



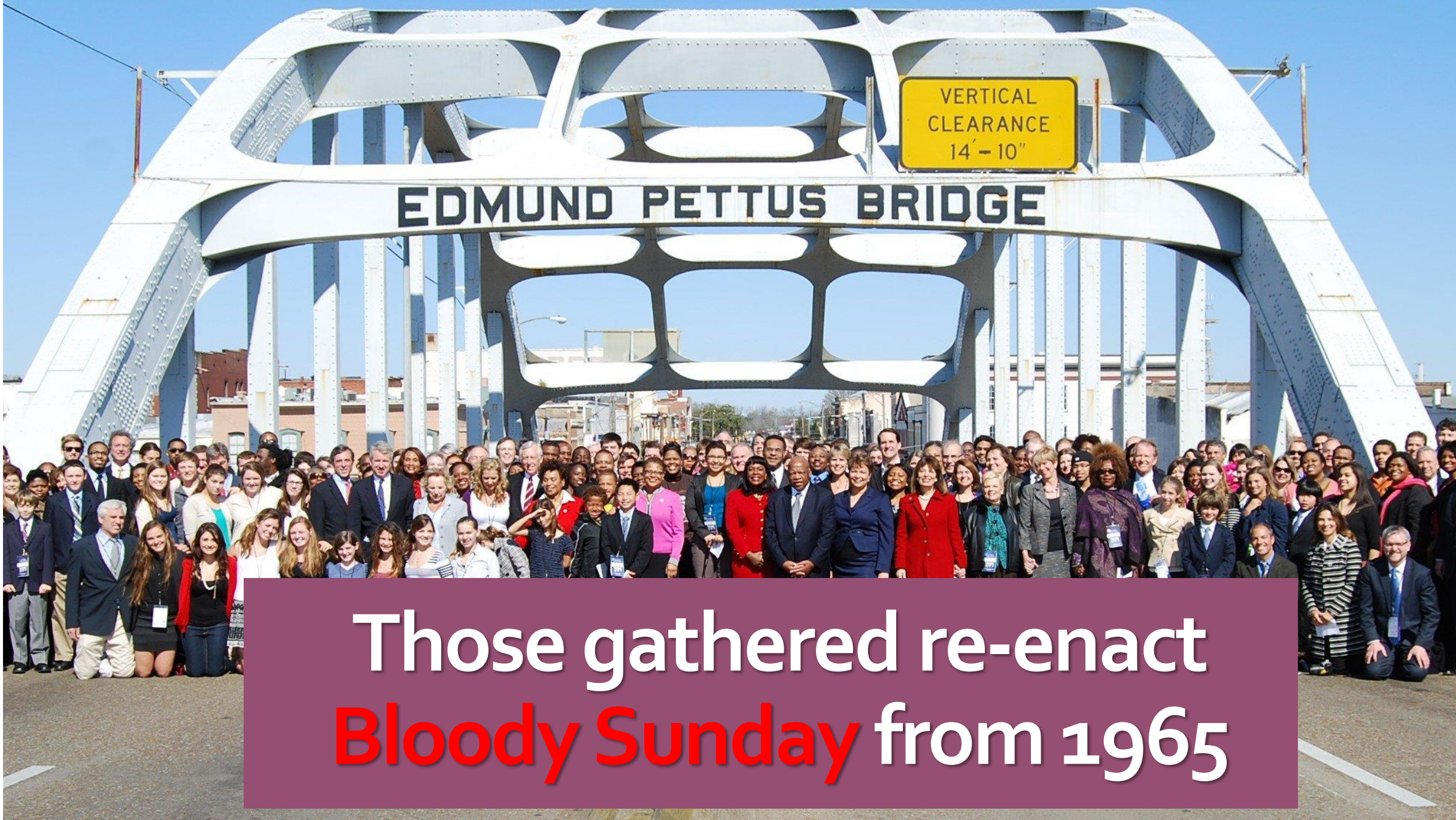
# THESE STONES

A Sermon By Bishop Andy C. Lewter, D. Min.





Every year Blacks from all across the country and world gather at the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Selma, AL



Those gathered re-enact  
**Bloody Sunday** from 1965

# Celebrities and the famous have been apart of this annual event



**Representative  
John Lewis is  
perhaps one of the  
best known**



**Just on the other  
side of the bride**

**... is a small  
pile of stones**



These stones are  
based upon a  
powerful  
passage of Old  
Testament  
scripture from  
the book of  
Joshua



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6 That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones?





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**7** Then ye shall answer them,  
That the waters of Jordan were  
cut off before the ark of the  
covenant of the Lord; when it  
passed over Jordan, the waters  
of Jordan were cut off: and  
these stones shall be for a  
memorial unto the children of  
Israel for ever.





JOSHUA IS PREPARING TO LEAD THE  
CHILDREN OF ISRAEL INTO THE  
PROMISE LAND AFTER 40 YEARS IN  
THE WILDERNESS

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IN ORDER TO GET TO CANAAN  
ISRAEL HAS TO CROSS THE  
JORDAN

A dramatic scene of a stormy sea with a path through the water. The water is dark blue and turbulent, with white foam from the waves. A narrow, sandy path leads through the water towards the horizon. The sky is dark and cloudy, with a bright light source breaking through the clouds, creating a lens flare effect. A green ribbon is visible in the top left corner.

THE LAST TIME ISRAEL FACED A  
BODY OF WATER, **RED SEA**, GOD  
PARTED THE WATERS

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Once again God  
would part the  
waters of the sea so  
that Israel could  
cross on dry land





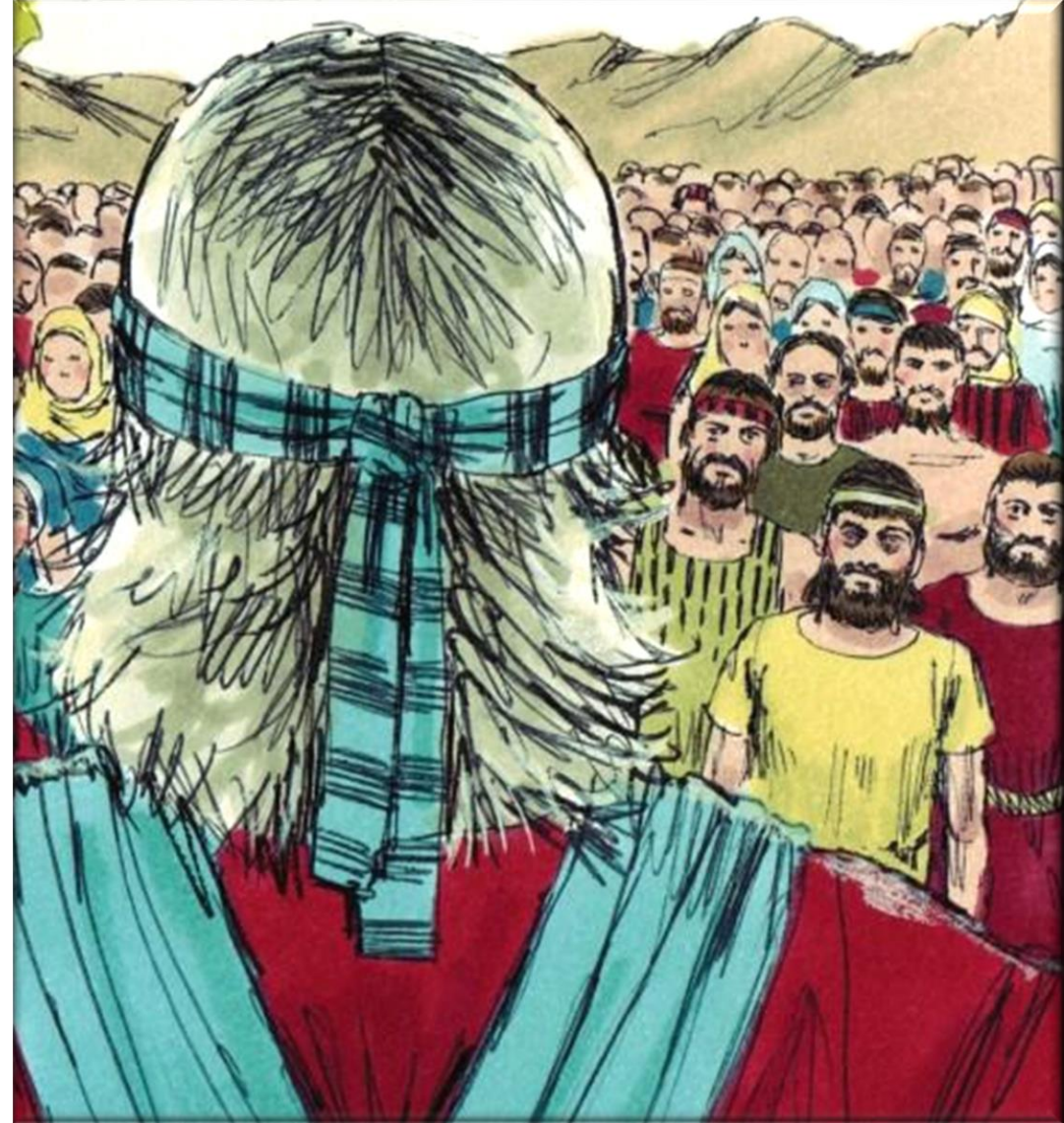
**However, God told Joshua to take stones from the wilderness across the Jordan**



**and rest them when they get to the Promise Land**

**God tells Joshua what  
to say when their  
descendants ask about  
the stones**

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**The stones  
are to remind  
Israel how  
God had  
blessed them  
to cross the  
Red Sea**







In like fashion, the stones on the other side of the Edmund Pettis Bridge is to remind us how God brought us across the *Red Sea* of *racism, segregation* and *bigotry*

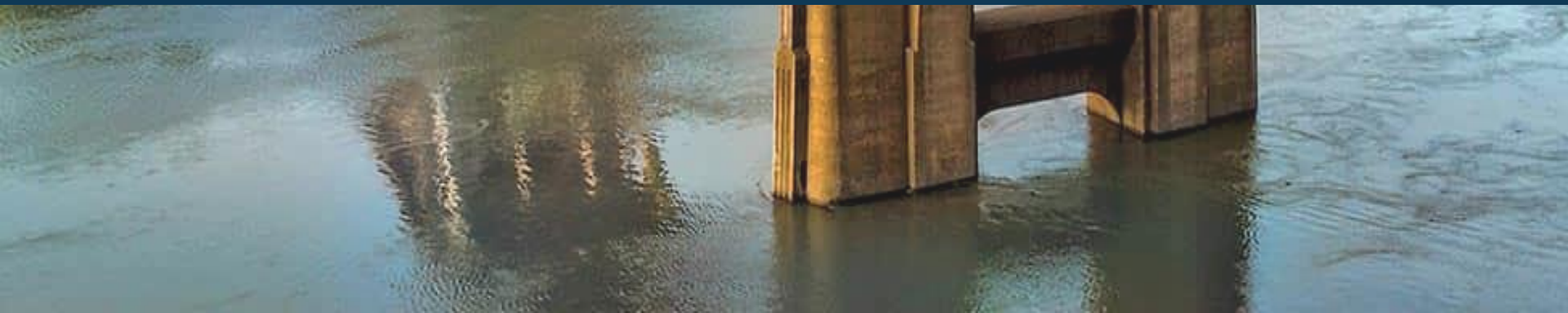





One of the reasons we pause each year to recall our history in February is to march past the memorial stones of our history



**You may not have physical stones  
or a bridge but you do have some  
memories of where God has  
brought you from**





Every now and then you need to  
past by your stones and  
remember where the Lord has  
brought you from.