

Historic Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church

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“PEW RALLY”

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WORSHIP SERVICE

JULY 12, 2026

10:00AM



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Rev. Amelia Dortch, Itinerant Elder

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

Rev. Larry J. Bell, Presiding Elder

Rt. Rev. Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding Bishop

WORSHIP AND LIVE STREAM SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL SONG

"Just Want To Praise You," by Maurette Brown Clark

I just want to praise you Forever and ever and ever For all you've done, done for me Blessings and glory and honor They all belong to you Thank you Jesus for blessing me!

WELCOME

Rev. Vickie Gray

PRAYER

Bro. Greyson Jones

PRAYER RESPONSE

"God is the Joy and Strength of My Life"

SCRIPTURE

"Mark 4:35-41" (NIV)

Bro. Dylan Levy

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."

36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.

37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.

38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Choir Selection

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Sis. Yvonne Johnson

***"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit,"** by Doris Akers*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I Know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are Sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the Presence of the Lord

[Refrain]

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, Filling us With Your love; And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived When we shall leave this place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sis. Yvonne Johnson

- Thanks to all who participated in respective meetings during this past week.
- Thanks to all that attended the Christian Education Congress in Downers, Illinois this past week.
- Join us for **"Wednesday in the Word"** at 12:00 noon via Zoom and at 6:00 p.m. by conference call. To join **by phone, dial (605) 313-5346 and enter Access Code 8679984#.**
- Let us demonstrate faithful stewardship and discipleship by supporting **Ebenezer's Emergency Operational Fund**. Please give your support through a generous contribution. Your gift will help us meet essential needs, fulfill our financial obligations, and continue serving and blessing others.
- All persons interested in **joining the Praise Team** are encouraged to sign up with Pastor Gholston as soon as possible.

- Summer Fun Days will be held **Tuesday, June 23, through Friday, July 31, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** There is no camp fee; however, a \$25 registration fee is required. The registration fee may be waived based on financial need. For additional information, please **contact Sis. Edna Walker at (313) 635-3355.**
- **Monday, July 13th, at 6:30pm** Lay and Pastor Speak via Zoom
- **Tuesday, July 14th, at 6:30pm** Steward Board Meeting via Zoom
- **Tuesday, July 14th, at 7:00pm** Class Leaders Meeting via Zoom
- Organizations are asked to submit anticipated budget expenses for 2026-2027 years to the Stewardship and Finance Commission **by Wednesday, July 15th.**
- **Wednesday, July 15th at 5:00pm,** the June Official Board Reports are due.
- As we prepare for the upcoming Michigan Annual Conference, please submit any meaningful photographs and cherished memories to Bro. George Davis, Bro. Breck Johnson, or the Communications and Media Team **by Wednesday, July 15, 2026.**
- **Thursday, July 16th through Saturday July 18th,** is the Connectional YPD Leadership Institute.
- **Sunday, July 19th, at 10:00am** is Stewards and Trustees Appreciation Sunday.
- The Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center (ECCC) is seeking volunteers to assist with **Community Outreach Day on Thursdays for two to four hours per week.** Volunteers are needed to support the Center's Food Pantry and other community outreach services. For additional information or to volunteer, **please call (313) 635-3355 or email eccc@ebenezerccc.org.**

- All members are prayerfully asked to contribute to the **B.E.L.I.E.V.E. Campaign and Ebenezer's Emergency Operational Fund by Friday, July 31, 2026.** Through faithful and cheerful giving, we give back to God and support the continued ministry and operations of His church, Historic Ebenezer. **All Contributions are Tax-Deductible.** For additional information, please see a member of the Stewardship and Finance Commission following worship service.
- **Save the Date!** Join **"Jewels 4 Jesus, Ebenezer's Women's Ministry, for "Jesus, Jazz and Jeans"** on **Friday, August 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$40 in advance and at the door. Please reserve your tickets as soon as possible. **To purchase tickets or receive additional information, please contact Rev. G. Wilson at (313) 820-4525 or revgwen@yahoo.com.**
- Mark your calendar for **"Praise in the Park 2026," taking place Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m.** In preparation for this annual multi-church community event, participating churches are requesting donations of school supplies and new clothing items for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Suggested items include socks, T-shirts, underwear, and briefs in all youth and adult sizes. Donations are **due by Sunday, August 23, 2026.**

For additional information, please contact Sis. Diane Gary at (313) 332-0011 or dmgary30@gmail.com, or Sis. Rochelle Ward at (248) 547-4640 or rward04287@aol.com.

- **Important:** All members are asked to complete an updated Membership Contact Form to ensure that our church business records remain current and accurate.
- **Thoughts for the Week:** "Be careful when you disown others in your family, because you would not want God to disown you." and "Be mindful of the words you speak to others, because you never know when those words may be the last ones you share with them."

- **Cover Photo:** “This photo was taken on July 4, 2026, it depicts a commuter on a Washington D.C. Metro train surrounded by masked members of the Patriot Front White Nationalist Group.”

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Sis. La Shawn Nichols

ALTAR PRAYER

“I Thank You Jesus, I Thank You Lord”

Rev. Vickie Gray

EBENEZER HOUSE OF PRAYER

Community of Care and Concern
Sis. Scheryl Brooks and Family
The Crawford Family
The Dawkins 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
Sis. Vivienne Anderson and Family

MINISTRY OF GIVING

Bro. Heyward Dortch
Bro. Dylan Levy

OFFERTORY SELECTION

“You Can’t Beat God’s Giving”

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 SELECTION

Choir Selection

SERMON

“We Are Family: In This Thang Together”
Pastor Willie Gholston, II

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AMECH #441

"Never Alone," Arr. by Robert O. Hoffelt

- 1 I've seen the lightning flashing, I've heard the thunder roll, I've felt sin's breakers dashing, Which almost conquered my soul; I've heard the voice of my Savior Bidding me still to fight on; He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone!

[Refrain]

No, never alone, no, never alone; He promised never to leave me, He'll claim me for His own. No never alone, no, never along; He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone.

- 2 The world's fierce winds are blowing Temptations sharp and keen; I have a peace in knowing My Savior stands between; He stands to shield me from danger When earthly friends are gone; He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone!

[Refrain]

- 3 When in affliction's valley, I tread the road of care, My Savior helps me to carry The cross so heavy to bear; Though all around me is darkness. Earthly joys all flown; My Savior whispers His promise Never to leave to me alone!

[Refrain]

- 4 He died on Calvary's mountain, For me they pierced His side, For me He opened that fountain, The crimson, cleansing tide; For me He waiteth in glory, Seated up on His throne. He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone!

[Refrain]

BENEDICTION