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LAY EXECUTIVE BOARD WORSHIP NIGHT
FRIDAY - JANUARY 6, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Bethel A.M.E. Church

405 NW 3rd Ave - Pompano Beach, FL 33060

THE REVEREND EDDY MOISE, JR - Pastor

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING CONTINUES JANUARY 7, 2017

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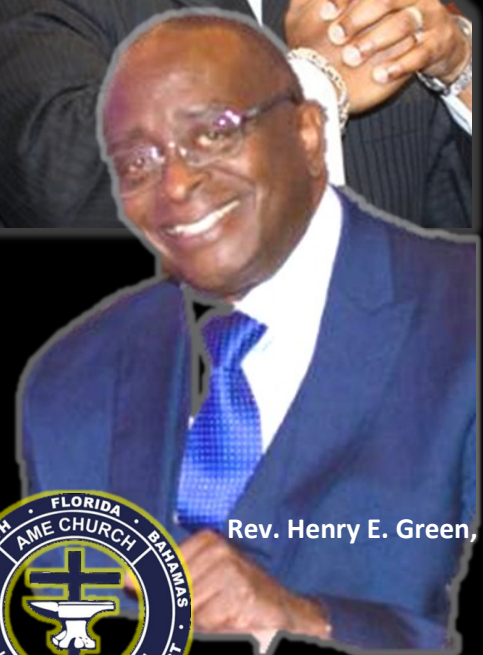
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Brother Andrew Pink



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**February 6, 2017
6:30PM**

The Rev. Dr. John Frank Green
President/Dean

**Big Bethel
A.M.E. Church**
220 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.
Senior Pastor



Dr. Cecil Cone, Recipient of President's Lifetime Achievement Award;
(l-r) Rev. Dr. Charles Bennett, Rev. Spencer Booker, Dr. Marsha Foster-Boyd, Rev. Dr. James Cooper,
Rev. Dr. Gregory V. Eason, Rev. Terence R. Gray, I, Rev. Dr. David Green, Rev. Jai Haithco, Sr.,
Rev. Augusta H. Hall, Jr., Rev. Dr. Julius McAllister, Jr., Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Owens, Rev. Dr. David B. Rhone, Jr.,
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Rev. Dr. Frederick Wright, Rev. Dr. Marvin Zanders, Jr.



The African Methodist Episcopal Church
Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization
TRAINING RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM
February 24 - February 25, 2017



Host Church: St. Paul AME Church

718 NW 7th St, Ocala, FL 34475

(352) 622-8921

Pastor: The Reverend Patrick Joseph Reddick Sasnett

Date: _____ Conference: _____

Name: Last _____ First _____

Address: _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Persons: _____

Amount \$ _____ (**\$40.00 per person**)

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953 Crawfordville Trace, Tallahassee, FL 32305

Registration Deadline Date: February 1, 2017

****SPECIAL RECOGNITION GIVEN TO CONFERENCE WITH MOST REGISTRANTS OVER 50!****

METHOD OF RESERVATIONS

QUALITY INN RATE: \$75.00

3434 SOUTHWEST COLLEGE ROAD - OCALA, FL

Reservations will be made by individuals calling the Hotel directly at **(352) 854-3200**. Individuals must identify themselves as being with the group, **11th Episcopal District Lay (St. Paul AME)**, at the time the reservation is made in order to receive the special group rate.

Must book Room by February 1, 2017.

Tuskegee Airman: Master Sergeant Willie N. Rogers was a member of Bethel AME Church, St. Petersburg, Florida



**His funeral was Saturday, November 26, 2016
Please read his obituary for more information**



Willie N. Rogers, the oldest surviving member of the original Tuskegee Airmen who became legendary for their service in World War II, died Nov. 18, 2016, in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was 101 years old.

A longtime resident of St. Petersburg, Rogers died of stroke complications, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

The brave military men known as the Tuskegee Airmen became legendary for their service in World War II. The first African-American aviators in the U.S. armed forces, they fought valiantly for their country at a time when segregation still limited their lives and their rights.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton established the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site at Moton Field in Tuskegee, Alabama, to commemorate the airmen's heroism. All African-American military pilots who trained in the United States did so at Moton Field, the Tuskegee Army Air Field. The aviators were educated at Tuskegee University.

Rogers, who was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942, was a member of the 100th Fighter Squadron.

He received the Congressional Gold Medal from President George W. Bush in 2007.

Information above is from his Obituary at Legacy.com ~ Visit the link below for more information:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sptimes/obituary.aspx?n=willie-n-rogers&pid=182638054#sthash.4DnLUnAF.dpuf>

More available in this article:

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/oldest-remaining-tuskegee-airman-a-st-petersburg-man-dies-at-101/2303534>

Honored in 2015: <http://www.orlandoadvocate.com/local-tuskegee-airman-honored-in-st-pete/>

Information submitted by Mrs. Patricia H. Wright
Eleventh District Lay Organization ~ President

Hurst Chapel Winter Haven Lay Organization Provides a Diabetic Course to the Community

The Hurst Chapel Winter Haven Lay Organization provided a Diabetic course, which was a six weeks program to our members, and other congregations. It was great. The instructors were very informative. We were taught about medicine we take which was attributed as a result of diabetes, as well as diabetic medication by a licensed Pharmacist. Some of the students weren't necessarily diabetic, but had someone in their family with the disease.

Article submitted by Mrs. Shirley Thomas
Hurst Chapel AME Church - Winter Haven, Florida
HCWH Lay Organization ~ 1st Vice President



DIABETES EMPOWERMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM - SIX WEEKS

***THE HOUSE OF GOD CALLED: HURST CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE REVEREND RONNIE L. CLARK, SR.
HURST LAY ORGANIZATION PRESENTS
THE "DEEP" GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016***



***INSTRUCTORS FOR THE CLASS WERE:
MS. SHARON AYERS, HSAG — FL DEEP SENIOR TRAINER
DR. FULSE — PHARMACIST***

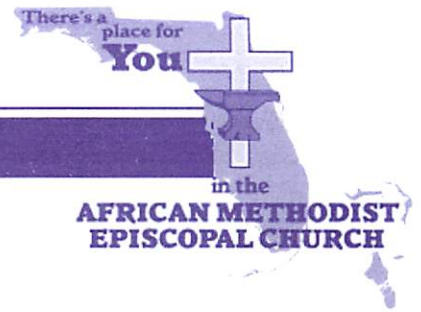
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October 20, 2016

RE: Bahamas Annual Conference – Postponement

Dear Friends:


It was our hope to convene the Bahamas Annual Conference in our newest development in that Conference, Cummings-Young Temple in Freeport, Grand Bahama. However, the devastation brought on by Hurricane Matthew has forced us to call for a postponement of the 77th Annual Conference.

Information that we have received about the results of the storm precludes the ability to host the Conference under safe circumstances and the conveniences that we are accustomed to having. At this writing, power has not been restored in Grand Bahama or in Nassau. Thus, the hotel has not reopened.

Thus, we are compelled to postpone this historic session. A new date will be announced when the situation in the Conference has returned to a state of normalcy. If you had planned to attend, please make arrangements with the airline and the hotel to cancel your current reservations. We hope that you will accept the new date and make appropriate plans to attend. An announcement will be made at Planning Meeting.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours in His Service,



Adam J. Richardson, Jr.
Bishop

The Revised Common Lectionary ~ a service of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library ~ Year C

Season after Pentecost Year C	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<u>Proper 25 (30)</u> Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65	Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
<u>Proper 26 (31)</u> Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost October 30, 2016 <i>(If All Saints not observed on this day)</i> ART -- PRAYER	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144	Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-7	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
<u>All Saints Day</u> November 1, 2016 <i>(Sometimes observed on first Sunday in November)</i> ART -- PRAYER	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149		Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
<u>Proper 27 (32)</u> Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 6, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
<u>Proper 28 (33)</u> Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 13, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 **	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
<u>Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34)</u> Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost November 20, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 **	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
<u>Thanksgiving Day, USA</u> November 24, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100		Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35

The Revised Common Lectionary ~ a service of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library ~ Year A

Advent / Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<u>First Sunday of Advent</u> November 27, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
<u>Second Sunday of Advent</u> December 4, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
<u>Third Sunday of Advent</u> December 11, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u> December 18, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas / Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<u>Nativity of the Lord - Proper I</u> December 24 & 25, 2016 <i>Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day</i> ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
<u>Nativity of the Lord - Proper II</u> December 24 & 25, 2016 <i>Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day</i> ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
<u>Nativity of the Lord - Proper III</u> December 24 & 25, 2016 <i>Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day</i> ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)	John 1:1-14
<u>First Sunday after Christmas Day</u> January 1, 2017 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 63:7-9	Psalm 148	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23
<u>Holy Name of Jesus</u> January 1, 2017 <i>(Mary, Mother of God)</i> ART -- PRAYER	Numbers 6:22-27	Psalm 8	Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 2:15-21
<u>New Year's Day</u> January 1, 2017 ART -- PRAYER	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13	Psalm 8	Revelation 21:1-6a	Matthew 25:31-46

Saint Paul AME Church, Jacksonville Sons of Allen Embrace 5,000 Role Models of Excellence Project

The Sons of Allen of St. Paul AME Church of Jacksonville, Florida have embraced young men associated with the nationally recognized 5,000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

This initiative assists at-risk minority boys. Members of The Sons of Allen serve as Mentors. On Sunday, April 24, 2016, Joseph Coppock, Jr., local president, presented white shirts and red ties for Mentees, that were donated by St. Paul disciples. Participants wear long sleeved shirts and red ties when making group appearances. Representative Tony Hill and Larry Roziers, administrator with the Duval County School System, gave accolades to the Sons of Allen for serving as Mentees and connecting with our Black youth. He further stated that the young men went to the Capital in Tallahassee and were elevated from, "suspect to prospect." He further reported that their program is about bringing HOPE. The oldest Mentor, Dr. Sollie Mitchell is 97.

As Reverend Dr. Marvin C. Zanders II, Pastor of St. Paul, introduced the preacher of the hour, Rev. Henry E. Green, Jr., Pastor of Mt. Herman AME Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, he remarked that it was so appropriate to have Reverend Green as speaker because he served as the First Connec-tional President of the Sons of Allen in the AME Church.

Dr. Green's selected text was recorded in 1 Samuel 30: 1-8. His sermon topic was "I Want My Stuff Back." God's anointed conduit delivered a powerful message. He stated emphatically, that we can take back everything that the devil has taken from us: our children, grandchildren, marriages, joy, wealth, and character. There are always reasons to praise God. He further declared that we should praise God because He awakened us this morning, with the activity and use of our limbs and clothed in our right minds. When we are working for God, it is important to stay prayed up. David, a man after God's own heart stole away and talked to God for himself, when his family and wealth had been taken by the enemy while he and the soldiers were away. God assured David that he should, "Go and take his stuff back." We too must talk to God for ourselves and take back all that the devil has taken from us. Dr. Green's message was so compelling and clear that two visitors accepted Christ as their Savior. (It is important to note that one of the persons who accepted Christ was a Male youth).

Article submitted by Dr. Cora H. Reed
Commission on Public Relations Chairperson
Saint Paul AME Church - Jacksonville, Florida



Photos submitted by Bro. Sherman Riley
Saint Paul AMEC Sons of Allen

The Anniston Star

Tuning up

JSU's first diversity officer seeks harmony

By Seth Boster, Star Staff Writer, sboster@annistonstar.com Mar 31, 2016



JACKSONVILLE — Jai Ingraham considers himself a product of music. His parents met in their college choir. He too sang in his college choir, and he played the baritone in the band.

Thursday morning at the Jacksonville State University office dedicated to campus diversity and inclusion and formed for Ingraham three weeks ago, soul and funk played softly. That was just the morning's flavor; he listens to it all, from Kenny Rogers to Ray Charles to Journey to the Mary Jane Girls to Beethoven.

"I think my background in music prepared me to handle diversity and inclusion," said Ingraham, 38, JSU's first chief diversity officer and Title IX coordinator. "You may not enjoy it all, but you can appreciate it all."

One of first-year President John Beehler's first actions on campus was announcing Ingraham's position. Beehler saw the need for an office solely committed to ensuring compliance with federal rules related to discrimination.

"Prior to my arrival, all those things were added responsibilities for three individuals," he said.

Having a one-stop shop, Beehler suspects, will improve inclusion on campus. Seeing that happen is Ingraham's goal.

"I pride that door for being open," he said in his office. "I want people to know I'm here."

Ingraham's arrival makes LeMarques McClide, for one, glad. Last fall, at the start of his third year as residence life coordinator, McClide helped form the campus's multicultural alliance, a group that now meets weekly.

The group allows minority students "a comfortable environment," McClide said. That, he said, can be difficult for some to find on campus.

"It's fear. It's fear of people not wanting to experience the uncomfortable," he said. "They don't want to have those types of conversations."

Debbie Taylor, JSU's assistant director for student life and multicultural programming, wonders why. As the advisor of the campus NAACP chapter, she said she's seen involvement fluctuate.

"Why is it people don't have that passion?" She said. "Where's that fire in their belly?"

White students at JSU account for 71 percent of the undergrad population, according to data from the university. African-Americans make up 21 percent of that population, and Asians and Hispanics combine for less than 4 percent.

"Everybody wants representation, to be heard," Taylor said. "There definitely can be more." More cultural awareness, Ingraham knows, will make for a better campus. He sought to bring that to Florida International University, where he spent the past two years as an administrator working on issues related to misconduct and discrimination. From 2003 to 2014, he served various roles in a large, Latino-majority public school system in Miami, where he grew up influenced by his father's work as a compliance officer for city departments.

Ingraham began like his mother in the school system: as a teacher. His social studies classes at the end of the year did a project in which they immersed themselves in an unfamiliar cultural experience. Some, for example, spent time at a synagogue.

"They had to have a conversation and engage someone," Ingraham said. "That's the beautiful thing about diversity. It's so much more than race. It's so much more than gender. It's so much more than sexual orientation. It's about how people are willing to engage each other and have candid conversations that matter."

To have those, Ingraham said, people have to step out of their comfort zones. He found himself doing that when he left Florida for college in Atlanta in the 1990s, and he finds himself doing that now by coming to Alabama.

He's enjoyed sitting in on JSU music performances. In a band, "everything has its place," he said. "You're a part of the collective. You have to have an appreciation for the different parts that make it all work."