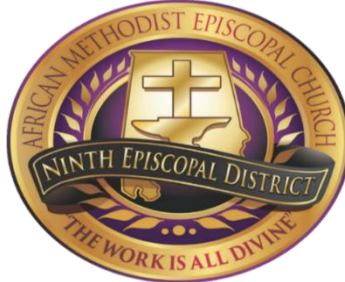


**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

**SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE
SOUTHWEST 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 Mid-Day Worship Service
Women In Ministry ~ Hour of Power
Thursday, October 23, 2025
Noon

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister
Episcopal Supervisor

Convening with
Samuel Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
717 West Pritchard Avenue - Mobile, Alabama 36610

The Reverend Vernon McLeod, Host Pastor

The Reverend Charles Lewis
Host Presiding Elder
Mobile District

The Reverend Antonio Thomas
Associate Host Presiding Elder
Camden District

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12:00 p.m.

The Reverend Kimberly Martin, Worship Leader

The Musical Prelude

The Doxology

The Call to Worship

The Reverend Samantha Lightner

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"
Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

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

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

Leader: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

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

Leader: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your
sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

All: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
I will sing of loyalty and justice to you, Oh Lord, I will sing.

The Hymn of Praise

The Reverend Lela Tunstall

**Women in Ministry Choir
and Congregation**

Hymn No. 141

"Alas! And Did my Savior Bleed"

(O How I Love Jesus!)

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

Refrain

O, how I love Jesus! O, how I love Jesus! O how I love Jesus! Because He first loved me.

Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Refrain

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,
When God, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.

Refrain

Thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

The Invocation

The Reverend Rosalind Amos

The Choral Response

**Women in Ministry Choir
and Congregation**

"Somebody Prayed for Me"

Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind, took the time to pray for me.

I'm so glad they prayed, I'm so glad they prayed,

I'm so glad they prayed for me.

The Scripture Reading

The Reverend Donna James

The Worship Through Music

Women in Ministry Choir

The Presentation of the Bishop

The Reverend Dr. G. Dianne Lewis

The Presentation of the Preacher

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

The Sermonic Hymn

The Reverend Twilla Burns

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 Sermon

The Reverend Mia Cole
Saint Paul African Methodist
Episcopal Church
Camden, Alabama

**The Invitation
to Christian Discipleship**

The Reverend Emma Francine Constant

“Come to Jesus, Just Now”
Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus,
Just now, Just now.
Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus just now.
He will save you, He will save you, He will save you
Just now, Just now.
He will save you, He will save you just now.

Remarks

The Reverend Dr. Carmen Walker Ellerbee
Ninth Episcopal District President,
Women In Ministry

Remarks from the Bishop

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate of the
Ninth Episcopal District

The Worship Through Giving

The Stewardship Committee

The Response

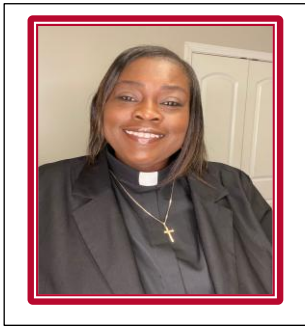
All things come of Thee, O Lord; And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Announcements

The Reverend Vernon McLeod

The Benediction

The Reverend Cole



The Reverend Mia Cole
Pastor,
Saint Paul African Methodist
Episcopal Church,
Camden, Alabama

Reverend Mia Andrews Cole is a native Autaugaville, Alabama. She attended local area public schools and is a graduate of Autaugaville High School. She went on to pursue an education at Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama, where she received a B.A degree in Business administration. After receiving her B.A, she decided to return to Faulkner University and later received her master's degree in Youth and Family Counseling.

Pastor Cole has been happily married 23 years to Brother Kelvin Cole.

Rev. Cole was ordained as an Itinerant Deacon in 2015 in the Ninth Episcopal District A.M.E Church in 2016. In 2018, she received her first charge and served as the Pastor at Mt. Olive A.M.E Church in Pine Apple, Alabama and St. John A.M.E Church, McWilliams, Alabama. Pastor Cole was ordained an Itinerant Elder in 2019 in the Southwest Conference under the leadership of Servant Bishop Harry L. Seawright. She serves as the pastor of Saint Paul A.M.E Church, Camden, Alabama.

Pastor Cole currently serves as a member of the Southwest Conference's Board of Examiners and as Camden District coordinator for Women in Ministries.

In 2023, Rev. Mia launched the I Am Raggedy Ann Conference, driven by a straightforward vision to equip women with the necessary tools and spiritual guidance to enhance them spiritually and physically. Following the successful completion of its third year, God spoke and matured the conference resulting in spiritual name change to I Am Not Raggedy Anymore.

Reverend Mia founded Connected Favor Ministries LLC, a transformative platform that empowers women and children to break free from their past, to embrace their future and equipping them with the tools and support needed to unlock their full potential and become the best version of themselves.