



"GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE. THEREFORE WILL NOT WE FEAR, THOUGH THE EARTH BE REMOVED AND THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS BE CARRIED INTO THE MIDST OF THE SEA."

For many of our ancestors, following a particularly tedious and stressful day before, they would rise early declaring, "It's another day's journey, and I am glad about it!" As we as a people have matured, we can envision and understand that they had a transforming spirit about them. No matter what happened on yesterday, they still had enough faith to continue along a path bridging yesterday to today and today to tomorrow. Grandma and 'dem's hope was grounded in faith. They had a saying that is still ringing through the waves of our existence, "Everything that shakes you, ain't meant to break you!"

For the Church, The Body of Christ, the bright spot in the challenge of "doing ministry" is gleaning from the yesterdays and discovering their relevance for today, in an effort to create a collective vision for the future. The call to celebration is a catalyst that drives our spiritual consciousness to reflect our past experiences, as well as nudge us toward new insights. No matter how earth shattering the injustices nor fierce the storms of inequity that have often shaken us to the core of our existence, our faith has remained resolute in the assurance of God's presence and power. Amid chaos, God has kept us from breaking.

The declaration of a profound witness to the sufficiency of God has served to restrain, to maintain, and sustain us. We have overcome, despite being surrounded by utter darkness posed by societal issues. Yet, we have continuously demonstrated an active faith, rooted in the hope that has afforded us the opportunity to imagine the potential of a new day dawning. Let it not be in fear nor shame that we reflect on a historic past but in the highest acclaim that we engage is a celebration in which the trials and triumphs of yesterday are not forgotten. As an act of faith, we must celebrate with joy the presence of the moment. Dare to weave the context of the past into the content of the future. Although shaken by the insensitive and degrading attitude, the humiliating and uncaring behavior, and ill-informed and thoughtless leadership of one who is charged to defend and protect the people, but would rather oppress and depress the masses, our enduring faith in God has not been broken, our trust is unwavering, and our praise unrestricting.



Breaking through to the New You!



A 13-part Bible Study Lesson - Every Wednesday at 7pm

Part One

Lesson 1: Your Purpose in God's Creation

Lesson 2: Your Power to Start Over

Lesson 3: Your Source for Transformation

Lesson 4: Your Journey as One of God's People

Part Two

Lesson 5: Your Legacy for the Next Generation

Lesson 6: Your Call to Create a Christian Community

Lesson 7: Your Call to Live Under the New Covenant

Lesson 8: God's Promise to Keep Your Hope Alive

Lesson 9: God's Plan to Create a Renewed Trust

Part Three

Lesson 10: God's New Approach to His Old Rules

Lesson 11: God's Design for Your New Body

Lesson 12: God's Plan for the New Improved You!

Lesson 13: God's Vision of One Family in Christ

"CALL TO CONSCIENCE"

~Day of Action~

Thursday, September 6, 2018



Memorandum

TO: Second Episcopal District Clergy and Congregations

FROM: James Levert Davis, Servant Bishop

DATE: August 22, 2018

SUBJECT: "Call to Conscience" Rally - from Council of Bishops of the AME Church

This Memorandum is being sent to you reflecting my personal endorsement of the upcoming "Call to Conscience: Forward to Action" Rally issued by the Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Rally will take place in Washington, DC, 9:00 am, Thursday, September 6, 2018, at Lafayette Park (across street from White House). For complete details, please go to: http://www.thechristianrecorder.com/call-to-conscience-forward-to-action-rally-information/. If you have additional questions, please email: rally@ame6.church.

We know very well that even as you read this Memo, our country is facing unparalleled challenges that will define the future of this nation and the world for decades to come. We are encouraging every clergy and lay person in each congregation to stand on the right side of history by supporting this Rally. Pastors, please encourage your congregations to support this major undertaking and reach out to other congregations for support as well. Let's turn out in the manner that so characterizes the Second Episcopal District! We need all hands on deck as we push back against injustice and inequality in our nation and world.

May God give those charged with making the Kingdom a reality in the lives of all humankind, the strength, courage, and wisdom to keep the wheels spinning for social justice and equality of opportunity in our communities across this nation and the world.

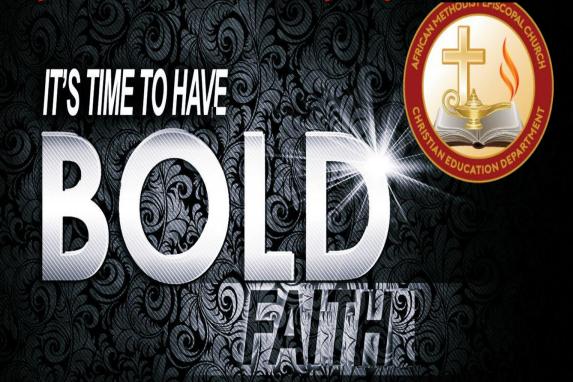
In the Spirit of Advancing the Kingdom,

James Levert Davis Servant Bishop

#4REAL

Christian Education Weekend ...

Friday, September 7 and Sunday, September 9



⁸ Always remember what is written in the Book of the Law. Study it day and night to be sure to obey everything that is written there. If you do this, you will be wise and successful in everything. ⁹ Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't be afraid, because the LORD your God will be with you everywhere you go." Joshua 1:8-9



A VBS Remix!
Come out to
dance practice
Friday before
the movie
@ 7:00 PM.
Performance or
Sunday during
the worship
service. Led by
Alesha Wilson!





Rev. Colin Figueroa

Movie Night: Friday, September 7
7:30 PM @ Seaton Memorial

Sunday Worship Service Speaker 11:00 AM @ Seaton Memorial

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Ticket Price: Adults \$75 (18+) Youth \$40 (11-17)
Free (10 and younger) Table \$750 (seating of 10)

MARTIN'S CROSSWINDS

7400 Greenway Center Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770

IN HONOR OF OUR PASTOR

Reverend Ronald A Boykin

SEATON MEMORIAL AME CHURCH Lanham, Maryland



IN THE MINISTRY

For more information please contact Sis. Betty Jones (301)-794-5744

Seaton Memorial

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Ronald A. Boykin, Pastor

SAVE THE DATE

107th Church Anniversary Celebration

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

Co-Chairs: Sister Penny McGruder Brother Hope Eason

5507 Lincoln Avenue, Lanham, MD 20706
(301) 794-6476
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THE CALL TO WORSHIP

(Bishop E. Earl McCloud)

LEADER: The AME Church must call this nation to a new consciousness.

PEOPLE: Again, America is facing a period when our democracy is challenged from the inside out.

LEADER: Truth is mocked by lies and alternative facts. People are expected to believe that God does not care when families are separated by the government and it's causes.

PEOPLE: Hear the Word of the Lord, because the Lord has charges to bring against those who live in this land and remain silent. (Hosea 4:1; NIV)

LEADER: There is no accountability, no love, little acknowledgement of God. (Hosea 4:1 NIV)

LEADER: While the land mourns, the Black Church does not sorrow as those without hope; but by experience and faith we gather to worship God, who is faithful, and will have the final word in His world and our lives

PEOPLE: We worship and exalt our God, we pray, sing, and exalt our God with joy, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.

Litany

Social Justice: Our Calling to Fulfill

(A Litany by Bishop Adam J. Richardson, 115)

Leader: From the earliest days of human community, the call for Social Justice occurred on the first day someone felt mistreated, marginalized, oppressed, and felt compelled to speak-up to affirm their own humanity; when the first prayer prayed for relief from bigotry, hatred, and the afflictions and assaults that come with being the "stranger."

People: Social Justice, our calling to fulfill!

Leader: The Bible provides theological weight and a spiritual mandate for Social Justice. It is Divinity urging, prompting, inspiring humanity forward, a mighty Demand from the precincts of heaven, and an answer to urgent prayer. It is Moses doing community-organizing among the people of Goshen, with by Aaron by his side, speaking truth to the head of state the Divine imperative, "Let My People Go!"

People: Social Justice, our calling to fulfill!

Leader: It is Mordecai and Esther making a pledge that might include personal peril to take a stand against potential genocide, essentially declaring "Our lives matter!"

People: Social Justice, our calling to fulfill!

Leader: It is Amos who warns that even our worship is profaned and repudiated when it is unaccompanied by a heightened concern for neighbors, rather to "... let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream."

People: Social Justice, our calling to fulfill!

Leader: The prophet Micah speaks, "He has shown you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" It is rooted in the message and ministry of Jesus that leads to Salvation and Liberation, the essence of which is Love.

People: Social Justice, our calling to fulfill!

Leader: Civil Rights icon, Diane Nash, exhorts, "It's our responsibility, everybody's responsibility. There are 300 million of us, and Social Change is the job of each of us."

People: Social Justice, our calling to fulfill!

Leader: Congressman John Lewis speaks with passion, "When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just — you have a moral obligation and a mandate to do something, to say something, to speak up, to speak out."

People: Social Justice, our calling to fulfill!

Leader: Ambassador Andrew Young observes that "The complexity of good and evil in this world is going to always be with us...." It is the reason Social Justice is an ongoing fight for good — clean water, clean air, nutritious food, equal access to health care and education, equal protections under the law, fair and humane immigration policies, and all manner of civil rights. It is standing against racism, against sexism, against religious bigotry, against police brutality, against white supremacy, against unjust laws, against apathy, against violence, against voter suppression, and the thousand and one afflictions that accompany poverty.

People: Social Justice is, and must be, in the warp and woof of the Gospel we proclaim and sing. It is our calling to fulfill! And now we vote.

PEOPLE: We worship and exalt our God, we pray, sing, and exalt our God with joy, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Divine Worship Service*

Church School: 9:30am

Hymn: #221 "How to Reach the Masses"

Worship Service: 11am

9am

30

*Sunday Service:

Breakfast:

ONLINE & CHURCH-WIDE ACTIVITIES

2	Social Justice Worship Service*		
3	Prayer Line at 7pm – call#(1-218-936-0868) access code (142650#)		SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 2018
3	Labor Day (Church office closed & all Activities Cancelled)	1	Prayer Line at 7pm – call#(1-218-936-0868) access code (142650#)
4	First Day School & Steward Board Meeting at 7:30pm	3	Bible Study at 12pm & 7pm
5	Bible Study at 12pm & 7pm	7	Divine Worship Service*
7	Movie Night at 7:30pm	8	Prayer Line at 7pm - call #: (1-218-
9	Christian Education Sunday*		936-0868) access code (142650#)
10	Prayer Line at 7pm - call #: (1-218-936-0868) access code (142650#)	10	Bible Study at 12pm & 7pm
		14	Divine Worship Service*
11	Trustee Board Meeting at 7:30pm	15	Prayer Line at 7pm - call #: (1-218-
12	Bible Study at 12pm & 7pm		936-0868) access code (142650#)
12-14	Potomac District Fall Conclave at Greater Mt Nebo	17	Bible Study at 12pm & 7pm
15	Lincoln Vista Community Day – 2pm – 6pm	21	Divine Worship Service*
16	Carrie L. Hay Missionary Society Sunday*	19	Bible Study at 12pm & 7pm
17	Prayer Line at 7pm - call #: (1-218-936-0868) access code (142650#)	22	Prayer Line at 7pm - call #: (1-218-936-0868) access code (142650#)
19	Bible Study at 12pm & 7pm	24	Bible Study at 12pm & 7pm
22	Bereavement Ministry 6-week bereavement group session begins	27	Bereavement Ministry group session
		28	Divine Worship Service*
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26	Bible Study at 12pm & 7pm	31	Bible Study at 12pm & 7pm
27	Quarterly Conference at 7pm all reports due on 16 th		
28-30	Youth Retreat - JOY EL Camps and Retreat Center, Greencastle, PA		September

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ORDER OF WORSHIP



11:00 am

Praise & Worship

Doxology

Call to Worship

Hymn/Praise Song

Morning Invocation

Prayer Response

Choral Selection

Scripture Reading

Decalogue

Gloria Patri

Affirmation of Faith

Choral Selection

Visitors' Welcome

Pastoral Remarks

Worship of Giving

Altar Call

Sermonic Selection

Sermon

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Doxology/Benediction

Every decision is an act of worship!

OUR VISION: To be **BOLD DISCIPLES** evangelizing our community with the love of Jesus Christ by holding to strong Biblical values, faithfulness and a heart for service!

OUR MISSION: To know, share and build upon God's love to impact lives through effective and relevant teaching and preaching the message of salvation!

OUR FOCUS: Worship, Education, Evangelism/Community Engagement and Spiritual/Physical Wellness

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rev. Frances Sparkman, Itinerant Elder

Rev. Collin L. Figueroa, Itinerant Elder

Exhorter: Steve Daniels

Betty Jones, Steward Board -Pro Tem

Tyrone Smith, Trustee Board - Pro Tem

Penny McGruder, Venard Chambers Lay Organization - President

Penny McGruder, Carrie L. Hay Women's Missionary Society - President

Erica LeSane, YPD (Young People's Division) - Director

Kathy Ellis, Seaton Empowering Action in the Community, Inc. (SEAC, Inc.) - President

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Cheryl Petty Garnette, Director Christian Education

Liturgical Dancers (teens and adults)

Rosalind Wilson, Assistant Director Christian Education Kim Jackson, Director Liturgical Dancers (children)

Alesha Wilson, Director

Pamela Hay, Superintendent Church School Rev. Collin Figueroa Youth Ministry Coach

Linda Walton, Assistant Superintendent Church School Kathy Ellis, Coordinator Youth Recognition Sunday

Tyrone Smith, President Sons of Allen Men's Ministry

Delicia Wells, Coordinator Technology Ministry

Tony Jones Minister of Music

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SEATON MEMORIAL

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SUNDAY	~
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9AM......MORNING BREAKFAST
9:30AM......CHURCH SCHOOL
11AM......WORSHIP SERVICE

1 PM.....ALL SOULS WORSHIPPING CHRIST
LITURGICAL DANCE REHEARSAL

MONDAY

7PM — 7:30PM....EVENING PRAYER

PHONE #: 218-936-0868 ACCESS CODE: 142650#

7:30PM......GOSPEL CHOIR AFTER THE 1ST & 4TH SUNDAYS

TUESDAY

6PM.....YOUTH DANCE MINISTRY

7PM.....MIME REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY

12NOON.....SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

7PM....BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY

8PM.....MEN'S CHOIR

SATURDAY

9:00am.....Sons of Allen

LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

4PM.....TEEN CHOIR BEFORE THE 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

5PM.....ELBERT JOHNS CHOIR

CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?

JOIN US ON OUR LIVE WEBCAST

COMING SOON!

WWW.SEATONMEMORIAL.ORG

CELEBRATE

LINCOLN-VISTA-LANHAM



MUSIC

Saturday, September 15th Lincoln Vista Community Park

9800 Ridge Street

2:00pm - 6:00pm



LINCOLN WILL BE CELEBRATING 110 YEARS

Bring a Dish – LVCA will provide Hotdogs, Hamburgers and Chicken

If you have a Culture Dish



Kids Games
Horseshoes
Bid Whist
And More... WILL BE
CELEBRATING 110



September



TO ALL MEMBERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS
AND VISITORS OF
SEATON MEMORIAL A.M.E. CHURCH



As you listen to the message, you may use this sheet for notes. We pray the Word today will inspire, lift and challenge you.

Date: September 2018
Speaker:
Sermon Topic:
Biblical Text:
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