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ON THE EDGE



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Hot Dog Moment By: Pastor Willie White Jr.

WOMEN LEADING THE WAY

Scripture: "She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future."

– Proverbs 31:25

March is Women's Month, and today we celebrate women who are leading the way and plowing ground for generations to come.

Faith – Keep believing and praying. Your faith is opening doors and making room for God to move.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for."

– Hebrews 11:1

Family – Your love, leadership, and sacrifice are shaping lives and building legacy. What you pour out today will bless tomorrow.

"She watches over the affairs of her household."

– Proverbs 31:27

Fitness – Care for your body, mind, and spirit. Strength is stewardship, and God is glorified when you are well.

"Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit."

– 1 Corinthians 6:19

Women, keep leading. Keep plowing. God sees you—and the harvest is on the way. Amen.

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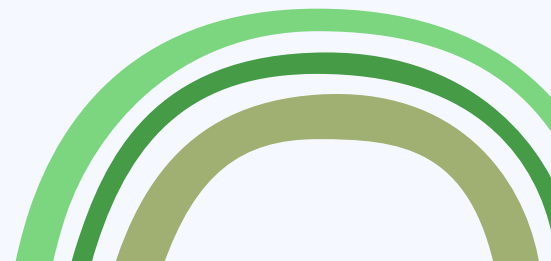
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Ways to give tithes and offering for kingdom building

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IMPORTANCE OF THE USHER BOARD

The Usher Board in an African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church is extremely important, and its role goes far beyond simply greeting people at the door. They are often considered the frontline representatives of the church's hospitality, safety, and order.

1. Welcoming and Hospitality

- Ushers are often the first point of contact for members and visitors.
- They create a welcoming atmosphere, setting the tone for the worship experience, and assisting newcomers.

2. Maintaining Order During Services

- Ushers ensure that services run smoothly, guiding people to their seats, assisting with communion, and helping manage the flow during large gatherings.

3. Assisting in Offering and Tithes

- Guiding those that are giving.

4. Safety and Security

- They play a key role in safety, knowing the exits, helping during emergencies, and sometimes even assisting with first aid.

5. Support During Special Events

- For weddings, funerals, revivals, and other events, the Usher Board organizes seating, coordinates processions, and helps ensure everything goes smoothly.

6. Spiritual Ministry

- AME churches see the Usher Board as a **spiritual ministry, not just a service role**. Ushers often pray with members, offer encouragement, and model Christlike behavior, representing the church's values.

7. Community Presence

- Ushers often engage with members outside of services, helping with outreach, community programs, and church activities, which strengthens the church's communal bonds.

The Usher Board is more than just a logistical support team; they are the embodiment of the church's hospitality, order, and spiritual care. Without them, services would be less organized, less welcoming, and less safe. AME churches consider the Usher Board a critical ministry, and members often serve in it with great pride and dedication.

DIVINE 9 WORSHIP EXPERIENCE



Chairpersons Dr. Stafford Thompson and Sister Beverly Barber did an excellent job organizing the Divine Nine Worship Experience. Johns Chapel is appreciative of the support of each fraternity and sorority of the Divine 9. Dr. Crenshaw, Alabama State Director of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., challenged the congregation "To not become a Mounment, but a MOVEMENT."



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1 Corinthians 11:11

However, woman isn't independent from man, and man isn't independent from woman in the Lord. As woman came from man so also man comes from woman. But everything comes from God.

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.

PAINT AND PRAISE PARTY

Thank you to Coleman Funeral Home for partnering with our Couple's Ministry and making our Praise and Paint Party a roaring success. Attendees not only created a one of a kind masterpiece, they also learned the importance of how to communicate, connect while being creative to build and maintain a healthy relationship and pour into each other.

Submitted by: Sister Patricia White and Sister Corinna Moore, Couple's Ministry Chairpersons



HEART HEALTH MONTH "GO RED"

On January 30, 2026, members of the SE Alabama Conference Women's Missionary Society (WMS) joined in the kickoff of Heart Health Awareness Month at the Southeast Health Heart and Vascular Center in Dothan. The kickoff honored those who suffer, or have suffered from heart disease. As the region's most comprehensive and advanced Heart and Vascular Center, they are focused in February on heart health awareness, and encourage everyone to wear red on kickoff day. The gathering was very informative, interesting and enlightening with information shared by physicians, other medical professionals, supporters, and heart patients.

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Johns Chapel AME Church and Piggly Wiggly held a community appreciation day and fed the community free lunch on February 20, 2026 (Piggly Wiggly on Geneva Highway) and February 27, 2026 (Piggly Wiggly on Boll Weevil Circle).



The Conference WMS was represented by 1st Vice-President Beverly Smith, Sister Evelyn Nelson of Parks Chapel AME Church in Dothan, and President Marge Simmons of Johns Chapel AME Church

THE 2026 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH THEME"

"LEADING THE CHANGE:

WOMEN SHAPING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE"

Honoring women who are rebuilding systems to ensure long-term environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

WOMEN HISTORY MONTH FACTS:

- Origin: Women's History Month in the U.S. started as Women's History Week in 1981 and expanded to a month in 1987.
- Purpose: Celebrates the contributions of women to history, culture, science, politics, and society.
- Timing: Observed every year in March in the United States, aligning with International Women's Day on March 8.

Old Testament Women

1. Eve - The first woman; wife of Adam, mother of all living (Genesis 2-4).
2. Sarah - Wife of Abraham; mother of Isaac; known for faith and patience (Genesis 12-23).
3. Hagar - Sarah's maidservant; mother of Ishmael; experienced God's provision in the wilderness (Genesis 16, 21).
4. Rebekah - Wife of Isaac; mother of Jacob and Esau; known for hospitality and faith in God's plan (Genesis 24-27).
5. Leah & Rachel - Wives of Jacob; mothers of the twelve tribes of Israel (Genesis 29-35).
6. Miriam - Sister of Moses and Aaron; prophetess; led Israelite women in worship after the Red Sea crossing (Exodus 15:20-21; Numbers 12).
7. Deborah - Prophetess and judge; led Israel to military victory (Judges 4-5).
8. Hannah - Mother of Samuel; known for her prayer and dedication of her son to God (1 Samuel 1-2).
9. Abigail - Wife of Nabal and later David; known for wisdom and peacemaking (1 Samuel 25).
10. Bathsheba - Wife of David; mother of Solomon; involved in royal succession (2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Kings 1-2).
11. Esther - Queen of Persia; saved the Jewish people from Haman's plot (Book of Esther).
12. Ruth - Moabite woman; ancestor of David and Jesus; known for loyalty and faith (Book of Ruth).
13. Naomi - Mother-in-law of Ruth; guided Ruth in faith and life decisions (Book of Ruth).
14. Delilah - Known for betraying Samson, leading to his capture (Judges 16).

New Testament Women

1. Mary (Mother of Jesus) - Obedient to God; central to Jesus' birth and early life (Luke 1-2, Matthew 1-2).
2. Elizabeth - Mother of John the Baptist; cousin of Mary; faithful and prayerful (Luke 1).
3. Mary Magdalene - Devoted follower of Jesus; first to witness the resurrection (Luke 8:2, John 20).
4. Martha - Sister of Mary and Lazarus; known for hospitality and service (Luke 10:38-42, John 11).
5. Mary of Bethany - Sister of Martha; known for worshiping Jesus and anointing Him (John 12:1-8).
6. The Samaritan Woman at the Well - Witnessed to her town about Jesus (John 4).
7. Anna the Prophetess - Recognized Jesus as the Messiah as a child (Luke 2:36-38).
8. Priscilla - Early church leader; taught Apollos about the way of God (Acts 18).
9. Phoebe - Deacon in the church at Cenchreae; commended by Paul (Romans 16:1-2).
10. Lydia - Businesswoman; first European convert to Christianity; supported Paul (Acts 16:11-15).
11. Salome - Follower of Jesus; present at the crucifixion and resurrection (Mark 15:40-41, 16:1).

Other Notable Women in the Bible or Jewish Tradition

1. Jezebel - Queen; notorious for promoting idolatry and opposing prophets (1 Kings 16-21).
2. Rahab - Canaanite woman; hid Israelite spies; ancestor of Jesus (Joshua 2; Matthew 1:5).
3. Tamar (daughter-in-law of Judah) - Ensured her family line continued (Genesis 38).
4. Michal - Daughter of Saul; wife of David; complex story of loyalty and conflict (1 Samuel 18-19).
5. Sapphira - Early church member; died for deceit with her husband Ananias (Acts 5:1-11).

1 PETER 3:3

DON'T TRY TO MAKE YOURSELVES BEAUTIFUL ON THE OUTSIDE, WITH STYLISH HAIR OR BY WEARING GOLD JEWELRY OR FINE CLOTHES. INSTEAD, MAKE YOURSELVES BEAUTIFUL ON THE INSIDE, IN YOUR HEARTS, WITH THE ENDURING QUALITY OF A GENTLE, PEACEFUL SPIRIT. THIS TYPE OF BEAUTY IS VERY PRECIOUS IN GOD'S EYES.