

The 9th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church



Rt. Rev. Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate Reverend Sherita M. Seawright,

Welcome to the official newsletter of the Ninth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Ninth District covers the state of Alabama, and is comprised of five (5) annual conferences: the Alabama River Region, the Southeast Alabama, the Northeast Alabama, the Southwest Alabama, and the Northwest Alabama. Alabama is home to some 275 A.M.E.. congregation and nearly 20,000 members of the denomination.

CHURCH MOTTO

"God Our Father Christ Our Redeemer Holy Spirit Our Comforter Humankind Our Family"

VISION

Our vision for the Ninth Episcopal District is to "Encourage, Empower and Enable the People of God!"

For He is well able to do exceeding, abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. - Ephesians 3:20

It is for this reason that we have this theme at the very heart of all we do in the Ninth District.

OUR MISSION

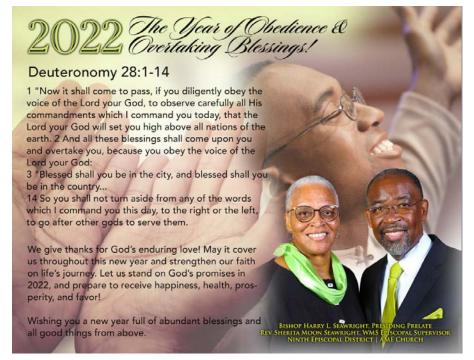
The Mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is to minister to the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and environmental needs of all people by spreading Christ's liberating gospel through word and deed...

THEME FOR 2022

"The Year of Obedience & Overtaking Blessings!"

Check out this prophetic New Years blessing from Bishop Harry L. Seawright and Episcopal Supervisor Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright.





St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church – Avondale



t. James African Methodist Episcopal Church - Avondale hosted a special blood drive to support Sickle Cell patients on January 7, 2022. Lunch was provided by St. James to the first 20 donors & Sponsored by Life South. To learn more about Sickle Cell Disease, watch "Let's Talk About Sickle Cell." a conversation with our own Bro. Cameron Seawright, a Sickle Cell patient, and Dr. Foluso Joy Ogunsile, a Sickle Cell Specialist at UAB Medicine.



LIFESOUTH Community Blood Centers

Pro. Cameron
Seawright
graciously
shared his personal
journey. Thank you
to Bishop Harry
L. Seawright and
Episcopal Supervisor
Reverend Sherita
Moon Seawright for
your support of the
Health Ministry at
St. James and this
important event.





The 128th Founders'
Observance of Turner
Theological Seminary.
Are proud to acknowledge
Turner Seminary Class of
2022 Hall of Fame Recipient

Presiding Elder Willie E. Marshall UNITED UNIVERSAL DIALOGUE, 400 YEARS CELEBRATION, THE COMMISSION FOR GLOBAL MINISTRIES PRESENTS

HISTORY JULIAN HALLMEETING

WITH HOST: BISHOP DR. SETH O. LARTEY

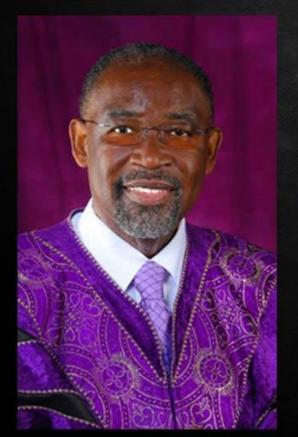
Theme: The Naked Truth: The Greatness of Africa and Her People throughout the Diaspora.

FEBRUARY 1-28, 2022

MONDAYS - FRIDAYS @ USA 1:00 PM EST | 12 NOON CST

GHANA: LIBERIA; UNITED KINGDOM: 6 PM | NIGERIA & ANGOLA: 7 PM | SOUTH AFRICA & MALAWI: 8 PM

ZOOM ID: 898 0388 5432 | PASSWORD: 821074



With Special Guest:

BISHOP HARRY SEAWRIGHT

THE AME CHURCH NINTH DISTRICT

MON., FEB. 21 @ 1:00 PM EST

TOPIC:

THE BLACK CHURCH: PROVIDING MINISTRIES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF EVERY DAY PEOPLE

FREE REGISTRATION ONLINE
WWW.400YEARSCELEBRATION.ORG



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Bishop Harry L. Seawright Held a Webinar

Bishop Harry L. Seawright held an exciting webinar on Thursday, March 31. The Topic: Save Our Vote and Democracy.







Rev. Dr. Teresa Fry-Brown Teaches During Mid-Year





Several members of the the Ninth Episcopal District held a voter registration on the campus of Alabama State in Montgomery. Members also participated in the Selma 56th Anniversary Jubilee.



Daniel Payne College Legacy Village Foundation. Inc.

e are proud to serve the state of Alabama as the charitable foundation of the 9th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Our mission is to foster community growth through education, technology, economics, and wellness.

Every Friday since February 2021, we have distributed hot meals to residents of the Forestdale community and other areas of Birmingham who make their way to the Daniel Payne Community Plaza for a fresh, prepared meal. We have distributed over 12,000 hot meals.

he 9th District Food Bank continues to serve those who are food insecure six days a week. Daniel Payne Plaza is truly a crown jewel and there are no other Districts with anything close to this awesome facility we have been blessed with. We are in the planning stages to broaden and expand upon several projects at the Plaza. We are transforming and will continue to transform how we serve the church and community. We are on a level all on our own with God surrounding us!



Memory Garden Ground breaking

During our 2022 Mid-Year Convocation, we celebrated the groundbreaking of the Prayer and Memory Garden at Daniel Payne. This garden will serve as a beautiful, lasting tribute to our members who are purchasing bricks in honor of their families or loved ones who have made their transition. The garden will provide a place for restoration, prayer, and meditation for anyone who wants to connect with God through prayer. The expected completion date is November.

Our Communities

The First-Time Home Buyers Program is in its second year of empowering new homeowners to secure a home of their own as they build wealth for their family. The program has served 75 people. Several of those persons have obtained a home through the program.



The Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign offers members and friends of the 9th Episcopal District several ways to participate in the Daniel Payne Capital Campaign. While there are multiple ways to contribute to the Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign, the Brick Paver Project offers a lasting memorial of your efforts. District members and friends of the district can buy or sell bricks for this project. The bricks will be engraved with the buyers' tribute to or memory of someone. A 4" x 8" brick can be purchased for \$100.00 and an 8" x 8" brick can be purchased for \$150.00. In addition, prayer benches can be purchased for \$1,000.00. The tentative date for the kickoff and groundbreaking will take place in this summer during the 9th Episcopal District Series of Annual Conferences.



9TH DISTRICT AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Yes, I would like to reserve a permanent brick(s).

Please engrave my brick(s) as follows:

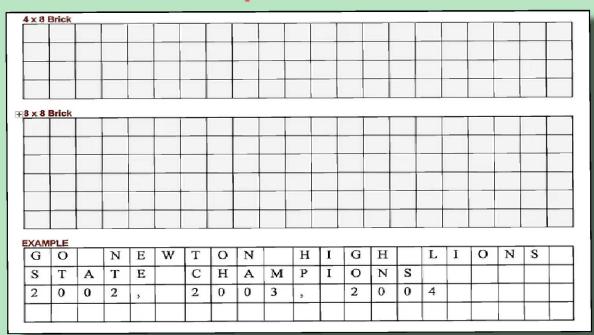
ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)

ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Maximum for 4 x 8" brick is 84 Characters

Maximum for 8 x 8" brick is 164 Characters.

Download and Complete this Brick Order Form



Steps to Purchase Your Brick

On-Line Payments: Click this link to pay for your order https://www.danielpayne.org/prayergarden

- 1. Download and complete the Brick Order Form
- 2. Go to "file" at the top of the menu and click "save"
- 3. Email the Brick Order Form to: ninthdistrictprayergarden@gmail.com

Or To order by mail: PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Legacy of Hope/Brick Campaign
Daniel Payne Legacy Village Capital Campaign
1500 Daniel Payne Drive | Birmingham, AL 35214

If you have any questions, call Dr. Stafford Thompson at 334-477-6904

9TH DISTRICT AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH "WE ARE WATCHING SUMMIT" WEBINAR ON VOTER RIGHTS

n June 23rd the 9th District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church met with the Honorable John H. Merrill, Secretary of State of Alabama in a "We Are Watching" zoom webinar.

Bishop Harry L. Seawright joined a diverse group of faith leaders from all across the state of Alabama: Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Founder of the Alabama Faiths United to Save Democracy (FUSD); Mr. Daniel Schwarts of Faith in Action Alabama; Ninth District members, Rev. DeVonta Anderson and Sister Dianne H. Battle when they all join in this important Zoom meeting.

During this extremely vital "We Are Watching" voter protection meeting with the Secretary of State, we expect to receive a briefing on current voting laws and procedures, given the many changes made. Another goal is to communicate to the Secretary of State that we have a moral obligation to "watch" and monitor the voting process to ensure it is free, fair, and safe, especially for vulnerable voters.

Every election is important! Please exercise your right and privilege to vote in the upcoming Alabama Primary Runoff Elections on June 21, 2022. Let's be prepared to make a difference in the November 8, 2022, Mid-Term Elections.

Join us for "WE ARE WATCHING!"

Faith Leaders Meeting with AL Election Official

- > Understand how AL elections will be run
- Get answers to your voting rights questions



Bishop Harry L. Seawright

Rev. Thomas Wilder, Sr.

Historic Bethel Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL



Alabama Secretary of State

Mr. Daniel Schwartz

Alabama



National African American Clergy Network



Rev. Altin DeVonta Anderson St. Mark AME Church Birmingham, AL



Dr. Jane Hiles Birmingham Friends Meeting (Quaker).



June 23rd 11:00am-12:00pm CST

Rev. Carlos L. Malavé



Mrs. Dianne H Battle Organization, AME Church, Greensboro, AL



Alabama | NonPartisan

Register in advance for this Zoom webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/me eting/register/tZcpcOuhpzgi GtL3C5Ri9dFKp6Jf-4xxsjL4

Ms. Chyna Baldwin Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

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WOMEN'S Day Prodigal AME Church



WOMEN'S DAY
Prodigal AME Church Swansea, South Carolina
Dr. David Owens, Jr., Pastor

Ms. Barbara Lynn McDaniel-Amaker, Local WMS President Ms. Ruthie Amaker, Local YPD Director

Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright, Speaker

Voting Initiative for the Congregation

CALL TO ACTION VOTERS EDUCATION & INITIATIVE



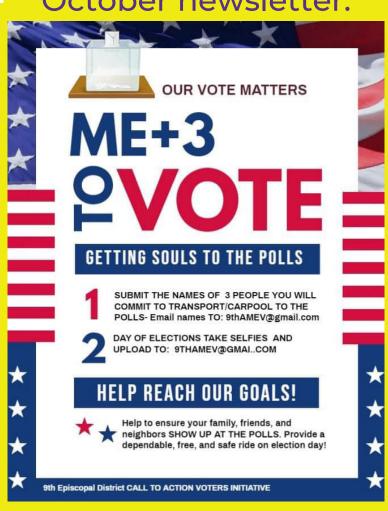
ENGAGE EDUCATE EMPOWER ALABAMA VOTERS

Bishop Seawright's Public Service Announcement:

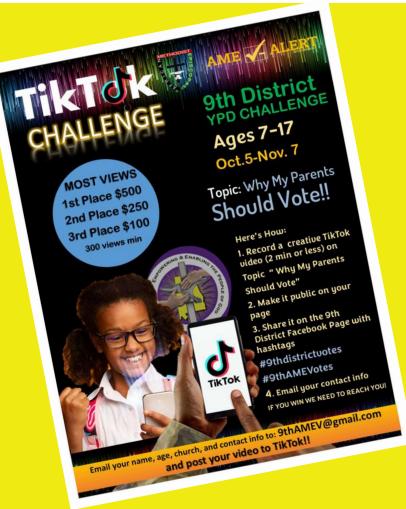
In his recent Public Service Announcement our Presiding Prelate, Bishop Harry L. Seawright personally invited all Alabama Churches, Clergy, and Laity to join the 9th Episcopal District's Call to Action Voters Education and Initiative. In his video announcement he reminds us that collective voting is the unity and strength needed to change the conditions of the under served, the under represented, the suppressed, the poor, and the needy. Bishop Seawright urges that we must honor the spirit of our parents and grandparents who pushed for civil rights. Further reminding us that we must do the work at hand and get the job done! He speaks directly to the members of the AME Church, asking us to make a strong and personal commitment to join this initiative. The mission is to engage, educate, and empower Alabama Voters. He also mentions the BOLD GOALS in which the mission is to get 40,000 souls to the polls on November the 8th. Bishop Seawright makes it clear, saying "there are too many candidates in the running who do not have our best interest at heart, and they are seeking to turn back the clock on all the progress we have made over the past few generations." He compels us to use our votes to say NO, we will not and we shall not turn back. Today, Bishop Seawright is personally extending this Call to Action to our local church; and, we too have been given specific goals to reach. We need your help? Would you be willing distribute flyers, sign our initiative form, volunteer a few minutes to the project, reach out to your close friends, offer rides to the polls, place signs on your street, or share a post on your social media page? We are all asked to get involved and if all of us do a little, we can all achieve a lot.

family, friends, and neighbors SHOW UP AND VOTE the 9th District assisted in providing a dependable, free, and safe ride to polling locations. They solicited help from every voter in ALABAMA across denominations to participate in the ME+3 Souls to the Polls campaign.

In preparation for election season
Bishop Seawright encouraged members and fellow clergymen to vote as he wrote a personal letter.
Bishop Seawright's public service announcement was published in the October newsletter.



Voting + Youth + Social Media



The 9th district came together and engaged the youth with our Call To Action Voters Initiative by competing in the TIKTOK Video Challenge! Create your best 2 minute [or less] video expressing "Why My Parents Should Vote".

9th District Young Adults ages

18-25 held a social media challenge to encourage others to get involved with the Call To Action Voters Initiative by competing in the SOCIAL MEDIA Video Challenge! They created a 2 minute video expressing "Lets Blow UP the VOTE".



Bishop Seawright Returned To His Alma Mater



he Pre-Homecoming Service was held at Benedict College in Columbia, SC.

(As a student, 47 years ago, he gave his first speech in this chapel.) From the 9th Episcopal District, Presiding Elder Dwight and District Consultant Christine E. Dillard and Rev. Dr. G. Dianne Lewis Consultant (District and Connectional President, Henry Turner McNeal Chaplains Association) attended. The evening proved to be a night for family and college friends. Tiwan Seawright who works at Benedict and Tesa Seawright who graduated from Benedict represented the Seawright Family. The following pictures show some of the reunion of old friends.





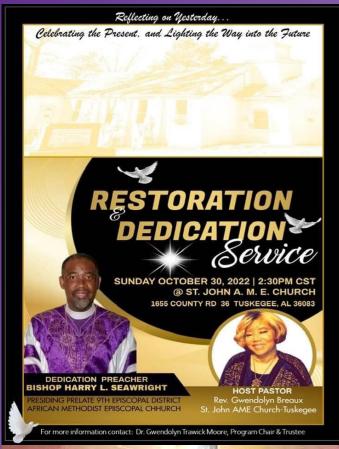








St. John AME Church Tuskegee Restoration







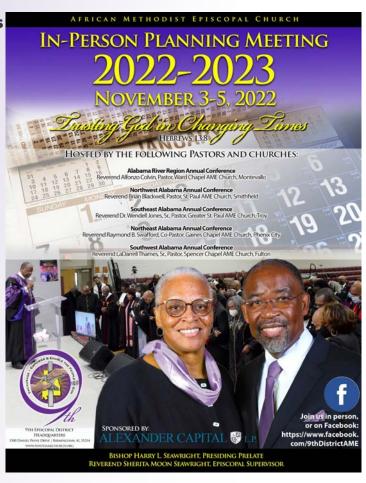




2022-2023 Planning Meeting

2022 Planning Meeting, officially opens on Thursday, November 3, 2022 and end on Saturday, November 5, 2022. We will resume meeting in-person starting with the Planning Meeting held at the Daniel Payne Plaza, (lower level) 1500 Daniel Payne Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35214 and registration to attend is required. We are asking that only persons who are FULLY VACCINATED register to attend in-person and strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask. Our theme is: "Trusting God in Changing Times - Hebrews 13:8."

We will continue to use the Eventbrite platform for the Planning Meeting registrations. PLEASE NOTE: ALL PERSONS attending in person are required to register. Once you complete your registration through Eventbrite, you will receive a notification that you have a ticket. The deadline to register is close of business on Monday, October 31, 2022.



Montgomery Selma District Unity in the Community Jubilee & Celebration









Annual Rosa Parks Day In Montgomery, Alabama

The Ninth Episcopal District and several of its members attended Rosa Parks Day In Montgomery, Alabama.

A day set aside specifically to honor Rosa Parks, the city hosted a number of activities in celebrations of Rosa Parks Day. The holiday was enacted by the Alabama Legislature in 2018 and Montgomery County in 2020.

Known as the birthplace of the civil rights movement and the modern home of the social justice movement, Montgomery was the city where Rosa Parks was arrested after refusing to give up her bus seat on December 1, 1955.

This tragic event ignited the civil rights movement that took over the country years later.



Rev. Dr. Agnes M. Lover, Pastor St. Paul AME Church -Montgomery, AL





Christmas Community Give –A-Way

■inth Episcopal District Christmas Community Give-A-Way in the Northwest Conference which was held on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Community, Civic, and Church Leaders from Birmingham, AL and Jefferson County fellowshipped while eating a delicious breakfast. Community, Civic. and Church Leaders expressed gratitude of thanks to Bishop Harry 9th District L. Seawright and the African Methodist Episcopal Church for what they are doing to Encourage, Empower, and Enabling the people of God. COVID-19 Vaccinations, Boosters, Flu-Shots were also provided. An Angel Tree was done as well by the NWAC This event was spearheaded bv Sister Thomasine Jackson and wonderful and illustrious of the Northwest Alabama Annual Conference Women's **Missionary** Society.





STEPPING INTO THE NEW YEAR



Bishop Seawright extends this invitation across the 9th Episcopal District to join him and the Presiding Elders in a celebration of thanksgiving and praise, as we ring out the old and prepare to ring in the New Year.









