

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
Come Home for Christmas
WORSHIP CELEBRATION
(In-Person and Virtual)
SUNDAY | DECEMBER 25, 2022 | 10:00 am

CLICK ONE OF THE LINKS BELOW TO JOIN THE SERVICE!

Website: ststephenamejax.com

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OR

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

**THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS | ORDER OF WORSHIP
WAYS TO GIVE | ANNOUNCEMENTS
WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK | UPCOMING EVENTS**

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS
December 25, 2022

Pastor David Green: God has purposed, God
has planned;



Lady Kimberly Green: God's prophets have spoken and now fulfillment is at hand!

Pastor Green: Today is Christmas. Today, we light the three purple candles and the pink candle. We also light the center white candle.

Sister Green: The first Sunday, we lit the candle of hope. The second Sunday, we lit the candle of love. The third Sunday, we lit the candle of joy. The fourth Sunday, we lit the candle of peace. Today, we also light the center candle. This candle represents Jesus. When we light this candle, we remember Jesus' birth. Our waiting has ended.

Pastor Green: When we look at the center candle, we remember that God sent Jesus to give hope, peace, joy, and love to all people.

Sister Green: Outside of Bethlehem, the shepherds saw a great light and heard the voices of angels. They traveled to the manger and saw the baby Jesus.

Pastor Green: Far away from Bethlehem, wise men saw a star in the sky. They followed the star and were filled with joy when they found Jesus. They remind us that the gift of Jesus was not just for the people in one place, but for all people.

Pastor and Sister Green: Let Us Pray! Pastor and Sister Green lead the People in Unison:

Dear God: Thank you for your son, Jesus.

**Thank you, God, for sending Jesus for ALL people,
not just those in one place at one time.**

**On this Christmas Day, help us remember and rejoice again
because Jesus was born. May we live every day remembering
your love and care and showing that love and care to others.**

AMEN

Order of Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 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

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given,
and the government shall be upon His shoulders,
And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,
the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

The OPENING SONG

"Joy To the World"

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns; Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy Here we go*

*He rules the world, with truth and grace; And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love!*

THE PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

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

The Right Reverend Robert V. Webster
110th Bishop of the AME Church, Retired

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION

4 WAYS TO GIVE



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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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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.

Sister Venus Ross
Recuperating at home

Sister Mary Ravnell
Brother Mel Walker

Brother Napoleon Allen
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

Mr. Corey Means
Cousin of Sylvia and Lance Ebron

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

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.

Thank You

Heartfelt Appreciation is extended to Pastor and Mrs. Green, the Ministerial Staff and the entire Saint Stephen Family! Thank you so much for taking the time to reach out to me during this Holiday Season. Your visit meant so much; more than you'll ever know! The blessing of the prayers, songs and love you shared is still resonating in my soul. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep each of you.

Brother Charles Brown



BLESSED WISHES
to

Jordan and Nikeisha
WALTER

who Celebrated their Marriage
November 12, 2022 in
Runaway Bay, Jamaica

From Our Family... to Yours



It is our prayer that you experience a
Blessed Holiday Season
and a
Joyous and Prosperous New Year

The Green Family

Reverend Dr. David W. Green, Sr.
Lady Kimberly C. Green
Reverend David W. Green, Jr.

Communion Elements



PICK - UP



FRIDAY ONLY

12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM

AT THE CHURCH

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)

ststephenamejax.com

2023 New Year's

WORSHIP & COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 1, 2023
10:00 am

IN-PERSON and
VIRTUAL WORSHIP



Sunday, January 8, 2023, Following Worship Service
TRUSTEE BOARD ELECTION

Wednesday, January 11th, 6:00 pm
CHURCH CONFERENCE and ORGANIZATION (In-Person)

Wednesday, January 18th, 6:30 pm
FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE (In-Person)

21-DAY DANIEL FAST
Sunday, 01/08/23 - Sunday, 01/29/23

Bible Discovery/Bible Study Hour
Resumes Tuesday, 01/10/2023 at 6:00pm (Zoom)

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.	Elijah Griffin	Rev. Patricia McGeathey
Lady Kimberly Green	Erica Harvey	Carolyn McIntosh
Charlene Taylor Hill	Jimmy Henderson	Janice McIntosh
James Crawford	Juanita Henderson	Carole Boyd Mitchell
Dr. Ronald Stephens	Marie Hightower	Stephanie Neloms
Hazel Agee	Harriette Holland	Terri Newberry
Gloria Arline	Thelma Howard	Cheryl Oglesby
Darryl Atkins	Judy Hubbard	Donna Okeafor
Quincy Axson	Carolyn Jackson	Charlean Outler-Lawton
George Baker	Donna Jackson	Katura Owens
Judith Baker-McKeithan	Carole Jenkins	Patricia Owens
Mary Barney-Kirkland	Fredrick Jenkins	Cheryl Parker
Mary Blake-Holley	Larry Jones	Velma Pearson
Juliann Blackmon	Mattie Jones	Jackie Prime-Thompson
Stacie Brown	Myschelle Jones	Robert Ray
Carrie Bryant	Mildred Lambert	Sonya Ray
Kwame Chambers	Euzella Lawrence	William Roberson
Joann Christian	Henry Lawrence	Rev. Donald Rocker
Patricia Conway	Mazie Lawrence	Seyburn Rocker
Rev. Moses Crocker	Reginald Lawrence, Sr.	Ola Rutledge-Cargile
Sandra Crocker	PE Lorenzo Laws	Selma Rutledge
Susie Davis	Bethany Lawton	Velma Rutledge-Ross
Carolyn Day	Vanita Lawton	Rosa Salter
Charles Demps	Marco Leathers	Crystal Sapp
Elizabeth Demps	Taige Leathers	Kenneth Scott
Joritta Dotson	Linda Mack	Rose Simfukwe
Jolita Durden	Reverend Amy Mainor	Herman Stewart
Russell Earl	Edith Mainor	Isabelle Tarver
Gwen Earl	Paula Maple	Donna Thomas
Sylvia Ebron	LuCretia McBride	Patricia Timmons
Michael Finley	Leola McCants	Claudia Tremble
Kathy Payne Foreman	Ariel McClain	Christian Turner
Mary Gardner-Brown	Darrell Hampton-McClain	Bishop Robert Webster
Ronald Gardner	Deneen McClain	Carmen West
Yulanda Glenn	Geneva McClain	Zenobia Williams
Doris Glover	Jaylon McClain-Sapp	Margie Witherspoon
Dr. Nathaniel Glover	Jeannetta McClain	Davis Wright
Rev. David Green, Jr.	Johnnetta McClain	Le'mmon Wright
Bishop Samuel Green	Joshua McClain-Sapp	Patricia Wright
	Matthew McClain	

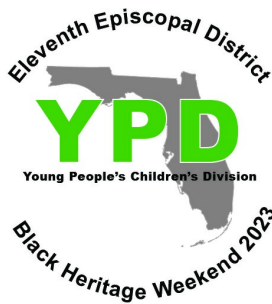
If you have not yet made your pledge, it is not too late to do so. In-person, ask the Usher for a Commitment Card and submit it today, or click the Image below to access the Commitment Card and return it to the church as soon as possible.

Saint Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church
JACKSONVILLE | FLORIDA



VISION 20/20

Phase One



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.

LINE DANCING CLASS
is on Hiatus for the Holidays

WEDNESDAY @ 6:00 am

Unity Prayer
**CONFERENCE
CALL**



605-313-4185

Access Code: 369246#

We will resume classes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

6:00 PM on Zoom

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

11am - 12noon



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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

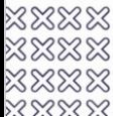
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Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization



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**

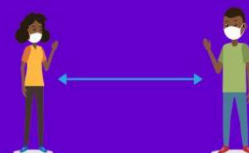


2 **TEMPERATURE CHECKS PRIOR TO ENTERING SANCTUARY**

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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