, Trustees, Stewardesses, boards, auxiliaries and ministry leaders. The Right Reverend Carolyn Tyler Guidry (Retired), 122nd elected and consecrated Bishop of the AME Church was the keynote presenter. The Reverend Wilhelmina Devone-Harvey (Rev. Wil), Esquire, Legal Advisor to the AME Church, and Pastor Maurice Wright II also presented sessions.



Children's Ministry

"Growing Children in Christ Is Our Goal" at St. John. All of our children are engaged in ministry through various avenues of service; from Church School, to the Children's Choir, to Children's Moments, and special programing during special events of the year. Our children look forward to participating in Vacation Bible School, The Christian Education Conference and the Annual Sunday School Convention. Service is what we do. Our children learn to serve others through the Jr. Usher Board, the YPD, volunteering in the Soup Kitchen and the Dance Ministry. Our children enjoy meeting and greeting friends and learning more about Christ and being a Christian.

St. John is looking to the future with great anticipation and excitement for the launch of "Children's Church" in September of 2017. Children's Church will serve children from ages 6 to 13 years old.



Vacation Bible School

The St. John family, Grady-Madison family and their invited guests had a total blast at Vacation Bible School. The entire week was indeed a blessed experience from start to finish—the coordination/planning/preparation and Bible lessons.





Soup Kitchen Ministry

God wants us to see giving in terms of future blessings for our families. As we give, it seems that He showers us with more and more blessings. One unknown author said, there's more to God's blessing than money. Rather than thinking of riches in terms of mountains of money, God's provision for our lives can come in the form of assistance from the body of Christ, i.e. unexpected gift, a note from a church member, a job opportunity and many other unmeasurable gifts.



*"When we give to God, we allow God to open up the floodgates of Heaven."
-Malachi 3:10*

As we open our hearts we discover ways to make peace where there is chaos. When we open our hearts to offer kindness and love, in the Spirit of Christ, we open to treating others with love and care.

"We open our hands, our minds, and our hearts to make a difference in the World".

We treat our neighbors as we would like to be treated by serving in The Saint John Soup Kitchen on the 3rd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Music Ministry



"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts (Colossians 3:16)."

Music sets the tone for reverent, spirit-filled worship. Whether it's a traditional hymn, memorable spiritual, or new age contemporary song, delivery is key. The St. John music ministry is comprised of musicians, soloists, seniors, young adults and children who have been called to lift the service in praise to God and engage the congregation in worship. St. John is blessed to have several choirs: the Mass Choir, the VIP Choir, the Male Chorus and the Children's Choir. The musicians are outstanding and the leadership is excellent.



*Reginald Pearson
Director of Music & Christian Arts Ministry*



Here We Grow!



*Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
-Acts 2:47*

CONVERSIONS	7
ACCESSIONS	45
BAPTISMS	5
FULL MEMBERSHIP	468
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED	\$637, 554. 63



*Sermon Topic: Understanding Your Scars
Servant Pastor, Maurice Wright, II*

Rejoice
St. John A.M.E. Huntsville



The Church on Church Street—Downtown Huntsville, Alabama



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"Sharing The Word, Serving The People."



The Right Reverend Harry Lee Seawright, Presiding Prelate

The Reverend Bruce W. Hunter, Presiding Elder

The Reverend Maurice Wright, II, Servant Pastor

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Pastor's Greeting



Greetings to The Right Reverend Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate, Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright, Episcopal Supervisor, Presiding Elder Bruce W. Hunter., Presiding Elder Dwight Dillard, Presiding Elder Cleophus Guice, Pastors, Delegates, Alternates and Observers to the 10th Session of the Northwest Alabama Annual Conference.

On behalf of our energetic ministerial staff, officers and members, I am ecstatic to give another Annual Report as the proud Pastor of the Historic St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, Huntsville, Alabama. I am certain that God's hand has touched and guided our Christian Ministry and service this year.



We are the church in the heart of the city with the city at heart. Our mission is "Sharing the Word and Serving the People." Over this conference year, God has truly rained down innumerable blessings upon us whereof we are glad. Worship is exciting and ministry is meaningful. Because of God's goodness, St. John has experienced both spiritual and numerical growth.

As we seek to serve, St. John continues to provide for the needs of our membership and our local community. We are proud supporters of the various district and connectional needs and endeavors. We are grateful for the extraordinary contributions and support of our faithful members who have been steadfast in their humility, commitment and undying love for Christ and His kingdom.

This report offers a glimpse of some activities and ministries that have taken place at St. John Church. While we are excited about what has taken place this conference year, we recognize there is much more work to do. Our anticipation continues to build as we await more of what God has in store for us.

As a point of personal privilege, I'd like to thank Bishop Seawright for the opportunity to serve, and the great people of St. John for your enthusiasm and trust that you have given me. Last but not least, thank Rev. Joretha Wright and our beautiful children for your support of all that God has called me to do in His vineyard.

In the words of our legendary leader, the Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall, "The best is yet to come."

Forever in His Service,

Rev. Maurice Wright, II





St. John



Rev. Joretha Wright



Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall



Rev. Gloria Madison



Rev. Dr. James R. Johnson



Rev. Dr. Daniel Wims



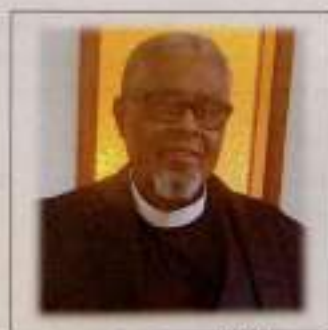
Rev. Charles Glover



Rev. Robert Hereford, Sr.



Rev. Meriam Garrett



Rev. Derwood Wilson



Rev. Donnamarie Brown

Leadership



Rev. Horace Fitchard



Brother Jason Gilmore
Licentiate



Sister Lillie Rivers
Licentiate



Brother Justin York
Licentiate



Sis. Karmen Latimore
Licentiate



Sister Pamela Whitehead
Secretary, Official Board



Brother Marcus Hill
Pro-Tem, Steward Board



Brother Bill Williams
Pro-Tem, Trustee Board



Sister Karol Hersey
Pastor's Executive Assistant



Sister Barbara Johnson
Secretary, Steward Board



Sister Celeste Gilmore
Secretary, Trustee Board

A Glimpse Of St. John

At The Cross..

Join Us

SUNDAY
CHURCH SCHOOL
8:45 A.M.

10:00 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP

12 NOON & 6 P.M.
WEDNESDAY
BIBLE STUDY

"SHARING THE WORD, SERVING THE PEOPLE."



Welcome

St. John AME Church

NEW MEMBERS

Jacob Cade
Jina Bleu Cade
Jia Cade
Tene Cade
Adria Gaines
Jerald Gaines
Tammy Johnson
Jacqueline Vazquez
Jonathan Vazquez
Barbara Williams Vazquez
Sabra Wooten
Mable Worthy
Carla Buchanan
Zaria Wiltshire
Rev. Derwood Wilson
Melanie Pope
Azariya Whitney
Shanmere Tyler
Norma C. McMillan
Marshae Adridge
Ronald Gene Johnson

Donald White
Norma Lee West
Nicole C. Cribbs
Robin Reeves
Ann Marie Gaines
J. T. Gaines
Jordan Vazquez
Nailah Vazquez
Jason Cade
Jason Cade, Jr.
Journey Cade
Jeremiah Cade

We are excited about what God is doing in the life of our church and are happy to welcome new members to our church family.

We are the "CHURCH ON CHURCH STREET" and our doors swing open on welcome hinges. It is our sincere desire that our Celebrations of Worship are both uplifting and meaningful in the lives of our members. We pray that you experience the presence of the Lord in this place.



Gone But Not Forgotten

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
And there shall be no more death, neither
sorrow, nor crying, neither shall
there be any pain; for the
former things are passed away.
passed away

Revelations 21:4 (KJV)



SISTER VANONA LOUSIE WALTON
JULY 30, 2018



SISTER DORRIS JEAN EVANS
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018



SISTER BARBARA JEAN LEONARD
SEPTEMBER 8, 2018



ELDER REGINALD LEON COOK, JR.
OCTOBER 1, 2018



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BROTHER HOMER H. MCCRAW, SR.
MARCH 8, 2019



BROTHER WILLIAM C. HAMMOND, JR.
MARCH 9, 2019



SISTER SUSIE MAE POWERS AKINS
AUGUST 14, 2019



Serving The People

The Christian life is one of service. Therefore, as we grow, we must use every opportunity we can to serve others. Through our unselfish acts of kindness, we are able to point others to Christ. When we lend a helping hand we bring to life the mission and ministry of Jesus and the church.

When others need our help most, we should make a special effort to show them that we care. By providing love and support, we can make a real difference in the lives of others. Paul has reminded us that helping others when they are struggling is fundamental to the gospel.

"Sharing The Word, Serving The People."



Vision 2020 Kick-Off

St. John launched its VISION 2020 Building Campaign on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 10:00 am. It was a spectacular event! The Building Committee, under the leadership of Sister Adrienne P.K. Washington left no stone unturned. The committee had planned an exciting event to capture the involvement of all the congregants. We were excited to have Bishop Seawright share this occasion with us.

Through the power of creative imagery, Sister Washington presented VISION 2020 to the entire congregation. She explained while there had been talk for years regarding expanding St. John, the time for talk was over; "We are flat out of space" and need to expand in order to meet the needs of a growing, thriving congregation and to continue to grow and expand ministries. She described the plan for moving from the idea, to the concept, to actually beginning and ending the building stage. She stated that, "We will take into consideration, what we want, what we need, and especially what we can afford."

As the VISION 2020 launch came to a conclusion in the sanctuary it moved to the fellowship where the entire congregation was invited to a delicious meal.



ST. JOHN'S CENTENARIAN

Deaconess Sarah "Granny" Bell



Sunday, May 5, 2019 was a historical moment in the life of St. John AME Church, Huntsville. The church celebrated the 100th birthday of Deaconess Sarah Davis "Granny" Bell. The church was full to capacity with family, friends and church members. Deaconess Bell, who herself proclaims to be everyone's Granny, was shown the love and respect so earnestly and richly deserved. Everyone calls her Granny Bell, from the youngest member to the oldest. The Reverend Maurice Wright, II, servant pastor of St. John stated

that upon his arrival at St. John, she introduced herself and declared that she was his Granny as well and to call her "Granny Bell."

There was a proclamation from the Honorable Anthony Daniels, State Representative for District 53 recognizing her birthday and wishing her well. There was a proclamation from the Honorable Tommy Battle, Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, designating Sunday, May 5, 2019 as Mrs. Sarah Davis Bell Day in the city of Huntsville! The Right Reverend Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District of the AME Church also sent his well wishes in the form of a proclamation.



MCAM Executive Board

The Executive Board of the Music and Christian Arts Ministry (MCAM) of the AME Church met in Huntsville, Alabama, November 29 – December 1, 2018. This meeting was under the leadership of Pastor Maurice Wright, II who presided over his first meeting since being elected Connectional Director of MCAM. Bishop David Daniels, Chair of the Commission of Christian Education for the AME Church, the Reverend Garland Pierce, Executive Director of the Department of Christian Education, and the Reverend Kenneth Hill, Ph.D., former Executive Director of the Department of Christian Education, were among persons from across the Connectional Church who were present for this meeting.



On Friday and Saturday the MCAM Fall Executive Board met on the beautiful campus of Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University. Saturday, December 1, 2018, was the inaugural celebration of the Rosa Parks Holiday in the state of Alabama. To commemorate this day, the Reverend Maurice Wright and MCAM debuted the hymn, "Rosa Parks A Warrior for Good." The text was written by Bishop E. Ann Henning Byfield and the hymn tune by Dr. Uzee Brown, Jr. of Morehouse College.



St. John Becomes An Historic Site

History Makers in 2019

St. John AME Church in Huntsville, under the pastoral leadership of The Rev. Maurice Wright, II continued to be a beacon in the community. This year history was made in becoming the only African-American church identified as a place of importance by the Historic Huntsville Foundation and being selected by the Alabama Historical Commission to be listed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage in Alabama as a place worthy of preservation.



As Alabama celebrated its 200 birthday, the Historic Huntsville Foundation listed St. John AME Church as a place of importance in the city. St. John's iconic stain glass windows and the history of the church were featured in the *Color Me Huntsville* coloring book for children. The *Color Me Huntsville* books were distributed to third graders in the three public school systems, Huntsville City, Madison City, Madison County Schools and some private schools. Books were free of charge to the students. These books were also sold to the public throughout Madison County. The Historic Huntsville Foundation board members worshipped with St. John in May and brought books for all the children of the church. So the story of Dr. William Hooper Council and the formation of the AME Church in Madison County have reached hundreds.

Our second history making event occurred in June. The History Makers' Ministry of St. John AME Church submitted the application to be listed on the Alabama Register to The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) in time for their June meeting. The AHC convened on June 27, 2019. On June 28, 2019, Rev. Maurice Wright, II, Servant Pastor of St. John AME Church was notified by the AHC that, "St. John AME Church had been favorably reviewed and was now listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage."

St. John's listing on the Alabama Register is significant in that it closes the circle, solidifying the legacy of Dr. William Hooper Council, the founder of St. John AME Church, Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University, and William Hooper Council High School; all of which are now listed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

The Alabama Register is a prestigious listing of historic, architectural, and archaeological landmarks. Those selected Alabama landmarks are worthy of both recognition and preservation. Listing on the state register is an honorary designation imposing no benefits or restrictions on property owners. Listing on the Alabama Register affords the institution the unique opportunity to establish a historical marker on the site.

St. John AME will install its historical marker as part of the 135th Church Anniversary in March of 2020.

ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE



Church Picnic

The Winfred Thomas Agricultural Research Station (The AAMU Farm), where the Annual Church Picnic was held on Saturday, August 17, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., was beautifully decorated and ready for all to enter and enjoy the festivities. Food, karaoke, games and plenty of laughter and love was on the agenda.

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hit. Teams played fearlessly with many winning prizes awarded. The Bid Whist and Phase 10 games competitors almost cheered the roof off the building. Oh yes, there was Bingo for the quiet participants.



Pastor McCall Honored

On Friday afternoon, February 1, 2019, St. John celebrated the 78th birthday of the Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall. Dr. McCall served as pastor of St. John for over 40 years. Many members of the church and the community have been blessed to know Dr. McCall and his family. He has a warm, hospitable, loving personality that endears him to those with whom he meets.

Members joyfully transformed the church to reflect a party atmosphere for the celebration. The vestibule was decorated in purple and white, with accents of silver. The fellowship hall was completely transformed. The fabric



and lighting along the walls gave the room a warm, party atmosphere. The covered seats and beautifully decorated tables punctuated the setting.

Members of the church and community first gathered in the sanctuary to welcome the Reverend Dr. McCall and his family, sing Happy Birthday, and share greetings. The Right Reverend Harry Seawright, Presiding Prelate of the 9th Episcopal District, gave greetings on behalf of the AME Church and Dr. Andrew Hugine, president of Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, brought greetings on behalf of the University where Dr. McCall



taught for over 30 years. The gathering then moved to the fellowship hall where members and friends greeted Dr. McCall and enjoyed refreshments.



The College Connection

For the past twenty years or so, the athletic staff and the athletes have worshiped at St. John the Sunday before the new sports year begins. The athletic director, the coaching staff and the athletes attend a special worship service. The services were first held at the church at 229 Church Street until the attendance outgrew capacity for the sanctuary. Services were then moved to the Ernest L. Knight Complex on the campus. Last year the attendance exceeded the capacity for the Knight Center which lead to the services being held at the T. M. Elmore Gymnasium this year.

Everything was in place for the service to begin on Sunday, August 25th which had been designated AAMU Day for St. John. Three hundred seats had been placed on the gymnasium floor. Those seats quickly filled, and students began filling up the bleachers on both sides of the gym. As Pastor Maurice Wright, II, Servant Pastor of St. John stood to welcome everyone, a hush fell over the audience. Typical worship service protocol was followed. The scriptures were read, a prayer was prayed.

AAMU DAY



The sermonic hymn was rendered by soloist, Brother Phillip Pugh singing, The Worshiper in Me Needs to be Free. The sermon title was You Can Win! Sermon text was I Corinthians 9:24, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize." (NIV)

Rev. Wright encouraged everyone to remember to never compromise your standards and always keep a positive attitude. The sermon ended with rousing applause. Rev. Wright closed the sermon with prayer. He then invited all to come forward for cooperate prayer. Hundreds of students and congregants came forward.



St. John Welcomes Supervisor Seawright

The Betty E. Derrick Women's Missionary Society (WMS) of St. John A.M.E. Church led the special worship service that celebrated the WMS Annual Day of Mission, at 10 a.m. on March 31, 2019. The special speaker for the event was The Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright, Ninth Episcopal District WMS Supervisor. The Reverend Seawright is married to Bishop Harry L. Seawright.



The sermon was entitled "The Answer is on the Inside", from the scriptural text 2 Chronicles 7:11-14. The Reverend Seawright began by stating that many problems originate and fester from the inside/within and gave several vivid examples. She cited that in the text there was a problem with the dedication of the Temple and that problem was sin. God offered a solution to the problem: acknowledge God, repent from sin, and turn from their evil ways and the people would be forgiven. She highlighted that obedience would result in blessings, while disobedience would result in curses.

She stated, "We must seek God's face...think and behave like God". She urged that no one go anywhere that you can't find God's presence".

Visiting Preachers



Bishop Vashti McKenzie was the preacher for Morning Worship on June 23, 2019. Bishop McKenzie was elected and consecrated bishop of the AME Church in 2000 and she was the first female elevated to this position in the denomination. Currently, Bishop McKenzie is the presiding prelate of the 10th Episcopal District.



Bishop David Daniels, the 124th elected and consecrated bishop in the AME Church, was the preacher for first Sunday in December services at St. John. He is the presiding prelate of the 15th Episcopal District, 15th District encompassing Western South Africa, Namibia and Angola, and Chair of the Commission on Christian Education. Bishop Daniels' was in Huntsville for the executive board meeting of MCAM.



Bishop Frank J. Beard the guest preacher for the Easter Morning service. He was elected as a Bishop in the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church on July 13, 2016. He is assigned to The Illinois Great Rivers Conference. Bishop Beard has experience in a variety of ministry settings in the United Methodist Church. He has served as a local church pastor, a District Superintendent, and as Senior Pastor of a large congregation. Bishop Beard's Easter morning message was entitled "What Time Is It?" and the text was from Galatians 4:4-5.



50 Plus

Early on the morning of April 11th, St. John's Fifty-Plus Auxiliary boarded the bus and the van to travel to Montgomery, Alabama. It was a trip all thirty or so members had been looking forward to with great anticipation and some apprehension. The group was heading to Montgomery to visit the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum and The Lynching Memorial.

The Equal Justice Initiative has been able to document 4,000 African Americans lynched in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida,



Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia between 1877 and 1950, and hundreds more were killed in other states throughout the country (EJI, 2018).

The 50 Plus Auxiliary, under the leadership of Sister Agnes Gilmore, celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month during the September meeting. While the membership is comprised mostly of retirees, they never stop learning.



Man of the Year



Colonel (retired) James O. Heyward received the Man of the Year Award for 2019. Colonel Heyward was recognized for his outstanding commitment to St. John and for his consistent dedication, spiritual wisdom, leadership, and support of a variety of ministry activities. The recognition was well deserved as the St. John congregation stood for a standing ovation as soon as his name was announced. Brother Lars Avery led the Male Chorus in the singing of "My Soul Has Been Anchored In The Lord". Thereafter, Pastor Maurice Wright, II fortified the congregation with a four point sermon entitled "Mighty Men Standing Firm" which emphasized Exodus 14:13.

Woman of the Year



Sister Lillie Rivers received the honor of Woman of the Year on Sunday, May 19, 2019 during the Annual Women's Day Celebration.

She was recognized in honor of

her longstanding faithfulness, dedication and service to the people, ministries, staff and clergy of St. John.

The service was filled with emotion and the Spirit was allowed to flow. A theme throughout worship asserted the strength and power of women (believers) to become and be victorious, through faith in Jesus. Sister Rivers was received enthusiastically by a standing ovation.



Youth Of The Month

"Growing Children in Christ Is Our Goal" at St. John. All of our children are engaged in ministry through various avenues of service; from Church School, to the Children's Choir, to Children's Moments, and special programming during special events of the year. Our children look forward to participating in Vacation Bible School, The Christian Education Conference and the Annual Sunday School Convention. Service is what we do. Our children learn to serve others through the Jr. Usher Board, the YPD, volunteering in the Soup Kitchen and the Dance Ministry. Our children enjoy meeting and greeting friends and learning more about Christ and being a Christian.

CONGRATULATIONS

August 2018	Caylon Mayes
September 2018	Addison Bradford
October 2018	Michael James Clark
November 2018	Derryn Chrisette
December 2018	Kimberly Rae Whitehead
January 2019	Jerald Gaines, III
February 2019	Ashton Acklin
March 2019	Breeyanna Croan
May 2019	Isaiah Wright
August 2019	David Bailey



The 2019 Vacation Bible School Session was conducted June 10-14 with the theme, "WHOOOSH: Take Flight to Where God Leads You." The lessons focused on having faith. The lessons used African American culture, history, and contemporary events as a lens to touch down at a monument that reminded students that throughout the Bible, monuments were built to remember what God had done in the lives of His people. People today continue to see places of freedom and possibility, not knowing when or whether they will reach their destination.

As a result of a dedicated support staff, VBS attendees were able to dream with God, remember His miracles, praise Him, continue to learn from Jesus, and begin with faith and build Christian character that can never be put to shame because they know they are valuable to an awesome God. The church looks forward to VBS 2020!



Vacation Bible School





Soup Kitchen Ministry

God wants us to see giving in terms of future blessings for our families. As we give, it seems that He showers us with more and more blessings. One unknown author said, there's more to God's blessing than money. Rather than thinking of riches in terms of mountains of money, God's provision for our lives can come in the form of assistance from the body of Christ, i.e. unexpected gift, a note from a church member, a job opportunity and many other unmeasurable gifts.



Soup Kitchen Volunteers

As we open our hearts we discover ways to make peace where there is chaos. When we open our hearts to offer kindness and love, in the Spirit of Christ, we open to treating others with love and care.

"We open our hands, our minds, and our hearts to make a difference in the World".

We treat our neighbors as we would like to be treated by serving in The Saint John Soup Kitchen on the 3rd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

*"When we give to God, we allow God to open up the floodgates of Heaven."
-Malachi 3:10*

Music Ministry

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts (Colossians 3:16)."

Music sets the tone for reverent, spirit-filled worship. Whether it's a traditional hymn, memorable spiritual, or new age contemporary song, delivery is key. The St. John music ministry is comprised of musicians, soloists, seniors, young adults and children who have been called to lift the service in praise to God and engage the congregation in worship. St. John is blessed to have several choirs: the Mass Choir, the VIP Choir, the Male Chorus and the Children's Choir. The musicians are outstanding and the leadership is excellent.



Reginald Pearson
Director of Music & Christian Arts Ministry



Here We Grow!



*Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
-Acts 2:47*

CONVERSIONS	9
ACCESSIONS	33
BAPTISMS	3
FULL MEMBERSHIP	534
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED	\$746,380.00

Thank You St. John!

Thank you for another wonderful conference year. It has been my joy and honor to serve you. As a congregation and individually, you have brought a multitude of blessings to me and my family. I am continually blown away by your compassion generosity and willingness to serve.

Thank you so much for all that you do. You make this great place possible. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for your love and support shown to me and my family. I look forward to going higher.

Pastor Maurice Wright, II

Vision 2020

