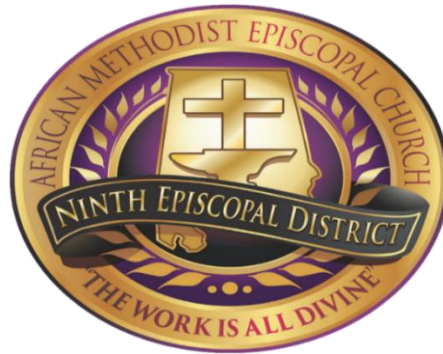


**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

**SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE  
ALABAMA RIVER REGION  
ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*Annual Conference Theme:*  
*Always Moving Forward with Excellence Philippians 3:13-14*  
*Quadrennial Theme:*  
*The Work Is All Divine Romans 8:28*



***The Morning Glory Worship Service***

***Friday, August 22, 2025  
Eight thirty in the Morning***

**Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.**  
*Presiding Prelate*

**Mrs. Deana Young McAllister**  
*Episcopal Supervisor*

*Convening with  
Saint John's African Methodist Episcopal Church  
807 Madison Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36104*

***The Reverend Roosevelt and The Reverend Shelia Williams, III***  
*Host Pastors*

***The Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn L. Denson***  
*Host Presiding Elder*  
**Montgomery-Selma District**

**NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

***The Morning Glory Worship Service***

Friday, August 22, 2025

8:30 a.m.

*The Reverend Dexter Patterson, Worship Leader*

**THE MORNING HYMN**

**Hymn No. 378**

**I Am Weak, and I Need Thy Strength  
(Lead Me, Guide Me)**

I am weak and, I need Thy strength and power To help me  
Over my weakest hour; Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Refrain*

*Lead me, guide me along the way;  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray; Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in Thee,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Refrain*

I am lost, if you take your hand from me;  
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;  
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Refrain*

**THE PRAYER**

**Reverend Alfonzo Colvin**

**THE SCRIPTURE READING**

**Reverend Leodis Strong**

**THE PRESENTATION  
OF THE BISHOP**

**Reverend Roosevelt Williams, III**

**THE PRESENTATION  
OF THE PREACHER**

**Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.**  
*Presiding Prelate,  
Ninth Episcopal District*

**THE SERMON**

**Reverend Brenda Robinson-Burns**  
*Pastor, Grant Chapel  
African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Calera, Alabama*

**DECISION TIME**

**Reverend Shelia Williams**

**THE BISHOP SPEAKS**

**Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.**



***Reverend Brenda Robinson-Burns***  
***Pastor,***  
***Grant Chapel African Methodist***  
***Episcopal Church***  
***Calera, Alabama***

Pastor Brenda Robinson-Burns is the Pastor of Grant Chapel AME Church in Calera, Alabama. A native of Montgomery, Alabama, Pastor Burns was raised in a Christian home under the care of a loving mother-Frances Robinson, aunts and extended family. Her mother played a pivotal role in sharing her faith and love of Jesus Christ and was a praying woman.

Pastor Burns confessed Christ at an early age and began her spiritual journey at St. John's AME Church in Montgomery. She was active in all the youth functions of Sunday School, ACE Fellowship, Choir, Youth Usher Board, YPD and Christian Education. Her journey continued throughout her formative years, growing and learning more about The Lord; serving in various capacities of the church. Pastor Burns has served as YPD Director, Sunday School Teacher, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Steward and a member of Ministerial Staff.

She is currently the Pastor of Grant Chapel AME Church in Calera, Alabama, a dynamic and caring church community. Assigned to Grant Chapel since August 2024, Pastor Burns is excited to work together building the kingdom. She served as Pastor of St. Paul AME Church in Sylacauga, Alabama for three years. During the COVID Pandemic, she maintained the church growth and utilized the use of technology and in-person worship to minister to her members.

She received her Bachelor of Education Degree from Alabama State University and was recognized in the Inaugural Class of the Fifty under Fifty Alumni. She received the Master of Divinity Degree from Regent University.

Pastor Burns loves The Lord and seeks to share the good news in the various aspects of her life. As a lifelong learner, she enjoys sharing knowledge. She is a twenty plus year Math instructor in the Montgomery Public School System- Carver High School. Pastor Burns seeks to make Math a useable tool in daily life. She has a knack for bringing the intricacies of Algebra, Geometry and Calculus into an understandable concept.

Through the years, her love for sharing information, along with her love of The Lord has guided her and continues to be her heart's cry for her church family...that they may continue to grow in the knowledge of God and grasp the depths and heights of the Father's love for each of us.

Pastor Burns is married to Michael Burns. They are the proud parents of adult children, Brooke and Bryan and grandparents of William and Noah.