

Welcome to  
*Johns Chapel*  
*African Methodist Episcopal Church*  
605 Geneva Highway/Post Office Box 311015  
Enterprise, Alabama 36331  
February 8, 2026 - 10:45 a.m.  
*The AME Church Founder's Day*  
*Worship Celebration*



**Bishop Richard Allen, Founder of the A.M.E. Church—Feb 1760-1831**

*The Reverend Willie White, Jr., Pastor*  
*Dr. Willie Eugene Marshall, Presiding Elder*  
*Ozark-Troy District*

*Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, WMS Supervisor*  
*Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate*

*God Our Father*

*The Holy Spirit Our Comforter*

*Christ Our Redeemer*

*Humankind Our Family*

# **JOHNS CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH**

## **FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION & CONNECTION SUNDAY**

**Sister Odessa Jones, Chairperson**

**Pastor Willie White, Jr., Co-Chairperson**

### **PRELUDE**

**Processional of Church Leaders, Officers, and Program Participants**

**Hymn #25—Holy, Holy, Holy — Lyrics on Page 8**

### **DOXOLOGY\*\***

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Sister Odessa Jones  
Worship Leader**

Leader: Today, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we honor our founding father Richard Allen and his gifts.

**People: I am AME** Leader: Today, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we gather in amazement of the moving God had in his life when he stepped out on faith and established the first national Black church in the United States, the African Methodist Episcopal Church. .

**People: I am AME**

Leader: Today, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we listen to the call he issued for salvation and the pursuit of holiness through a life of discipleship.

**People: I am AME**

Leader: Today, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we excel in the virtuous values Richard Allen passed on to us. Values such as liberation, justice, self-determination, education, and economic empowerment.

**People: I am AME**

Leader: Today, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and in the essence of Bishop Richard Allen, we welcome the Holy Spirit into this place as we celebrate our Founder's Day.

**ALL: I am Admired, Motivated, Established. I am Amicable, Meritorious, Exemplary. I am African Methodist Episcopal. I am AME!**

### **FEBRUARY HYMN OF PRAISE**

**#571 – Lift Every Voice and Sing**

1. Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the

hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun , Let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered; Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee, Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand, True to our God, True to our native land.

**PRAYER**

**Dr. Stafford Thompson**

**Choral Response**

**SELECTION**

**The Sanctuary United Voices of Praise  
Accompanied by Brother Brent Golden  
DeVonte Mills, and Kam Elston**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Sister Beverly Barber**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS** **Sister Aletha Solomon**

**“Why We, as AMES, Celebrate Founders Day”** **Dr. Russell Nichols**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** (Asking for a special donation of \$100.00)

**Opportunities to give tithes & offerings: During morning worship service. Or mail to Johns Chapel AME Church, Post Office Box 311015, Enterprise, AL 36331-1015. Or give via Givelify: Johns Chapel AME Church, Pay Pal: Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**SERMONIC SELECTION**

**The Sanctuary United Voices of Praise**

***The Founder’s Day Message***

***The Reverend Willie White, Jr., Pastor***

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

I'll say yes, Lord, yes to Your will and to your way.

I'll say yes, Lord, yes, I will trust You and obey!

When Your Spirit speaks to me, with my whole heart I'll agree;

And my answer will be yes, Lord, yes

(Lyrics by Shirley Caesar)

### DOXOLOGY\*\*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below!

Praise Him above, ye Heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

BENEDICTION

Amen!!

**SOUTHEAST ALABAMA CONFERENCE**  
**YOUNG PEOPLE'S & CHILDREN'S DIVISION**  
of the  
Women's Missionary Society



**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**  
**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR SICKLE CELL FOUNDATION**  
*Food and Tolitery items will be donated to the Bennie G. Adkins State Veteran's Home which was displaced by a sudden fire and is currently staying at the Enteprise Nursing and Rehabilitation facility until their home is complete.*

*Items needed: little debbie cakes. cheetos cheese puffs, salt and vinegar chips, and dum dum suckers, sodas, body wash.*  
*All donations are needed by February 15, 2026 at the YPD Black History Program.*

For more information contact  
Ayden Cole, SEAC YPD President  
Sister Tara Harris, SEAC YPD Director  
Sister Sharla Haring, Dothan-Eufaula Area Director  
Sister Nikki Mills, Ozark Troy Area Director



Johns Chapel AME Church  
 5th Annual  
**SPRING GOSPEL SINGING**  
 Theme: **Jesus and Jeans**

Emcee: Jocquette Carroll  
 "The Shouting Preacher"  
 WKCG Praise 99.1

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS



High Spirit  
SWAY'ING



Ruth Black &  
the Harmonettes



Monte Maddox  
& HIGHLY FAVORED

Doors Open at 2:00      **March 21, 2026**      Concert starts at 3:00

Please Note:  
 Proceeds from the concert benefit all the outreach programs of  
 Johns Chapel AME Church.

Pastor Johnny McCray  
& Blessed



Early Bird  
Tickets  
\$20.00

**THE FOUNTAIN CITY  
SPIRITUALAIRS**

Lifted Praise



Caldwell Singers



Tickets Day  
of Concert  
\$25.00

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605 Geneva Highway-Enterprise, Alabama 36330

GET YOUR TICKET NOW | POC's: Nikki Mills 334-389-6427, Fernisa Parker 334-400-4501, or Pastor Willie White 334-701-5853

**On the Move  
to Better Heart Health  
for African Americans**





National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute





**Prayer Concerns**  
**Week of Feb 8-14, 2026**

- Sister Eleanor Bailey
- Sister Geraldine Booth
- Sister Lois Boykins
- Kam Elston
- Sister Barbara Fields
- Sister Annie Pearl Frazier
- Sister Marion Griffin
- Sister Sandra Hammonds
- Sister Ophelia Hazzard
- Sister Hattie Huggins
- Sister Mary E. Bell Jackson
- Sister Vivian Johnson
- Sister Corrina Moore
- Sister Ann McGaughey
- Brother Bobby Moment
- Sister Geraldine Sanders
- Dr. Rachel Wooten Nichols, wife of Ron Nichols, daughter-in-law of Dr. & Mrs. Russell Nichols
- Nigel Robinson, son of Brother Carlos & Sister Lynette Robinson
- Sister Betty Simmons
- Sister Bridgette Simmons, wife of Roderick Simmons, Sister Betty Simmons' son

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**Feb 14, 2024 Mr. Lorenzo and Mrs. Sandra F. Hammonds**

**Opportunities**  
**To Worship and Serve This Week**  
**TODAY—FOUNDER'S DAY**

8:00 a.m. Breakfast From Heaven

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

**Monday**

12 Noon- 1:00 pm—JC Recovery Ministry

**WMS Monthly Meeting POSTPONED**

**Tuesday**

9:00 am—12 noon—GED Classes

**WEDNESDAY**

**12 Noon— Noon Day Bible Study**

**6:00 pm Adult Bible Study VIA ZOOM**

**6:00 pm Youth Bible Study with parents**

**Thursday**

9:00 am—12 noon—GED Classes

**Friday**

**Saturday — 10 A.M. YPD BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM — ST LUKE, EUFAULA**

**Happy Birthday**

**Feb 7 Demarius X. Womack**

**Feb 8 Ky'Lynn Bell**

**Feb 10 Pastor Willie White, Jr.**

**Feb 12 Prince Franklin Crayton III**

**Feb 14 Antonio Perkins**

**Feb 14 Bella Hornsby**

*The Pastor's Contact Info*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please check texts, e-mails, Facebook, and church website for updates

—Reminder to JC Members: \$100 offering (or as you are able) is requested for Founder's Day celebration. Thank you in advance. Everyone is invited to remain for lunch and fellowship after service in the Fellowship Hall. Sister Odessa Jones, Chairperson, and Pastor Willie White, Co-Chairperson, 2026 Founder's Day.

—Please support the JC YPD in their SOUPER BOWL OF CARING TODAY by making a donation of behalf of your team: Thanks in advance.

—February is Heart Health Awareness/GO RED Month and Black History Month. Members are welcome to wear red attire and/or African attire accent. More details and info will be forthcoming.

—GED CLASSES HERE AT JC ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 9:00 A.M. -12:00 PM IN THE COMPUTER LAB... FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT GED INSTRUCTOR—SISTER ODESSA HERLONG-JONES 334-618-4069 OR PASTOR WHITE 334-701-5853



## *Sermon Notes*

**SERMON TITLE:**

**SCRIPTURE:**

**POINT #1.**

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**POINT #2**

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**POINT #3**

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### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN — #25 - "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"**

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy holy, holy! merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.