



"STANDING ON STRONG SHOULDERS"

Hot Dog Moment

We are the prayers our ancestors whispered, the dreams they refused to release, and the strength they carried through impossible seasons. Our history is not just what we survived—it's what we built, believed, and became.

This month, remember: resilience is in our roots, brilliance is in our blood, and purpose is on our path. We honor the past best by rising boldly, loving deeply, and moving forward together.

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Matthew 16:18

1“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock[a] I will build my church, and the gates of hell[b] shall not prevail against it.”

SNAPSHOT OF THE HISTORY OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



- **Founder:** Richard Allen, a formerly enslaved man who became a Methodist preacher.
- **Formed due to racial discrimination and segregation** faced by Black worshippers in white Methodist churches.
- **Sparked by an incident where Black members were forced off their knees during prayer at St. George’s Methodist Episcopal Church.**
- **Established to allow African Americans to worship freely and lead their own church.**
- **The AME Church emphasized faith, education, abolition of slavery, and social justice.**
- **It became one of the first independent Black Christian denominations in the United States.**

THE AME NAME

The word **African** means that the church was organized by people of African descent and heritage. It does not mean that the church was founded in Africa, or that it was for persons of African descent only.

The church’s roots are of the family of Methodist churches.

Methodism provides an orderly system of rules and regulations and places emphasis on a plain and simple gospel.

Episcopal refers to the form of government under which the church operates. It means that the church is governed by bishops. The chief executive and administrative officers of the African Methodist Episcopal denomination are the Bishops of the church.

African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church

- 1787 – African American members, including Richard Allen, leave St. George’s Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia after experiencing racial discrimination during prayer.
- 1794 – Richard Allen establishes Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the first Black Methodist congregation in the U.S.
- 1816 – The African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church is officially founded in Philadelphia.
- 1816 – Richard Allen is elected and consecrated as the first bishop of the AME Church.
- Early 1800s – The AME Church grows rapidly, spreading to northern and border states
- 1830s–1860s – AME churches actively support abolition, education, and the Underground Railroad
- 1865 (post–Civil War) – The AME Church expands throughout the South, helping newly freed African Americans establish churches, schools, and communities

The Motto “God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, the Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family” is a great summary of what the African Methodist Episcopal Church believes.



WHY YOUR CHURCH SHOULD BE A BEACON TO THE COMMUNITY?

A church is more than a building! Being a beacon means offering hope to the weary, help to the hurting, and welcome to the overlooked. Through outreach, service, and genuine relationships, the church meets people where they are and reminds them they are not alone. A caring church strengthens families, supports neighbors in need, and brings unity to divided spaces. When the community sees the church actively loving, serving, and standing for justice, faith becomes real and relevant. A beacon church does not wait for people to come—it goes out, shines brightly, and points the way to Christ, who is the true source of hope for all.

- **The church is called to be a light.**

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." — Matthew 5:14–16

- **The church reflects Christ's love through action**

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." — 1 John 3:18

- **The church supports and uplifts those in need**

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2

- **The church cares for the vulnerable in the community**

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress." — James 1:27

- **The church strengthens the community through unity and service**

"All the believers were together and had everything in common." — Acts 2:44–47

- **The church is sent beyond its walls to reach others**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." — Matthew 28:19

- **The church points others to Christ, the true source of hope**

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." — John 8:12

1. Who is known as the "Father of Black History"?

- A. Martin Luther King Jr.
- B. Frederick Douglass
- C. Carter G. Woodson
- D. W.E.B. Du Bois

2. What month is celebrated as Black History Month in the United States?

- A. January
- B. February
- C. March
- D. April

3. Who was the first African American president of the United States?

- A. Malcolm X
- B. Thurgood Marshall
- C. Barack Obama
- D. Colin Powell



Black History Quiz

4. Who led the Montgomery Bus Boycott after Rosa Parks was arrested?

- A. Harriet Tubman
- B. Martin Luther King Jr.
- C. John Lewis
- D. Booker T. Washington

5. Harriet Tubman is best known for her role in which movement?

- A. The Harlem Renaissance
- B. The Civil Rights Movement
- C. The Underground Railroad
- D. The Great Migration

SWEET

LOVE YOU

BE MINE

LOVE YOU

Joel 2:12-13: "Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments."

ASH WEDNESDAY EXPLAINED

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day marking the start of Lent, the 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and repentance preceding Easter.



Significance and Purpose

- **The Lenten Journey:** It initiates a six-week period for Christians to prepare for Easter through reflection, self-denial, and spiritual growth.
- **Symbol of Mortality:** Ashes, often made from burned palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday, are placed in a cross on the forehead with the reminder: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".
- **Call to Repentance:** It is a day for believers to confess sins, seek renewal, and turn back to God.
- **Practices:** Many Christians fast, pray more intentionally, give to others, or give something up as a spiritual discipline during Lent.

HAPPENING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY



Feb. 7- Student Recognition forms and information are due.

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Feb. 8- Founders Day Program (Asking for a special donation of \$100)

Feb. 15- Youth Sunday Student Recognition Program
Y.P.D. Black History Program at 3:00 p.m.
Parks Chapel AME Church, Dothan, AL

Feb. 18-ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany @ 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 22- Divine Nine Program at 3:00 p.m.

Note: Everyone is encouraged and invited to dress in their African Attire each Sunday as we celebrate Black History Month

Respectfully Submitted By,
Sis. Odessa H. Jones, Christian Ed. Director

Quiz Answers: 1. C, 2. B, 3. C, 4. B, 5. C

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.

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)

LATE NIGHT DEVOTION

FACEBOOK AT 10:00 P.M.

Ways to give tithes and offering for kingdom building

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