

News from the MOUNT



The Newsletter of New Mount Moriah African Methodist Episcopal Church

The First Six Months - January—June 2025

From the Desk of the Pastor ...

Hebrews 10:24-25 “24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”



It is to the LORD our God that we give thanks for the everlasting blessings He continues to bestow upon us individually and collectively.

What a quarter at New Mt. Moriah. As you see from this newsletter, this quarter has been a busy one for us both in and out of the doors of the church! As a church family, we have been about our Father's business. As you read about the activities and fellowship events that have taken place, just remember **“there is room for you”**. In recent months, we have missed so many faces. It is my prayer that you seek to worship and fellowship with fellow members and get involved as an important part of the New Mt. Moriah Church Family. We look forward to the work God has for us all! The Best Is Yet To Come!

There are many opportunities to bring some new ideas this Upcoming Conference Year by volunteering to cheer an event or work on a committee. There is much work to do!

Always Remember, Be Blessed and Be A Blessing!

Pastor Rashad and Sister Rashad

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

WORSHIP WITH US IN THE CHURCH'S SANCTUARY

Sunday Bible Discovery Hour 10 am ∞ Worship Service 11am

Or On our *Virtual Sanctuary*

STREAMING ON OUR WEBPAGE @WWW.NEWMTMORIAHJAX.ORG



Meeting ID: 852-117-5756 -6900



LIVE New Mount Moriah AME Church



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New Mt Moriah AME Church, Jacksonville, FL

Sunday Bible Discovery Hour 10 am / Worship Service 11 am

Tuesday Weekly Bible Study 6 pm on Zoom & FaceBook

Wednesday In-person Noonday Prayer

Wednesday Call In Prayer Line 7 pm Meeting ID: 852-117-5756 -6900

Alachua-Central District (TACD) Conference Report

Sis Angel Turner District Steward

The Alachua-Central District (TACD) Conference began on February 20, 2025 at Union AME Church, Lake City, Florida, Rev. Sha'Leda Mirra, Pastor and Elder Tony DeMarco Hansberry, Presiding Elder. The TACD Theme was “A Firm Foundation - A New Season”.

Presiding Elder Tan Moss preached the Thursday night service with a powerful word “A New Day, A New Season” from Isaiah 43:15-19. God is getting ready to put you in a new era. New things cause tension. It makes us trust God when he's taking us in a new direction. God will get the Praise.

On February 21st, we began the day with a business meeting with the Elder, Pastors and the District Stewards. Standing District officers are Sis. Felicia Fair, Secretary, Rev. D. Burke., Worship Leader, Rev. S. Rashad, Parliamentarian. There will be an increase in the General Budget. Rev S. Rashad moved that Option 1 be adopted which would result in a \$37.14 across the board increase. The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. Willie Barnes and approved.

The following presentations were made 1. Dr. Lavon Bracy presented Voter Awareness— What Happened— Beyond the Moment; 2. Financial Planning, Retirement and Long Care Planning was present by Mr. Ted Manly, Secured Licensed Financial Services and Attorney Gregory Redmon, Senior Counsel; 3. What's Happening, Nehemiah 2:13-14 by Rev. Dr. Willie Barnes; 4. Review of 6 Resolutions and 8 bills passed at the General Conference.

Alachua-Central District (TACD) Conference Report (cont.)

Rev. George Pratt, preached an uplifting noonday sermon entitled "Executive Order" from Romans 8:28-37. We struggle because flesh is contrary to the spirit and spirit contrary to the flesh. We need to get right with God. If God is for us, then who will be against us.

The Rt Rev. Dr. Marvin Clyde Zanders, II, Presiding Prelate, Eleventh Episcopal, preached a mighty evening worship message from Joshua 14:10-12, "Don't Turn It Down." There is more to salvation than being free. God comes to give you joy. Do not turn it down. Courage—have confidence in his word. Joy will come in the morning. Conqueror—Give me my breakthrough, my prosperity, it may come when you want but wait on the Lord. Success survives in I Can, not I Can't. Don't turn it down.

On the final day February 22, 2025, the praise and worship continued with a dynamic sermon by Rev Leslie Washington, Allen Chapel, Jacksonville, from 2 Corinthians 13:1-6 "Examine Yourself."

The Alachua- Central District Resolution was read by the District Recording Secretary, Sis. Shirley Green Brown. It was moved by Ref. John Brown and seconded by Rev. D. Willie Brown that the resolution be accepted with commendations. The motion passed. the place!

It was my pleasure serving as the District Steward and representing my Church at the Alachua-Central District Conference.



THE SONS OF ALLEN

Under the leadership of President Reginald White, the Sons of Allen continue to make a meaningful impact in both the church and the community. Their dedication to service is evident in recent improvements, including a security upgrade led by Brother James Lockley, Brother Reggie White, Brother Sammie Turner, and Brother Calvin Mobley to ensure a safer worship environment. In addition to physical security, the group has also instituted the Sons of Allen Top Scholar program, awarding scholarships each quarter to outstanding students, reinforcing their commitment to education and empowerment.

Beyond these initiatives, the Sons of Allen remain devoted to nurturing the youth through faith-based fellowship. Their support extends to events such as Fourth Sunday Youth Engagement, the newly established Second Sunday Children's Church, and seasonal gatherings like the Christmas Movie Night. By investing in the next generation, they continue to embody leadership, mentorship, and service, strengthening their ministry and fostering a spirit of brotherhood within the church.

MEN'S DAY NEWS



The Men's Day Program was a memorable and uplifting event, thanks to the dedicated leadership of our chairpersons Reginald White and Calvin Mobley. Their commitment helped create a meaningful program that resonated with all who attended.

We were blessed with an inspiring message from our guest speaker, Minister Joseph Jackson, who spoke on the theme of "Change." His sermon, drawn from Isaiah 43:18-19, encouraged us to embrace transformation and trust in God's plan for renewal. His powerful words left a lasting impact on those in attendance.

*Congratulations to the Sons of Allen (SOA)
on a Successful Men's Day.*

****Fundraising Success****

The Men's Day fundraisers helped the Sons of Allen strengthen their community outreach. Over the course of December and January, the SOA held two successful bake sales, bringing people together over sweet treats and fellowship. Additionally, the SOA BBQ dinner sale and fish fry in January allowed us to enjoy good food while supporting the cause.

The generosity and participation of our congregation made these efforts a success, and we are grateful for everyone who contributed. Through these initiatives, we've continued our mission of service, growth, and faith.

Thank you for being part of these meaningful events, and may we keep moving forward together!

NEW MT. MORIAH AMEC

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OUR THEME
ANCHORED IN CHRIST: ADVANCING IN FAITH
COLOSSIANS 2:7



Pastor

REV. SHA'REFF RASHAD



**JOIN
US**

**SUNDAY
MARCH 23RD
3:00 PM**

Givelfy New Mount Moriah AME Church

GUEST SPEAKERS



REV. DR. JACQUELINE DUPREE
REV. CHARLES JONES, JR.

DENIM & DIAMONDS

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

New Mt. Moriah

AME Church

**CHURCH
ANNIVERSARY**

SATURDAY, March 22, 2025

Noon-4pm

850 Melson Avenue
Jacksonville Florida 32254

kindly reply

BY MARCH 14TH

Please contact the Church Secretary or your
Class Leader

2025 Church Anniversary Weekend Summary

Saturday and Sunday, March 22–23, 2025

Submitted by Akima Henry

Rhonda Henry and Akima Henry, Chairpersons

Our 2025 Church Anniversary was a truly unforgettable weekend! A beautiful celebration of faith, fellowship, and family

Saturday – Denim & Diamonds Fellowship

We kicked off the festivities with our Denim & Diamonds event, a heartfelt day filled with food, laughter, and prayer. One of the most meaningful moments was the creation of personalized Prayer Jars—crafted to help strengthen our prayer lives and hold one another in loving accountability. The day continued with a joyful cook-out featuring ribs, chicken, pulled pork, and all the fixins. It was more than a meal—it was a moment of connection, fun, and spiritual encouragement that set the tone for the rest of the weekend.

Sunday – Anniversary Worship Service

On Sunday afternoon, we gathered in worship to close out the weekend, and what a mighty move of God we experienced. We were blessed by the powerful preaching of Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Dupree and Rev. Charles Jones—two anointed vessels from the East Conference—whose words beautifully echoed our theme: **“Anchored in Christ: Advancing in Faith”** (Colossians 2:7). From the music to the message, the presence of the Lord was truly in the room. It was a Hallelujah good time, and our hearts are still full!

On behalf of the Anniversary Committee, my amazing co-chair and beloved mother, Sis. Rhonda Henry, and I extend our deepest thanks to Rev. Rashad and the entire church family for entrusting us with this special assignment. It was an honor to serve, and our incredible committee poured love, time, and spirit into every detail. From start to finish, the weekend was wrapped in joy, unity, and the unmistakable presence of God.

Thank you to every person who prayed, served, gave, and showed up. Because of you, this anniversary was more than just an event—it was a testimony. To God be the glory for all He has done, and for the continued journey we share, anchored in Christ!

Family and Friends Day

Yolanda Jackson and Calvin Mobley, Chairpersons



Family and Friends Day—submitted by Yolanda Jackson

Family and Friends Day is our way of giving back to our church members. We celebrate with “Fun Day” on Saturday and Worship Service on Sunday.

Saturday, we had lots of “fun”. We had a bounce house, waterslide, corn hole toss games and hop scotch. There was line dancing and we tried to teach First Lady Sharon Rashad the line dance “Boots on the Ground”. We had plenty good food and fellowship

Sunday, we had a spirit-filled service. Rev. Donald Rocker, Sr. St. Stephens African Methodist Episcopal Church, was the guest speaker. He spoke from Romans 12:10, “It’s Ok to be Number 3” - **Honor**. Honor is defined as high respect, great esteem. Use the following ingredients: “1. value 2. humility 3. honor 4. enthusiasm, 5. grace.”

We had a wonderful Family and Friends Observance and look forward to celebrating again next year.

Women's Day 2025 at New Mt. Moriah



Women's Day this year saw us blessed by so many phenomenal women. Women came from near and far to celebrate with us on this special occasion. The women of New Mt. Moriah met our goals for this year's celebration which included a Paint Party, a wonderful opportunity to have professional pictures made for those

who wanted them, and of course our Worship Service. A host of Minister's Spouses from around the Conference participated in our afternoon worship service and our AWESOME Women's Choir sang us happy. However, our Sunday afternoon event topped it all off. Our very own Episcopal Supervisor, Supervisor Winifred Zanders, brought a word that only she could bring. She encouraged us to remember "If You're Holding On To A Thread, Make Sure It's The Hem Of His Garment".



It was pure joy to again be the Women's Day Coordinator and to have such a hard working group of women working alongside me was very, very special. Special thanks to Dr. Jamecia Harley and Sister Penelope Frazier and the women of New Mt. Moriah - We can't wait until next year!

2025 Graduates

2025 College Graduates

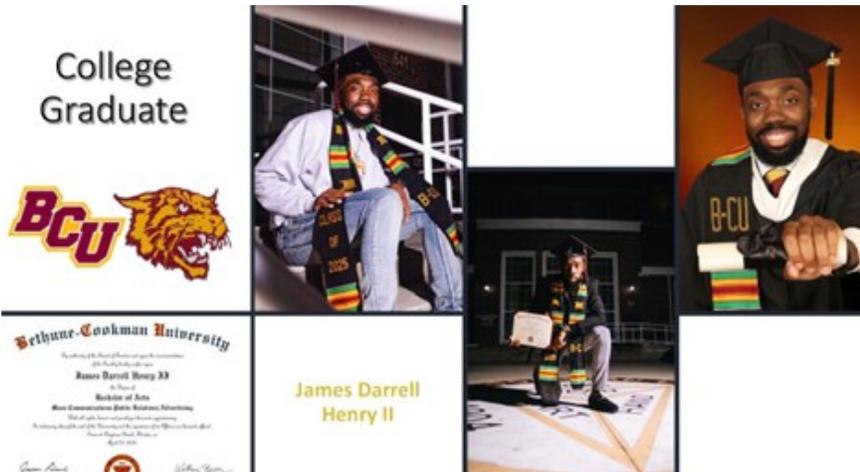
College Graduate




Jasmine Gill
Associate's Degree in Business Administration

Honors ★
Dean's List ★
Magna Cum Laude ★

College Graduate



James Darrell Henry II

2025 High School Graduates



Murray Glover, Jr.



Gavin Coates

Remember Our Sick and Shut-In Members

God, bless our members who are ill, whom we now commend to Your compassionate regard.



Comfort them upon their sickbed, and ease their suffering. We beg for deliverance and submit that no healing is too hard for you, Lord, if it is your will.

We therefore pray that You bless our members with Your loving care, renew their strength, and heal what ails them in Your loving name.

Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

What Is Prayer?

Prayer is a two-way conversation with God. Prayer brings us hope, making every prayer a prayer for strength. Prayer is our opportunity to get to know the God who created us, sustains us, and loves us. Prayer is an ongoing conversation with God. A conversation that may not always change your circumstances, but that always changes you.

Why Should I Pray?

Why is it so important that we talk to God daily? Or even at all? Not only do we get to develop our relationship and intimacy with God, but we also get to share our needs with Him. We need [wisdom](#). We need [guidance](#). We need [comfort](#). We need connection to God and others. We need victory over sin. We need grace—grace to help in times of need. Good news! We are encouraged to come boldly to the throne of grace—to pray boldly before God—“that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” [Hebrews 4:16 NIV](#).

Here are some other reasons why we should talk to God daily.

- Because you can! It's pretty awesome to be able to regularly talk with the Creator of the universe.
- He promises that if we ask, we will receive, that if we seek, we will find, and that if we knock, the door will be opened to us ([Matthew 7:7-8](#)).
- He invites us to cast all our [anxiety](#) on Him ([1 Peter 5:7](#)).
- He invites us to turn our worries into prayers ([Philippians 4:7](#)).
- He invites us to be still and know that He is God ([Psalm 46:10](#)).
- He promises that we will find Him if we seek with all our hearts ([Jeremiah 29:13](#)).
- He sends His Spirit to pray through us when our words fail us ([Romans 8:26-27](#)).

Upcoming Events

Oct 7 - Old Fashion Prayer Meeting and Testimony Service - 6:30 pm

Oct 12 - Harvest Day

Oct 12 - Phillip R Cousin AME Church Anniversary 4:00 pm

Oct 19 - Pastor and Ministerial Staff Appreciation

Oct 22-24 - 150th Session of the East Annual Conference, St Paul AME Church

Nov 19-21 - 11th Episcopal District Planning Meeting, The Rosen Centre, Orlando FL

New Members

Chariti Milner

Jasmine Tanori

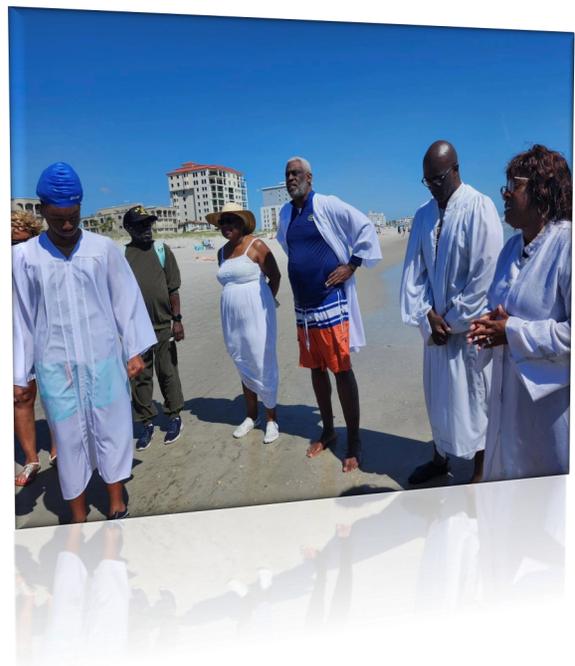


Pictorial of Church Activities

Easter Egg Hunt



Baptism



WOMEN'S DAY



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Education Day



Education Day cont.

Honor Roll Students

Grade/Name	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
1 st Bryan McSwain				
2 nd Nyla McSwain				A/B
4 th Madison McCloud				A/B/S
7 th Cyniah Whittington		A/B	A/B	A/B
12 th Gavin Coates				A/B
10 th Chariti Milner	A/B	A/B	A/B	A/B
Freshman Makenzie Bryant		A/B		A/B

Congrats!

Grade/Name	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
3 rd Eliana Young	A/B	A/B	A/B	
Kindergarten Ezra Young	A/B	A/B	A/B	A/B

Awards & Recognitions

Makenzie Bryant College Freshman
National Society of Collegiate Scholars
GPA 3.5

Kendrick Mobley 9th grade
Caught You Doing Good (Universal Badge)
Character Counts Badge
Freshman of the year 2024-2025
EWS Band – Certificate of Appreciation

Calvin Mobley 8th grade
Superior rating from the Florida Bandmasters Association

Awards & Recognitions

Cyniah Whittington 7th grade
Volleyball MVP

Ezra Young Kindergarten
Graduated from Kindergarten
Tolerance and Inclusivity Character Certificate

Eliana Young 3rd grade
Chorus Participant
Spelling Bee Participant
Fun Run Participant

Awards & Recognitions

Jayden Glover 8th grade
ELA Achievement Award

Lauriel Glover 2nd grade
Most Generous
Certificate of Achievement – Excellence on Fast ELA
Certificate of Achievement – Excellence on Fast Math

Madison McCloud 4th grade
Most Improved Scientist
Most Improved Mathematician
Outstanding Citizenship

Awards & Recognitions

Chariti Milner 10th grade
Commander Cheerleader
On track for Early Graduation c/o 2026
GPA 3.263

Chase Hines 2nd grade
Promoted to 3rd

Chasiti Hines 2nd grade
2-time Student of the Month
"A" in Conduct Citizenship all year
Promoted to 3rd

Even More Accomplishments

Gavin Coates 12th grade
Edward H. White
Duval Ready Diploma (Problem Solving, Communication, Team Building, Professionalism, Florida Soft Skills)
Superior Rating for Solo
Alachua Central District Consultant Scholarship - \$500

OUR GARDEN

