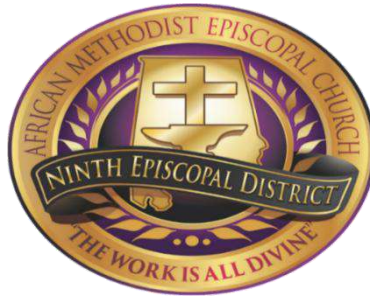


**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

**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

Friday, September 12, 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
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The Reverend Bruce W. Hunter
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**NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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8:30 a.m.

The Reverend William Slade, 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 Chris Walker

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Reverend Shannon Fletcher

**THE PRESENTATION
OF THE BISHOP**

Reverend Sheryl Shipman

**THE PESENTATION
OF THE PREACHER**

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*Presiding Prelate,
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THE SERMON

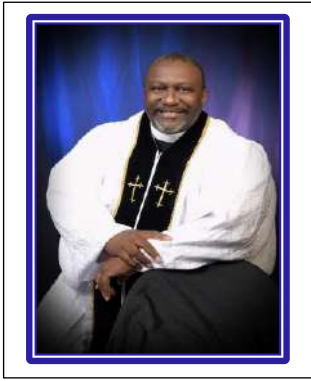
Reverend Tony Latham
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DECISION TIME

Reverend Jessica Boanerges

THE BISHOP SPEAKS

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*Reverend Tony W. Latham
New Pisgah African Methodist
Episcopal Church
Florence, Alabama*

Reverend Tony W. Latham, a native of the Eighth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Grenada, Mississippi, has made Florence, Alabama his home for 35 years.

Rev. Latham started his ministerial journey at Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Florence under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Timothy Eric Nathan. On January 16, 2000, he preached his initial sermon, entitled "Yes Jesus Still Loves Me" I John 4:1-12. Pastor Latham attended Mississippi Valley State University - Itta Bena Mississippi, as well as the Nichols Thomas Grady School of Religion - Birmingham, Alabama.

Pastor Latham was ordained an Itinerant Deacon in October 2002 and assigned by Bishop T. Larry Kirkland to his first pastoral charge in 2003 as the servant leader of Mount Zion AME Church - Rhodesville in the western (Florence) Lauderdale County area. By the grace of God, pastor and the congregation were able to build a gym size fellowship hall debt free within the first three years of his tenure. Bishop James Davis appointed him to New Pisgah A.M.E. Church where he has faithfully served 15 years. Rev. Latham is a member of the Florence City Board of Adjustments for the Building Department. Member of the Shoals Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors. Member and Spiritual Leader for the Shoals Cluster of the Alabama Emmaus Community.

Retired from 30 plus years from Lowe's Home Improvement Center, Pastor Latham is the Owner - Creative Designer of Double Ark Furniture and More, and owner of Latham Legacy Properties.

He has been married to Sister Michelle Mack Latham for 35 years. They have three children, son Noah Latham and twin daughters Trinity and Cyerra Latham, two grandsons Micah and Cairo. His favorite scripture is Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"