Champaign church marking 136th year

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CHAMPAIGN — Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will celebrate its 136th anniversary on Sunday.

The church at 401 E. Park Ave., C, calls itself the oldest black church in the Champaign-Urbana area.

Morningstar Freewill Baptist Church in Urbana celebrated its 88th anniversary as the oldest black church in Urbana during February.

Bethel AME plans to start its anniversary program at 3:30 p.m. with music from its own choir and the choir from St. John AME Church in Indianapolis.

The Rev. Charles Jackson of Bethel AME and the Rev. James Daniels Sr. of St. John AME will preside.

More information is available from Shirbie Faulkner, chairwoman, at 356-7393.

Mrs. Mattie Lindsey is the oldest living member of Bethel
Born Oct. 5, 1895 in Jackson Ky.

Mrs. Lena Lindsey is the 2nd oldest

Raymond M. Scott - lifetime member
Passed away 11/25/07, after 40 yrs of Service @ the U of I
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