

HISTORIC EBENEZER AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

"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. Gwendolyn Wilson

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Bro. Jackson Dortch

"I Need Thee, Oh Lord, I Need Thee"

SCRIPTURE

"Deuteronomy 4:6-11" (NIV)

Sis. Brooklyn Donald Powell

6 Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."

7 What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him?

8 And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

9 Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

10 Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children."

11 You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness.

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

Sis. Giovanna Allen, Soloist

WELCOME VISITORS

Rev. Vickie Gray

***"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. Avery Ajagbe

- **Cover Photo:** *"Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day."*
- Thank you to all that traveled to Pontiac and witnessed the move of the Holy Spirit and to take care of the business of ministries throughout the Michigan Annual Conference.
- Thanks to all who participated in respective meetings during this past week.
- Let us practice good stewardship and discipleship by sharing in God's generosity in our lives. Give towards our **Ebenezer Emergency Operational Funds**. Your sacrifice will bless us to meet all of our obligations and needs, plus be a blessing to others.
- All persons interested in joining the **Praise Team** sign up immediately with Pastor Gholston.

- Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center (ECCC) is recruiting volunteers to assist with **Thursdays Community Outreach Day for two to four hours per week**. Volunteers are needed to assist in the Center's Food Pantry and to provide other outreach services. For more information contact **(313) 635-3355** or email ecccc@ebenezerccc.org.
- **Back to School Rally is Sunday, August 23rd**. We are calling students, teachers, administrators, and school employees on any level (early education, elementary, high school, college and postgraduate) to join us for this blessed power of Love Worship Service. Come one and all in your business or casual attire.
- **Generational Sunday is August 30th**. Come represent and rock your general colors. Photographs will be taken for our generational legacy. Listed are the colors for each generation.

"Great" – 1901 – 1927 – Yellow	"Y" – 1981 – 1996 – Red
"Silent" – 1928 – 1945 – White	"Z" – 1997-2012 – Orange
"Boomers" – 1946 – 1963 – Blue	"Alpha" – 2013 – 2024 – Green
"X" – 1964 – 1980 – Black	
- **Praise in the Park 2026 is Saturday, August 29th, at 12:00 noon until 3:00pm**. In preparation for this annual multi-church event Ebenezer, Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center, St. Matthew AME, the Community and other churches are requesting donations of school supplies and clothing. Items needed: socks, undergarments for grades kindergarten through 12 (all sizes youth - adult), loose-leaf paper, duo-tang folders, spiral notebooks, crayons, pencils, pens, pencil pouches, scissors, rulers, toothbrushes and personal care supplies, etc.) To donate toward the purchase of school supplies Donations are due by **Sunday, August 23rd**. For additional information, please contact **Sis. Diane Gary** dmgary30@gmail.com, or **Sis. Rochelle Ward** email rward04287@aol.com, **Edna Walker** at Ebenezer AME Church **(313) 933-6943** or **Leslie Nolan** at St. Matthew AME Church.
- **"Wednesday in the Word"** at Noon and the 6:00pm Evening Bible Study will resume **Wednesday, September 2nd**.

- **Important:** All members are asked to complete an updated **Membership Contact Form** to ensure that our church records remain current and accurate.
- **Quote of the Week:** *“Live, laugh and love as often as you can with as many as you can while you still can.”*

READING OF PASTOR’S APPOINTMENT

Bro. Ronald Brooks

MINISTRY OF GIVING APPEAL

Sis. LaShawn Nichols

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.

ALTAR PRAYER

“Precious Jesus”

Sis. Lauren Nichols

EBENEZER HOUSE OF PRAYER

Community of Care and Concern
 Sis. Scheryl Brooks and Family
 The Crawford Family
 The Dawkins Family
 Sis. Willamina Forrest
 The Family of Rev. Dr. Charita Hardy
 Bro. Kenneth Jackson
 Rev. Dr. Dennis Laffoon
 Sis. Maggie and Bro. Randall Levi
 The Meredith Family
 The Collins Family
 Sis. Millicent McClary

The Melvin Family
 Rev. Karen Moorman and Family
 The Morgan Family
 Sis. Sandra Morrison
 The Robinson Family
 The Spencer Family
 The Sudduth Family
 The Family of Sis. Vivienne Anderson
 The Family of Sis. Gwen Reeves
 Bro. Richard Staples and Family
 Sis. Gwendolyn Wilkes
 Bishop Frederick Wright and Family

SERMONIC SELECTION

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

“I Love You Today,” by Edwin Hawkins

1 I love You, I love You, I love You, Lord, today; because You cared for me in such a special way. That's why I praise You, I lift You up, and I magnify Your name; that's why my heart is filled with praise.

2 My heart, my mind, my soul belongs to You. You paid the price for me way back on Calvary. That's why I praise You, I lift You up, and I magnify Your name; that's why my heart is filled with praise.

PREACHED WORD “I Will Always Love You” Pastor Willie A. Gholston

INVITATION SONG

“Falling In With Jesus,” *by Jonathan Butler*

Falling in love with Jesus Falling in love with Jesus Falling in love with Jesus
Was the best thing I've ever done

In His arms, I feel protected In His arms, never disconnected In His arms, I feel
protected There is no place I'd rather be

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BENEDICTION