

**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

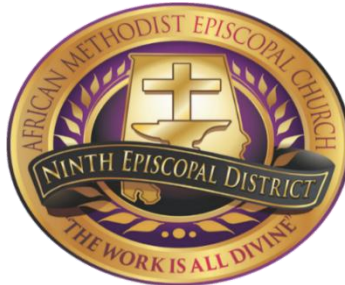
**SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE
SOUTHWEST ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Annual Conference Theme:

Always Moving Forward with Excellence Philippians 3:13-14

Quadrennial Theme:

The Work Is All Divine Romans 8:28



The Morning Glory Worship Service

Friday, October 24, 2025

Eight thirty in the Morning

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

**NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Morning Glory Worship Service

Friday, October 24, 2025

8:30 a.m.

The Reverend Kimberly Martin, 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 Willie Burns

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Reverend Prospere Sainvilus

**THE PRESENTATION
OF THE BISHOP**

Reverend Brandon Thornton

**THE PRESENTATION
OF THE PREACHER**

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

THE SERMON

Reverend Cleitis Walker
*Gaines Chapel African Methodist
Episcopal Church
Atmore, Alabama*

DECISION TIME

Reverend Rosalind Amos

THE BISHOP SPEAKS

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.



***Reverend Cleitis Walker
Gaines Chapel African Methodist
Episcopal Church
Atmore, Alabama***

Reverend Cleitis Walker, Sr. has dedicated more than three decades of his life to preaching the Gospel, with 35 years in ministry and a heartfelt commitment to serving God's people. Since 1995, he has faithfully pastored five congregations across Alabama, including

Saint James AME (9 years), Greater Montrose AME (5 years), Smith Memorial AME (9 years), Mt. Olive AME (2 years), and currently, Gaines Chapel AME Church in Atmore, where he has served joyfully for the past six years.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rev. Walker demonstrated unwavering dedication to the Word by preaching from the church's fellowship hall steps for two years via radio. His sermons now continue each Sunday on Facebook Live, reaching hearts far beyond the walls of the sanctuary. Under his leadership, Gaines Chapel is currently undergoing remodeling and safety upgrades to meet 2025 fire code standards, reflecting his vision of both spiritual and physical renewal.

In 2024, Rev. Walker and the Gaines Chapel family proudly hosted the Southwest Alabama Annual Conference, marking a significant milestone in the church's ongoing ministry.

Rev. Walker is a retiree of Alabama Power, where he devoted 42 years as a Co-Generating Operator, maintenance and instrumentation technician, working across four plant sites. His technical knowledge and strong work ethic mirror the discipline he brings to the pulpit.

A lifelong learner, he has pursued theological and technical education at:

- Radio Electric and Television School, Birmingham, AL
- Bishop State Community College, Mobile, AL
- Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
- University of the South – School of Theology

Rev. Walker is happily married to Sharon Denise Walker—his partner in life and ministry—for 42 years. Together they share a loving family of two sons, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He cherishes time spent entertaining family and friends, a true reflection of his warm spirit and generous heart.

To God Be The Glory!