AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HISTORY

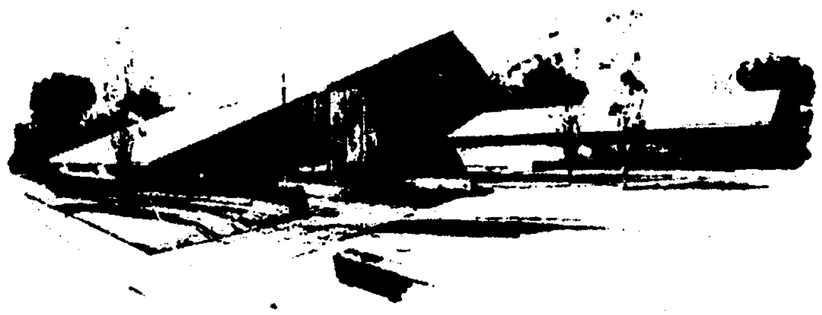
The African Methodist Episcopal Church is the oldest Black Christian denomination in the United States, tracing its roots back to 1781 and the city of Philadelphia.

It was organized by the Rev. Richard Allen, an ex-slave, and the other Black members of Philadelphia's St. George Methodist Episcopal Church who withdrew their membership as a result of racial discrimination in the church.

*In 1787, they began worshipping at a blacksmith shop, the site of which became **Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which is the oldest Mother Church of African Methodism and the oldest piece of U.S. property owned consecutively by Blacks.*

In 1816, the first General Conference convened in Philadelphia. Delegates from other independent Black Methodist congregations from Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania were present at this Conference. Together they organized the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc., the country's first national denomination headed by Blacks, and Richard Allen was consecrated its first Bishop.

The motto of the A.M.E. Church is "God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Man Our Brother." The mission of the A.M.E. Church is to minister to the spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional needs of all people by spreading Christ's liberating gospel through word and deed. Today there are approximately 3,000,000 A.M.E.'s around the globe in Africa, the West Indies, South America, Europe, Canada, The Bahamas, Bermuda, and throughout the continental United States.



Bethel A.M.E. Church

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Parsonage 351-4060

Rev. John Nettles, Jr., B.S., M. Div.
Pastor

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE

SERVING GOD AND MAN SINCE 1863

Rt. Rev. James H. Mayo	Presiding Bishop
Rev. Dr. Cornelius Hayes	Presiding Elder
Rev. Osborne Munroe	Associate Minister

"THE LORD WILL MAKE A WAY SOMEHOW"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 30, 1996

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNUAL MEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE

Quiet Moments: As we come into the Sanctuary, let us come with an attitude of Prayer and Thanksgiving. Give God all the Praise and the Glory. For it was He who allowed us to come together to Worship Him.

Instrumental Prelude

The Introit: #619 "Spirit of the Living God"

Processional

CALL TO WORSHIP - Traditional

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

People: For a day in thy 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.

M: Because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will seek thy good.

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

M: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

P: For the Lord is in his Holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.

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

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP - Continued

Hymn of Praise: #559 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

Invocation

Choral Response: #601 "He Is Lord"

The Ministry of Music

Responsive Reading: #696 "Be Joyful in the Lord"

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

Decalogue: The Ten Commandments & Response *(Abridged)*

Benevolent Offering

Announcements: Church Clerk

Introduction of Visitors: Usher

The Church in Fellowship: #522 "Blest Be the Tie"

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Pastor's Notes

Children's Message: #549 "Jesus Loves Me"

Altar Call: #345 "Have Thine Own Way Lord"

Pastoral Prayer

The Ministry of Music

Pre-Sermonic Solo

THE SERMON: Rev. John McCoy, Associate Minister, St. Luke

The Chant: #634 "Sentence and The Lord's Prayer"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Worship Through Giving: Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High: *(Psalm 50:14 KJV)*

Choral Response: #644 "All Things Come of Thee"

Recessional: #594 "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

ORDER OF WORSHIP - Continued

Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Benediction

Instrumental Postlude

We extend to YOU, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, a loving WELCOME. May YOU find, here at Bethel, an experience of true Christian Worship and Fellowship. We consider it a privilege to have YOU worshiping with us today and we hope to see YOU again. If YOU are seeking a church home, we invite YOU to join our Christian Family.

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If there is sickness, please call Pastor Nettles at 356-0323 *(Church)*, 351-4060 *(Parsonage)* or the Pastor's Steward, Sister Odessa Hudson at 359-4623. In the event of a death, please call the Pastor before deciding on the date and time of the service.

HAVE YOU Heard?

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ANNUAL MEN'S DAY

The Men are celebrating their Annual Day today during the Morning Worship. The Speaker of the Hour is the Reverend John McCoy, Associate Minister of St. Luke C.M.E. Church, Champaign.

The Men are asked to donate $100.00 and the Women are asked to support the Men by donating $50.00.

HAVE YOU Heard?

MEETING

Monday - July 1 - 7:00 p.m.

STEWARD BOARD MEETING

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING

The Teachers of the Sunday School will meet Saturday, July 6, at 9:00 a.m. Thanks, D. Session, Superintendent

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LAY ORGANIZATION STUDY

The Lay Organization will begin Classes on the Discipline of the A.M.E. Church on Tuesday, July 9, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. for new members, class leaders or anyone who is interested. Ruth Latham, President

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DON'T FORGET!

* TO INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH EACH SUNDAY. Ask members that have not been attending regulary.
* the weekly meetings and your financial obligations of the church.
* to support the Sunday School. BRING your children. There's a class for you too.
* the Steward Board wants to remind you that Class Dues are the African Methodist Episcopal way.
* announcements for the Bulletin are due in the Pastor's office by Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. Announcements to be read on Sunday are due in his office by Friday, Noon.
* to support your church. If you don't who else will?

PEOPLE, PLACES, and EVENTS

SUNDAY - JUNE 30 — Abella Kinney
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
MEN'S DAY CELEBRATION - 11:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday - July 1
STEWARD BOARD MEETING - 7:00 P.M.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - Peggy and John Hendrix (1)

Tuesday - July 2

Wednesday - July 3
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - July 4 — Estelle Merrifield
Independence Day Celebration

Friday - July 5

Saturday - July 6 — Shirley Hursey
Sunday School Teachers Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
YPD Meeting - 12:00 noon
Stewardess Board Meeting - 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY - JULY 7 — William V. Renfro
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - 11:00 a.m.
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday - July 8
TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - July 9 — Mae Donaldson
Lay Organization Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

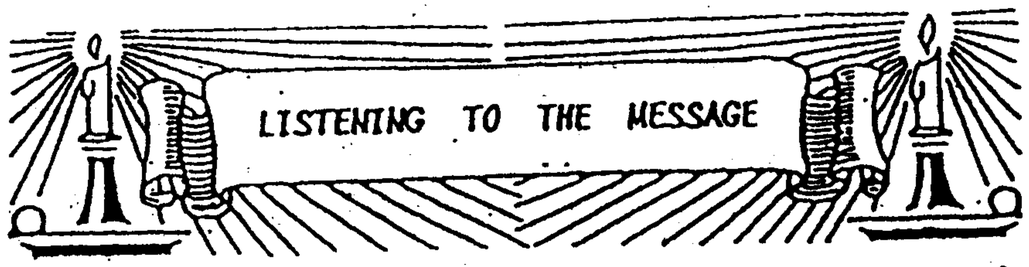
Wednesday - July 10 — Carrie Banks, Pearline McDowell
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - July 11 — Michael Carter, Nifisah Freeman, Alberta Friend
Bethel Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 p.m.

Friday - July 12 — Halestine Session

Saturday - July 13 — Carletta Donaldson, James McGavock, Dawson Banks, Jr.

SUNDAY - JULY 14
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



I pray that something is said today to help you tomorrow. If so, write it down, take it home, and pray that God will hide his word in your heart that you might not sin against him. As you pray, remember to ask God for a double portion of his Spirit.

MESSAGE TITLE: _____

SCRIPTURE: _____

Scripture References: _____

Main ideas of the message:

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS MESSAGE TO MY LIFE?

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Deleshia Kinney - Grambling with a Masters

Peggy Hendrix - Eastern Illinois University

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Mia Clements - Urbana

Tracy Hewitt - Central

Fineez Muhammad - Centennial

Jonte Rollins - Urbana

April Walker - Centennial

Cary Butts - Centennial

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES

Nafisha Freeman

LaDell Payne

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES

Sasha Alexander

Christopher Butts

Latecia Payne

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Call to me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you have not known.

Jeremiah 33:3

PRAYER

Prayer & Praise Communication

Please pray for:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Their specific need is:

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For more information, please call:

Name _____

Phone _____

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Sunday Bulletin Report Sheet

If you have an announcement or a news item for our weekly bulletin, please describe below and drop at church office.

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Announcements for the BULLETIN must be written, dated and in the hands of the Pastor by Wednesday, 12 Noon. Announcements to be READ must be in the hands of the Pastor by Friday, 5:00 p.m. The Church Clerk will no longer take information for announcements over the phone.

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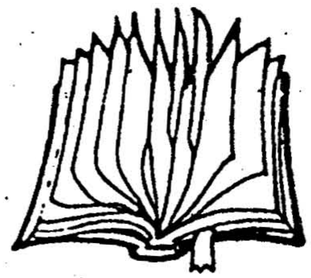

PRAYER SERVICE
and BIBLE STUDY

Through the Bible

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M.

All are invited to participate. The Bible contains the KEY that will unlock the door to the answers to the questions of life.

I Corinthians

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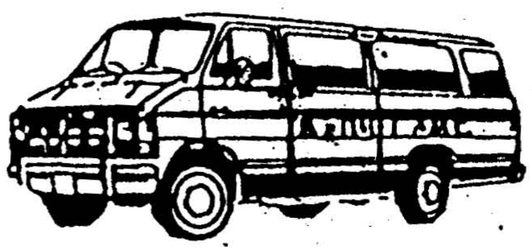
TRANSPORTATION



If you need transportation to **SUNDAY SCHOOL, MORNING WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDY** and **PRAYER SERVICE**, please call **George Pope** at **356-0370** on **Tuesday** for Wednesday Bible Study and on **Saturday** for Sunday Services.

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CHOIRS REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

JUNE

FIRST SUNDAY - Bethel A.M.E. Choir

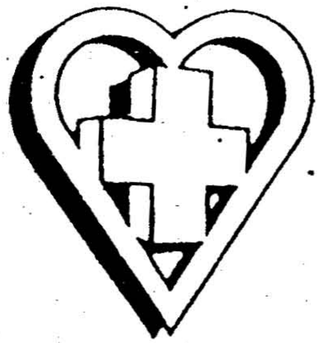
SECOND SUNDAY - A.M.E. & Youth

THIRD SUNDAY - Bethel A.M.E. Choir

FOURTH SUNDAY - Bethel A.M.E. Choir

JOIN THE CHOIR

BETHEL A.M.E. CHOIR - Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
YOUTH CHOIR - Rehearsal **VACATION** econd Saturdays
MALE CHORUS - to be announced



We are praying for...

DONALD ALEXANDER - Care Center of Champaign
1915 S. Mattis, C. 61821
ODELIA ALEXANDER - 903 N. Busey, U. 61801
CALLIE GLOVER - Care Center of Urbana
907 N. Lincoln, U. 61801
EDDIE GLOVER - Care Center of Urbana
907 N. Lincoln, U. 61801
MILLARD GRAY - Americana Healthcare Center
309 E. Springifeld, C. 61820
LOVIA HENDERSON - 1206 W. Bradley, C. 61821
WILDA HERNDON - 1002 N. Busey, U. 61801
LOUIS HUNLEY - 1109 N. Walnut, C. 61820
LIZZIE JOHNSON - Fairhaven Christian Home
1709 Fairview Ave.
Decatur, IL 62521 - Rm. 313, Bed 1
MARY L. JONES - 108 W. Washington, C. 61820 #511
MARGUERITA MYERS - Zeller Mental Health Center
5407 N. University
Peoria, IL 61614 - Unit 10
CLAUDIA PICKENS - 406 E. White, C. 61820
RICHARD RIVERS - 1011 E. Rio Grande
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
M. ODESSA SAYLES - 203 E. Washington, C. 61820
NAOMI WHITE - 405 Phillips Dr, C. 61820