



13TH 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

153rd Session of the
Tennessee Annual Conference
Memorial Service

October 24, 2020
3:00 pm

Jeffrey N. Leath
Presiding Bishop

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

The Reverend Troy Merritt
Host Presiding Elder, Nashville District

The Reverend Sidney Bryant
Associate Presiding Elder, South District

The Reverend Alexander Gatson
Associate Presiding Elder, North District



Payne Chapel AME Church, Nashville
Host Church

The Reverend Dr. W. Antoni Sinkfield
Host Pastor

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THIRD SESSION THE TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, 24 October 2020

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Reverend Deshnell Cobbin, Committee Chair

The Call to Worship

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live." Let us praise God for those who have finished their course in faith. May God bless us with comfort and encouragement as we seek to share with them the inheritance of the saints.

The Opening Hymn

Dr. Roderick D. Belin

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hymn No. 327

I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine can peace afford..

Refrain

I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee. O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!

The Prayer

Eternal God, you hold all souls in life: Give us your light and your peace; give comfort to those who mourn as we remember the departed of the last annual conference year. Grant that we may follow the good examples of those who have served you and are now at rest. Let us not be found wanting in the day of judgement, but may we enter into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

The Memorial

We remember members of the annual conference and connectional leaders who died since we last gathered ...
Absent from the Body. Present with the Lord.

Connectional Leaders

Bishop Zedekiah Lazett Grady
Supervisor Patricia Ann Morris (PAM) DeVeaux
Mrs. Valerie Gary Bell, Connectional Lay President
Dr. Frederick C. Harrison Former Secretary of Missions
Mrs. Johanna Green, Former Connectional YPD Director
The Rev. Jeane B. Williams, Former Connectional President of WIM
Dr. Jesse L. Burns Jr., Former Connectional Lay President
Mr. Richard L. Bowden, Treasurer, Connectional Lay
Mrs. Micha Mack, Widow of Former Director of Christian Education
Dr. McDonald Williams

Members of the Tennessee Annual Conference

Leader: We give thanks to You, O God, for those whom we name in our hearts and who have been faithful to Your call and glorified You with their life and work...
Absent from the Body. Present with the Lord.

O God, we thank You for all those remembered here. Let us cherish their memory, celebrate their ministries, continue their work, and live in hope of the resurrection. Amen.

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn

Dr. Roderick D. Belin

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee every hour; Stay Thou nearby; Temptations lose their power when Thou are nigh.

Refrain

I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee. O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!



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