

ALLEN TEMPLE A.M.E. CHURCH

114th Church Anniversary
Sunday, September 25, 2022
11:00 A.M.



*“Remembering Our Past, Honoring Our
Present, Imagining Our Future”*

*"The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house," says the
Lord Almighty."
Haggai 2:9*

Bishop Reginald. T. Jackson, Presiding Prelate
Mrs. Christy Davis Jackson, Esq., Episcopal Supervisor
Rev. Jacqueline D. Smith, Presiding Elder
Rev. Izora Lynn, Assistant Pastor
Rev. Jeffery B. Cooper, II, Senior Pastor

A Brief History of Our Church

Allen Temple was founded in 1908. The first worship service was held in the open air on the private property of Mr. Wash Tolbert, located near the vicinity of the intersection of Lawyers Lane and Ninth Street. Eventually, a small brush arbor mission was built near the location of the present church. Under the leadership of Rev. Mack Williams, a one room wooden building was erected at this location.

1911: *Under the leadership of Rev. M. L. Flemming a large wooden structure was erected on the corner of Ninth Street and Washington Avenue. That structure remained until 1945.*

The first members of Allen Temple were:

Sis. Lizzie Belom	Sis. Hannah Evans	Sis. Polly Washington
Bro. West Hunter	Sis. Lizzy Nunally	Sis. Carrie Hudson
Bro. Nathan Palmer	Sis. Lizzie Walker	Sis. Bessie Palmer
Sis. Caroline Williams	Sis. Charity Williams	Sis. Maude Hunter
Bro. E. J. Williams	Sis. Lula Williams	Sis. Elsia Palmer
Sis. Pearlie Williams	Bro. Wesley Williams	

Later members:

Sis. Bertha Evans
Sis. Clara Evans
Sis. Daisy Snell Pitts
Sis. Ola Shaw
Sis. Hannah Mae Evans
Bro. Will Palmer

The first officers were:

Bro. Joe Freeman
Bro. Levi Johnson
Bro. John Nunally
Bro. Harry Williams
Bro. Dock Palmer
Bro. Lindsey Passmore

1945: *Under the leadership of Rev. S.D. Arline and with the cooperation of officers and members, a brick church with a main sanctuary and a basement was built.*

The membership continued to grow under the leadership of many pastors. The growth of membership and financial resources gave birth to different departments and organizations in the church. The Sunday School was organized as the major training agency of the church for membership, leadership and Christian education. Many members served as Superintendents, but the names Hannah Evans, Susie Evans, Johnnie Walker, Alexander McPheason, Matthew Washington, Jr. and Anna Mims can be remembered. Other youth organizations were formed such as the Junior and Male Choir, YPD and in 1968 the Richard Allen Youth Council. During the summer, Vacation Bible School was added to Christian Training.

The Trustees were:

Sis. Mae Will Arrington ~ Bro. Johnny Mims ~ Bro. Charlie Williams

1971: *Rev. B.C. Carswell was appointed Pastor of Allen Temple. The church underwent a full remodel under his leadership.*

1974: *Rev. Mickari D. Thomas was appointed to Allen Temple and under his tenure, property next to the parsonage on Washington Avenue was purchased.*

2008: *Under the leadership of Wayland Conner, this beautiful structure was built. The Trustees were: Sis. Shirley Ficklin, Bro. Richard Harris, Bro. Wilbur Harris, Bro. A.J. Hill, Sis. Drucilla Hinkle, Bro. Thomas Mitchell and Bro. Darius Washington.*

The congregation had been led by twenty-six pastors at that time. Two of them, Rev. M.L. Flemming and Rev. C.C. Thomas served twice. Several ministers and pastors have been birthed from Allen Temple.

Over the years, various boards and organizations were established, including the Steward Board, Stewardess Board, Trustee Board, Lay Organization, Women's Missionary Society, Usher Boards, Choirs, Council of Elders and the Young People Division.

2018: *On June 3, 2018, the Rev. Jeffery B. Cooper, II delivered his first sermon as pastor of Allen Temple A.M.E. Church. Pastor Cooper has hit the ground running. In a very short period of time he has made several enhancements to our church.. He has revised our order of worship, refurbished the pulpit furniture, and reupholstered the altar cushions. He developed a detailed Membership Handbook for the Conference year 2018-2019. The pastor supported a church wide clean up to emphasize cleanliness and taking care of our beautiful church building. He launched the First Annual Calendar Tea Fundraiser and also updated the methods and ways to pay tithes and offerings. In addition, he has reimplemented the Son-Shine Ministry to provide care and assistance to our sick and shut-in members.*

He demonstrates a desire to increase the membership, while connecting with members and the community as a whole. We, the Allen Temple Family welcome his leadership and his family. We anticipate what is yet to come!



**Known Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops of
Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church**
(Deceased and Living)

PASTORS

Rev. Mack William	1908 – 1911
Rev. M. L. Flemming	1911 – 1914
Rev. Henry Washington	1915 – 1917
Rev. C. C. Thomas	1918 – 1920
Rev. B. J. Hutchinson	1921 – 1926
Rev. M. L. Flemming	1927 – 1930
Rev. S. M. Butler	1931 – 1932
Rev. A. B. Powell	1933 – 1935
Rev. T. W. Woods	1935 – 1936
Rev. T. Mosley	1936 – 1937
Rev. M. F. Fedd	1937 – 1943
Rev. S. D. Arline	1944 – 1948
Rev. C. C. Thomas	1949 – 1951
Rev. John Pitts	Unknown
Rev. J. C. Vinning	1957 – 1958
Rev. J. N. Key	1958 – 1970
Rev. William Smith, Jr.	1958 – 1970
Rev. B. C. Carswell	1971 – 1974
Rev. M. D. Thomas	1974 – 1975
Rev. S. T. Hughey	1981 – 1984
Rev. R. B. Bass	1981 – 1984
Rev. M. B. McLendon	1984 – 1988
Rev. Dr. W. Ray Hill	1988 – 1994
Rev. Dr. E.L. Strickland	1994 – 2002
Rev. Bruce L. Frances	2002 – 2004
Rev. Marcus R. Green	2004 – 2005
Rev. Wayland Conner	2005 – 2018
REV. JEFFERY B. COOPER	2018 – CURRENT

PRESIDING ELDERS

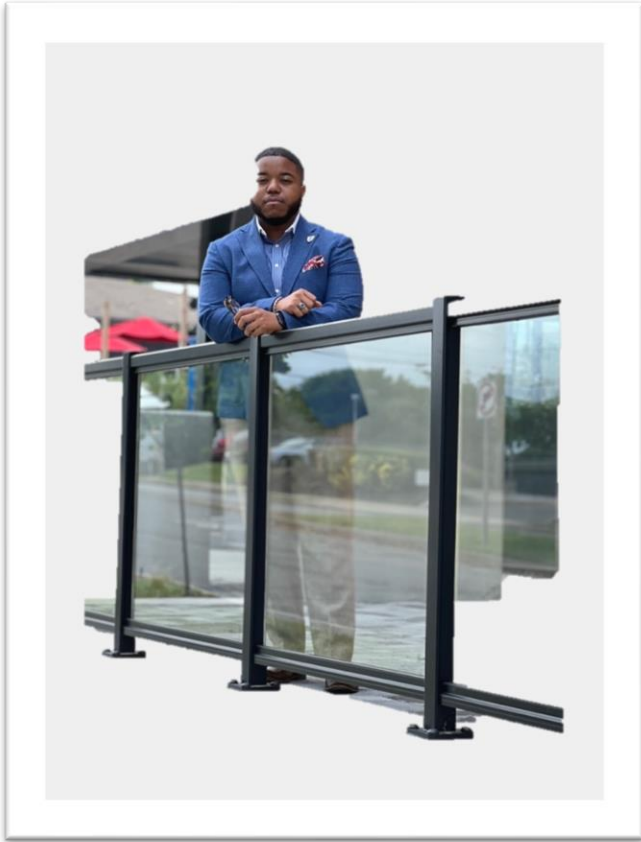
Rev. John Cooper
 Rev. J.H. Brown
 Rev. J.W. Dennis
 Rev. C.C. Crough
 Rev. M.C. Davis
 Rev. Stringer
 Rev. A.A. Duncan
 Rev. M.C. David
 Rev. C.K. Knight
 Rev. William J. Daniels
 Rev. Charles C. Blake
 Rev. B.C. Carswell, Sr.
 Rev. Charlie Tatmon
 Rev. Dr. E.L. Strickland
 Rev. Sven Colquitt
 Rev. Isaiah J. Waddy
REV. JACQUELINE D. SMITH

BISHOPS

Bishop Charles S. Smith
 Bishop Joseph S. Flipper
 Bishop William A. Fountain
 Bishop Richard R. Wright
 Bishop Sherman Lawrence
 Bishop William R. Wilkes
 Bishop Earnest L. Hickman
 Bishop Richard A. Hildebrand
 Bishop H.L. Bearden
 Bishop Frederick H. Talbot
 Bishop John H. Adams
 Bishop Donald G.K. Ming
 Bishop Frank C. Cummings
 Bishop William P. DeVeaux
 Bishop Preston W. Williams
BISHOP REGINALD T. JACKSON

Mr. Gabriel D. Cloud

Gabriel Denard Cloud, is a thought leader, burgeoning scholar, and aspiring businessman who is passionate about solutions in people and leadership development. He is a 2021 honors graduate



(Cum Laude) of Morehouse College and holds a Business CORE certificate from the Harvard University Business School. Gabe, as he is affectionately known, lives life to the fullest. While in college, he received numerous awards and scholarships; moreover, he dedicated his college career to service by partnering with many groups across the country from Washington DC to Houston Texas for civic, social, financial, and spiritual development. These partnerships earned him an accumulation of over 1,600 documented community service hours.

While on campus, Gabe held numerous positions both political and spiritual as 36th President of the MLK Jr. International Chapel Assistants program and 91st President of the SGA student senate. On December 1, 2020, Gabe was bestowed a principle and high honor at Morehouse college, being named the 30th Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar for his academic prowess and leadership acumen. He currently is employed by Ernst and Young, LLP, as a financial consultant.

Gabe proudly holds a leadership position in the AME Church as Connectional 1st Vice President of the YPD and a General Board Member. This young man has a servant's heart and NEVER meets a stranger. He is quoted as saying, "Whether God allows me to one day continue to serve in this great church or leads me further into the avenues of secular business, I want God's will to be done in my life, and for God to be pleased."

The Order of Worship

Bro. Norris Smith —*Worship Leader*

The Musical Prelude

Praise and Worship

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

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us celebrate and rejoice.

Leader: God is no less good on this 110th Church Anniversary.

People: Let us celebrate and rejoice.

Leader: 114 years of joy unspeakable.

People: Let us celebrate and rejoice.

Leader: 1140 years of joy beyond desolation.

People: Let us celebrate and rejoice.

Leader: 114 years of mercy and goodness.

People: Let us celebrate and rejoice.

Leader: Through many dangers, toils and snare, we have already come.

People: Let us celebrate and rejoice.

Leader: This is the day that the lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and worship God.

The Opening Hymn..... *“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”*

The InvocationRev. Norris Smith

Scripture

.....Rev. J.B. Cooper

The Choir in Song.....Allen Temple AME Choir

Welcome & OccasionSis. Renay Jones

The Anniversary Litany... .. Sis. Sandra Wesley

Leader: Dear Lord, thank you for drawing us, as a congregation, to you to become part of your church.

People: Thank you for our ancestors and those who listened to your voice and were obedient to your call to organize this congregation for your purpose.

Leader: Help us to teach our young your ways and their history, so they will know who you are and who they can be.

People: Inspire us with a vision for the future and use that vision to direct the path of this congregation.

Leader: Help us to lean not on our own understanding but to lean on every promise of your Word.

People: Grant us the authority to conquer all divisiveness, and fill us with a desire to love one another.

Leader: Lord, please hide us in your bosom and protect us from all evil and from the wiles of those spirits that seek to destroy the peace you have given us.

People: May your spirit continue to infuse our church with courage, hope, and grace.

Leader: Teach us to know your voice and give us the courage to obey it.

People: Lord, please continue to provide your Church with a light for the world.

Presentation of the Preacher.....Pastor J.B. Cooper, II

Sermonic Selection.....Allen Temple AME Choir

The SermonMr. Gabriel D. Cloud

Connectional 1st Vice President, YPD

The Invitation to Discipleship

The Offertory AppealPastor J.B. Cooper, II

Remarks... ..Pastor J.B.Cooper, II

The Doxology

The Benediction

Cake and Punch Available After Service

Church Matriarch

Mother Addie Smith Green

Ms. Addie M. Green was born March 3, 1925 in Ft. Mitchell, Alabama, the daughter of a share cropper. She is the seventh child of Mr. Essex and Mrs. Mary Smith. Ms. Green was blessed with six siblings, four brothers and two sisters. She married Master Sgt. Harold Green and they were blessed with seven children, four boys and three girls. She has ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Ms. Green traveled extensively with her husband and children. Her travels included Louisiana, Texas, New York and Germany.

Ms. Green was employed at Fort Benning, Georgia for the Military Housing Authority. She worked in the housekeeping department where she was awarded Housekeeper of the Year. She was well liked on her job and retired after twenty years.

She was also a seamstress for thirty years. She made suits for men and women, in addition to children's clothes. Because of her outstanding skills as a seamstress, she was very much in demand. She loved sewing so much that she collected fabric materials from San Francisco, England, Paris, France and Turkey.

Her hobbies included crocheting, writing poetry, and she is an avid reader of books about American Indians, Africa, antiques, jazz, and cookbooks.

She joined Allen Temple A.M.E. Church in 1960 and has been a member for 62 years. She is a member of the Ladies Improvement Board and the Council of Elders. Most Sunday mornings, she can be found sitting on the back row with her daughter, Vivian. Ms. Green says her faith and belief in the Lord keep her going.



We've Come This Far by Faith

*We have come this far by faith,
Leaning on the Lord,
Trusting in His holy Word,
He's never failed us --yet.
Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round,
We've come this far by faith.*

We've come this far by
FAITH...



To God Be the Glory!!!