

BETHEL

African Methodist Episcopal Church

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October 12, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m.



**BETHEL
GOES PINK**

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS SUNDAY

Join the Good Samaritan Health Ministry as we honor and celebrate the lives of those who have been impacted by breast cancer. Please wear PINK as we observe Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Let's PAINT THE PEWS PINK at this place we call BETHEL!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025 AT 10:30AM

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH - 714 SAVANNAH ST, MOBILE, AL 36603
REVEREND BRANDON L. THORNTON, PASTOR

The Rev. Brandon L. Thornton, Pastor

The Rev. Charles A. Lewis, *Presiding Elder, The Mobile District*

Bishop Julius H. McAllister Jr., *Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District*

Ministerial Staff

The Rev. Dr. Olivia Martin, *Itinerant Elder*

The Rev. Irmatine Chastang, *Itinerant Elder*

The Rev. Pamela Greene-Irby, *Itinerant Deacon*

Good Samaritan Health Ministry

Presents:

“Pink Out Sunday”

The Order of Worship

The Prelude The Musicians

The Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessing flow: Praise Him all creatures here below: Praise Him
above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Call to Worship Rev. Irmatine Chastang

LEADER: Gracious and eternal God, you have stirred within us a holy curiosity – about
creation, our ourselves, and about all that is yet unknown.

PEOPLE: **Keep alive in us a spirit of wonder for the world you have made, and keep us
all in for learning and living your truth.**

LEADER: God of Abraham and Sarah, you open new understandings when we least expect
them.

PEOPLE: **Remind us that Bethel, no one is too young, too old, or too wise to keep growing
in faith.**

LEADER: God of the prophets, you call us to speak truth in love to a weary world.

PEOPLE: **Give us courage to examine ourselves, wisdom to receive teaching, and strength
to live out the mission you’ve entrusted to us.**

LEADER: God of the rich young ruler, you love us even when we resist the challenge of
discipleship.

PEOPLE: **Teach us to surrender our wills so that our lives reflect your grace and our
church moves faithfully from maintenance to ministry and mission.**

LEADER: Everlasting, ever-loving God – our Teacher, our Creator, our Giver of wisdom and
freedom.

ALL TOGETHER: **Grant that we might always use your gifts to build a world where
peace, justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth. Amen.**

The Opening Song.....Voices of Praise

“Glad To Be In The Service” – GMWA

I’m glad to be in the service

I’m glad to be in the service

I’m glad to be in the service, one more time-ime-ime

He didn’t have to let me live

He didn’t have to let me live

I’m glad to be in the service one more time.

(tenors) One more time (2x)
(alto's & Soprano's) one more time
I'm glad to be in the service one more time.

The Morning Invocation & PrayerRev. Pamela Irby

The Choral Response Voices of Praise & Congregation

“Let It Breathe On Me” - No. 316 - AAMH

Refrain:

Let it breathe on me, Let it breathe on me, Let the breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me.
Let it breathe on me, Let it breathe on me, Let the breath of the Lord , now, breathe on me.

While I'm working Lord, in Your vineyard here, I can do naught if Thou aren't near,
Oh, come, blessed Lord, just so close to me That I may feel You breathe on me.

When the pathway Lord, I can not see, When the way is dark, Lord, breathe on me,
Give me grace to know when Thou art near Oh, I pray Thee, Lord, please breathe on me.

Selection.....Voices of Praise

The Scripture ReadingRev. Irmatine Chastang

Leader: But now, thus says the Lord who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel:

People: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.” (Isaiah 43:1)

Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

People: When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. (Isaiah 43:2)

Leader: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

People: You, Lord, have turned my mourning into dancing; You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy. (Isaiah 43:3a / Psalm 30:11)

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you His faithful ones, and give thanks to His holy name.

People: For His anger is but for a moment; His favor is for a lifetime. (Psalm 30:4–5a)

Leader: Weeping may endure for a night,

People: But joy comes in the morning! (Psalm 30:5b)

Leader: But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

People: We are hard-pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair. (2 Corinthians 4:7–8)

Leader: Persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

People: Always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in us. (2 Corinthians 4:9–10)

All Together: The Lord is our strength and our song; He has become our salvation. We will live to declare the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! (Psalm 118:14 / Psalm 27:13)

The Prelude to the Decalogue *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* Hymn No. 69

From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise; Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.

The Decalogue REV. IRMATINE CHASTANG

LEADER: Let us express our commitment to keep God's law.

PEOPLE: God of our salvation, only You are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice Your name, O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be a false witness. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.

SING: NEARER MY GOD TO THEE!

LEADER: Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

PEOPLE: Jesus also challenged us with a sacred commandment which is like the first: We shall love our neighbor as our self! On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. (THE ANVIL, 2018)

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.

Selection.....Voices of Praise

The Acknowledgement of Visitors, Welcome and Announcements.....Sis. Emma Prince

The Chancel Call.....Rev. Irmatine Chastang

The Occasion.....Sis. Kim Scott

The Bringing of the Tithes and Offering

SelectionVoices of Praise

The Preached WordPastor Thornton

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Affirmation of Faith

I believe in GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day He arose from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of GOD the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

The BenedictionPastor Thornton

The Postlude The Musicians

Known Sick and Shut-In

Sis. Margaret Clark	Home with Family	251- 689 -7807
Sis. Ann Coleman	Crowne Health Care of Mobile	251- 473-8684
Bro. Claude Dixon	Home	
Sis. Latasha Hall	Kensington Health Rehab, 550 Congress St	
Sis. Lillie Johnson	1201 Bascombe Street, Mobile, AL	
Sis. Anita Lewis	1563 Lois Dr., Mobile, AL 36605	
Sis. Deborah Mack	1921 Seale Street, Mobile, AL 36617	251- 457- 4619
Bro. Ulysses McNeail	1459 E. Barkley Drive, Mobile 36606	251 - 478 -7144
Sis. Carolyn Oliver	Elmcroft, 3440 Hillcrest Road, Mobile -	
Sis. Geneva Williams	Crowne Health Care- Navco Road	251-473-8684
Sis. Viola Wills	8002 Grelot Rd., Mobile, AL 36695	251-634-8002

Prayer List

Rev. Brandon L. Thornton and First Lady Shaundra Thornton

Sis. Ardelia Andrews	2904 Starlit Drive, Mobile, AL 36693	251-665-5578
Sis. Amelia Cade Bacon		
Sis. Mary Bennett	1619 Lyrick Street, Prichard, AL 36610	251-452 -8648
Bro. Ronnie Blackmon		
Sis. Emmer Bryant	461 Cedar Ave., Mobile 36603	251-680 -4877
Rev. Irmatine Chastang		251-545-5952
Sis. Annie G. Cockrell		
Bro. Chris & Sis. Lenor Drexler		
Sis. Vernet Giles		251-454-5292
Sis. Rosa Gordon		
Bro. Claude Hollings, III		
Sis. Julia James	Rev. Donna James' Mother	
Sis. Shirley Jones	456 Palmetto Street, Mobile 36603	251- 422 -6426
Sis. Faydene Morris	1257 Leo Street, Mobile, AL 36605	251-433-7776
Bro. Tamyrick Nunn		
Sis. Jackie Erskine-Porter		
Sis. Nicole Rocker		
Sis. Aquilla Rush		
Bro. John Rush		
Sis. Tataneshia Rush		
Sis. Diane Smith	1159 Seneca Street, Mobile 36604	251- 433-7217
Bro. Eddie Smith	1159 Seneca Street, Mobile 36604	
Sis. Yurlean Sykes		
Sis. Omega Taylor		
Sis. Katherine Parker-Williams	959 Summerville Street, Mobile 36617	251-455-9566
Bro. Charles Wills, Jr		
Sis. Donna Wills		
Bro. Ronald Witherspoon		
Sis. Vanessa Young-Dickerson		

Bereavement

Please keep the following families in prayer:

Elaine Goubil Family

Rev. John L. Dees, Jr. Family

Rev. Charles Lewis, Presiding Elder Family

Maudette Witherspoon Family

Leviticus Thomas Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Activities

- **Sunday Church School** – 9:00 AM
- **Bible Study** – Wednesdays
 - 6:30 PM (Zoom ID: 282 060 9533)
- **Communion for Sick & Shut-In** – Mondays after 1st Sunday.
Call the church office to schedule:
251-206-0013

Church Office Hours

- Tuesday–Friday | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Contact: 251-206-0013

Community Outreach:

Information for Memorial Board, Windows, and Altar, please see Sis. Annie Cockrell or Sis. Ann Brown by October 12th. TODAY!!

The Annual Memorial Board is now accepting names for inclusion in this year's Memorial Day Program, which will be held on Sunday, November 16th.

- If you wish to have your loved one's name included in the program, the cost is \$10.00 per name.
- To have a name placed in the church windows, the cost is \$200.00 per name.

Please submit all names and funds by Sunday, October 19th to Sis. Annie Cockrell or Sis. Ann Brown. We appreciate your continued support as we honor the memory of our loved ones.

All men are asked to return to the L C Harris Church School – Men's Class.

Attention “ALL” BETHELITES! On Sunday, October 19, 2025 we will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day. Let's pack the house Bethel and show our Pastor and First Lady how much we love and appreciate them. Let's be “ALL IN” for this very special occasion. Details are coming soon. Thank you, Bro. Tony Goubil, Vice-Chair, Steward Board.

Bethel YPD is asking for volunteers and donations to help make this year's Hallelujah Night an evening of fun, food and fellowship! We are asking all Boards, Auxiliaries, Ministries, and members of Bethel to sign up to Serve, Participate, and Donate! We need volunteers service to work food and activity booths for this carnival theme event, lots and lots of vehicles along with their appropriately decorated trunks, lots of treats along with the owners, donation, donations and more donations, we will need prizes for all ages to give for our games as well as additional treats. Please see Sis. Morgan Peterson to sign up, donate and or any questions ALL PERSONS THAT ARE VOLUNTEERING FOR AND DONATING TO HALLELUJAH NIGHT, PLEASE MEET WITH SIS. MORGAN PETERSON IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE TODAY IN THE SANCTUARY. THANK YOU!

Upcoming Annual Days (During Worship)

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☑ Pastor's Upcoming Engagements

☑ Key Contacts

- **Facility Needs** – Sis. Dorothy Crittenden | 251-391-2810
- **Announcements** – Sis. Emma Prince | 251-554-6259
- **Admin Office** – | 251-206-0013
- **Pastor** – Rev. Brandon L. Thornton | 334-614-9217

The National Montford Point Marines Association, Inc. – Mobile Chapter, requests the pleasure of your company at our 16th Annual Marine Corps Ball as we celebrate the 250th Marine Corps Birthday and Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony, November 8, 2025, honoring the Late Major General J. Gary Cooper who the Mobile Chapter is being named for. For additional information, please contact Bro. Walt Dickerson, 251-367-0336

Bethel's College Students
Pray for their Success

Kennedy Black,
Alivia Cannon,
Chelsea Cooper,
Khelsea Cooper,
Sarah Fair
Kellen Fairley,
Marlon Fairley
Jazzlyn Gaillard,

Kierra Giles,
Samiah Morris,
Ethan Oliver
Jalen Prince-Woodland,
Winston Salter,
Wynstonee Salter,

BETHEL HIGHLIGHTS

**Happy Birthday this week October
Birthdays**

Howard, Sis. Tonya	October 12
Morris, Sis. Marian. W.	October 12
Robbins, Bro. Leonard	October 13
Wallace, Dennis	October 14
White, Marcus R.	October 15
Lang, Sis. Tanaya	October 15
Bosley, Sis. Wanda Y.	October 15
Sykes, Bro. Jarrett M.	October 16

Beloved Bethel Family,

There are moments in the life of a church when compassion and celebration meet in the same sanctuary. Today is one of those sacred moments. As we worship clothed in shades of pink, we bear witness to courage.

We pause to honor women among us whose lives speak volumes: Mrs. Lindell Dillard, Ms. Faye Webb, Mrs. Shirley Witherspoon, and Mrs. Alice P. Lewis-Hutchinson. These names were shared with me from the Good Samaritan Health Ministry, representing sisters in our congregation who have faced the fight of faith with grace, dignity, and endurance. But let it also be known — there are many others both women and men whose names may not appear on this page, yet whose journeys I've been privileged to know about and/or walk alongside personally. You have confided, testified, and trusted God in the midst of your trials — and your faith has preached louder than any sermon I could ever deliver.

Like the woman with the issue of blood, you pressed through pain, uncertainty, and isolation — yet you pressed toward Jesus. You are reminders that healing is not only physical but also it is spiritual, emotional, and deeply personal. You have shown us that even when the diagnosis was heavy, your devotion was heavier. Even when the body grew weary, the spirit stood strong.

To every survivor, every warrior, and every supporter: you are not forgotten, and you are not fighting alone. The God who carried you before will continue to carry you now. You are proof that faith can stand where fear once sat, that hope can bloom where despair once tried to grow, and that God's grace is greater than any affliction.

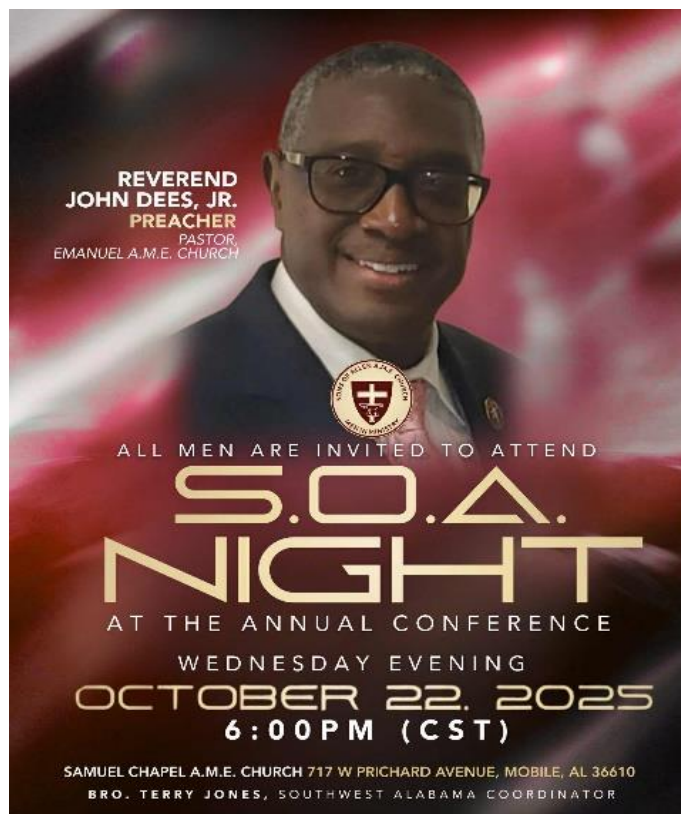
May your faith continue to shine as a light of courage in this congregation.

May the fragrance of your testimony remind us all that God still **heals**, God still **sustains**, and God still **reigns**.

With love, honor, and continual prayer,

Rev. Brandon L. Thornton, Pastor

“We're ALL IN — from Maintenance to Ministry & Mission.”



BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PASTORAL

Appreciation

HONORING PASTOR BRANDON L. AND
FIRST LADY SHANDRA THORNTON

"GRATITUDE FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE" - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13

Appreciation Service

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AT 10:30AM

REVEREND JOHN L. DEES, JR.

PREACHER EMANUEL A.M.E. CHURCH (MOBILE, AL)

ATTIRE: SHADES OF BLUE

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

714 SAVANNAH ST, MOBILE, ALABAMA 36603

REV. BRANDON L. THORNTON, PASTOR

METROPOLITAN AME CHURCH



Church

ANNIVERSARY

NOV. 9TH, 2025

2:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Brandon Thornton



750 MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. AVE
MOBILE, ALABAMA





Bishop Julius H.
McAllister, Jr.,



ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2025



Supervisor Deana
Young McAllister

SIXTEENTH SESSION OF

ALABAMA RIVER REGION *Annual Conference*

SATURDAY
AUG 16
YPD
ANNUAL DAY

TUESDAY
AUG 19
WMS
ANNUAL DAY

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
AUG 20-22
BUSINESS SESSIONS
& WORSHIP SERVICES

HOST CHURCH

ST. JOHN'S A.M.E. CHURCH

807 Madison Avenue // Montgomery, Alabama 36104

HOST PASTORS

The Reverend Roosevelt &
The Reverend Shelia Williams

HOST PRESIDING ELDER

The Reverend Dr.
Jacquelyn L. Densons

NORTHWEST ALABAMA *Annual Conference*

SATURDAY
SEPT 6
YPD
ANNUAL DAY

TUESDAY
SEPT 9
WMS
ANNUAL DAY

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
SEPT 10-12
BUSINESS SESSIONS
& WORSHIP SERVICES

HOST CHURCH

BRYANT CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

3125 Spaulding Street SW // Birmingham, Alabama 35221

HOST PASTOR

The Reverend
Damien Littlejohn

HOST PRESIDING ELDER

The Reverend
Gloria A. Hall

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA *Annual Conference*

SATURDAY
SEPT 20
YPD
ANNUAL DAY

TUESDAY
SEPT 23
WMS
ANNUAL DAY

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
SEPT 24-26
BUSINESS SESSIONS
& WORSHIP SERVICES

HOST CHURCH

ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH

901 Dale Road // Eufaula, Alabama 36027

HOST PASTOR

The Reverend
Carlton Worthen

HOST PRESIDING ELDER

The Reverend Dr.
Frederick D. Sherrod, III

NORTHEAST ALABAMA *Annual Conference*

SATURDAY
OCT 4
YPD
ANNUAL DAY

TUESDAY
OCT 7
WMS
ANNUAL DAY

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
OCT 8-10
BUSINESS SESSIONS
& WORSHIP SERVICES

HOST CHURCH

SAINT LUKE A.M.E. CHURCH

1308 Auburn Street // Opelika, Alabama 36801

HOST PASTOR

The Reverend
AMonique Summers

HOST PRESIDING ELDER

The Reverend
Raymond B. Swafford

SOUTHWEST ALABAMA *Annual Conference*

SATURDAY
OCT 18
YPD
ANNUAL DAY

TUESDAY
OCT 21
WMS
ANNUAL DAY

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
OCT 22-24
BUSINESS SESSIONS
& WORSHIP SERVICES

HOST CHURCH

SAMUEL CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

717 W Prichard Avenue // Prichard, Alabama 36104

HOST PASTOR

The Reverend
Vernon McLeod

HOST PRESIDING ELDER

The Reverend
Charles Lewis

Ninth Episcopal District **PLANNING MEETING**

THURSDAY - SATURDAY
NOV 20-22

VENUE

RENAISSANCE HOTEL

Montgomery, Alabama

Regular Ministry Meeting Schedules

Worship & Christian Education

- Sunday School (All Ages): Every Sunday, 9:00 A.M.
- Worship Service: Every Sunday, 10:30 A.M.
- Children's Church (Ages 3–12): 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays, 10:30 A.M. (Upstairs)
- Bible Study (Virtual): Wednesdays, 6:30 P.M.
- Prayer Meeting: *(Time/Day Needed)*

Boards & Committees

- Trustee Board Meeting: Tuesday after 2nd Sunday, 10:30 A.M.
- Sunday School Board Meeting: Tuesday after 2nd Sunday, 5:00 P.M.
- Steward Board Meeting: Tuesday after 2nd Sunday, 6:00 P.M.
- Preacher's Meeting: Friday after 2nd & 4th Sunday, 12:00 P.M.
- Class Leaders Meeting: Tuesday after 3rd Sunday, 6:00 P.M.
- Official Board Meeting: Thursday after 3rd Sunday, 6:00 P.M.
- Stewardess Board Meeting: 4th Saturday, 2:00 P.M.
- Quarterly Conference: 3rd Tuesday in October, January, April, & July, 6:00 P.M.

Ministries & Auxiliaries

- Lay Organization Meeting: *4th Sunday, After worship*
- Senior Usher Board Meeting: 3rd Sunday, After Worship
- YPD (Young People's Division) Meeting: 4th Sunday, After Worship
- Alice P. Lewis Usher Board Meeting: *(Time/Day Needed)*
- Henrietta Cheatham Women's Missionary Society Meeting: *3rd Sunday, After worship*
- Bethel Boosters Meeting: *2nd Sunday, After worship*
- Alert Board Meeting: *2nd Sunday, After Worship*

Music Ministry

- 6:30-8pm Thursday, September 4, 2025 Mass Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30-8pm Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Voices of Praise Rehearsal
- 6:30-8pm Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Bad Boys of Bethel Rehearsal
- 6:30-8pm Tuesday, September 23, 2025 Voices of Praise Rehearsal

SERMON APPLICATION

HEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE SERMON

Since we forget 90% of what we hear, it has been suggested that note-taking will double the percentage of what we may receive during the hearing of God's Word.

PARTICIPATE IN THE SERMON

SERMON SCRIPTURE: _____

SERMON TITLE: _____

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES: _____

THE OUTLINE OF THE MAIN POINTS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

WHAT WAS GOD SAYING SPECIFICALLY TO ME DURING THE SERMON?