

Seventeenth Session of the Alabama River Region Alabama Annual Conference



Worship Service Programs

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister
Episcopal Supervisor

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

**ALABAMA RIVER REGION
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
NIGHT IN WHITE WORSHIP SERVICE & PINNING CEREMONY**

Historic Ward Chapel AME Church | 6:00PM

Minister Jackie James, Worship Leader

Dr. D'Juana Duncombe Paden, Messenger

Sis. Mattie M. Frizzell, Conference WMS President

Sis Sherryl S. Whiting Episcopal WMS President

Sis. Hazel Bellamy, Conference YPD Director

Sis. Debra Weatherspoon, Episcopal YPD Director

Sis. Deana Y. McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr. Presiding Prelate

Theme: "Climb Aboard the Mission Train: There is Room!"

Scripture Reference: Philippian 2:4 & II Timothy 2:2

Musical Prelude

Doxology

Call To Worship.....Sis. Rhonda Carstarphen-Murdock Chapel Pike Road

Hymn of Praise....."I'm on the Battlefield for my Lord".....Choir and Congregation

Invocation.....Sis. Carolyn Rhodes-Greater Mallard Chapel Autaugaville

Prayer Response.....*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God fall fresh on me. Amen-*

Worship in Song.....ARR Women's Choir

Scripture Reading.....Sis. Gwen Townsend- Historic Ward Chapel Prattville

Welcome.....Sis. Mattie M. Frizzell-ARR WMS President

Missionary Offering.....(\$10.00 ARRWMS2).....YPD/Ushers

"The New Members Pinning Ceremony"

Supervisor McAllister, President Whiting, Conf. President Frizzell, and 3rd VP Green

PINNINGHYMN "THIS IS MY MISSION"-*Blessed with His goodness, Blessed with His love, Blessed with His showers that come from above Blessed with His sunshine, Blessed with His air I'll go on helping everywhere. (Refrain) God gives the courage, Faith leads the way Onward we travel, I'm happy today. Thinking of others, Willing to share, taking God's message everywhere. REFRAIN: This is my mission, This is my prayer helping the needy everywhere. This is my mission, This is my prayer, helping the needy everywhere.*

Presentation of Messenger.....Sis. Tionne Cohill, ARR WMS 1st VP

Worship in Song.....ARR Women's Choir

Inspirational Message.....Dr. Djuana Duncombe Paden

Connectional Women's Missionary Society Worship Leader- St. Paul AMEC Montgomery

Invitation.....Rev. Yvonne Howze- Pastor, Greater Mt. Calvary Beloit

Offering.....(\$25.00) Conference Treasurer & Area Chairpersons

Remarks

Missionary Benediction- In the name of the Triune God, may the spirit of Christian mission enter into every heart. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen-



NIGHT IN WHITE MESSENGER

Dr. D'Juana Duncombe-Paden is the Connectional Women's Missionary Society Worship Director and the immediate Past Director of the Ninth Episcopal District Young People's and Children's Division of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She is employed as a Lecturer and Student Success Mentor at Auburn University at Montgomery as well as being a Recording Artist and Praise and Worship Leader. Her past offices included serving as the 1st Elected Connectional Women's Missionary Society Member-at-Large, Tanner-Turner Memorial Chairperson for the WMS and as Connectional YPD Financial Secretary.

She is a member of St. Paul AME Church, Montgomery, AL and is a member of the local Missionary Society, Shekinah Voices, L.I.F.T Ministry (Ladies In Faith Together), Ambassadors and the F.J. Duncombe Praise Team. For years she has unselfishly offered her time, talents, and resources to the Young People's and Children's Division and the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Whether as a Connectional Officer or organizer of a myriad of youth activities for the Church of Allen, Djuana has always been a responsible, enthusiastic and competent young lady. During her tenure as a Connectional Officer, Djuana has assiduously worked in a cooperative manner with the leaders of the Connection to increase the support and enhancement of all YPD and WMS Programs. Upon graduating from Jefferson Davis High School in Montgomery, AL, she received the Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, Master's in Business Administration from Troy University, Montgomery, AL. and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Educational Leadership Policy and Law from Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL. Djuana Duncombe Paden has served the A.M.E. Church in many leadership capacities to include: Ninth Episcopal District YPD President, Conference Branch YPD President and Financial Secretary, Delegate to four YPD Quadrennial Conventions and a participant in the Mission Trip by the YPD to the Dominican Republic.

Her civic and professional affiliations include: Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., former Graduate Advisor of Beta Pi Chapter (ASU) and Rho Chi Chapter (Huntingdon College); current Campus Advisor Nu Xi Chapter (AUM)- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Campus Advisor for Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First-Year Academic Success; Young Ladies of Class Mentoring Program, Page 44 Alabama Educators Association (AEA), National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), NAACP, and YWCA. Djuana Duncombe Paden is also the recipient of numerous awards and accolades to include: Who's Who Among American Educational Professionals, Outstanding Community Engagement Award, First Year Experience for College Students Workshop Presenter (2 times) - Seattle, WA; Workshop Presenter at Wake Forest University-Civil Rights and Civic Virtue. Dr. Djuana Duncombe Paden is married to Mr. Jerome Paden, the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Farrell J. Duncombe and Mrs. Juanita H. Duncombe and is the proud mother of (1) daughter, Trinity Delana Wilson.

**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

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

Annual Conference Theme:

*"Impact: Transforming Lives, Strengthening Churches, and Changing
Communities" John 15:8*

Quadrennial Theme:

The Work Is All Divine Romans 8:28



*The Opening Worship Service
and The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Ten thirty in the Morning

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.

Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister

Episcopal Supervisor

Convening with

Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

130 W 4th Street

Prattville, Alabama 36067

The Reverend Antonio James

Host Pastor

The Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn L. Denson

Host Presiding Elder

Montgomery-Selma District

The Opening Worship Service

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

10:30 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn L. Denson, Worship Leader
Presiding Elder of the Montgomery-Selma District

THE MOMENT OF REVERENCE
THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn No. 52

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside:
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

THE DOXOLOGY

Choir and Congregation

Hymn No. 647 [Tune: Old 100]

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Antonio James

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within Your gates, O Jerusalem.

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

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will seek Your good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in Your house Lord, I have loved Your habitation, the place where Your honor dwells.

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

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight. O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth and sing praises.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

The Reverend Yvonne Howze

Hymn No. 304 [Tune: ST. THOMAS SM]

"And Are We Yet Alive"

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give, for His redeeming grace!

Preserved by power divine; to full salvation here,
Again in Jesus' praise we join; and in His sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, what conflicts have we passed,
Fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last.

But out of all the Lord, hath brought us by His love;
And still He doth His help afford, and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast, of His redeeming power,
Which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross, till we the crown obtain;
And gladly reckon all things loss, so we may Jesus gain.

THE INVOCATION

The Reverend Ruby Heard-Bustamonte

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Choir and Congregation

"Thank You Lord"

Thank you Lord, Thank you Lord, Thank you Lord,
I Just want to thank you Lord!

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Conference Choir

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Psalms 121

The Reverend Alfonzo Colvin

THE EPISTLE

I Corinthians 3:5-11

The Reverend Eugene Johnson

THE GOSPEL (All Standing)

Luke 10:1-2, 17-20

The Reverend Brenda Robinson-Burns

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE

Hymn #69 [Tune: Woodworth]

"From All That Dwell"

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.

THE DECALOGUE (SUMMARY)

The Reverend Carlos Redding

Hear what Christ our Savior says, "You shall love the Lord Your God with all
your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great
and first commandment. The second is like unto it. You shall love your
neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments
hang all the law and the prophets."

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

THE MISSION OFFERING

The Stewardship Committee

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Conference Choir

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

The Reverend Roosevelt Williams, III

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER

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

THE SERMONIC HYMN

The Reverend Dexter Patterson

Hymn No. 272
"Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior"

Pass me not O gentle Savior
Here 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 a 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;
Hear my wounded, broken spirit
Save me by Thy grace.
Refrain

Thou, the Spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me;
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in heav'n but Thee
Refrain

THE ANNUAL SERMON

The Reverend Leodis Strong
*Pastor, Brown Chapel
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Selma, AL*

THE INVITATION TO

The Reverend Dr. Agnes Lover

RECEIVE CHRIST

"Let the Church Say, Amen"

Let the church say, Amen. Let the church say, Amen.
God has spoken, so let the church say, Amen.

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

The Stewardship Committee

THE RESPONSE

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be,
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Chief Celebrant

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby His oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that His precious death until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood; Who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, Take, eat, this is

My body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, Drink all of it, for

this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Antonio James

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Reverend Lenise Wright- Stanton

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead; and buried. The third day he arose from the dead, he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

The Reverend Strong

The Evening Worship Service
Sons of Allen Night
17th Session of the Alabama River Region Annual Conference
Wednesday, September 2, 2026 6:00 PM



NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bro. Lavon Townsend Host President
Bro. Kenneth Strong ARRC SOA Coordinator
9th District Coordinator Bro. Robert Turner & Bro. Terry Jones
Rev. Antonio James Host Pastor
Rev. Jacqueline Denson Host Presiding Elder
Episcopal Supervisor Deana McAllister
BISHOP Julius H. McAllister Jr.
Presiding Prelate
Historic Ward AME Church
130 W Fourth St, Prattville, Al 36104
Bro. Lavon Townsend, Worship Leader

THE DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 647

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have standing in 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 the 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.

People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he had done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth sing praises!

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC: James Marshall Male Chorus

THE INVOCATION: Bro. Clifford DuBose

THE CHORAL RESPONSE: "He Is Lord"

THE SCRIPTURE: Bro. Don Clemons
Greater St. Joseph AME
Autauga, Al

WORSHIP through MUSIC: James Marshall Male Chorus

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP: Bro. Dale Gamble
St. Peter AME
Montgomery, Al

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER: Bishop Julius McAllister
Presiding Prelate of the 9th Episcopal District

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC: United AME Church Choir

THE MESSAGE: Rev. Horace Winters
Pastor of United AME Church

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP:
Rev. Dexter Patterson

HYMN OF INVITATION:

251

“I Surrender All” Hymn No.

THE OFFERING:

Finance Committee

THE CHANT:

“All Things Come of Thee” Hymn No. 644

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

REMARKS AND PRESENTATION:

Bro. Kenneth Strong

Bro. Terry Jones

Bro. Robert Turner

Bishop Julius McAllister

THE BENEDICTION

**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

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The Mid-Day Worship Service

Women In Ministry ~ Hour of Power

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Noon

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister
Episcopal Supervisor

Convening with
Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
130 W 4th Street
Prattville, Alabama 36067

The Reverend Antonio James
Host Pastor

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

The Mid-Day Worship Service
Women In Ministry ~ Hour of Power
Thursday, September 3, 2026
12:00 p.m.
The Reverend Loretta Fuller, Worship Leader

The Musical Prelude

The Doxology

The Call to Worship

The Reverend Cynthia Jones

- 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 Shelia Williams

**Women in Ministry Choir
and Congregation**

Hymn No. 364
Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found!
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!

Refrain

The Invocation

The Reverend Agnes Lover

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 Yvonne Howze

The Worship Through Music

Women in Ministry Choir

The Presentation of the Preacher

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

The Worship Through Music

Women in Ministry Choir

The Sermon

The Reverend Monique Summers

Pastor

St. Luke African Methodist

Episcopal Church

Opelika, Alabama

**The Invitation
to Christian Discipleship**

The Reverend Lenise Stanton

“I Surrender All”

All to Jesus I surrender

All to Him I freely give.

I will ever love and trust Him,

In His presence daily live.

Refrain

I surrender all, I surrender all

All to Thee My Blessed Savior

I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender

Humbly at His feet I bow

Worldly pleasures all forsaken

Take me Jesus, take me now

Refrain

Remarks from the Bishop

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.

The Worship Through Giving

The Response

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

The Announcements

The Reverend Antonio James

The Benediction

Reverend Summers

ALABAMA RIVER REGION CONFERENCE
17TH SESSION OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
LAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.
HISTORIC WARD CHAPEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
130 W 4TH ST PRATTVILLE, AL 36067



SISTER E. ANN CLEMONS, ARR CONFERENCE LAY PRESIDENT
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Charlie Nichols
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Charlie Nichols, a distinguished native of Pensacola and retired school administrator, has devoted his life to education, public service, and community leadership. His contributions to civil rights began in the early 1960s when he made history as one of the first African American students to integrate A.V. Clubbs Junior High School. He holds academic credentials from Pensacola Junior College and the University of South Alabama, with a master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of West Florida.

Mr. Nichols is married to Dr. Joyce C. Nichols, and they have raised six children. As a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., he remains committed to mentoring and advocating for youth, seniors, and families. His leadership within the African Methodist Episcopal Church is extensive, he serves as the Connectional Lay Organization Chaplain.

His civic engagement encompasses service on numerous community boards, including appointments to the Judicial Nominating Commission and the Health and Human Services Board. Additionally, he has served as a board member or Chairman on organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Girl Scouts, Council on Aging, the Area Agency on Aging, and the Chappie James Museum.



The Worship Service

Sister Rose Brown, Director of Lay Activities -Worship Leader

Theme: "Reviving The Connection:

²⁰ Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, ²¹ Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

Doxology

Praise God, From Who All Blessings Flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Call to Worship..... Brother James Ekundayo, Grant Chapel AMEC, Calera

Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of the Lord. For God has been our help and our strength.

PEOPLE: We come with hearts of gratitude, for the Lord has done great things for us.

LEADER: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

PEOPLE: We lift our voices in worship, for God's Mercy Endures forever.

LEADER: The Lord is our light and our salvation whom shall we fear?

PEOPLE: The Lord is the strength of our lives; we will trust and not be afraid.

LEADER: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

ALL: We will worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. Amen.

The Open Hymn***"The Laymen's Hymn # 582"***... Brother Dale Gamble, St Peter AMEC, Montgomery

Laymen now have thus assembled in Thy blessed name of God: Guide us in our true endeavor, Light the pathway that we trod; Give us strength to ever Labor for Thy cause. Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause.

We are banded one in union, To fulfill Thy just command. May we be Thy true disciples. Holding to Thy might hand; Give us blessings from the fountain of thy love. Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love.

As we walk this Christian Journey, Let us keep our armor bright. Let our works be pure and holy, That we stand within Thy sight; Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love. Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love,

*May we stand before Thine altar, Pledging Lord to work for Thee. In the vineyard, in the pastures.
Let us Lord Thy pilgrims be; Let us lift the cross forever to the skies. Let us lift the cross forever to
the skies.*

The Invocation.....Sister Valinda Underwood, St John's AMEC, Montgomery

~~The Choral Response~~
"I Just Want To Thank You Lord"

The Scripture"**2 Corinthians 9:8**".....Sister Annie Rolack, St Paul AMEC, Montgomery

Worship Through Music.....Alabama River Region Conference Choir

The Lay Litany of Service.....Brother Douglas Jackson, Ward Chapel AMEC, Montevallo

**Reviving the Connection: Exceedingly, Abundantly
Above All We Can Ask or Think
LITANY**

from the pen of CLO DOLA P. H. WRIGHT 11/2025

LEADER: We are Reviving the Connection of Faith. We celebrate what is visible Today, and we acknowledge that there are innovations, opportunities, and blessings awaiting us in the future with possibilities so vast that they are beyond our current imagination.

PEOPLE: Exceedingly, abundantly above ALL we can ask or think.

LEADER: We are Reviving the Connection of Gratitude. We are grateful to a God who blesses us not just with sufficiency, but with abundance—providing far more than we dare to ask, hope, or dream. This spirit of thankfulness fuels our optimism and unites us in grace.

PEOPLE: Exceedingly abundantly above ALL we can ask or think.

LEADER: We are Reviving the Connection of Blessings. The advancement of science over the last century has eclipsed what our ancestors ever dared to dream. And much the same way, Lord, your blessings and the potential of them abound beyond our wildest expectations and imagination.

PEOPLE: Exceedingly abundantly above ALL we can ask or think.

LEADER: We are Reviving the Connection of our Ancestors. Generation after generation we continue to witness the evidence of grace and favor, a testament to God's enduring power which transcend both time and Space.

PEOPLE: Exceedingly abundantly above ALL we can ask or think.

ALL: We are Reviving the Connection! Standing hand in hand, on one accord, searching God's Word, seeking God's will and serving God's people, surrounded by God's love whose plans for us are Exceedingly, Abundantly Above All That We Can Ask or Think.

Liturgical Dance..... **United AMEC Season Steppers**
*Evangelist Cora Mays, Sister Marian Winters, Sister Jennifer Edwards, Sister Dot Mays,
Sister Clara Warren, Sister Wendy Tyus, & Sister Linda Floyd*

Worship through giving Alabama River Region Conference Finance Team

“All things come of thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee”. Amen!

Introduction of the Speaker	Brother Kenneth Strong, St James AMEC, Goodwater
Worship Through Music	Alabama River Region Conference Choir
The Inspired Word	Brother Charlie Nichols, Bethel AMEC, Pensacola, FL
The Invitation to Discipleship	Reverend Antonio James, Historic Ward Chapel, Prattville
The Invitational Hymn	<i>“I Surrender All”</i>Alabama River Region Conference Choir
Acknowledgement of visitors	Sister Rose Brown, United AMEC, Verbena
The Remarks	Sister Ann Clemons, ARR Conference Lay President Brother Robert Turner, 9th District’s Lay President Mrs. Deana McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor The Right Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate

Blessing of the food!

The Lay Benediction: May God Bless us with the true spirit of Christianity so that we may live together.
Not as man over man, but as Layperson, working with God.



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**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

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

Annual Conference Theme:

*"Impact: Transforming Lives, Strengthening Churches, and Changing
Communities" John 15:8*

Quadrennial Theme:

The Work Is All Divine Romans 8:28



The Closing Worship Service

Friday, September 4, 2026

Two o'clock in the Afternoon

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.

Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister

Episcopal Supervisor

Convening with

Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

130 W 4th Street

Prattville, Alabama 36067

The Reverend Antonio James

Host Pastor

The Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn L. Denson

Host Presiding Elder

The Closing Worship Service

Friday, September 4, 2026

2:00 p.m.

The Reverend Roosevelt Williams III, Worship Leader

THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn No. 62

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient Church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not man or Thee, that we fail not man nor Thee!

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

THE DOXOLOGY

Choir and Congregation

Hymn No. 647 [Tune: Old 100]

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn Denson
Presiding Elder, Montgomery-Selma District

- Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
- People:** Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- Leader:** Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- People:** With trumpets and the sound of the horn; make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
- Leader:** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.
- People:** Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy.
At the presence of the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth.
- Leader:** Here we are Lord! We have come into your house praising your faithfulness,
giving thanks for your mercy, and seeking your soul-feeling joy.
- People:** Thank you for creating us and giving us life and breath today.
Thank you for your son Jesus Christ, our Savior, and for the Holy Spirit whose presence unites us as your people.
- All:** Let us sing praises unto the Lord who has never failed us yet!!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

The Reverend Loretta Fuller

Hymn No. 1 **"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinners' ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor, believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy. Amen.

THE INVOCATION

The Reverend Sheila Williams

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

**Conference Choir
and Congregation**

Hymn No. 460

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Conference Choir

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Psalms 111

The Reverend Graven LeBron Townsend

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:15-20

The Reverend Horace Winters

THE GOSPEL (All Standing)

Luke 10:1-7

The Reverend Valtoria Jackson

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE

Hymn #69 [Tune: Woodworth]

“From All That Dwell”

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator’s praise arise;
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.

THE DECALOGUE (SUMMARY)

The Reverend Dexter Patterson

Hear what Christ our Savior says, “You shall love the Lord Your God with all

and first commandment. The second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. "

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Conference Choir

THE MISSION OFFERING

The Reverend Antonio James

"I Just Want to Praise You"

Words and Tune by Arthur Tannous

I just want to praise you, Forever and ever and ever
For all you've done, done for me, Blessings and glory and honor
They all belong to you, Thank you Jesus for blessing me!

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

The Reverend Leodis Strong

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER

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

THE SERMONIC HYMN

The Reverend Kenneth Rhodes

Hymn No. 83

O Thou, in Whose Presence

O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight,
On whom in affliction I call;
My comfort by day, and my song in the night,
My hope, my salvation, my all!

Where dost Thou, dear Shepherd, resort with Thy sheep,
To feed them in pastures of love?
Say, why in the valley of death should I weep,
Or alone in this wilderness rove?

Or cry in the desert for bread?
Thy foes will rejoice, when my sorrows they see,
And smile at the tears I have shed.

He looks! and ten thousands of angels rejoice,
And myriads wait for His word;
He speaks! and eternity, filled with His voice,
Re-echoes the praise of the Lord.

Dear Shepherd, I hear, and will follow Thy call;
I know the sweet sound of Thy voice;
Restore and defend me, for Thou art my all,
And in Thee I will ever rejoice. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr.
*The 124th Elected and Consecrated
Bishop of the African Methodist
Episcopal Church*

THE INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST

The Reverend Cynthia Jones

"Just Come"

By Joseph W. Pace, II
There's nothing better than knowing Jesus,
He will pick you up and turn your life around.

Chorus:

You ought to know Him, get to know Him, right now, today, just come.

There's nothing better than knowing Jesus, He gets sweeter as the days go by.

Chorus

Bridge:

Come on, come on, come on. Come on, come on, come on; right now, today, just come.

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 UNFINISHED ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS

The Report of the Statistician
The Conference Resolution

The Commissioning Service

THE HYMN

The Reverend Loretta Fuller

Hymn #242 "A Charge to Keep I Have"

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care, as in Thy sight to live,
And O, Thy servant, Lord, prepare, a strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray, and on Thyself rely
Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

THE PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

The Reverend James McCoy

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Reverend Michael Rountree

I Peter 5:2-3

Matthew 28:19-20

THE DISPATCHING HYMN

Hymn #220 "Go, Preach My Gospel"

"Go, preach My gospel," saith the Lord.

"Bid the whole earth My grace receive.

Explain to them My sacred word;

Bid them believe, obey, and live.

"I'll make My great commission known, and ye shall prove

My gospel true by all the works that I have done

And all the wonders ye shall do.

"Go, heal the sick; go, raise the dead;

Go, cast out devils in My name;

Enough Greeks reproach and Jews blaspheme.

“While thus ye follow My commands I’m with you till
The world shall end; all power is trusted in My hands;
I can destroy and can defend.”

He spake, and light shone round His head,
On a bright cloud to heaven He rode.
They to the farthest nation spread
The grace of their ascended God.

THE READING OF APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.

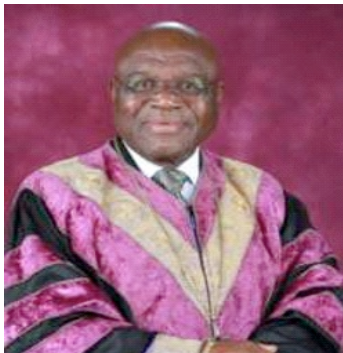
Hymn #45

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels’ guide, uphold you;
With His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
Till we meet, till we meet; God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Bishop David Daniels



Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr.
*The 124th Elected and Consecrated
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Episcopal Church*

The Right Reverend David Rwhynica Daniels, Jr. of Liberia was the Pastor of Eliza Turner African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Monrovia, Liberia. Bishop John Richard Bryant appointed him pastor of Eliza Turner Memorial AME Church in February 1989. In May 1989, Rev. Daniels founded the Christian United for Peace; “CUP” which he helped to organized along with many professionals and permanent Liberians.

He and many peace-loving Liberians opposed the civil war and called for a national “Peace March” which brought out thousands of peace-loving citizens to denounce the war. Thousands of peace-loving people marched for peace on June 14, 1990. Rev.

Bryant, Rev. Dr. Cecelia W. Bryant, and others.

Reverend Daniels lived in the United States for a year and three months after he escaped for his life in June of 1990 from Liberia. When asked by Bishop John Richard Bryant the second time to come back to Liberia, Rev. Daniels gladly accepted the challenge. Rev. Daniels came back home to Liberia the second time to continue the ministry he began at Eliza Turner Memorial AME Church. He knew God could use him as an available vessel to “Make a Positive Difference” in Liberia. Upon his return, he worked tirelessly to reorganize the church; and, with God’s help, it became one of African Methodism’s largest churches on the continent of Africa. Eliza Turner grew from a few hundred members to several thousands. The church went from one full-time employee to several employees before the 1996 hostilities. In 1992, Rev. Daniels organized a ministry school which has developed into a seminary. It was named in honor of Bishop John Richard and Rev. Dr. Cecelia W Bryant. It is now known as the Bryant Theological Seminary.

Again, Rev. Daniels and his family were driven into hiding for their lives as April 6 hostilities unfolded. Rev. Daniels condemned any kind of killing of human beings and the brutal senseless civil war. Consequently, the Daniels were airlifted by the United States Marines among thousands of foreign nationals in April 1996 in neighboring Dakar, Senegal in route to the United States where he now resident.

Before his election in July 2004, he was the pastor of Turner Memorial AME in West Columbia, South Carolina. Rev. Daniels, the visionary leader that he is, met Turner Memorial in debt; and, he organized the church and instituted a Sacrificial Giving effort, which got the church out of debt in 16 months. He moved quickly to establish a school called Turner Child Development Center. They now have a thriving school with several full-time employees.

Bishop Daniels is also founder of Frank M. Reid, Jr. Christian School in Liberia, emphasizing spiritual and academic excellence and Christian moral standards. The school began with about 25 students in 1992, and by 1996, enrollment had reached several hundred with present enrollment exceeding our expectations. F. M. Reid, Jr. Christian School now has a long waiting list because of lack of space. In August of 2002, the AME University confers the Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. David Rwhynica Daniels, Jr. (Degree of Doctor of Divinity (D. D. Honoris Causa) Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr. holds a Master of Divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina.

On July 5, 2004, God answered the long-awaited prayer of Rev. David R. Daniels, Jr. to go back to be used by God “To Make a Positive Difference” when he was elected and consecrated as the 124th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Bishop Daniels received the highest number of votes among the eight bishops elected. He got elected on the third ballot with 1391 votes out of 1428 votes cast on the third ballot.

Bishop David Rwhynica Daniels, Jr.’s election was a history-making event in the life of the church as the first West African to be elected from West Africa as Bishop in the AME Church. To God Be the Glory! He was assigned to the Fourteenth Episcopal District serving from 2004-2012. At the 2012 General Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, he was assigned to the Fifteenth District encompassing Western South Africa, Namibia, and Angola and reassigned in 2016 at the 50th Session of the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bishop Daniels was born in Rivercess County, Republic of Liberia, West Africa in the spring of 1957. He is married to Mrs. Irene Moifoi Daniels. They are the proud parents of daughters: Danica Rwysayma, Davida Renee, Iesha Mardea.