

ON THE EDGE Newsletter



DON'T GIVE UP!!

Hot Dog Moment By: Pastor Willie White Jr.

Scripture Focus: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Life has a way of testing our endurance. There are moments when dreams feel distant, progress seems slow, and discouragement tries to take hold. Yet this powerful reminder in Galatians 6:9 encourages us to keep going, even when the journey feels long.

Being "weary" is a natural part of life—but quitting does not have to be. The work you are doing, the prayers you are praying, and the faith you are holding onto are not in vain. Every step forward, no matter how small, is part of God's greater plan for your life.

The promise is clear: there is a "due season" for every faithful effort. That means your breakthrough is not random—it is appointed. Your harvest is not uncertain—it is promised. What you are believing God for will come to pass at the right time.

The challenge is to remain steadfast. Continue doing what is right. Continue trusting God's timing. Continue believing in the vision He has placed within you. Even when results are not immediate, growth is still taking place beneath the surface. **DON'T GIVE UP!!!**

Pastor Willie White, HOT DOG



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Season of Lent

Pastor White had the pleasure of preaching as part of the Lenten Lunch series held at First Methodist Church during the season of Lent. On March 11, 2026, along with several members of Johns Chapel there in support, he delivered an outstanding message about the Lent Season.

The three main components (or pillars) of Lent in the Christian tradition are:

1. Prayer Growing closer to God through personal and communal prayer.
2. Fasting Giving up certain foods, habits, or comforts to practice self-discipline and spiritual focus.
3. Almsgiving Helping others through acts of charity, kindness, and generosity.

Together, these three practices help believers reflect, grow spiritually, and prepare for Easter.



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SONS OF ALLEN

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

OF THE

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



In 1984, the African Methodist Episcopal Church created the Sons of Allen Men's Fellowship to foster closer relationships between men of the church, to equip men of the church for meaningful service, to reach unchurched men, and to present positive role models for our youth. The Sons of Allen has grown into an important Connectional movement over the past twenty-plus years, and the Fellowship is becoming a true Connectional ministry. The challenges and disturbing realities facing African American men call for a response from the church. Among the concerns are the following:

- African-American men disproportionately suffer from health..
- As a group, African-American men suffer from economic hardships.
- African American men are grossly over-represented as defendants in the criminal justice system.
- Many African-American men feel disconnected from the church and are drastically underrepresented.
- African-American male youth are too often relegated to special education classes and steered away from college preparatory programs.
- Too many young African-American males lack positive male role models.
- Young African-American men often see the church as irrelevant.

The members of the Johns Chapel Sons of Allen have endeavored to be shining examples of what our forefathers envisioned us to be. We have fed the hungry, mentored young men, ministered to the released prisoners, helped provide health Expos, provided training workshops, hosted a state-wide men's fellowship convention last year, participated in state-wide conventions as well as global conferences. Johns Chapel's local unit is led by Brother Roland Allen and consist of unit members Brother Ricky Britt, the Ozark Troy Presiding Elder District President/Coordinator, Reverend Willie White, Jr., Southeast Alabama Annual Conference Chaplain, and Brother Franklin Simmons, the Southeast Alabama Annual Conference President/Coordinator and Ninth Episcopal District (state of Alabama) Corresponding Secretary.

We are expecting more men to join us to help with this ministry. We meet on Mondays after the 4th Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Come and help us be a blessing to our communities, local and beyond. Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

Submitted By: Brother Franklin Simmons
Secretary, Johns Chapel Sons of Allen Unit

SARCOA March Brain Health Blitz Winner

Congratulations to Sister Geraldine Sanders on winning a gift basket from SARCOA. The basket was sponsored by Sweet and Sassy!



Women Leading the Way

Women's History Month is celebrated every March to recognize and honor the contributions, achievements, and impact of women throughout history and in today's world. Several of the women at Johns Chapel paved the way as they led the morning worship service during Women's History Month. Program participants included Sister Debra F. Brown, Sister Helen Nichols, Sister Alexis Elston, Sister Brenda Crawford, Sister Macy Barber, Sister Althea Solomon, and Sister Shana Demby. Thank you to each of these ladies for your willingness to serve.

Submitted By: Sister Odessa Jones
Christian Education Director



Psalm 139:14 (ESV)

I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The City of Enterprise hosted its 9th Annual Day of Service on Saturday, March 21, 2026. Johns Chapel, under the leadership of our beloved pastor, Willie White, Jr., joined other churches and organizations to demonstrate a shared sense of community. Johns Chapel chose to show appreciation to our police and firemen. We prepared 120 goody bags, filled with snacks and a bottle of water, which we presented to them on Friday, March 20, 2026. The officers were as delighted with receiving our tokens of appreciation as we were in giving them.

Submitted By: Sister Helen Nichols,
Social Action Committee Chairperson



OUTREACH MINISTRY

Johns Chapel Outreach Ministry and Club Yesepoch partnered and BLESSED the boys and girls basketball teams of ESCC with a \$25.00 love offering for each player.

“LOVE IN ACTION”.

9th District YPD Leadership Training Institute

We are proud to celebrate our youth who attended the 9th District YPD Leadership Training Institute! Their commitment to learning, growing in faith, and developing leadership skills is truly inspiring. This experience has equipped them to serve with confidence, purpose, and a deeper understanding of their role in the church. We look forward to seeing all that they will accomplish!



1 John 3:18 ("let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth")

5TH ANNUAL SPRING GOSPEL CONCERT

Our 5th Annual Spring Gospel Concert, "A Grand Time," was truly a joyful and spirit-filled celebration! Attendees were blessed with powerful musical performances, heartfelt expressions of praise, and an atmosphere filled with unity, love, and inspiration.

From uplifting songs to moving moments of worship, the concert showcased the incredible gifts and talents within our community. Each performance reflected the true meaning of expression—sharing faith, joy, and gratitude through music.

It was indeed a grand time, leaving hearts full and spirits lifted. We are thankful for everyone who participated, supported, and joined us for this unforgettable event. We look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come! Thank you to our Johns Chapel Family and Pastor Willie White for all your support.

Submitted By: Sister Nikki Mills



Read Across America Church & Community Partnership

In celebration of Read Across America, our church was honored to visit schools in the Wiregrass Area to promote the joy and importance of reading. Volunteers spent time in classrooms sharing engaging stories, encouraging students to explore new books, and reinforcing the value of literacy in a fun and meaningful way.

This special visit not only brought stories to life, but also strengthened the connection between the schools and the community. Students were excited to listen, participate, and interact with the guest readers, making it a memorable experience for all.

We are grateful for the time, energy, and love we were able to pour into our community. Together, we will continue to inspire a lifelong love of reading!

Members of JC visited Pinedale Elementary School in Enterprise and Beverly Intermediate School (Sister Alexis Elston, Media Specialist) in Dothan. JC WMS Members and Friends who read to the students were Pastor Willie White Jr., Sisters Shelly Harden, Odessa Jones, and Marge Simmons; and our JC Sister-Friend Helen Nichols. Many thanks to all!

Submitted By: Sister Marge Simmons, WMS President



Ways to Give

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Givelify: Johns Chapel AME
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Enterprise AL. 36331

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Weekly Bible Study

Noon Day Bible Study
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Each Wednesday at
6:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM
(Youth and Adult)

Ways to Worship

Virtual, In Person, or
Limited Range Radio
87.9 FM

Breakfast From Heaven
8:00 a.m.

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship
10:45 a.m.