



13<sup>TH</sup> EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY

## 2020 Annual Conference

# Old Landmarks -UNCHARTED TIMES

So that this may be a sign among you. When your children  
ask in time to come, "What do those stones mean to you?"  
Joshua 4:6



146th Session of the  
West Tennessee Annual Conference  
**Closing Worship**

October 11, 2020  
10:00 am

**Jeffrey N. Leath**  
Presiding Bishop

**Susan J. Leath, MD**  
Supervisor, Women's Missionary Society

**The Reverend C. Robert Finch**  
Host Presiding Elder, North Memphis District

**The Reverend Dr. Dave L. Adams, Sr.**  
Associate Presiding Elder, Paris Jackson District

**The Reverend Linda F. Thomas - Martin**  
Associate Presiding Elder, South Memphis District

**St. John AME Church, Memphis**  
Host Church

**The Reverend Colleen P. Gibson**  
Associate Presiding Elder, Millington District

**The Reverend Errol M. Thomas, Jr., M.D.**  
Host Pastor

**146<sup>TH</sup> SESSION**  
**THE WEST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
Sunday, 11 October 2020

**CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Presiding Elder Linda Thomas-Martin  
Worship Leader

**The Greeting**

Presiding Elder Thomas-Martin

**The Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Call to Worship**

Dr. Errol Thomas & Sis. Carolyn Strickland

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: **For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Leader: We have digitally gathered from every corner of the Annual Conference to praise God and witness the commissioning of our leaders.

People: **We come to ask God's blessing on those who shall lead and those who will follow the call of Christian service.**

Leader: We prepare to preach a saving, healing, and liberating gospel. We seek to be more loving and faithful to Jesus as we cry for justice in His name.

People: **We come to sing praises to the Almighty.**

All: **Let us go from this worship filled with the Holy Spirit and mature in love. God give us a holy fire for justice. Let us labor with mercy. Amen! Praise the Lord! Amen!**

## The Hymn of Praise

The Reverend Roderick D. Belin, D.Min.

### ***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*** Hymn No. 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing, My great Redeemer's  
praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His  
grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To  
spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy  
name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows  
cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and  
peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner  
free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed  
for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice, New life the dead  
receive, The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, The humble  
poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened  
tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come, And  
leap, ye lame, for joy

## The Prayer

The Reverend Walter R. Henry

## The Choral Response

***Sentence and The Lord's Prayer*** Hymn No. 634

## The First Lesson

Sister Pauline Guyton

### ***Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7***

*These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I*

*have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*

## **The Gospel**

The Rev. Clay Holliday, Jr.

### **Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

## **The Introit**

### ***Bless the Lord, O My Soul***

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. (repeat) He has done great things, He has done great things, He has done great things, bless His holy name.*

## **The Decalogue (Summary)**

The Reverend Jerry Epperson

And He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

## **The Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

## **The Selection**

## **The Benevolence Offering**

The Reverend Dr. Byron Moore

## **The Offertory Response *All Things Come of Thee***

*All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.*

## The Sermonic Selection

The Sermon

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath

The Invitation to Accept Christ & Be a Disciple

The Hymn

***A Charge to Keep I Have***

Hymn No. 242

*A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify, A never dying soul  
to save And fit it for the sky.*

**The Commissioning of Officers**

**The Commissioning Prayer**

Presiding Elder Colleen P. Gibson

Wise and Powerful God, you have been present with us as we worshipped, worked and witnessed during our Annual Conference. Send us into the world with the authority and power of the Holy Spirit. Protect us from all evil. Increase our love for those who are committed to our care. Give us wisdom for advising, teaching and administration. Grant us fruitful labors in the harvest of disciples. Bless us and the people we serve in your name. Amen and Amen!

**The Commissioning Scripture**

Presiding Elder Dave Adams

*Matthew 28: 19-20 (KJV)*

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**The Sending Forth**

***Go Preach My Gospel***

Hymn No. 220

*"Go, preach My gospel," saith the Lord. "Bid the whole earth  
My grace receive. Explain to them My sacred word; Bid  
them believe, obey, and live.*

*"I'll make My great commission known, And ye shall prove  
My gospel true By all the works that I have done And all the  
wonders ye shall do.*

*"Go, heal the sick; go, raise the dead; Go cast out devils in  
My name; Nor let My prophets be afraid, Though Greeks  
reproach and Jews blaspheme.*

*"While thus ye follow My commands I'm with you till the world shall end; All power is trusted in My hands; I can destroy and can defend."*

*He spake, and light shone round His head, On a bright cloud to heaven He rode. They to the farthest nation spread The grace of their ascended God.*

## **The Reading of Appointments**

## **The Doxology**

## **The Benediction**

Bishop Leath

# **WEST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE PASTORS & ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES**

## **MILLINGTON DISTRICT**

### **Church**

Mt. Sinai  
Noah Chapel  
Greenwood  
St. Mark, Mumfordsburg  
Mt. Herman  
Mt. Olive  
Wrights Chapel  
Williams Chapel

### **Pastors (The Rev)**

Clay Holliday, Sr.  
Perry L. Herman  
Darrell K. Scott  
Dr. Dave Adams, Sr.  
Joy Wilkerson Yancy  
Dr. Felicia C. Ingram  
Clay Holliday, Jr.  
John Hall, Jr.

### **Delegates**

Bish Thomas III  
Torrence Nelson  
Velma Smith  
Edwina C. Buford  
Mary R. Jones  
Dorothy Peete  
Nate Lynn  
Lewis Hurd, Sr.

## **PARIS-JACKSON DISTRICT**

### **Church**

New Greater Bethel  
  
Quinn Chapel, Paris  
Brown's Chapel, Union City  
New Lewis Chapel, Lexington  
  
Salter's Chapel, Dyersburg  
Santillo Circuit  
Freedman Chapel  
St. Paul, South Fulton  
Spring Chapel, Gr Junction

### **Pastors (The Rev)**

Sabrina Transou  
Young Adult:  
Dr. John Dandridge  
Dr J Dowdy-Dandridge  
Bobby Carter  
Young Adult:  
Harold Horton  
Marlon Barrentine, Sr.  
John Moore  
Annie Garvin  
Jerry Epperson  
Young Adult:

### **Delegates**

Dr. Pamela Murray  
Christian Anderson  
Freddie Williams  
Phillip Dunlap  
Linda Pettigrew  
Aleshyan Johnson  
Thomas A. Rice  
Frances Burge  
Diane Pettigrew  
Joyce Weeks  
Jerry Mason  
Christopher Greer

## NORTH MEMPHIS DISTRICT

### **Church**

St. James, Memphis  
Greater Payne Chapel  
Providence, Memphis  
Greer Chapel, Memphis  
St. John, Memphis  
Chainbreakers, Memphis  
Saint Paul - Memphis

### **Pastors (The Rev)**

Walter R. Henry  
Quinten L. Smith  
C. Robert Finch  
Colleen P. Gibson  
Errol M. Thomas, MD  
Clay Holliday, Jr.  
Linda A. Evans

### **Delegates**

Irma Higgs  
John Brown  
John Weaver  
Ella Standberry  
Carolyn Strickland  
Rita Matthews  
Edward Williamson

## SOUTH MEMPHIS DISTRICT

### **Church**

Saint Andrew, Memphis  
New Tyler, Memphis  
Ward Chapel, Memphis  
New Allen, Memphis  
Bethel, Memphis  
Mt. Zion, Memphis  
White's Chapel, Memphis  
Wilson Chapel, Memphis  
Galilee, Memphis

### **Pastors (The Rev)**

Dr. Byron Moore  
Hilda Taylor  
Eric J. Knowles  
Agnes Henderson  
Barbara S. Green  
David Yancy II  
Linda Thomas-Martin  
Garry L. Fair  
Dr. Benita Livingston

### **Delegates**

LaVern Brooks  
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Cheryl Love  
Tina Sherrod  
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