

REMINDER

If you are joining us for IN-PERSON Worship Celebration
We will conduct service across the street at the
Saint Stephen Child Care & Learning Center
while renovations are taking place at the Church.

Saint Stephen AME Church

ADVENT *Worship Celebration*

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 18, 2022 | 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent



CLICK ONE OF THE LINKS BELOW TO JOIN THE SERVICE!

Website: ststephenamejax.com

FaceBook: [@ststephename](https://www.facebook.com/ststephename)

OR

CONFERENCE CALL 605-313-4185, Access Code 369246#

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK | UPCOMING EVENTS



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022

Brother Larry Walter: God has purposed, God has planned;

Sister Donna Walter: God's prophets have spoken and now fulfillment is at hand!

Brother Walter: Today, we gather for the fourth Sunday of Advent

Sister Walter: Advent the season of expectation, the season of anticipation, the season of restoration!

Brother Walter: For God has purposed that humanity shall have a redeemer sent into the world as atonement for our sin of waywardness.

Sister Walter: A reading from the Disciple Luke: "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David." (Luke 2:1,3-4)

Brother Walter: Today we remember Joseph, the worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family. Joseph, whose burden of poverty served as an oxygen-free environment, attempting to suck the air out of his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he holds ever on to the one to whom he belongs.

People:

Today we give thanks for the Josephs' among us, those migrating far from home when there is no choice, those fiercely devoted to the ones they love, those unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the 'kingdom' of God.

Sister Walter: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty and the *peace* with which that location brings!

Brother and Sister Walter: Let Us Pray!

Brother and Sister Walter lead the People in Unison:

May the peace of God keep you in the troubling times, emboldening you when all else is bleak, and refresh you from the weariness with which the weight of the world attempts to saddle you! May the Peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, be with you henceforth and forevermore! In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

(Light two purple candles, the rose candle and the last purple candle)

Brother and Sister Walter: Let Us Sing!!

Silent Night

*Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace*

Order of Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022 | 10:00 AM

THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP

THE CELEBRATION OF ADVENT

THE DOXOLOGY

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always.
Again, I say "rejoice!"
We come to worship and rejoice!
Let your gladness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near!
We come to worship and rejoice the One who is with us!

The OPENING SONG

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

*(Refrain) Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born*

*While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a Holy light*

*The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth*

*Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And brought us all salvation
That blessed Christmas morn*

THE PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God ² the gospel He promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures

³ regarding His Son, who as to His earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by His resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

⁵ Through Him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for His name's sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. ⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be His holy people: Grace and

peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord to the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

THE SERMON

Reverend Dr. David W. Green, Sr.

“Experiencing Love In this Advent Season” - Matthew 1:18-25

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION

4 WAYS TO GIVE



DROP OFF | WEBSITE | TEXT | CASH APP

at Church or US Mail ststephenamejax.com 'GIVE ONLINE' Text 'ststephengive' to 28748 Cash App Saint Stephen AME Jax 84828748

PARRISH CONCERNS | ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contact Us:

Email: ststephen913@aol.com

Phone: 904-358-2399

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday | Wednesday | Friday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

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ON-LINE AT OUR WEBSITE



CASH APP



SACRIFICIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

As we continue in this season of Advent, let us not forget the real reason for the season - **JESUS**. Jesus came to be the ultimate sacrifice for us, now let us make a sacrifice for Him as we continue the upbuilding of His Kingdom. We ask that you give your **Annual Christmas Offering** of **\$60.00** by December 31st. *May God continue to smile on you and bless you beyond measure!*



Prayer Changes Things

We all have difficult circumstances and situations that arise in our lives from time to time. And every now and then we need a little “extra” help in dealing with those issues. There is comfort in knowing that others are praying with and for us for victory in our life.

Family of our Member
Brother Jackie Priester
who transitioned last week
Service: Tomorrow in Silver Spring, MD

Brother Lance and Sister Sylvia Ebron
Passing of ther Godfather/Friend
Mr. Roger L. Clark
Funeralized yesterday

Sister Carmen West
Passing of her Nephew in Philadelphia
Mr. James Jones, Jr.
Funeralized yesterday

Brother Napoleon Allen
Recuperating at home

Sister Venus Ross
Surgery this week

Sister Claudette Gilbert
Sister Marion Miller
Brother Alphonso Hodges

Sister Margie Witherspoon
Sister Zenobia Williams
Sister Devena Neloms
Sister Barbara Bacon
Sister Sarah Tatum
Sister Flossie Felton
Sister Jennifer Faye Wright
Sister Mary Ravnell
Brother Mel Walker

Mrs. Shirley Outler Kemp, Miami, FL
Sister of Sister Charlie Lawton

Brother Leon Morley
Former Member

Brother Johnathan Prime
Brother of Sister Jackie Thompson

Sister Lynne Cephus
Sister of Lady Kimberly Green

Roland and Connie Atkins, Eastern, MD
~ Family of Sister Carmen West ~

Prayers for Comfort, Healing and Peace for the Victims, Families and all who are affected by natural disasters and the continued violence.

*Continued Prayers for the victims of Covid-19
and over 1,000,000 (US) bereaved Families who have lost loved ones.*

Welcome

Welcome Angel Tree Families!

We are blessed to have you with us this morning!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, December 18th, Following Worship Service
IN-PERSON TOWN HALL MEETING

Monday, December 19th, 6:00 pm
STEWARDS BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 20th, 7:00 pm
TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 21st, 6:00 PM
CLASS LEADERS MEETING



Happy 98th Birthday

Reverend Willie J. Outler

December 17th

With Love, From Your Daughter
Sister Beverly Outler

VISION 20/20

It's Time to Move Up!!

We are thankful for the dedicated and faithful members of Saint Stephen AME Church, who continued to give generously towards this effort. We also greatly appreciate those who have made a Monthly Commitment to give for the next year as we move forward:

Pastor David Green, Sr.
Lady Kimberly Green
Charlene Taylor Hill

Bishop Samuel Green
Elijah Griffin
Erica Harvey

Matthew McClain
Rev. Patricia McGeathay
Carolyn McIntosh

James Crawford
Dr. Ronald Stephens
Hazel Agee
Gloria Arline
Darryl Atkins
Quincy Axson
George Baker
Judith Baker-McKeithan
Mary Barney-Kirkland
Mary Blake-Holley
Juliann Blackmon
Stacie Brown
Carrie Bryant
Kwame Chambers
Joann Christian
Patricia Conway
Rev. Moses Crocker
Sandra Crocker
Susie Davis
Carolyn Day
Charles Demps
Elizabeth Demps
Joritta Dotson
Jolita Durden
Russell Earl
Gwen Earl
Sylvia Ebron
Michael Finley
Kathy Payne Foreman
Mary Gardner-Brown
Ronald Gardner
Yulanda Glenn
Doris Glover
Dr. Nathaniel Glover
Rev. David Green, Jr.

Jimmy Henderson
Juanita Henderson
Marie Hightower
Harriette Holland
Thelma Howard
Judy Hubbard
Carolyn Jackson
Donna Jackson
Carole Jenkins
Fredrick Jenkins
Larry Jones
Mattie Jones
Myschelle Jones
Mildred Lambert
Euzella Lawrence
Henry Lawrence
Mazie Lawrence
Reginald Lawrence, Sr.
Bethany Lawton
Vanita Lawton
Marco Leathers
Taige Leathers
Linda Mack
Reverend Amy Mainor
Edith Mainor
Paula Maple
LuCretia McBride
Leola McCants
Ariel McClain
Darrell Hampton-McClain
Deneen McClain
Geneva McClain
Jaylon McClain-Sapp
Jeannetta McClain
Johnnetta McClain
Joshua McClain-Sapp

Janice McIntosh
Carole Boyd Mitchell
Stephanie Neloms
Terri Newberry
Cheryl Oglesby
Donna Okeafor
Charlean Outler-Lawton
Katura Owens
Patricia Owens
Cheryl Parker
Velma Pearson
Jackie Prime-Thompson
Robert Ray
Sonya Ray
William Roberson
Rev. Donald Rocker
Seyburn Rocker
Ola Rutledge-Cargile
Selma Rutledge
Velma Rutledge-Ross
Rosa Salter
Crystal Sapp
Rose Simfukwe
Herman Stewart
Isabelle Tarver
Donna Thomas
Patricia Timmons
Claudia Tremble
Christian Turner
Carmen West
Zenobia Williams
Margie Witherspoon
Davis Wright
Le'mmon Wright
Patricia Wright

If you have not yet made your pledge, it is not too late to do so. In-person, ask the Usher for a Commitment Card and submit it today, or click the [Image below](#) to access the Commitment Card and return it to the church as soon as possible.

Saint Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church
JACKSONVILLE | FLORIDA



VISION 20/20

Phase One

SAINT STEPHEN AME CHURCH

Come Home for Christmas

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
(In-Person and Virtual)

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 25, 2022
10:00 am

BISHOP
ROBERT V. WEBSTER
Preaching

SAINT STEPHEN A.M.E. CHURCH

New Year's Eve

WATCHNIGHT CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 31, 2022
11:00 pm

Virtual Worship
ONLY



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[@ststephename](https://www.facebook.com/ststephename)
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BLACK HERITAGE WEEKEND 2023 All Events Are Back!!

Black Heritage Weekend 2023 registration is open until **January 3, 2023**, 11:59 pm. The event will be held on **February 17-19** on the EWU Campus. REGISTER NOW at the link below! See Sister Le'mmon Wright for details.

<http://bhwwregistration.com/Home/ReturningUser>

BIBLE DISCOVERY HOUR BIBLE STUDY NIGHT



**IS ON HIATUS UNTIL
JANUARY 10th**

KEEP UP WITH THE LESSONS

CHURCH SCHOOL BOOKS FOR THE WINTER QUARTER MAY BE PICKED UP FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY OR FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE THIS WEEK.

WEDNESDAY @ 6:00 am

Unity Prayer
CONFERENCE
CALL



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Virtual 
LINE DANCE CLASS

With Instructor
Michael Albertie

Thursday @ 6:00 pm

Join Us on *Zoom!*

Meeting ID: 838 6344 7478
Passcode: 011108

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

Radio Broadcast

Every Thursday | 5:00-5:15pm
Every Friday | 5:45-6:00pm



Sermons of
Reverend Dr. David W. Green, Sr.

WCGL - 1360 AM

Friday Conference Call
SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Every Friday

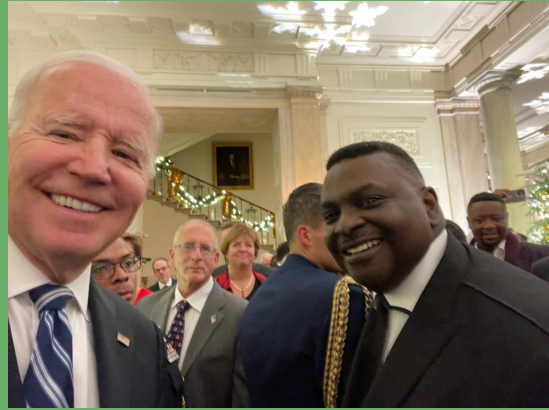
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Pastor Green Attends White House Christmas Party!



Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future. NIV



2023 EEDLO VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Friday, January 6,
and **Saturday,**
January 7, 2023
via ZOOM

MOVING TO THE NEXT LEVEL



Friday #GIRLDAD Worship Experience Speakers

Rev. Mark L. Griffin
&
Rev. Crystal Griffin

Pastor and Daughter of Wayman
Temple A.M.E Church, Jacksonville,
Florida

Weekend Schedule

- **Friday, January 6,** 2 p.m. EST, Business/Learning Lab
- **Friday, January 6,** 6:45 p.m. EST, Worship Experience
- **Saturday, January 7,** 8:30 a.m. EST, Officer Reports/Learning Lab

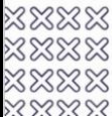
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Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization



SCHOOL SHOWCASE **SATURDAY**

All our schools will be open for family visits! Principals and staff will be on hand to answer questions, so you can select the best school for your child for the next school year.



JANUARY 7, 2023

SCHOOL TOUR TIMES:

9 A.M., 10:30 A.M.
12 P.M., 1:30 P.M.

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GET MORE INFORMATION:

Traditional Comprehensive Schools
Magnet Schools
Special Transfer Schools

Explore Schools Online: Go to
www.duvalschools.org/showcase

ENROLLMENT:

Enrollment Applications for
Magnet and Special Transfer
Schools are available January 1
through February 28, 2023.

Go to www.duvalschools.org/enroll



HEALTH NOTES from the NURSING GUILD

RECAP OF COVID-19

This is especially not a time to let your guard down regarding Covid-19. It is still around. Gatherings and traveling have increased along with contact with more people in closed spaces. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PROTECT YOURSELF. If you feel sick (even light symptoms) and have a fever, see your Doctor asap or take a Covid-19 home test. Remember that our seniors are most vulnerable and our

children catch colds from visiting other's homes and swimming.

Please, as much as possible, continue to abide by the Covid Protocol:

1. Wash your hands often, for 20 seconds
2. Properly wear your mask.
3. Observe social distancing of 3 feet and avoid large gatherings
4. Sanitize your hands, especially entering and exiting buildings and touching door handles.

Six **THINGS TO REMEMBER** *In-Person Worship Service*

1 **FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES**

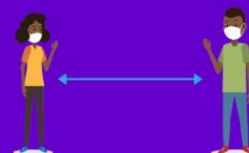


2 **TEMPERATURE CHECKS PRIOR TO ENTERING SANCTUARY**

3 **WHEN ENTERING, EXITING AND BEING SEATED, PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIVES OF THE USHERS**

4 **NO CROSSING OVER OTHERS WHEN BEING SEATED**

5 **SOCIAL DISTANCING TO BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES**



6 **LIMIT PERSONAL ITEMS BROUGHT INTO SANCTUARY (Purses, Bibles, etc.)**

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