

Historic Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church

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FATHER'S DAY MEN'S OBSERVANCE SUNDAY

JUNE 21, 2026

10:00 AM



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Rev. Amelia Dortch, Itinerant Elder

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WORSHIP AND LIVE STREAM SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Musicians

PROCESSIONAL

"Every Praise"

GREETINGS

Rev. Vickie Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Elaine Donaldson

MINISTER:

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the House of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

PEOPLE:

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

MINISTER:

For the sake of the House of the Lord our God. I will seek Your good.

PEOPLE:

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

MINISTER:

O Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house and the place where Your honor dwells.

PEOPLE:

For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

MINISTER:

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

PEOPLE:

O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

OPENING HYMN AMECH #429

Rev. Elaine Donaldson

“Faith of Our Fathers”

- 1** Faith of our fathers! living still In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy Whenever we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.
- 2** Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer Have kept our country brave and free; And through the truth that comes from God Her children have true liberty. Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.
- 3** Faith of our fathers! we will strive To win all nations unto thee; And through the truth that comes from God Man kind shall then be truly free. Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.
- 4** Faith of our fathers! we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife; And preach thee, too, as love knows how By kindly words and virtuous life. Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

PRAYER RESPONSE

“He’s Sweet I Know”

CHORAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE

“Luke 15:17-32” (NIV)

Rev. Gladys Burroughs

17 “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’

18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'

20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

31 "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

May God bless the hearers and doers of His Holy Word. The Word of God for the people of God.

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.

CHORAL SELECTION

WELCOME / RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Rev. Vickie Gray
"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Vickie Gray

- Thanks to all who participated in our respective meetings during this past week.
- Join us on Wednesdays for the Word at Noon on Zoom at 6:00pm by conference call. The number is **605.313.5346 - Access Code 8679984#**
- Starting **Friday, June 19th through Friday, June 26th** the Fine Arts Academy is in session at Camp Baber.
- **Monday, June 22nd through Wednesday, June 24th** the General Board Meeting will meet at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, 9939 Universal Boulevard, Orlando, Florida.
- Summer Fun Days are upon us **Tuesday, June 23rd through Friday July 31st from 9:00am to 4:00pm** in partnership with Wayne Metro Community Action Agency and Ebenezer A.M.E. Church. The camp fee is free, and the registration fee is \$25. (Registration fee may be waived according to financial needs.) For further information, please contact Sis. Edna Walker at (313) 635-3355.
- **Sunday, June 28th, at 10:00am**, is Block Out Violence Sunday, (rock your orange).
- All persons working with and interested in working with our youth; join us for a Zoom meeting on **Monday, June 29th at 7:00pm**.
- Official Board reports for May Ministry are due by June 25, 2026, 4:00pm. The Official Board Meeting is **Tuesday, June 30th at 6:30pm**.
- **Wednesday, July 8th through Friday, July 10th** is the Fourth District Christian Education Congress. The deadline for registration is **Tuesday, June 23, 2026**.

- The Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center (ECCC) is inviting eligible graduating seniors to apply for the **“Nia Imani Fullmore Award”** scholarship for class of 2026. For further information, please contact the ECCC office at (313) 635-3355.
- Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center (ECCC) is recruiting volunteers to assist with **Thursdays Community Outreach Day for two to four hours per week**. Assistance is needed in the Center’s Food Pantry, “Stone of Help” Clothes Closet and to help prepare hygiene and personal care kits. Come join and experience the joy of helping others! For more information, contact the center at (313) 635-3355, email eccc@ebenezerccc.org or leave a message with Ebenezer AME Church Office at (313) 933-6943. With appreciation and gratitude to all! Sis. Edna Walker
- Save the Date **Friday, August 7, 2026, at 6:30 pm** and reserve your **tickets NOW** for the *Jewels 4 Jesus, Ebenezer Women’s Ministry*, for the **“Jesus, Jazz and Jeans”** event. The cost of the tickets are \$40.
- Do not forget about the **B.E.L.I.E.V.E. in Ebenezer and Ebenezer Cares Stewardship Campaigns**, Give back to God and His church Ebenezer. As a cheerful giver, your contribution is tax-deductible. See a member of the Stewardship and Finance Commission after church for more information.
- Please fill out an updated membership contact form for our business records.
- **Cover Photo:** *“Bless Our Fathers”*
- **Thought for the Week:** *“Remember the Father is always listening, seeing and watching what you are saying, seeing and doing. Be glad that He always watches after you.”*

TRIBUTE TO MEN AND FATHERS

Women of the Church

ALTAR CALL

“Father I Stretch My Hands to Thee”

Rev. Vickie Gray

EBENEZER HOUSE OF PRAYER

Community of Care and Concern
The Crawford Family
The Dawkins Family
Bro. Heyward Dortch and Family
Sis. Willamina Forrest
Sis. Anita Giles and Family
Bro. Kenneth Jackson
Mother Dora Lane and Family

Rev. Dr. Dennis Laffoon
The Melvin Family
The Morgan Family
Sis. Sandra Morrison
The Robinson Family
The Spencer Family
The Sudduth Family

MINISTRY OF GIVING

Rev. Vickie Gray

OFFERTORY SELECTION

“I Just Want to Praise You”

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“All Things Come of Thee”

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

SERMONIC HYMN AMECH #185

Rev. Vickie Gray

“There is a Name I Love to Hear,” by Gloria Gaither

- 1** There is a name I love to hear; I love to sing its worth; It sounds like music in mine ear, The sweetest name on earth.
- 2** It tells me of a Savior’s love, Who died to set me free; It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner’s perfect plea.
- 3** It tells of One whose loving heart Can feel my deepest woe, Who in my sorrow bears a part That none can bear below.
- 4** Jesus! the name I love so well, The name I love to hear; No saints on earth its worth can tell, No heart conceive how dear.

SERMON

“Uphold the Name”

Pastor Willie Gholston, II

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***"Something About the Name Jesus,"** by Rance Allen*

Something about the name Jesus
Something about the name Jesus
It is the sweetest name I know
Oh how I love the name Jesus
Oh how I love the name Jesus
It is the sweetest name I know
[Refrain]

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING SONG

"Let the Church Say Amen"

BENEDICTION

Historic Ebenezer A.M.E. Church

2026 GRADUATES AND PROMOTIONS

We joyfully celebrate our 2026 graduates and promoted students. We give God thanks for their accomplishments and pray continued wisdom, favor, and success over each of them.



Autumn Denise Roberts

Age: 5

Promoted To: Kindergarten

Family & God-Parents: Lisa and Steve Davis

Activities: Art, Westling and Reading



Aubrey Hill Stamp

Age: 9

School: J.R. King Performing Arts Academy

Promoted To: 4th Grade

Family: Bahjanique Stamps

Activities: Running Track, Swimming, Skating, Reading and Church



Autumn Hill Stamps

Age: 6

School: J. R. King Performing Arts Academy **Promoted To:** 1st Grade

Family: Bahjanique Stamps.

Activities: Swimming, Running Track, The Library and Church

Congratulations!

May God continue to order your steps and bless your future.

Rev. Dr. Willie A. Gholston II, Senior Pastor