

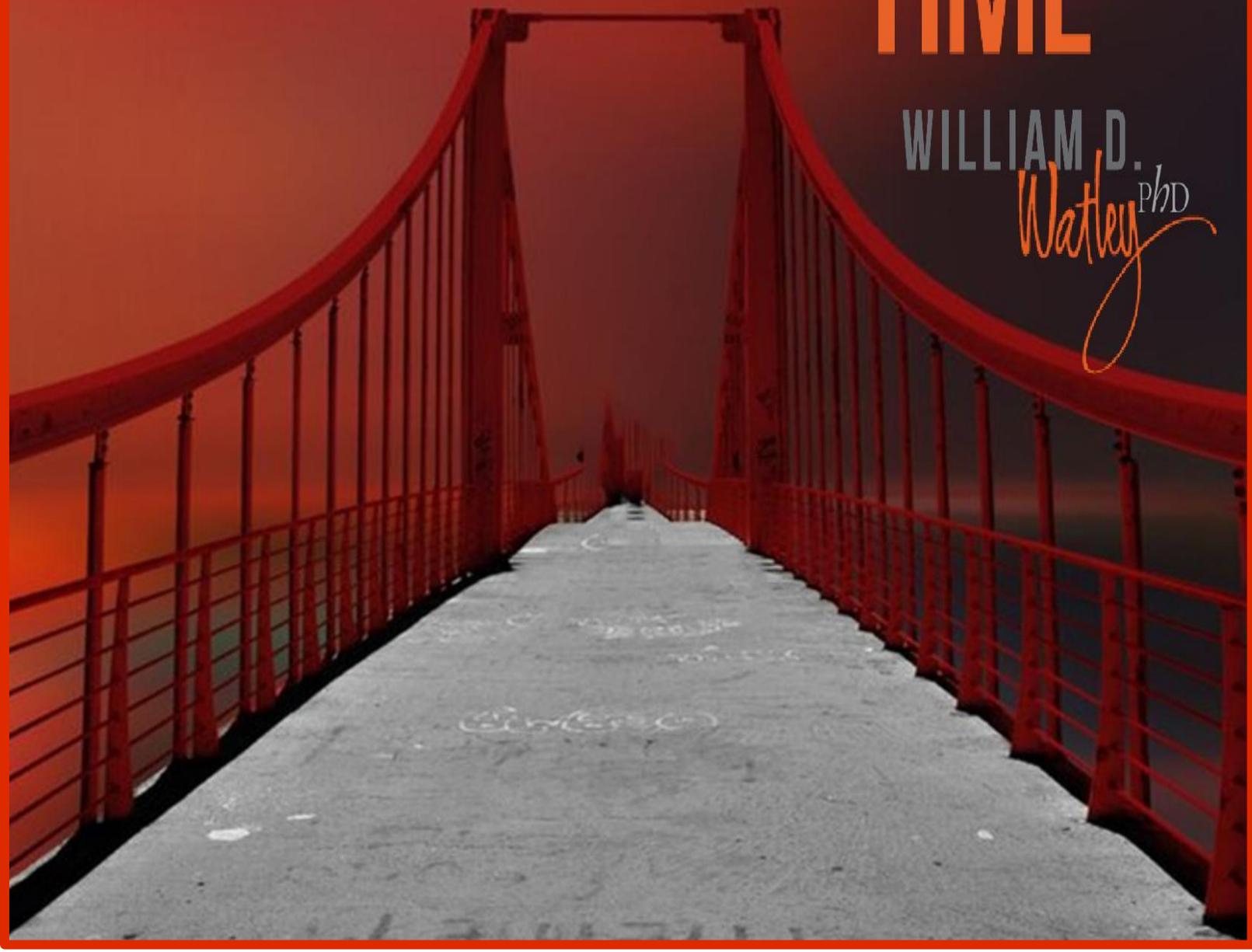
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African Methodist Episcopal Church

VISION 2019

CROSSOVER

TIME

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2019 VISION SAINT PHILIP AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*“What do these stones mean?”
Joshua 4: 21b*

In the year 2018, the vision for the church as well as our own individual lives was DESTROYING STRONGHOLDS AND DEMOLISHING YOKES. As a community of faith, we addressed the existential reality that generational strongholds and yokes, as well as “weights and sins” we have acquired through our own human frailties, have been major impediments that have delayed and obstructed us from walking in the vision God has for our lives that is greater than any vision we can have for ourselves or others can have for us. Even though we may not be 100% stronghold and yoke free, and that recovery from some “thorns” in our flesh and in our faith may be lifelong and lifetime struggles, we also recognize that a quality Christian life must consist of more than becoming free from things and some people. We are freed for a purpose. We are freed from slavery so that we can pursue God’s will and destiny.

The Lord Jesus did not suffer and die on the cross and then rise again with all power in his hands, just to redeem us from sin. The Lord Jesus went through all that he did so we can be set free to follow him and glorify God with transformed lives that reach out and touch others with the gospel that declares, “if anyone is in Christ Jesus, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!”¹ Further tragedy awaits the life that has no purpose other than being freed from the past. Further bondage awaits the life and church that have no vision beyond being clean and delivered from past subjugation and serfdom. Our Lord Jesus demonstrated this truth when he said, “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders

¹ II Corinthians 5:17

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through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but not finding any, it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.”²

In other words, sanctification without a destination beyond freedom from “our gloomy past” can lead to further degradation and damnation. Now that we have explored the various aspects of destroying strongholds and demolishing yokes, we raise the same question that served as the title of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s fourth book, “Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?” As your pastor, the Holy Spirit has moved me to propose that in 2019 we answer that question, as a church as well as in our own individual lives, by declaring, “It’s Crossover Time!”

It’s crossover time---spiritually, in terms of deepening our relationship with God and in how we organize and think about worship. It’s crossover time----evangelically, in terms of our outreach to the community in which we are located, as well as others we know who need to be saved. It’s crossover time---financially, in terms of how we think about money, handle money and fund ministry. It’s crossover time---generationally or in terms of transitioning new leadership. It’s crossover time---attitudinally, in terms of how we welcome others and exercise the ministry of forgiveness to each other. It’s crossover time---methodologically, in terms of how we do ministry. It’s crossover time---technologically, in terms of continuing to use media in its various forms to reach a world that is radically different from the world we have known.

It’s crossover time---with newness rather than nostalgia. Moses was able to get the children of Israel out of Egypt in a matter of weeks and months. However, it took him forty years to get Egypt out of the children of Israel. Faith means taking risks. A

² Luke 11:24-26 and Matthew 12:43-45

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FAITH community is not really a FAITH community when it greets every new idea with the words, “We’ve never done that before,” or when its standard for continuing to do anything is, “We’ve always done that.” In these and in other ways, our theme for 2019 is “IT’S CROSSOVER TIME!”

The focus on Crossover Time jumped out at me when I reread Joshua 3-4. In these chapters, after a forty-year sojourn in the wilderness in which a whole generation had passed away, the Israelites are finally crossing over into the Promised Land. Moses is dead and his handpicked successor, Joshua, is leading a new generation of Israelites, ones that had grown up and been raised in the wilderness, was crossing the Jordan River into Canaan, the long-awaited Promised Land. Their parents and grandparents had crossed the Red Sea in their wilderness trek. However, the generation that Joshua led, crossed another body of water because every generation has its own seas and rivers to cross. Their parents and grandparents remembered the rich food, the pyramids and the hardships of Egypt. The experiences of their parents and grandparents were interesting historic remembrances and stories.

However, the generation that Joshua led had little to no personal memory or experience with the living realities of their forebears. They knew nothing about and were not interested in the “soul food” that delighted and nourished their forebears in Egypt; they were raised on manna in the wilderness. They knew nothing about the Passover, the temples of Egypt or the mighty signs and wonders God had performed to deliver them from slavery. Their understanding of God was shaped by the tent of meeting that stood in their midst and the cloud of glory that lingered among them. They were not interested in how things used to be for their forebears because they were the generation that was raised with a forward-looking land conquering mentality. One generation cannot define relevance, significance and meaning for another generation by using modalities and language of the past that is not connected to the lifestyles of the intended generation. One generation cannot define culture, socialization and life’s

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pressing issues for another generation without respecting the different perspectives and worldview the next generation holds. They must establish a mutual foundation and context for communicating value and truth.

The generation that Moses led and the generation that Joshua led were held together because of their definition, identity and understanding of themselves as the chosen people of the One, True and Living Almighty God, who has declared that through their faith tradition all the families and nations of the earth will be blessed. Ancillary, accompanying, attending and concomitant with this understanding, was the belief that a specific, identifiable geographic region of the earth, which they called the Promised Land would be theirs to claim throughout eternity.

As the people of God crossed the Jordan River to enter the land of Promise, Joshua gave them certain instructions. They didn't just start crossing the river as a disorganized mass of people; they crossed over decently and in order. They crossed over according to the directions and procedures they received from Joshua, the leader that God had placed in authority over them. Joshua told the people to follow the priests who would go before them carrying the Ark of the Covenant. According to the word of God when the soles of the priests touched the waters of the Jordan, the waters began to back up for them, even as the waters of the Red Sea had done for their fathers and their mothers before them. Joshua, the generation of priests to whom he gave directions, and the people they led marched in different times and crossed different bodies of water than their mothers and fathers. When they crossed into Canaan, they had different battles to fight than their parents. However, the same God who was with their parents was also with them.

The manifestation of God among them and the miracles God wrought among them were different. However, the same God was still with both generations. The presence and work of God among God's people is prescriptive rather than descriptive. We cannot look at the ways in which God worked in the past (there were no plagues of

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frogs in the Promised Land), the ways in which worship was conducted in the past (there was no tent of meeting in the Promised Land), and the miracles that were wrought in the past (there was no manna in the Promised Land), and expect God to do exactly what God did in the past (the good old days). God moves in new ways in different times for different generations; however, what is important is that God still moves, makes ways and works miracles. Therefore, what is needed in a new day among a new generation of God’s people is not repetition but experimentation. The old ways are not the best ways for a new generation that has battles to fight and challenges to face that our mothers and fathers never conceived. Those who can remember former times need to hear again the word God spoke to those who were returning to the Land of Promise to rebuild their lives after the Babylonian Exile. God said to that generation of believers what God says to us, “Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”³

When the people of God had passed through the Jordan River Joshua told the tribes to select a person from each tribe and instructed them, “Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So, these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever.”⁴

When they looked at the stones that had been brought from the Jordan River, the people of God would be reminded of God’s faithfulness and God’s promise keeping, miracle working and way-making power. The stones were their reminder that the same

³ Isaiah 43:18-19

⁴ Joshua 4:5-7

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God who had brought a former generation out of slavery in Egypt and had sustained them through a forty-year sojourn in the wilderness, was with them as they faced new challenges in the Promised Land. The stones that the people of Israel brought over from the middle of the Jordan River were to serve as the foundation stones for their new land and their future conquests.

As we the people of God called Saint Philip African Methodist Episcopal Church, whose mission is to Exalt Christ and Empower People, cross over into 2019, we will focus on SIX Foundation Stones for the new terrain, opportunities, and challenges for the year ahead.

FAITH

The first priority of the church is the development and enhancement of our relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ and the empowerment and indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Faith and spirituality are not to be understood as ancillary but foundational to the whole of life which includes such areas as physical health, mental and emotional wellbeing, our relationship with others, our finances and any other aspects of human existence. The Lord Jesus has already instructed us, “So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”⁵ *The Message Bible* paraphrases our Lord’s words in this way: “What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God’s giving. People who don’t know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.”⁶

⁵ Matthew 6:31-33 NIV

⁶ Matthew 6:31-33 *The Message Bible*

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As we seek to develop our relationship and closeness to the fullness of who God is and God’s vision and purpose for our lives and this church, we recognize that space should be devoted in our beautifully appointed, equipped and maintained worship and service facility for private reflection and prayer. Therefore, our intent is to set aside two meditation rooms---one outside the sanctuary and the other in the Family Life and Administration Center for such purposes. The estimated costs will be \$5000 and \$8000. We hope that our members will contribute to the cost of constructing and furnishing these two meditation rooms. We will be willing to name these rooms after the donors or persons they may choose to honor.

We will also continue to upgrade and expand our technological capabilities to enhance worship. We are also willing to try new and different worship experiences, such as our present Saturday Live Worship Service to minister to the various demographics of our changing community as well as our growing congregation.

For many people around the world, life happens online. Appointments, banking, entertainment, gaming, shopping and now worship. This year, Saint Philip AME Church will enhance our Online/Internet Worship Experience. A team specifically designed to usher viewers into our worship services and bible studies in live chat and one-on-one prayer will be available. Our goal is that this platform will be engaging, informative, life challenging to our members/friends who have chosen to join us in corporate worship and attract new ones to our church family.

FAVOR

When we have developed our faith, and seek to grow deeper in our relationship with God (spirituality), we receive the favor of God. “The favor of God,” is not to become the proverbial “teacher’s pet”. The favor of God isn’t fair because God blesses us in ways that go much farther than we deserve and fairness is getting what we deserve. God gives favor to certain people because God has certain expectations for

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them to fulfill and because they have demonstrated in various ways that God can trust them to walk in and fulfill divine will, intentions, and plans. Favor means:

F—Forward Focus. Favor means we are more concerned about the future than we are about the past. We cannot move forward and look backwards at the same time. Favor means we are more concerned about creating legacy than reciting history. Favor means we really believe that our latter will be greater than our past.

A---Anointed for a Purpose. In the scriptures, there is no such phenomenon as a free floating, general anointing. In the scriptures whenever persons are anointed, they are set aside for a certain ministry or purpose in salvation history or the kingdom of God. People who have favor are those who are either anointed by oil or equipped by God for a purpose.

V---Vision. God has a vision for our lives that is greater than any vision we can have for ourselves or others can have for us. Persons who have the favor of God are those who walk in the vision of God.

O---Obedience. Persons who have God’s favor are those who obey the word and directions of God, or the guidance of the Holy Spirit, even when they do not understand the meaning of what they are being told. Obedience sometimes involves taking risk. Obedience means being willing to be misunderstood, questioned, doubted or even mocked by those for whom the actions of the obedient defy logic or the human standard of good sense.

R---Resurrection. Having God’s favor does not mean that we will have a life that is free of errors or failures. However, the favor of God does mean that no matter what our failures and mistakes may be, we will have resurrection and that the final outcome of our efforts to be faithful to the various visions God pours into our lives, both as individuals and as people of God, will be victorious.

Our goal is to develop a church and individual believers who live and function in, with, under, and through the FAVOR of God.

FUTURE

This year we will examine how we continue to develop the children, youth and young adults who are the future leaders of the church, the kingdom, and the world. Developing the future is an intentional lifelong process and a core value of our life. Rather than doing business as usual, this year each ministry, auxiliary and aspect of our church’s life is asked to look at its primary age groups and ask why certain age groups are missing. We should discuss and implement changes that should be made for the involvement and participation of young people. The recruitment, nurture, development and participation of the younger generation is to be a primary area of focus in the life of our church and a standard for all organizations, auxiliaries and boards to effectively measure.

Christian Education will continue to be an aspect of preparation for future leadership. Scholarships and the distribution of school supplies will remain integral to the development of future leadership in the kingdom, the world, the church and our local communities.

FINANCE

This year our goal is to develop **100% EGO** believers among our members. Note that I did not say 100% Egotistical believers, but **100% EGO** believers. EGO in the context of this church means **EQUAL GIVING = OVERFLOW**. Most of our appeals are based upon the amount that we give. The Bible, however, has a different standard for measuring giving. The Bible teaches us that God looks at the proportion rather than the amount. Malachi 3:10 tells us, “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.”⁷ The New International Version says, “Bring the whole tithe into the

⁷ Malachi 3:10 NRSV

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storehouse, that there may be food in my house. ‘Test me in this,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.’” *The Message Bible* says, “Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don’t open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.”

In the eyes of the world, a person who gives \$1000.00 has given a greater amount than the person who has given \$10.00. However, according to the Bible, if a person had given \$10.00 but started with \$100.00, that person has given EQUALLY as the person who has given \$1000.00, yet started with \$10.00. The Bible measures the proportion of ten percent equally, no matter what the amount may be. As Christ was able to multiply a little boy’s lunch of two fish and five barley loaves to feed 5,000 persons, God is able to multiply and enlarge our giving to accomplish kingdom purposes. No matter the amount, giving is based on the biblical standard of ten percent, which the Bible sets as the minimum gift of thanksgiving and praise for the goodness of God in our lives.

The Bible also teaches us that when we give according to the proportion that the scriptures instruct, our giving is not only considered to be equal in God’s eye sight, God also sends overflow into our lives---we receive an overflowing blessing, “so much blessing there will not be room enough to receive,” or blessing beyond our wildest dreams. Therefore, our goal is for all of our members to have ***EGO (EQUAL GIVING = OVERFLOW)***.

We also expect our Children’s, Youth and Young Adult Ministry to consider EGO as a core value and begin teaching it to the next generation.

To assist our efforts to develop 100% EGO believers we will organize an EGO Development Team that will have the responsibility of recruiting members who will give testimonies regarding the blessings of living off of EGO (tithing). These

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testimonials will play between services on Sundays and on Tuesdays as persons gather for Bible Study.

FITNESS

We will continue our emphasis on health and physical fitness that honors the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit. This year, our members will again be given free gym memberships. We will also continue Sweat Suit Sunday. We will ask our Health Ministry for their professional expertise regarding programming. We also expect our Children’s, Youth and Young Adult Ministry to start emphasizing Health and Physical Fitness as core values of their programming.

In addition to youth basketball for girls and boys, this year we will add opportunities for our youth to actively participate in tennis and golf. These two, tennis and golf, are lifetime sports that can enhance their quality of life for years to come.

The Health and Fitness Program is further enhanced with classes such as Line Dancing, Carbs and Abs, Total Body Conditioning, community Weight Watchers’ program, and a focus on African American Men’s Health – preventing and managing chronic diseases.

FARMING

The goal of farming is to plant seed for the purpose of growing a harvest, In this context farming will be used for both nurture and development, as well as witnessing and evangelism. To have a field that yields an abundance of crops, the farmer must know how to care for the seed that has been planted. This year we will expand our pastoral care ministry to include seminars on Self-Care, Mental Health, and Domestic Violence. We will also nurture the seeds we already have.

This year we will have an entrepreneur of the month in which we will highlight certain businesses and professionals (physicians, attorneys, etc.) in our congregation.

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We will organize a Ministry of Business and Professionals that will be responsible for setting standards for persons to be highlighted, as well as other concerns.

Ministry of Remembrance:

In 2019, we will begin a Wall of Remembrance. The Wall will list the names of those who are willing to make a special contribution for the life and ministry of the church for years to come. When future generations ask the meaning, we can say, “This Wall of Remembrance is for the sacrifice, service, and selflessness to Saint Philip and to our God.”

Rev. Dr. Roy Jones, Jr. - Chairperson

Witness and Evangelism:

The Late Bishop Vernon R. Byrd used to say, “Unless souls are saved; nothing is saved.” Witnessing and evangelism are core values of the church. The Lord told the disciples: “Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”⁸ He also instructed the whole church, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”⁹ Witnessing and evangelism are core values of Saint Philip and are the foundation of our mission statement---Exalting Christ and Empowering People.

⁸ Matthew 28:16-20

⁹ Acts 1: 8

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The best way of witnessing and evangelism is still by word of mouth by committed individuals. We will continue to encourage our membership to invite and bring others to church on Sundays as well as Bible Studies and other ministry activities.

We understand that witnessing and evangelism in these times also includes technology and social media. We will encourage the use of technology as means of effective evangelism.

The purpose of Public Relations is ultimately to bring souls into the kingdom and not simply let others know about events and activities in our church. Public Relations will be known as the Witness and Evangelism Ministry.

We also expect our Children’s, Youth and Young Adult Ministry to be intentional about teaching and emphasizing Witnessing and Evangelism as core values of their programming.

Rev. Janice McCray - Chairperson

CONCLUSION

As we cross over into a new season in our lives as a church and as individual followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that the Lord will bless our effort to develop FAITH, FAVOR, the FUTURE, FINANCE, FITNESS and FARMING to His glory and His honor----Nothing more, Nothing less and Nothing else!!

2019 PROVISIONAL CALENDAR

January

- 1 New Year’s Day
- 2 Midweek Service
- 13 MLK Oratorical Contest
- 2-22 Twenty-One Day Daniel Fast
- 19 MLK Day of Service
- 27 Sweat Suit Sunday
- 27 Baptism Service
- 30 Midweek Service

February

- 1-2 SPC Church Leaders’ Retreat
- 3 Family Communion Sunday
- 4-6 Turner Theological Seminary Founder’s Day
- 7-9 Sixth Episcopal District Founder’s Day
- 10 Heart Awareness Sunday - Red Attire**
- 14 Bishop Richard Allen’s Birthday
- 16 New Life Ministries Intensive Course
- 17 Afrocentric Sunday
- 24 Sweat Suit Sunday
- 24 Negro Spirituals Concert
- 27 Midweek Service

March

- 3 New Life Ministries Graduation
- 6 SPC Seniors and Retirees’ Anniversary
- 6 Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- 8 Retirement Celebration of Presiding Elder Earle Ifill
- 17 Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Sunday - Orange Attire**
- 18-24 Women’s Week
- 24 Sweat Suit Sunday
- 24 Cancer Awareness Sunday - Blue Attire**
- 31 Generations Sunday
- 31 Children and Youth Emphasis Day

April

- 3 Midweek Service
- 14 Church School Easter Program
- 14 Palm Sunday
- 14 Sarcoidosis Awareness Sunday - Purple Attire**
- 15-20 Holy Week

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16 Holy Week Worship Service
18 Maundy Thursday
19 Good Friday/Seven Last Words
22 Resurrection Sunday
28 Member Day
28 Sweat Suit Sunday

May

1 Midweek Service
13-17 Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference
10 Pastor’s 55th Anniversary in Preaching Celebration
12 Mother’s Day
19 Church School Promotion Sunday
19 Mental Health Awareness Sunday - Green Attire
26 Graduation Recognition Sunday
26 Sweat Suit Sunday
27 Memorial Day
29 Midweek Service
29-31 Sixth Episcopal District Planning Meeting

June

1 New Life Ministries Intensive Course
9 Pentecost Sunday
10-14 Vacation Bible School
15 Chefs Galore
16 Father’s Day
17-22 Marriage Ministry Week
22 Male Usher Board Picnic
23 Sweat Suit Sunday
23 Baptism Service
30 Children and Youth Emphasis Day

July

4 National Holiday
7 Mid-Year Thank Offering
14 Biker Blessing
14 Health Ministry Blood Drive
21 Women’s Missionary Society Day
26 SPC Seniors and Retirees’ Prom
28 Sweat Suit Sunday

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August

- 9 Jazz Under the Stars
- 10 Homecoming Fun Day / Hour of Power
- 11 Homecoming
- 11 Church School Back to School Prayer Assembly
- 18 Educator’s Sunday
- 24 STEMS Career Fair
- 25 Sweat Suit Sunday
- 28 Midweek Service

September (Toes & Ties Month – Ovarian and Prostate Cancer Awareness)

- 3-9 Seven-Day Daniel Fast
- 8 Prostate Cancer Awareness Sunday - Light Blue Attire**
- 10-12 Fall Revival
- 14 10th Annual Rev. George Moore Stroke Walk
- 14 15th Annual Wellness Festival
- 15 Ovarian & Cervical Cancer Awareness Sunday – Teal Attire**
- 19 Trip to Egypt and Dubai begins
- 22 Sweat Suit Sunday
- 29 Children and Youth Emphasis Day
- 29 Baptism

October

- 2 Trip to Egypt and Dubai ends
- 2 Midweek Service
- 12 WMS Mother/Daughter Affair
- 7-13 Men’s Week
- 19 New Life Ministries Intensive Course
- 20 Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday – Pink Attire**
- 26 Church School Fall Festival
- 27 Sweat Suit Sunday
- 30 Midweek Service

November

- 3 Bishop Reginald T. Jackson’s Visit
- 9 Volunteer Recognition Breakfast
- 10 New Life Ministries Graduation
- 10 Veterans’ Day Awareness Sunday
- 10 Alzheimer’s Awareness Sunday – Purple Attire**
- 11-17 Single’s Week
- 17 Diabetes Awareness Sunday – Gray Attire**
- 24 Carcinoid Awareness Sunday – Zebra Attire**
- 24 Sweat Suit Sunday
- 27 Midweek Service

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28 Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

December

1 HIV Awareness Day Sunday – Red Attire

6 Living Legacy Ball- Harlem Nights

15 Church School Christmas Program

15 Joyful Noise for Toys Concert

22 HOLIDAY SERVICE – Red Attire

24 Christmas Eve/Candlelight Service

25 Christmas Day

29 End of the Year Thank Offering

31 New Year’s Eve Worship Services

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OUR BELIEFS

WE BELIEVE in a God who is infinite and eternal, omniscient (all knowing), omnipotent (all-powerful) and omnipresent (everywhere at the same time), who has been manifested and revealed in Jesus Christ and still lives among us as the Holy Spirit.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is the final and fullest revelation of God and that he is both fully human and fully divine (Heb. 1:1-3).

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (I Tim. 1:15) and that having conquered death he now reigns as Lord of all (Rev. 11:15).

WE BELIEVE that if we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we shall be saved (Romans 10:9).

WE BELIEVE that Jesus died for our sins (I Cor. 15:3) not because he had to, but because he loves us and that each of us is important, really important, in the eyes and in the heart of God (Jn. 15:13).

WE BELIEVE that once we confess Jesus as Lord, the Holy Spirit becomes a permanent presence in our lives (Jn. 14:16-17).

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit fills (Eph. 5:16) anoints (Luke 4:18) empowers (Acts 1:6) and bestows gifts upon us (I cor. 12:4-6) to equip the saint for ministry, to edify the body of Christ (Eph. 4:12) and set the captives free (Luke 4:18).

WE BELIEVE that the Bible is the inspired word of God written by fallible human beings who were under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and that it contains all things necessary for salvation (II Tim. 3:14-17).

WE BELIEVE that because Jesus was resurrected from the dead, we too, shall live eternally in a body that is immortal and incorruptible (II Cor. 15:20-23).

WE BELIEVE that until the time of Christ’s return or our departure, God wants us to grow and grow and keep on growing until we reach full maturity as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

WE BELIEVE that marriage is a relationship ordained by God between a man and a woman (Gen. 2:20-24).

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Service Times

Saturday Live Service

9:00 am

Sundays

Worship Services

8:00 am & 11:00 am

SPC Church School

9:45 am

Risen Generation Youth Church

11:00 am

Tuesdays

Bible Study

7:00 pm



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He said to the Israelites,

“In the future

when your descendants ask their parents,

What do these stones mean?

tell them,

‘Israel crossed the Jordan

on dry ground.

Joshua 4:21

FAITH

FAVOR

FUTURE

FINANCE

FITNESS

FARMING

CROSSOVER
TIME

