# Welcome to Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

605 Geneva Highway/Post Office Box 311015 Enterprise, Alabama 36331 July 6, 2025 - 10:45 a.m.

The Morning Worship Celebration Holy Communion Service



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 Spírít Our Comforter Christ Our Redeemer Humankind Our Family

## JOHNS CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

# 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**

# #394 We'll Understand it Better By and By

- 1. We are often tossed and driven on the restless sea of time, Somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed the bright sunshine, In that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away, we will understand it better by and by.
- 2. We are often destitute of the things that life demands, Want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands, We are trusting in the Lord, and according to His word, We will understand it better by and by.
- 3. Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand, All the ways that God would lead us to that blessed Promised Land; But He guides us with His eye and we'll follow till we die, For we'll understand it better by and by.
- 4. Temptations hidden snares often take us unawares, And our hearts are made to bleed for a thoughtless word or deed, And we wonder why the test when we try to do our best, But we'll understand it better by and by.

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Refrain: By and by, when the morning comes All the saints of God are gathered home, We'll tell the story how we've overcome, For we'll understand it better by and by.

**PRAYER** 

**Choral Response** 

**SELECTION** 

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

**SCRIPTURE** 

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS Brother Ricky Britt

#### 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

**SELECTION** 

The Sanctuary United Voices of Praise

The Morning Worship Celebration Message \*\*.

Pastor Willie White, Jr.

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### **Invitation to Christian Discipleship Hymn**

#137The Blood That Jesus Shed for Me

The blood that Jesus shed for me, Way back on Calvary,
The blood that gives me strength from day to day,
It will never lose its Power.

It soothes my doubts and calms my fears, And it dries all my tears; The blood that gives me strength from day to day,

It will never lose its Power.

**REFRAIN**: It reaches to the highest mountain; It flows to the lowest valley; The blood that gives me strength from day to day, It will never lose its Power.

# **The Holy Communion Service**

### DOXOLOGY\*\*

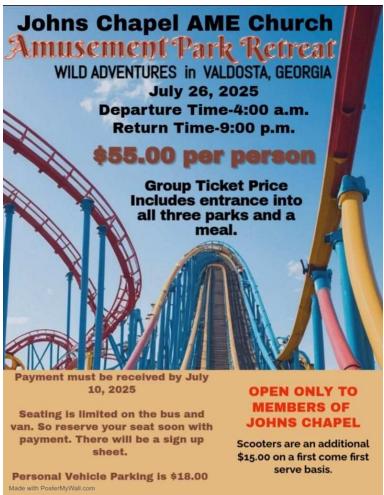
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below!

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

BENEDICTION

Amen!!

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# Prayer Concerns Week of July 6-12, 2025

- --Sister Ann McGaughey
- —Sister Eleanor Bailey
- --Sister Geraldine Booth
- —Sister Lois Boykins
- —Kam Elston
- ---Sister Annie Pearl Frazier
- —Sister Marion Griffin
- --Sister Ophelia Hazzard
- —Sister Hattie Huggins
- —Sister Vivian Johnson
- —Sister Corrina Knight
- —Brother Bobby Moment, SE Health,

#### Dothan

- —Sister Nichole Nichols
- —Sister Ruthie Warren
- —Brother Franklin Simmons
- —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

# Happy Birthday

July 8, 2019 Sekani Stackhouse

July 9 Samuel Blake

July 10, 1989 Shannon M. Baldwin July 11, 1992 Reshawn Stackhouse

July 13, 2005

Opportunities

To Worship and Serve This Week

# TODAY

8:00 a.m. Breakfast From Heaven

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

## Monday

6-7 pm JC Recovery Ministry

# <u>Tuesday</u>

9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon— GED class

5:00 pm—Steward Board Meeting

### Wednesday

12 Noon-Noonday Bible Study

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study IN PERSON in Sanctuary

6:00 pm Freestyle Youth Bible Study GED Room

# Thursday

9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon— GED class

# <u>Friday</u>

<u>Saturday 9 am- 2 pm</u>

—10:00 A.M. — WMS NURSING HOME VISIT

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None on record this week.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

—Thanks to all for supporting the Student Recognition Day on last Sunday! Congratulations again to our beloved students, parents, and graduates! Students, we salute you, your parents, grandparents, and others for all that you have accomplished. Keep up the great work! We thank God for you, and we pray for you as you do your very best in school and as graduates pursue the next adventure!

# To God be the Glory!

- —Stewardess Board Annual Day next Sunday July 13, 10:45 a.m.. Mrs. Hattie Huggins, Challenger. Morning message by Pastor White. Be here and be blessed.
- —Amusement Park Retreat for Johns Chapel Members on July 26. Please see details on page 7.
- -8 a.m. July 12—Carwash fundraiser by the Praise Dance Ministry at O'Reilly's on Rucker Blvd. Your support is again requested and appreciated. Please see Sister Corrina Moore for info and to assist. Thanks in Advance
- —God blessed travel of Pastor White and a group of JC members who attended the Christian Education Congress June 30-July 3 in Hunts-ville, AL. Highlights are forthcoming. Thanks for prayers.
- —Our annual JC Revival will be held on July 28-30 at 7:00 pm with Reverend Eddie W. Thomas as Guest Preacher. Additional details on page 5. Pastor White is asking all members to attend and invite others.
- -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

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# Sermon Notes

### SERMON TITLE: FREEDOM WITH A PURPOSE

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5:13 (NIV) "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

POINT #1. FREEDOM = You Were Called to Be Free – The Gift of Spiritual
Liberty. Paul reminds believers that freedom is part of our calling in Christ. Through
salvation, we are no longer bound by the law or by sin.

POINT #2 FLESH = Do Not Use Freedom to Indulge the Flesh – The Guardrail
of Responsibility. Paul gives a warning: freedom isn't a license to do whatever we
want. "The flesh" refers to our sinful nature—selfish desires, pride, and indulgence.

POINT #3 \_\_FAITHFULNESS = Serve One Another Humbly in Love
– The Goal of Godly Freedom. The purpose of freedom in Christ is service, not
status. Love is the true expression of liberty. Freedom empowers us to live for others.