

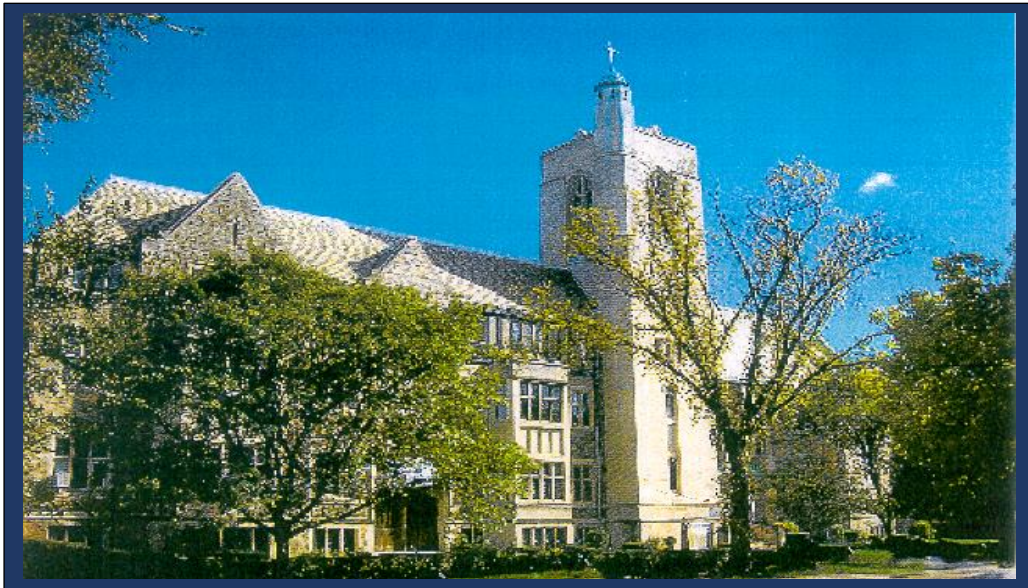
HISTORIC EBENEZER AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

5151 W. Chicago Boulevard
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FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4, 2026

10:00 AM



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Rev. Larry J. Bell, Presiding Elder

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

"FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY"

WORSHIP AND LIVE STREAM SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Musicians

PROCESSIONAL

"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!

GREETINGS

Rev. Vickie Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

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 #215

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

“Look And Live,” by William A. Ogden

1 I’ve a message from the Lord, Hallelujah! The message unto you I’ll give. ’Tis recorded in His Word, Hallelujah! It is only that you “look and live.”

[Refrain]

“Look and live,” my brother, live. Look to Jesus now and live. ’Tis recorded in His Word, Hallelujah! It is only that you “look and live.”

2 I’ve a message full of love, Hallelujah! A message, O my friend, for you. ’Tis a message from above, Hallelujah! Jesus said it, and I know ’tis true.

[Refrain]

3 Life is offered unto you. Hallelujah! Eternal life thy soul shall have, If you’ll only look to Him, Hallelujah! Look to Jesus, who alone can save.

[Refrain]

4 I will tell you how I came, Hallelujah! To Jesus when He made me whole: ’Twas believing on His name, Hallelujah! I trusted and He saved my soul.

[Refrain]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

PRAYER RESPONSE

“I Thank You Jesus”

CHORAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE**"John 11:17-29" (NIV)****Rev. Elaine Donaldson**

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

18 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem,

19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.

20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

28 After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you."

29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

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

DECALOGUE**Rev. Elaine Donaldson**

(Please see page xix of the African Methodist Episcopal Hymnal.)

From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise; Let the Redeemers name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

MINISTER:

And God spake all these words, saying: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.

PEOPLE:

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

HYMN

"Near my God, to thee" Nearer to thee E'en though it be a cross, that raiseth me.
Still all my song shall be, Nearer my God to thee."

MINISTER:

Hear what Christ our Savior saith, Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two
commandants hang all the law and the prophets.

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 OF VISITORS AMECH #196

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

Rev. Vickie Gray

- **Cover Photo:** "Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church"
- Thanks to all who participated in respective meetings during this past week.
- Sis. Nathalie Addai would like to thank the Ebenezer Family for the out pouring of love displayed to her family during the transition of her son. "The way you serve others is such a beautiful reflection of our Savior's love." — The Addai Family

- Thank you to those persons that traveled to Pleasant Valley AME Church to celebrate their 77th Anniversary and to support Pastor Gholston.
- Join us in praying for this country, the world and every individual that is part of the Historic Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church Family.
- As we approach our 155th Church Anniversary, you have a special opportunity to become part of our history by adding a leaf to the Legacy Tree outside the sanctuary. Leaves may be purchased for \$155 in honor of yourself or in memory of a loved one. Sis. Stephanie Darby will be in the Mamie Robinson Parlor to take your orders, beginning today after the worship service. Join us in creating this lasting testament as we celebrate 155 years of faith and fellowship. Sponsored by the Steward Board. Bro. Ronald Brooks, Pro-Tem
- 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.
- 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.
- Join us for ***"Wednesday in the Word"*** at Noon via Zoom and the 6:00pm Evening Bible Study **(605.313.5346 - Access Code 8679984#)**.
- Please join the **7:00am Prayer Line** every **Tuesday and Thursday, (848) 220-3300, Access Code 5987183#**
- Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center (ECCC) is rescheduling the trip to Wayne County Community College District Downtown to view the Transcendental Fibers Art Exhibit. Further information is forthcoming.
- **Tuesday, October 6th, at 6:30pm** is Elder Larry Bell's Quarterly Conference via Zoom.

- **On Friday, October 9th, at 7:00pm** at Greater Quinn AME Church- Detroit, Pastor Willie Gholston, II is the preacher for Men's Fire Night.
- **On Thursday, October 15th, at 7:00pm** calling all to serve as Peacekeepers and Poll Chaplains. Register today at: www.turnoutsunday.com.
- **Save the Date for District Training and Planning Meeting** for Pastors, Clergy and Officers **Saturday, October 31st at 8:30am – 1:00pm**. The location is Quinn Chapel Flint AMEC, 2101 Lippincott Boulevard, Flint.
- **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:** *"It's good to expect a miracle when you have faith in Jesus."*

BIRTHDAYS

Sis. Christine Turner – October 1
 Sis. Mary F. Bell – October 3
 Bro. Sam McClary II – October 5
 Sis. Christine A. Kelley – October 9
 Sis. Veronica Kleckley – October 9
 Sis. Betty Wyche – October 10
 Sis. Nadine Robinson – October 11
 Sis. Tiye Greene – October 13
 Sis. A. Joyce Archer- October 16

Sis. Verialee Nelson – October 18
 Sis. Rochelle Ward – October 18
 Bro. Eligha Turner – October 19
 Sis. Gracelynn McCrimmon– October 24
 Sis. Erika E. Mathis– October 27
 Sis. Deja Smith – October 27
 Sis. Sherry Washington – October 28
 Rev. Gladys Burroughs – October 31
 Bro. Roderick Donaldson, Jr. – October 31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rev .Dr. Mickarl and Mrs. C. Ann Thomas – October 1 (34 years)

ALTAR CALL HYMN

"Pass Me Not"

EBENEZER HOUSE OF PRAYER

Community of Care and Concern
The Family of Sis. Vivienne Anderson
Sis. Scheryl Brooks and Family
The Collins Family
The Crawford Family
The Dawkins Family
Sis. Willamina Forrest
The Family of Sis. Millicent R. McCrary
Rev. Dr. Dennis Laffoon
Sis. Nathalie Addai and Family
Sis. Gwendolyn Wilkes and Family

Sis. Maggie and Bro. Randall Levi
The Melvin Family
The Meredith Family
Rev. Karen Moorman and Family
The Morgan Family
Sis. Sandra Morrison and Family
The Family of Sis. Gwen Reeves
The Robinson Family
Bro. Richard Staples and Family
Bishop Frederick Wright and Family
The City of Detroit

MINISTRY OF GIVING

Rev. Vickie Gray

OFFERTORY SELECTION

"Give Glory To God Saints"

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 SONG

Rev. Vickie Gray

"I'm Looking For A Miracle," by The Clark Sisters

I'm Looking for a miracle I expect the impossible I feel the intangible and I see the invisible

[Bridge]

The Sky is the limit To what I can have

Just believe and receive it God will perform it today. Just believe and receive it God will perform it today.

I'm Looking for a miracle I expect the impossible I feel the intangible I see the invisible

[Bridge]

SERMON

“Expect A Miracle”

Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP SONG

“Way Maker,” *by Sinach*

You are here, Moving in our midst I worship You I worship You. You are here,
Working in this place I worship You, I worship You.

*Yea, Way maker Miracle worker, Promise keeper Light in the darkness, My God.
That is who You are*

You are here, Touching every heart I worship You, I worship You. You are here,
Healing every heart I worship You, I worship You, You are here, Turning lives
around

***Way maker, Miracle worker Promise keeper, Light in the darkness My God, That is
who You are. Way maker, Miracle worker Promise keeper, Light in the darkness
My God, That is who You are***

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION AMECH #255

“There is a Fountain Filled With Blood”

- 1** There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Emmanuel’s veins; And sinners,
plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their
guilty stains.
- 2** The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day; And there may I, though
vile as he, Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **The Solicitation**

Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II

- **The General Confession**

Congregation

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all
men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we
from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and

deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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| • First Collect | Rev. Vickie Gray |
| • Second Collect | Rev. Elaine Donaldson |
| • Prayer of Adoration | Rev. Elaine Donaldson |
| • Prayer of Humiliation | Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson |
| • Prayer of Consecration | Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II |
| • Partaking of Elements | Congregation |
| • The Lord's Prayer | Congregation |
| • The Prayer of Thanksgiving | Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II |

COMMUNION HYMN

"I Know It Was the Blood"

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING SONG

"Let the Church Say Amen"

BENEDICTION

**OCTOBER 2026
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

“EXPECTING A MIRACLE AT HISTORIC EBENEZER AMEC”

- **Sunday, October 4th, 10:00am** Holy Communion Sunday
- **Tuesday, October 6th, 6:00pm** Quarterly Conference
(June, July and August Reports)
- **Friday, October 9th, 7:00pm** Men’s Fire Night, Greater Quinn AME
Pastor Gholston is the Preacher
- **Tuesday, October 13th, 6:00pm** Steward Board Meeting
- **Thursday, October 15th** September Official Board Reports Are Due
- **Thursday, October 15th, 6:30pm** Class Leaders Meeting via Zoom
- **Thursday, October 15th, 7:00pm** Peacekeepers and Poll Chaplains Training
Register at www.turnoutsunday.com
- **Saturday, October 17th
10:00am – 1:00pm** Women’s Health Awareness Brunch
- **Sunday, October 18th** Great Expectations and Breast Cancer
Rock Your Pink
- **Sunday, October 18th** Church Conference – After Church
- **Tuesday, October 20th, 6:30pm** Trustee Board Meeting via Zoom
- **Thursday, October 22nd -
Saturday, October 24th** Fourth District Planning Meeting
Indianapolis
- **Sunday, October 25th, 6:00pm** Youth and Young Adult Explosion

**OCTOBER 2026
CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONT.**

“EXPECTING A MIRACLE AT HISTORIC EBENEZER AMEC”

- **Tuesday, October 27th, 6:30pm** Official Board Meeting via Zoom
- **Saturday, October 31st** Presiding Elder Larry Bell’s
District Planning Meeting
Quinn Chapel, Flint
- **Mondays – Weekly – 5:00pm** Stewardship and Finance Meeting
- **Tuesday and Thursday Prayer Line 7:00am** (848) 220-3300 Access Code: 5987183#
- **Wednesdays in the Word** Noon Bible Study – 12:00pm via Zoom
Evening Bible Study – 6:00pm
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***ALL MEETINGS ARE VIA ZOOM UNLESS SPECIFIED**