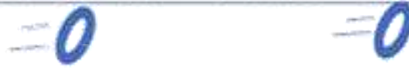




# THE LAY EXPRESS



Second Episcopal District ~ African Methodist Episcopal Church  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

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From  
*the desk*  
of...

*Penny S. Oliver, President*



Have you ever had days filled with worry. Well, that was my day yesterday. My restless heart was so anxious, so filled with worry that I struggled to think of anything other than that for which I was worrying. Ironically, I had just read that morning from Psalm 37, which says, “Do not be anxious; it tends only to evil.” Needless to say, my heart was out of whack, and I knew it. Sadly, as I’m prone to do, I trudged through the day without truly addressing it. This morning as I woke up I knew my heart needed to be set right, and thank God for His Word. I read the next Psalm, number 38. Wow!! Talk about “needing to hear that”. The Psalm begins, “O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.” I prayed this very thing. Then I prayed verse 4, “For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.” True again. I concluded by praying with the Psalmist (v. 21-22), “Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.” These verses have been my meditation today, they have been my delight. They have been so helpful to my soul. In other words, they tasted really good, like a cool glass of water on a hot day. God’s Word will be like fresh water to your soul also, as you delight to make a daily habit of spending time enjoying it.

As our journey continues into a new conference year, let’s begin and end each day with the reading of God’s Word. This conference year, let’s put our trust in God and move from membership to discipleship.

Happy Mother’s Day and thank you for your willingness to serve!





*Mother's Day*  
Sunday, May 12, 2019

***"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."***

**Proverbs 31:28-30**



## **God's Special Creation**

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The hand that rocks the cradle  
also makes the house a home.  
It is the prayers of the mother  
that keeps the family strong.

Mother rises early in the morning  
and bathes her day in prayer.  
She talks to God about her family  
and places them in His care.

Mother seasons life with love  
and gives so much of herself.  
God placed in her the best He had  
and made her unlike anyone else.

Mother is God's special creation.  
She is a light shining in the dark,  
illuminating the path for her family  
and pointing them toward God.

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/gods-special-creation>





Thank you everyone for the part that you played with the success of our Lay Witness Service held on Thursday, May 2, 2019. We are grateful for the number of Pastors who escorted their Presidents in the processional; the program participants; **our Speaker, Sister Starr Battle; the Peay Sisters; Turner's Chapel Gospel Choir;** all of our members, guests and President Penny Oliver. We thank God for the opportunity to serve.

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As the new conference year has begun, Pastors, officers and members will be in the process of re-organizing. All organizations within the church should be re-organized including our local Lay Organizations. If you do not have a Lay Organization within your church what better time than now to get organized? Please do not hesitate to call on Bettie Duell, who serves the churches in the eastern District as Eastern District Coordinator (Phone: 919-539-9881), to get organized. Those churches in the Western District should contact Sonia Barbre, Western District Coordinator, (Phone: 336-768-4822), should you need assistance in getting organized for this conference year. If these ladies are not available, please feel free to give me a call, (Phone 828-433-8424), or email ([jconleyk@bellsouth.net](mailto:jconleyk@bellsouth.net)).

When you organize remember, whether you have a local Constitution and By Laws or not, you would need to be governed by the **Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization's Constitution and By-Laws**. Officers for the local organizations are elected each year after the Annual Conference. Officers may serve in a position for a year and should not serve more than eight years in the one position.

*(For additional information, please see the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization Constitution and By-Laws)*

*Sister Jacqueline C. Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities  
Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization*

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION



# ONWARD TO GREATER



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## 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Session of Connectional Lay Organization Tentative Agenda @ Glance

### Saturday – June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

6:00 am to 10:00 am	Personal Devotion/Wellness & Preparation for the Day
10:00 am to 1:45 pm	Biennial Kit Prep
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Registration

### Sunday – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

6:00 am to 10:00 am	Personal Devotion/Wellness & Preparation for the Day
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Biennial Committee Meetings
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Registration
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm	<b>CLEDC Meeting</b>
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Learning Lab - "My First Biennial"
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Biennial Choir Rehearsal
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm	<b>CLO Executive Board Meeting</b>
6:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Processional Lineup (Bishops, General Officers, CLO Executive Board)
6:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Assemble and Prepare for Open Worship and Holy Communion
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	<b>36<sup>th</sup> Opening Worship and Holy Communion</b>
9:30 pm to 11:00 pm	Episcopal Districts and Committee Meetings

### Day 1 – Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

6:00 am to 8:00 am	Personal Devotion/Wellness & Preparation for the Day
7:00 am to 8:45 am	Breakfast on your own
8:00 am to 5:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am to 8:45 am	Assemble/Musical Prelude/Devotional Message/Roll Call
	<b>Business Session I</b>
9:00 am to 11:30 am	Meeting Called to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Adoption, Registration Committee Report, Credential Committee Report, Seating of the Delegation, Approval of the Minutes, Rules Committee Report, Host District Greetings, Recognition of Special Guests. Introduction of the Lay Commission Chairperson, Logistics Overview, President's Message, Director of Lay Activities, Young Adult Representative & Officers Reports

### 11:30 am -12:15 pm Keynote Address – The Honorable Maxine Waters, U.S. Congress

12:15 pm to 1:45 pm	Lunch on your own
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Lay Plenary – Implementing the Connectional Theme "A Social Justice and Liberating Faith" – Symposium
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Dinner on your own/Wellness Break & Preparation for Reception
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Welcome Reception
9:30 pm to 11:00 pm	Episcopal Districts and Committee Meetings

### Day 2 – Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

6:00 am to 8:00 am	Personal Devotion/Wellness & Preparation for the Day
7:00 am to 8:45 am	Breakfast on your own
8:00 am to 5:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am to 8:45 am	Assemble/Musical Prelude/Devotional Message
	<b>Business Session II (Reports)</b>
9:00 am to 12:30 pm	Finance Report, Budget & Finance Committee, CLEDC, Review of the Discipline, Issues Facing the Church/Nation, Constitution and By-Laws, Proposed Legislation, Higher Education Support, Episcopal District Presidents
12:30 pm to 2:00 pm	Lunch on your own
2:15 pm to 2:45 pm	<b>Lay Plenary ~ The DNA of the Lay Organization</b>
	<b>Lay DNA Learning Labs</b>
3:00 pm to 4:15 pm	Learning Lab 1A The Lord's Prayer Learning Lab 1B A Firm Foundation Learning Lab 1C You Have What It Takes



## 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Session of Connectional Lay Organization Tentative Agenda @ Glance

	Learning Lab 1D	Christ Centered Leadership
	Learning Lab 1E	Implementing the Connectional Theme
	Learning Lab 1F	Discipleship through Music
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm	Candidates Forum	
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Dinner on your own/Wellness Break	
8:30 pm to 10:30 pm	Episcopal Districts and Committee Meetings	

### Day 3 – Wednesday , July 3rd, 2019

6:00 am to 8:00 am	Personal Devotion/Wellness & Preparation for the Day
7:00 am to 8:45 am	Breakfast on your own
8:00 am to 5:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am to 8:45 am	Assemble/Musical Prelude
<b>9:00 am to 10:15 am</b>	<b>Business Session III (Constitution and By-laws &amp; Proposed Legislation)</b>
10:15 am to 10:45 am	<b>Lay Plenary ~ Courageous Conversations</b>
	<b>Courageous Conversations Learning Labs</b>
	Learning Lab 2A Free Your Mind (Diversity)
	Learning Lab 2B Behind the Mask (Mental Health)
11:00 am to 12:15 pm	Learning Lab 2C Love Doesn't Hurt (Domestic Violence)
	Learning Lab 2D Real Talk (HIV)
	<b>Lay DNA Learning Labs (3 repeat sessions)</b>
	Learning Lab 3A The Lord's Prayer(repeat)
	Learning Lab 3B A Firm Foundation(repeat)
	Learning Lab 3C You Have What It Takes(repeat)
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	Hour of Power Rev. Corwin Davis, 13 <sup>th</sup> Episcopal District
1:30 pm to 2:45 pm	Lunch on your own
2:45 pm to 3:00pm	Break and Transition to Learning Labs
	Messages From Our Young Adults Learning Labs
3:00 pm to 4:15 pm	Learning Lab 4A God Given Talents
	Learning Lab 4B Are You Listening? The Past, Current, and Future
	Learning Lab 4C What I Need from the Church
	Learning Lab 4D Surviving and Thriving
4:15 pm to 7:00 pm	Wellness Break
7:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Lay Organizational Gala Seating and Processional
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Connectional Lay Organization 2019 GALA (Outstanding Lay Persons & Scholarship

### Day 4 – Thursday , July 4th, 2019

6:00 am to 10:00 am	Personal Devotion/Wellness & Preparation for the Day
7:00 am to 8:45 am	Breakfast on your own
8:00 am to 8:45 am	Assemble/Musical Prelude
<b>9:00 am to 11:30 am</b>	<b>Business Session V (Committee Reports)</b>
	Global Ministry, Memorial, Time and Place, Evaluation, Resolution
11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Traveling Mediation ~Closing Remarks
	Love Circle ~ Departing to Serve

What Do I get for my \$300 registration fee: Approximately 735 minutes-Business Sessions; 550 minutes-Training; 450 minutes – Spiritual Growth and Development; 455 minutes-Other(Gala, Keynote Speaker, etc)

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DAVIS-MCKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP

DR. JAMES C. JOHNSON LAY SCHOLARSHIP

KITTRELL-ALLEN-ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP



# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Jamye C. Williams Scholarship was established by the Connectional Lay Organization for the purpose of assisting young men and women of the Christian Faith in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in obtaining a college education. The funds for this scholarship will be administered by the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.  
The scholarship will be given to an individual who desires to serve the A.M.E. Church in a leadership capacity.  
Pursue course of study leading to a Bachelor's Degree.  
Must be a 2019 high school graduate.  
Must attend college or university in the Fall of 2019.

The J.D. Williams Scholarship was established by the Connectional Lay Organization for the purpose of assisting young men and women in obtaining a college education. The funds for the scholarship will be administered by the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. This scholarship is designated for a student planning to attend a four year A.M.E. college, university, or seminary.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.  
Must attend an A.M.E. college, university, or seminary in the Fall of 2019.  
Pursue course of study leading to a Bachelor's Degree, M. Div, or D. Min.

The Joseph C. McKinney Scholarship was established by the Connectional Lay Organization for the purpose of assisting young men and women of the Christian Faith in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in obtaining a college education. The funds for this scholarship will be administered by the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.  
The scholarship will be given to an individual who desires to serve the A.M.E. Church in a leadership capacity.  
Must be a 2019 high school graduate  
Pursue course of study leading to a Bachelor's Degree.  
Must attend college or university in the Fall of 2019.

**THE SELECTION PROCESS** ~ Recipients will be selected by a judging committee comprised of members of the Connectional Lay Organization. The judges will evaluate eligible students based on academic record, financial need, reference letters, qualities of leadership and extracurricular activities and accomplishments. Winners will be announced by the Scholarship Committee at the site of the 2019 Biennial. All decisions by the judges are final. No material will be returned. Applications not submitted in their entirety will not be processed.

**THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** ~ The winning applicant will be awarded a **one-time** scholarship of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). All scholarships will be distributed directly to the students after verification of registration for the Fall, 2019 semester or quarter. In the event the student is unable to attend in the Fall of 2019, the award will be returned to the scholarship fund.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials in one package:  
Completed application (must be typed).

- **A current official High School transcript of grades in a sealed school's envelope.**
- A five hundred (500) word essay entitled *The Importance of a College Education in the 21st Century*. The essay must be double-spaced and typed or word processed.
- The applicant may, if he or she chooses, submit in writing any information which would enhance the judges' decision, provided it has not already been covered by the items previously covered.
- A minimum of three (3) letters of recommendation (one letter must be from someone familiar with the student's academic performance and potential). A maximum of four (4) letters will be accepted, and may include pastors, local lay presidents, church school teachers, high school teachers, etc.
- Two (2) professional school photographs (3" x 5" preferred, wallet sizes accepted).
- A Letter of Acceptance from the school attending.
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All materials must be **received in the same packet** by the deadline to be considered. **(May 15, 2019)**



# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

(continued)

## AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION DAVIS/McKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP 2019- 2020

The Maude Davis/Joseph C. McKinney Scholarship was established by the Lay Organization of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Episcopal District for the purpose of assisting worthy young women and men, of the Christian faith, in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in obtaining a college education. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Episcopal District Lay Organization will administer the funds for this scholarship, with contributions from all five Conferences in the District: **Baltimore, Washington, Virginia, North Carolina and Western North Carolina, as well as the Davis/McKinney Scholarship Foundation.** The mission of the **Davis/McKinney Foundation** is to generate and award financial resources in support of the Davis/McKinney Scholarship Program.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- Evidence of financial need.
- Must be entering college/university/training institution from high school in the Fall of 2019 and/or first year college and submit official notification.
- Must pursue courses leading to an undergraduate degree or certification.
- Should meet the definition of young adult (ages 17-30).

### THE SELECTION PROCESS:

Recipients will be selected by a selection committee, composed of members from each of **the five conferences. The committee will evaluate eligible students' profiles, academic record, financial need, letters of recommendation, biographical statement and career goals, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities and accomplishments, employment status, family history, participation in the local church, and the professional quality of the application. All applications should be thoroughly prepared and neat in appearance. The application should be typed. Applicants may fill out the initial application in draft form and finalize the application using word processing software or type written. No hand written application will be processed. Application is available on-line from [vsfo@verizon.net](mailto:vsfo@verizon.net)**

### SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS:

All conference committees have the prerogative to disseminate their allocation based upon appropriate distribution, and to select one or more students to receive the scholarship. The 2<sup>nd</sup> District Lay Organization determines the budget for this scholarship annually. **Scholarships should be distributed during the first semester of each academic year.** In the event the student recipient(s) is/are unable to attend the college, university, or training institution in the Fall of 2019, the award will be returned to the scholarship fund.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Qualified applicants must submit the following documents:
- The completed application form, using word processed or typed text.
- **A current official High School transcript of grades and SAT scores.**
- A minimum of (3) letters of recommendation (Pastor or Youth Pastor, responsible adult from his/her local church, and a responsible adult, non-relative outside of church.
- **A one page biographical statement** including career goals, and
- Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

Completed applications **MUST BE** received by stated deadline. Applications with missing components will not be considered in the final evaluation.

\*\* Pastors should not submit letters of recommendation for applicants who are their children.

**DEADLINE:**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

## (continued)

### DR. JAMES C. JOHNSON LAY SCHOLARSHIP Second Episcopal District Western North Carolina Conference

1. A signed application
2. **Applicant's Bio**
3. Copy of letter of acceptance from intended college
4. A current official High School transcript of grades  
College applicants applying must submit college transcript and college status  
1st\_\_\_ 2nd\_\_\_ 3rd\_\_\_ 4th\_\_\_
5. Letters of recommendation from the pastor or church official and an individual unrelated to the applicant

**DEADLINE DATE: June 30, 2019**

Completed application must be received by deadline.  
Application with missing components will not be considered.  
Faxed or by e-mail will not be accepted.

#### Return to:

Mrs. Sonia P. Barbre, Chairperson  
2526 Griffith Meadows Drive  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103  
Phone: 336.768.4822

Applications are processed during the month of August. Checks will be distributed during the month of September at the Annual Prayer Breakfast. Awardees will be listed on the Lay Website ([www.wncclay.org](http://www.wncclay.org)).

#### Scholarship Categories

1st Place - \$1,000.00  
2nd Place - \$750.00  
3rd Place - \$500.00  
4th Place - \$250.00

### 2019 KITTRELL-ALLEN-ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP Second Episcopal District A.M.E. Church

1. This scholarship is limited to students who are current members of an African Methodist Episcopal Church in the 2nd Episcopal District.
2. **Signed Application with all of Part 1 completed (including income information)**
3. Biographical Essay as required in Part 2
4. **Official Copy of high school or college transcript in sealed envelopes**
5. Two current letters of recommendations from nonrelatives  
One of your recommendations must be your pastor or a church official. Your second reference can be any nonrelative who can speak to your character and your involvement in church, community, or school.

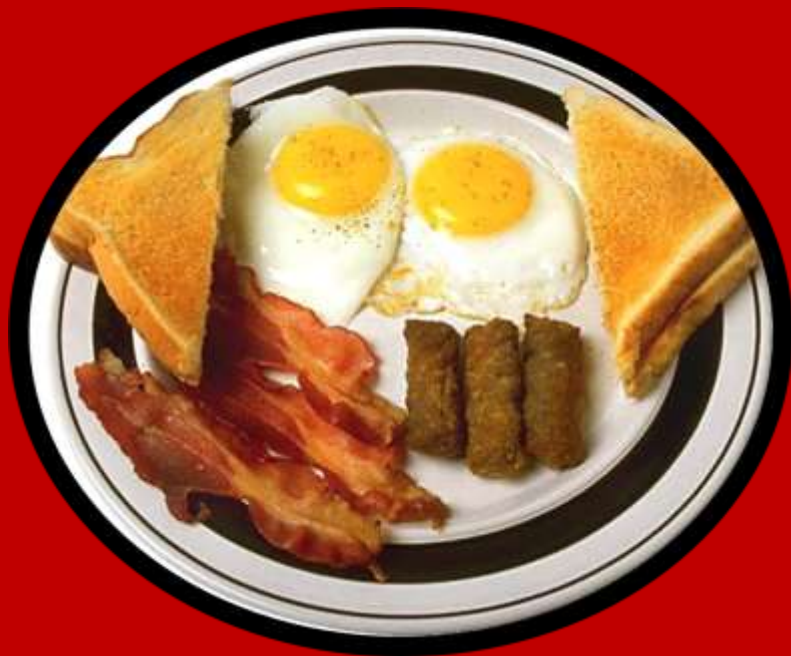
The Scholarship Committee must receive a completed application packet by:

**July 22, 2019.**

**Return all materials to:** Gail P. Radcliff  
9285 Berry Road ~ Waldorf, MD 20603 ~ 301.870.8492



Western North Carolina Conference  
**LAY ORGANIZATION**



Saturday, September 14, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Macedonia A.M.E. Church  
4164 Yarborough Mill Road ~ Milton, N.C. 27305

Tickets ~ \$20 per person  
*(additional information forthcoming)*

Sister Penny S. Oliver, WNCCLLO President  
Sister Jackie Kanipe, Committee Chair  
Sister Joan Brandon, Macedonia Lay President  
Reverend Kelvin Royster, Pastor of Macedonia

# Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Established in 1872

145 Allen Chapel Church Road, Roxboro, North Carolina 27573



**The Early Church**



**100<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary (1972)  
"100 Years Toiling For Christ"**



**145<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary (2017)  
"The Church on the Hill Trying to Recover the Lost Sheep"**

## **Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church**

(Established 1872)

In the year of our Lord in 1872, a few wise and determined leaders of that day became acutely aware of the need for a place to worship in the Woodsdale Community. Hence, they came together to cut a few logs and built the first structure of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church.

The persons responsible for the organization of the early church were, Reverend William Bishop, who served as the first pastor. Others were John H. Callett, a public school teacher, Grandison Bailey, Thomas Bailey and Emanuel Mitchell who served as Trustees. Moses Woods, Alexander Clay, Tillman Jones and Jefferson D. Woods were Stewards. Sallie Woods, Roan Woods, Henryetta Goins, Lucy Clay and Pauline Woods served as Stewardesses. Class leaders were Jefferson D. Woods, Emanuel Mitchell and Alexander Clay. Emanuel Mitchell was Superintendent of Sunday School.

These and other soldiers worked diligently and on March 30, 1874, they received the deed to the church. In 1876, Allen Chapel became a part of the A.M.E. Church Conference. The first pastor sent them by the Conference was The Reverend Shedrick Jones who came to Allen Chapel in 1876.

Since the founding of Allen Chapel in 1872, it has occupied three buildings, prior to the present one. During the intervals of struggles to get a comfortable place to worship, services were held in an old school building nearby and under trees (some which may be still standing in the shadows of the church). The previous building was torn down during the pastorate of Rev. A. L. White and the present sanctuary was built. Reverend White along with many members worked diligently and faithfully to get the building completed by giving of their time, labor and other resources to make this dream a reality. The building was dedicated on June 7, 1953 under the pastorate of Rev. A.J. Holman.

Between the years of 1876 and 1890 fifteen ministers served as pastor of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church. They were, namely, Reverends Charles H. Hunter, E.S.W. Simmons, S.E. Reynolds, Monroe Lewis, F. F. Giles, S. B. Craven, Simpson Jones, D. F. Newby (a frame structure was completed during his pastorate). Afterward, came Reverends J. S. Derry, P.W. Wortham, Reverend Williams, F. W. Watson (Reverend Watson died during his pastorate and Reverend Manson Foust came to finish the year). Next to serve were Reverends Atkinson, Charles C. Alexander, William Murray, L. E. Edwards, Reverend Cotton and Reverend James Tate.

Other ministers serving Allen Chapel include Reverends Wilson, Stroud, Timberlake, Clapp, Rice, Albright, Easterling, Purnell, D. Williams, G. S. Gant, A. L. White (1947-1952); A. J. Holman (1952-1959), new organ purchased and a well and sidewalks installed; he envisioned the need for expansion of the church and guided members in the purchase of more land to make this possible when it became feasible; J. S. T. Decker, J. M. Vinson (1960-1967) a modern heating system installed, two rest rooms, pastor's study, lady's lounge, kitchen, fellowship hall, the brick veneered church and annex. The annex was dedicated with the Bishop Baber delivering the dedicatory message. Irvin W. Knight (1967- 1977), increased worship services from first Sunday to first and third Sundays, organized the following ministries, Young Adult Choir, Allen Star Choir, YPD, Bible Class, Senior Missionary Society, Scholarship Fund and Hostess Club, Youth Revival initiated, Wednesday night prayer service, coffee and fellowship hour following morning worship service initiated. Also during Reverend Knight's pastorate, in 1970 at the Annual Conference Allen Chapel became a station church. It became the first black stationed church between Durham, Oxford, Creedmoor, Burlington, North Carolina and Danville, Virginia. Other accomplishments included church renovations, new roof, installed stained glass memorial windows, and purchased a bus, installed water fountain, hot water heater, purchased refrigerator and installation of telephone. Larnie G. Horton, Sr. (1977-1979 ) organized the Sons of Allen in 1978; J. T. McMillian (1979-1981), C. W. Parker (1981-1985), Allen D. Terrell (1985-1987); Marion B. Robinson (1987-1992) renovations to sanctuary, pews padded and covered, instrumental in working with the State to pave a portion of the Allen Chapel Church Road; Wade H. Morrison (1992-1995, purchased Baby Grand Piano); Vernon P. Burns (1995-2000), R. Phillip Lynch (2000-2003), Barbara J. Barbour (2003-2007) (who made history by being the first female to pastor at Allen Chapel), church parking lot paved; Milton O. Battle (2007-2009), David P. Lowe (2009-2011) and current pastor, Larry McDonald, Sr. (2011- current ) mural installed on wall in choir stand, new carpet and pews installed, additional choir organized (Instruments of Praise who, released their first CD in June 2015), purchased church bus, electrical wiring in fellowship hall upgraded and new tile installed, memorial brick walkway laid.

Thanks to Almighty God and the inspired leadership of its pastors Allen Chapel has made commendable progress since it was established. Evidence of this progress can be attested in the fact that many sons and daughters of this church have been called into the ministry, namely, Ed Bailey, Richard Crutchfield, George R. Clay, Mrs. A.J. Holman, William Diggs, Theodora Lawson Moss, Benjamin Clay and Devin D. Paylor.

Last October (2017), the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church celebrated its 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Homecoming. We give God all the glory, honor and praise for all the great things He has done and allowed Allen Chapel to accomplish the past 145 years. We are just **“The little Church on the Hill Trying to Recover the Lost Sheep!”**

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By spirit of the Word;

From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own Blood He bought her  
and for her life He died.



# Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church Pastors



Rev. Larry McDonald, Sr.  
2011 – Present



Rev. David P. Lowe  
2009 – 2011



Rev. Milton O. Battle  
2007-2009



Rev. Barbara J. Barbour  
2003-2007



Rev. R. Phillip Lynch  
2000-2003



Rev. Vernon P. Burns  
1995-2000



Rev. Wade H. Morrison\*  
1992-1995



Rev. Marion B. Robinson  
1987-1992



Rev. C. W. Parker\*  
1981-1985



Rev. J. T. McMillan\*  
1979 – 1981



Rev. Larnie G. Horton, Sr.\*  
1977-1979



Rev. Irvin W. Knight, Sr.  
1967- 1977



Rev. J. M. Vinson\*  
1960-1967



Rev. A. J. Holman\*  
1952-1960



Rev. A. L. White\*  
1947-1952



Rev. G. S. Gant\*



Rev. James Tate\*  
1905-1910

## \*Deceased

**Former Pastors Pictures Not Available:** Reverend Shedrick Jones, Reverend William Bishop, Reverends Hunter, Simmons, Reynolds, Lewis, Giles, Craven, Jones, Newby, Derry, Wortham, Williams, Watson, Faust, Wilson, Holt, Stroud, Timberlake, Clapp, Rice, Albright, Easterling, Purnell, Williams, Decker, White, and Allen D. Terrell (1985-1987)



# A Few Soldiers Who Helped Pave the Way!



**Lee Clay**  
1855-1940  
Steward and Trustee



**Ellen Brooks Clay**  
1857-1935  
Missionary



**Willie B. Brooks**  
1895-1961  
Trustee, Class Leader, Treasurer



**Major Brooks**  
1887-1955  
Sunday School Superintendent  
Steward



**Earle Talley Herring**  
She joined Allen Chapel in June 1930.  
Served as a Steward, Trustee, Sunday  
School Teacher and President of  
Missionary Department.



**E. W. Brooks**  
Sunday School Teacher &  
Superintendent



**Z. V. Woods**  
Secretary of Church  
Steward & Class Leader



**Rev. C. C. Scott**  
Presiding Elder of the  
Central District



**Iris Woods Baird**  
Church Secretary  
Steward, Senior Choir  
Missionary



**Carnell K. Humphrey**  
Steward, Sons of  
of Allen, Sr. Choir,  
Man of the Year



**Signora Clay Nelson**  
Senior Choir, Steward,  
Missionary, Class Leader



**Leslear Thomas**  
Steward, The Choirs



**Katherine W. Lawson**  
Missionary, Steward,  
Usher President

♦All are deceased

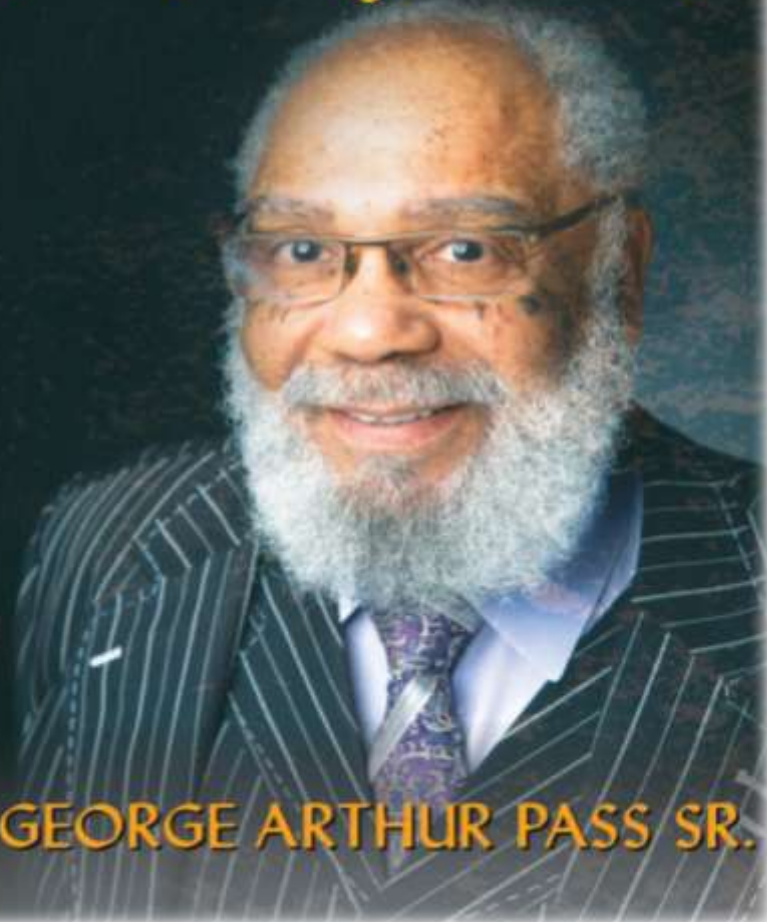
# Special Commendation Brother Dwight Patterson

For your Presentation on,  
"Best Practices for Empowering Lay Leaders —  
Models of Member-to-Member Care",  
at Hood Theological Seminary's,  
*4<sup>th</sup> Annual All Hood Alumni  
& Friends Symposium.*

Much Gratitude for Your Service  
and Work towards  
Advancing the Kingdom of God.



**WHEN I WAS A BOY**  
MEMOIRS OF AN AGING PREACHER  
*George's Journey*



**DR. GEORGE ARTHUR PASS SR.**

*Dr. George Arthur Pass Sr. is a recently retired African Methodist Episcopal Pastor in the Eastern District of the Western North Carolina Conference Second Episcopal District.*

*Book sold at Amazon and Barnes & Nobles*



*“And when your journey seems too hard, and when you run into a chorus of cynics who tell you that you’re being foolish to keep believing or that you can’t do something, or that you should just give up, or you should just settle—you might say to yourself a little phrase that I’ve found handy these last eight years:*

*Yes, we can.”*

*Barack Obama to Howard University in 2016*



# Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Events Around the Connection



**May 19, 2019** ..... **Lay Witness Sunday Service @ 11AM**  
St. Stephen — Liberty, NC — Rev. Kevin Odom, Pastor  
Speaker: Sis. Pam Thompson-Smith, Centennial AMEZ Church, Bear Creek, NC

**June 8, 2019** ..... **CDMC Dedication Ceremony**  
Bethel — Greensboro, NC — Rev. Clay Barrow, Pastor  
Speaker: Sis. Terri McLeod, Commissioner

**June 9, 2019** ..... **Annual Children’s Day Observance**

**June 14-15, 2019** ..... **Springdale Bus Trip visiting Washington, D.C.’s National Museum of African American History & Culture**  
Rev. Dr. Bridgette Gloster, Pastor  
For more information contact: Penny Oliver — (336) 565-0367

**June 16, 2019** ..... **The Mother Emanuel Nine Remembrance Day**

**June 29, 2019** ..... **Addie G. Stroud WMS Brunch @ 10AM (doors open @ 9:30am)**  
St. Paul — Raleigh, NC — Rev. Robert L. Hodges, Pastor  
Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, NC  
Speaker: N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Beasley  
Tickets \$40/person—[bit.ly/EmpoweringWomenBrunch2019](http://bit.ly/EmpoweringWomenBrunch2019) ~ (919) 832-2709 (groups)

**June 30, 2019 - July 4, 2019** ..... **CLO Biennial 2019**  
Seattle, WA

**July 7-11, 2019** ..... **The Summer Summit**  
Norfolk Sheraton Waterfront

**July 23, 2019 - July 27, 2019** ..... **YPD Quadrennial Convention 2019**  
Columbus, OH

**July 27, 2019 - August 1, 2019** ..... **WMS Quadrennial Convention 2019**  
Columbus, OH

**September 14, 2019** ..... **WNCC-LO Annual Prayer Breakfast @ 10AM**  
Macedonia— Milton, NC — Rev. Kelvin Royster, Pastor  
Sis. Joan Brandon, Local Lay President  
Tickets \$20/person—available soon

**July 8-20, 2020** ..... **AMEC 51<sup>st</sup> Quadrennial Session**  
Orlando, FL





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*Please share them with us!*

*The June 2019 issue of THE LAY EXPRESS will mainly capture the essence of the WNCC Annual Conference. We would love for you to be a part of this edition.*

*Please forward your pictures to:*

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**MAY 26th Deadline**

*Oh! In addition, please forward your local church events for JUNE and JULY!*