

Welcome to  
*Johns Chapel*  
*African Methodist Episcopal Church*  
605 Geneva Highway/Post Office Box 311015  
Enterprise, Alabama 36331  
December 22, 2024 - 10:45 a.m.

*The Christmas Worship Celebration*  
*“NEW STAR” SKIT*



*The Reverend Willie White, Jr., Pastor*  
*Dr. Willie Eugene Marshall, Presiding Elder*  
*Ozark-Troy District*

*Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, WMS Supervisor*  
*Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate*

*God Our Father*

*The Holy Spirit Our Comforter*

*Christ Our Redeemer*

*Humankind Our Family*

**JOHNS CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH**

**>Fourth Sunday of Advent — LOVE**

**>Last Sunday of Advent — CHRIST**

**Sister LauReen McDaniel, Program Leader**

***Welcome to our Christmas Program***

**PRELUDE**

**Opening Selection**

**EMMANUEL!!**

The Combined Choir of Johns Chapel  
Brother Brent Golden, Minister of Music  
DeVonte Mills, Drums  
Kam Elston, Bass Guitar

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture**

Old Testament  
New Testament

**Selection**

The Combined Choir

**Christmas Speeches**

**Kam Elston—”That Holy Thing”**

**Kasen Elston — “ Christmas is for Giving”**

**Alexis Elston—”Why it is”**

**Faith Sanchez-Mathis — “The First Christmas”**

**Ace Williams — “These Precious Gifts”**

**Sister Shun Wilson—”Christmas is the Miracle”**

**Selection**

The Combined Choir

**Announcements/Recognition of Guests**

Brother Ricky Britt

*The Advent Candle Service --- The Fourth Sunday of Advent~ Love*  
(Please see Responsive Reading insert.)

Led by Members of the Young People's Division  
of the Women's Missionary Society  
Led by DyShunta McDaniel, Faith & Nikki Mills  
#461 "I Was Sinking Deep in Sin" — Verse 3

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves; He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves; He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey; He your Savior wants to be, Be saved today.

**Refrain: Love lifted me! (even me) Love lifted me! (even me). When nothing else could help, Love lifted me. Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!**

*The Advent Candle Service --- The Last Sunday of Advent~  
Christ, The Nativity of the Lord*

Led by Pastor and Mrs. Willie White, Jr.  
#112 "Jesus, the Light of the World"

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world; Glory to the new-born King, Jesus the light of the world.
2. Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Jesus the light of the world; Join the triumph of the skies; Jesus the light of the world.
3. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Jesus the light of the world; Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus the light of the world.
4. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus the light of the world; Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Jesus the light of the world.

**Refrain: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright, shine all around us by day or by night, Jesus the light of the world. Amen.**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Opportunities to give tithes & offerings: During morning worship service. Or mail to Johns Chapel AME Church, Post Office Box 311015, Enterprise, AL 36331-1015. Or give via Givelify: Johns Chapel AME Church, Pay Pal: Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, or Cash app: \$jcamec605**

**Duet**

**O Holy Night**

**Sisters Odessa Jones & Marge Simmons**

**“NEW STAR”**  
***A Traditional Christmas Skit***  
***Under the Direction of Sister Corrina Knight***

**Cast**

***Old Star—Chynna Clark***

***New Star — Arianah Scott***

***Mary — Kayla Hargrove***

***Joseph —Jeremiah Bradley***

***Gabriel—Kam Elston***

***Elizabeth—Shun Wilson***

***3 Kings—Kasen Elston, Kamill Walton, Faith Sanchez-Mathis***

***Shepherds—Faith Sanchez-Mathis and Shun Wilson***

***Angel—Daykota Niyema Knight***

***Caesar—Alexis Elston***

***Herod—Brittany Bradley***

***Scribe—Chiquita Hatcher***

**Praise Dance**

**“Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child!”**

**JC Youth Praise Dancers**

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Pastor Willie White, Jr.**

#122 Go Tell it On the Mountain

**Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.
2. The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.
3. Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

**DOXOLOGY\*\***

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below!**

**Praise Him above, ye Heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

**BENEDICTION**





HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE  
**ADVENT**

**JANUARY 25, 2025 @ 2PM**

# Two Hearts One Faith

Couples Ministry Launch

Johns Chapel AME Church  
 605 Geneva Hwy, Enterprise AL 36330  
 Rev Willie White Pastor

Join us for the launch of Two Hearts, One Faith Couples Ministry! Enjoy an inspiring evening with author LaKeyisia Christian and her book Stand, designed to strengthen faith-filled relationships. Whether you're dating, engaged, or married, come and build your relationship on the foundation of love and faith.

**GUEST SPEAKER LAKEYSIA CHRISTIAN**

**Come Experience:**

- Inspiring fellowship:**  
Connect with other couples on the same path.
- Faith-filled guidance:**  
Grow together spiritually as a couple.
- Relationship Enrichment**  
Strengthen communication, trust, and love.

Purchase your copy of Stand by LaKeyisia Christian by January 20, 2025, to join the discussion and exclusive Q&A session. Book signings will follow the event. Contact Shanequia Ellis at 334-470-9762 to order.

JOHNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH  
 PRESENTS

# NEW STAR

Luke 1-2 and Isaiah 7:14  
 MORNING WORSHIP  
 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION  
 Songs, Speeches, and a Skit

**DECEMBER 22, 2024**  
 @ 10:45 a.m.

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel"

Rev. Willie White Jr., Pastor

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Join us for

# LIVE IN 2025

Watch Night Service

**DEC. 31, 2024**  
 10:00 p.m.

**Scripture Text  
 Ezekiel 37: 1-10**

Rev. Willie White Jr., Pastor

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**Prayer Concerns**  
**Week of Dec 24-30, 2023**

**BEREAVEMENT NOTICE:** Passing of Sister Mary Alice Herlong-Reed on December 10, 2024. She is the sister of our own Sister Odessa Herlong-Jones. Our sincere condolences and prayers for the entire family.

- Sister Eleanor Bailey
- Sister Geraldine Booth
- Sister Lois Boykins
- Kam Elston
- Sister Barbara Fields
- Sister Annie Pearl Frazier
- Sister Marion Griffin
- Sister Ophelia Hazzard
- Sister Hattie Huggins
- Sister Vivian Johnson
- Sister Corrina Knight—Surgery on December 19.**
- Sister Ann McGaughey
- Sister Nichole Nichols
- Dr. Rachel Wooten Nichols, wife of Ron Nichols, daughter-in-law of Dr. & Mrs. Russell Nichols
- Nigel Robinson, son of Brother Carlos & Sister Lynette Robinson
- Sister Betty Simmons
- Sister Bridgette Simmons, wife of Roderick Simmons, Daughter-in-law of Sister Betty Simmons

**Opportunities**  
**To Worship and Serve This Week**  
**TODAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast From Heaven
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

**Wednesday**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN!**

**Happy Birthday**

- Dec 23**      **Bessie Thompson**
- Dec 23**      **Ari Marshall Rhodes**  
**-Vivour**
- Dec 23**      **Amina Elizabeth**  
**Rhodes-Vivour**
- Dec 28**      **Chakeila Brown**
- Dec 28**      **Lisa Brown**
- Dec 29**      **Tiffany Davies**

*No Wedding Anniversaries on record this week*



## *The Pastor's Contact Info*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check texts, e-mails, Facebook, and church website for updates.

—Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We will light the Candle of LOVE and the CHRIST CANDLE. See insert. The Advent Season began on December 1. Please continue to celebrate this glorious season. [The message of Advent is a time of hope and preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It's a time to look forward to the arrival of Jesus and how He can bring hope, peace, joy, and love into our lives.] (AI overview —Google)

—Many thanks for the efforts of Sister Corrina Knight, youth and adults for presenting "NEW STAR," a traditional Christmas skit. A Five-Star presentation. WOW!

—Thanks for the support of the local WMS hosting the SE Conference WMS on yesterday. A wonderful meeting and fellowship.

—SPECIAL THANKS TO PASTOR & MRS. WHITE FOR GIFTS AND FOR ALL YOU DO. WE LOVE YOU AND FAMILY!



GED CLASSES HERE AT JC ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

9:00 A.M.-12:00 PM IN THE COMPUTER LAB

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT GED INSTRUCTOR—SISTER ODESSA HERLONG-JONES 334-618-4069 OR PASTOR WHITE 334-701-5853

# KEY POINTS

## Sermon Notes

**SERMON TITLE:**

**SCRIPTURE:**

**POINT #1.**

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**POINT # 2.**

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**POINT #3**

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## LOVE: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**LEADER:** Let us magnify the Lord, and let our spirit rejoice in God our Savior. For through God's love, God has looked with favor upon us.

**RESPONSE:** Love has sought us out, and we open our hearts to receive and to share.

**LEADER:** God's mercy extends throughout generations, and God has shown strength for us. For through God's love, God has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, and has brought down the powerful from their thrones.

**RESPONSE:** Love has sought us out, and we open our hearts to receive and to share.

**LEADER:** Let us turn our hearts toward love, for through love God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. God has come to our aid and remembers us in God's tender mercy.

*Light the three purple candles and the one pink candle.*

**ALL:** We light the candle of love today, believing in the power of love to triumph over evil. We wait with great anticipation for Love to take on flesh and dwell among us, and we open our hearts to be ready to receive. Amen.



## CHRIST: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**LEADER:** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise the Lord in the heights! For unto us a child is born!

**RESPONSE:** We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. And we join with all of creation in praise!

**LEADER:** The Lord has multiplied our joy! The yoke of our burden and the bar across our shoulder, the Lord has broken!

**RESPONSE:** We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. And we join with all of creation in praise!

**LEADER:** For a child has been born for us. Authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace.

*Light all candles.*

**ALL:** We light the Christ candle today, celebrating Jesus, the light of the world. New light has come upon us, and we praise God for the gift of God's love to us. We know hope, we know peace, we know joy, we know love, because we know Christ. Amen.