

*Welcome to
Johns Chapel
African Methodist Episcopal Church
605 Geneva Highway/Post Office Box 311015
Enterprise, Alabama 36331
December 3, 2023 - 10:45 a.m.*

The Morning Worship Celebration



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

*The Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright, WMS Supervisor
Bishop Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate*

God Our Father

Christ Our Redeemer

The Holy Spirit Our Comforter

Humankind Our Family

JOHNS CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

>First Sunday of Advent — HOPE

>Service of Holy Communion

PRELUDE

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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: 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 elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

LEADER: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

PEOPLE: **They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.**

LEADER: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

PEOPLE: **But the Lord is in His Holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.**

LEADER: 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 to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

#364 -“My Hope is Built”

Choir and Congregation

1. My **hope** is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found! Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne!

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

PRAYER

Choral Response

SELECTION

**The Sanctuary United Voices of Praise
Accompanied by Brother Brent Golden and DeVonte Mills**

SCRIPTURE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Sister Marge Simmons

The Advent Candle Service --- The First Sunday of Advent --- Hope
(Please see Responsive Reading in insert.)

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. Please do not mail cash. Thank you. Or give via Givelify: Johns Chapel AME Church

**Pay Pal: Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
Cash app: \$JohnsChapelAMEC.**

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*The Morning Worship Celebration Message **.*
Pastor Willie White, Jr.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

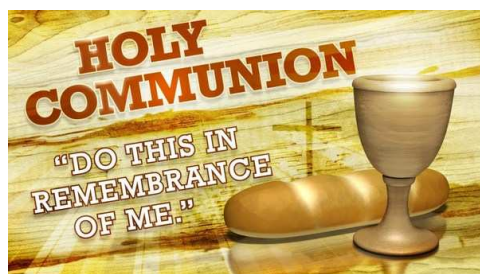
#258 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb Of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!



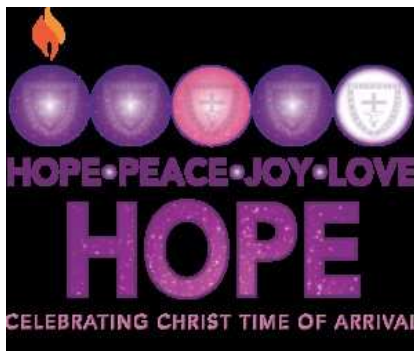
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BENEDICTION

Amen!!



Southeast Alabama Conference

Christmas & Giveaway

SE Alabama Conference
WMS Angel Tree Ministry
 Toys, Gift Cards, and more!

December 9, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Parks Chapel AME Church
 1053 E. Selma Street
 Dothan, Alabama 36301
 Rev. Fred Flowers, Pastor

Hosted by

Presiding Elder Frederick D. Sherrad, III
 Dothan-Eufaula District
 Presiding Elder Willie E. Marshall
 Ozark-Troy District
 Sis. Martha Roseboro
 SE AL Conference President
 Sis. Kimberly Marshall
 SE YPD Director
 Bishop Harry L. Seawright
 Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District

PRESENTED BY

JOHNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH
 PASTOR WILLIE WHITE

ENTERPRISE STATE
 FIRE ARTS

SHELIA JACKSON AND FRIENDS
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 | 4:00 PM
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM | LBW STUDENT CENTER
600 PLAZA DRIVE | ENTERPRISE, AL 36330
TICKETS \$20 - FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL 334-477-1962

Willie Williams, Jr.	Tonya Terry	Tommy Newman	Pastor Paul Horn	Dr. Ken Thomas	Quinton Cockrell
Marge Simmons	Jacobe Ray	Nina Kinsey	Dontavious Presley	Matthew Mitchell	Natalie Savage
John Alloway	Dr. Henry Terry	Anthony Britt	Pastor Willie White	Carnell Barrow	

ENTERPRISE SINGERS: Melissa Carpenter, Fox Fleming, Marge Simmons, Jamie Baker
JOHNS CHAPEL PRAISE DANCERS

JC'S WINTER WONDERLAND
CHRISTMAS GALA

DRESS TO IMPRESS!!
FORMAL AND SEMI FORMAL WEAR WELCOMED!

Date: Dec. 9th
Place: JCAME Fellowship Hall
Time: 6:00 p.m.

JCAME MEMBERS ONLY
PLUS ONE GUEST

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Prayer Concerns Week of Dec 3, 2023

--Sister Annie Pearl Allen (wife of Brother Roland) – Hartford Nursing Home

--Sister Eleanor Bailey

--Sister Geraldine Booth

—Brother Mack Chambers

—Kam Elston

--Sister Annie Pearl Frazier

--Sister Ophelia Hazzard

--Sister Ruby Grayer

--Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Brent Golden

--Sister Ann McGaughey

—Sister Annie Jean Gibson—Family member of several JC members

--Dajia Tyson & her son, Khalil Griffin

--Sister Betty Simmons

—Sister Bridgette Simmons, wife of Brother Roderick Simmons, Daughter-in-law of Sister Betty Simmons

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Coming soon! Join this much anticipated ministry today. Please see Pastor or Mrs. White for more details.

Opportunities To Worship and Serve This Week

TODAY

8:00 a.m. Breakfast From Heaven

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

Monday

12 Noon- 1:00 pm—JC Recovery Ministry

Tuesday

9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon— GED class

5:30 p.m.—Steward Board

Wednesday

6:00 p.m.— Cornerstone Bible Study led by Retired P.E. Huggins **IN PERSON**

Freestyle Youth Bible Study in fellowship hall.... Adults in Sanctuary

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

10 a.m. -Christmas Giveaway & WMS Angel Tree Ministry

Parks Chapel, Dothan—See pg 5

6 p.m. JC Members' Christmas Gala, Fellowship Hall See Page 5

Happy Birthday

Dec 4 Allie Bell-Reddick

Dec 4 Cloris Grant

Dec 4, 2022 ZyVeon Hunter

Dec 6 Marion Griffin

Dec 8 Michelle L. Lowe

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 First Sunday of Advent. We will light the Candle of HOPE. See insert.

—Johns Chapel will join sponsors—Panache Events and Episcopal Church of the Epiphany—to bless others through a “Grocery Grab” on December 16 at 11 a.m. We will bless families with \$25.00 worth of groceries at Piggly Wiggly on Geneva Highway.

—Donations are needed to purchase Poinsettias for the church. Please make checks payable to Johns Chapel AME Church, and see Sister Debra Fay Brown for more info.

—The JC Clothes Closet is only accepting children's clothing at this time.

—The JC WMS will be collecting items for babies who must be rescued by DHR and are often without clothing and other items. List will be available via text. Please contact Sisters Constance Jones, Barbara Fields, Ann McKenzie, Marge Simmons, or any member of the WMS. Thanks & many blessings in advance.

—CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS COMING SOON!!! Please see Pastor White, Sister White, or Marge Simmons if you would like to be a part of this new ministry. Prayers are appreciated.

—Please spread the word: Supervisor Seawright to bring message at the 2024 MLK Celebration — Please see e-mail and texts for details. Thank you for your prayers. Mass choir rehearsals will be held at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church under the direction of Brother Joe Merida and Sister Yolanda Milton Daniels:

6:00 p.m.—December 18; January 4; January 8

10:00 a.m. — January 13

From Marge Simmons, Program Chair.



Sermon Notes

SERMON TITLE: “WE ARE ON THE SAME TEAM”

SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 4-6

**POINT #1. TOLERATION (Acceptance, Patience, Understanding)
Careful toleration is sometimes a wise plan.**

POINT #2 TRUST (Confidence, Dependence, Faith) Trust involves heartfelt confidence in God.

POINT #3 TRUTH (Correct, Factual, Real) Truth sets us free.
