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## Psalms 139: 14

I praise you because  
I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made;  
your works are  
wonderful, I know  
that full well.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EDITION

What is HERstory?

**HERstory** is one that only she can tell.

She is the one to tell it oh so well.

**HERstory** is not meant for you or me.

She owns the rights so let it be.

**HERstory** is nestled deep down in her art.

She knows it is a unique work of art.

**HERstory** is destined to take her far.

She knows it will shine brighter than any  
star.

**HERstory** is one she will one day deploy.

She knows it will bring complete and  
ultimate joy.

**HERstory** is HERstory that only she can tell.

She is the one to tell HERstory oh so well!

—LauReen McDaniel



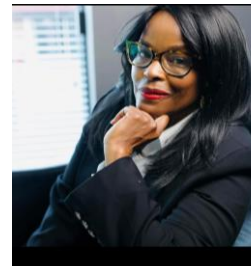
### THE COLORS OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The colors for Women's History Month are purple, green and white. **Purple** is for gender equality as well as justice, dignity, and visionary thinking.

**Green** represents hope, new beginning, and growth. **White** represents purity and equality.

.The colors and their meanings were soon adopted by similar movements around the world.

# Women in Leadership



## VALERIE LYNN RUSSELL “CORPORATE CHRISTIAN 101”

Valerie Lynn Russell was born in 1972 in Enterprise, Alabama to parents Wayne and Annie Jean Russell-Elliard. At an early age Wayne taught her the importance of entrepreneurship and owning real estate.

A 1991 high school graduate of Enterprise High School, Valerie left her hometown to attend college at Alabama A&M University where she earned a B.S. degree in Communications with a concentration in Marketing. She pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. while in undergrad. Although Valerie had been groomed for entrepreneurship, she found media exciting. In 1996 she launched her TV career as a morning show producer and reporter in Columbia, SC. She later got her real estate license to create a business part time. After three years in the business, she decided to get her Broker’s license and opened her own real estate firm, Crescent Real Estate.

During the peak of her real estate career, her life took an unexpected turn which created a temporary setback. She maintained her real estate brokers license but shut down her company and returned to corporate America at an NBC Affiliate in Columbia, SC. She was the first African American Woman to work as an Account Executive at this station. During her 15-year tenure at the television station, she earned awards, trips, and maximum income. She was awarded MVP of the Year. The first year of COVID was her most profitable year. She earned more income than her managers.

In September 2020 Valerie was approached by Gray Television Corporate to meet with the General Manager of WTVY in Dothan, Alabama. She was recruited to manage the sales team as the General Sales Manager. The possibility of returning home after 30 years felt surreal. Valerie prayed and knew God was calling her back home to the Wiregrass. After six interviews, Valerie was hired as the first African American General Sales Manager at the #1 Television station in the Wiregrass, WTVY. Today she manages a team of 9 employees. She is a Loaned Executive with the Wiregrass United Way and a member of Kappa Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She still maintains her SC Brokers License and now Alabama Broker’s License. She is a graduate of National Association of Broadcasters Leadership Program and is currently in National Association of Black Journalist Leadership Program.

She recently authored her first book, *Corporate Christian 101* where she shares Christian principles on how to navigate through corporate America and not lose your core values. Within three days of launch, *Corporate Christian 101* became #1 on Amazon Hot New Releases in Christian Professional Growth.

February 2, 2023, Valerie was promoted to Vice President and General Manager of WTVY-TV. Valerie is the first Woman and African American Vice President and General Manager of the Wiregrass Leader. She credits her accomplishments to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, her parents, and angels God has assigned to her life to coach her on her journey.



Great Job

Ms. Valerie Russell for our  
Johns Chapel AME Church  
Women’s History  
Celebration!



# Ways to Worship

Virtual, In Person, or Limited Range  
Radio 87.9 FM

Breakfast From Heaven-Each Sunday at  
8:00 a.m.

Sunday School-Each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship  
Each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Weekly Bible Study  
Each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Late Night Devotion  
Facebook & Zoom at 10:00p.m.

For more details about our services and  
how to join via Zoom, Facebook Live, or  
YouTube, please visit our website.

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## Ways to Give Tithes and Offerings for Kingdom Building

Via mail: Johns Chapel AME Church, P.O. Box 311015, Enterprise AL.  
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Givelify: Johns Chapel AME Church

PayPal: Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

CashApp: \$JohnsChapelAMEC



# WOMEN ARE ROSES

HOTDOG MOMENT

BY: PASTOR WILLIE WHITE JR.

Romans

16:1-5

A man walked into a flower shop on Mother's Day. He said, "What can I get for three dollars?" The proprietor replied, I can give you a dozen carnations, or I can give you one rose. He says, "you mean I can get a dozen carnations for three dollars, but only one rose." How come the roses are just so expensive?" "Oh, really simple. The scent of a carnation doesn't last very long. It's sweet for a moment but it has no longevity. On the other hand, a rose is known for its ongoing scent. Even when you think it's dead it can be crushed and turned into potpourri and smell can still continue." Women are roses! They are valuable. They are wonderful! Women are smart! Women are bright! Women are spiritual! We salute you all during this outstanding WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH! WOMEN ARE ROSES!!!

Hot dog

## Women's History Trivia

1. Simone Biles is the most decorated athlete in which of the following sports?
2. Which abolitionist was known as 'Moses' in the Underground Railroad?
3. Who was the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize for literature?

What a Glorious time we have had this month!!

# March Gladness At Johns Chapel AME Church

*Every day is a Great  
day with an AKA!*



*To  
God  
Be  
the  
Glory*

*2nd Annual Spring Gospel  
Concert was a success!*



*Pretty in Green*



*Ladies*



*Enterprise  
Day of  
Service  
with AKA  
at JCAME!*

