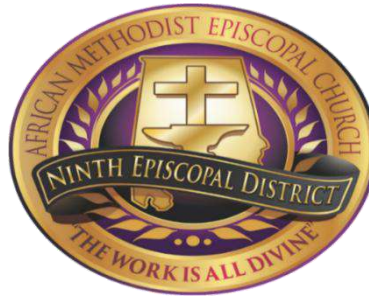


**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

**SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE  
NORTHWEST 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***

***Thursday, September 11, 2025***

***Eight thirty in the Morning***

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

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

*Convening with*  
**Bryant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**3125 Spaulding Street - Birmingham, Alabama 36104**

***The Reverend Damien Littlejohn, Host Pastor***

***The Reverend Gloria Hall***  
*Host Presiding Elder*  
**West Birmingham-Ensley-Greensboro District**

***The Reverend Dwight E. Dillard***  
*Associate Host Presiding Elder*  
**Birmingham-Florence-Tuscaloosa District**

***The Reverend Bruce W. Hunter***  
*Associate Host Presiding Elder*  
**South Birmingham-Huntsville-Bessemer District**

**NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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*The Reverend DeVonta Anderson, Worship Leader*

**THE MORNING HYMN**

**Hymn No. 272**

***“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”***

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.

*Refrain*

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

Let me at Thy throne of mercy,  
Find a sweet relief; Kneeling there in deep contrition,  
Help my unbelief.

*Refrain*

Trusting only in Thy merit,  
Would I seek Thy face; Heal my wounded, broken spirit,  
Save me by Thy grace.

*Refrain*

Thou the spring of all my comfort,  
More than life for me; Whom have I on earth beside Thee?  
Whom in heaven but Thee?

**THE PRAYER**

**Reverend Lasagne Smith**

**THE SCRIPTURE READING**

**Reverend Zachary Watkins**

**THE PRESENTATION  
OF THE BISHOP**

**Reverend Beverly Barnfield**

**THE PRESENTATION  
OF THE PREACHER**

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

**THE SERMON**

**Reverend Sheryl Shipman**  
*Hopewell African Methodist  
Episcopal Church  
Birmingham, Alabama*

**DECISION TIME**

**Reverend Randy Rhodes**

**THE BISHOP SPEAKS**

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



***Reverend Sheryl Shipman  
Hopewell African Methodist  
Episcopal Church  
Birmingham, Alabama***

The Reverend Sheryl Greene Shipman is the daughter of the late Mr. Edward L. Greene Sr. and Mrs. Rose Marie Greene. Sheryl is the eldest of one brother, Edward Greene, Jr. She was educated in Birmingham City Schools, where she excelled in dance and drama at the Alabama School of Fine Arts. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where she majored in Criminal Justice. She is also a graduate of The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she obtained a master's degree in Theological Studies.

She is wonderfully married to Donald W. Shipman, Sr. Together they are the proud parents of four (Donald, Jr., Brandon, Justin and Donnisha) and the doting grandparents of five (Micah, Alaysia, Dorien, Justin, Jr. and Kelani). Sheryl has served in various capacities in the church. Before pastoring, Sheryl was a Trustee, Christian Education Director, Sunday School Teacher, YPD director, and choir member at Grant Chapel AME Church, Eastlake. Sheryl has served as pastor of Hopewell, Florence, Emanuel AME, Birmingham, Mount Zion, Trussville, Murdock Chapel, Pike Road, and currently the proud pastor of Hopewell, Kingston, where God is being edified and glorified and the Lord is adding to His church.

Sheryl currently serves as the secretary for the Northwest Conference Board of Examiners, Northwest Conference Finance Committee, Northwest Conference Christian Education Director, and was elected as a delegate to the 52nd Session of the General Conference. Sheryl wrote and presented a song for the James Cleveland Gospel Music Workshop of America in 1998. She is also the author of a play entitled, "So Many Wonderful Things About Jesus." Sheryl is currently writing a book, entitled "Don't Count Me Out." Sheryl has preached and sung throughout the state.

Out of all of the things that God has allowed her to do and be, she would tell you that the greatest achievement is her relationship with God. A prayer warrior and an avid reader, who lives her life to please the Lord.