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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### Dear Flipper Family:

We thank God for the second month of this calendar year. We had a wonderful Stewardship Month. The testimonies were awesome and I had a blessed time delivering the messages for the month. We started African American History month with a challenging message by Bishop Reginald T. Jackson challenging us to "Pass down our Faith". We anticipate a marvelous move of God as we celebrate our heritage. Special thanks to Dr. Lena Harris and Brother Jesse Berger for leading our heritage month efforts.

I am excited about what God has in store for us during the month of March. Sister Cassandra Barber has agreed to join me in the planning of our "Evangelism Month" in March. She is inviting several members to join her in this vital endeavor. I was asked by the director of the Department of Church Growth and Evangelism to attend this year's Church Growth and Evangelism Conference for the AME Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. Eason and I were challenged as a result of this meeting to invite you to join us in the important vital work of Evangelism. Church growth is not an option; it is a must for our church. The average age of members of the AME Church is the late 60's and the average age of African American Community is the early 30's. We have a mandate to carry out the "Great Commission" but our neglect has led to the great "omission". The word says "the harvest is truly plentiful, but the labors are few". Many members of our church have never shared their faith with others. The challenge for us as the word says in II Timothy 4:5 we must "do the work of an evangelist".

What is it that we hope to accomplish during Evangelism Month?

Pray for family members and friends who do not have a relationship with the Lord.

Practice sharing our faith.

Learn to pray the prayer of salvation so we can lead others to a saving knowing of Jesus Christ.

Fulfill the "Great Commission" as a congregation.

I am excited about the possibilities. Join us in this vital area of ministry.

Men's Day will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in March. We are praying for a powerful time in the Lord as we celebrate the Lord and edify the men of God in our midst.

Remember we worship with other AUC churches on Ash Wednesday which takes place on March 6, 2019. This year we are scheduled to worship at West Mitchell CME Church. This is a collaborative fellowship between Flipper Temple, Friendship Baptist, Central UMC, and West Mitchell CME Church. Let start the Lenten season in worship.

Praying for your Joy, Peace, Hope and Love With Love,

Rev. Dr. Gregory Vaughn Eason, Sr.

#### Senior Bishop McKinley Young, 109th Bishop of the AME Church >>>>

Bishop McKinley Young, the Senior Bishop and the 109th Elected and Consecrated Bishop made his transition to the Church Triumphant on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. We celebrate this great man of God and all he has done for our Zion. Rest on Warrior of God. The fight to save souls continues. Rest now in the arms of the One who loves you best. Below is a biography taken from The Christian Recorder, John Thomas, editor.

Senior Bishop McKinley Young was born in Atlanta, Georgia, a son of the Parsonage and a product of the Public Schools of Atlanta. He received degrees from Morris Brown College, At-



lanta; Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, MA; and the University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, II. He holds honorary Doctorates from six institutions of Higher Education. Bishop Young pastored churches in the 1st, 4th, and 6th Episcopal Districts being elected the 109th Bishop from Big Bethel AME Church in Atlanta in 1992.

Bishop Young's first Episcopal assignment was to the 15th District where he led in the Centennial Celebration of African Methodism in Southern Africa. Bishop Young has provided leadership in the Ecumenical Community for over 40 years. From 1996-2000 Bishop Young served as the Ecumenical and Urban Affairs Officer for the AME Church. He served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, the Executive Committee of the National Council of Churches, USA, the World Methodist Council, the Pan-Methodist Commission, the Consultation on Church Union and the Conference of National Black Churches. Serving in the 10th District from 200-2004, Bishop Young led the church in stabilizing Paul Quinn College which was fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). He served in the 11th District from 2004-2012 where Edward Waters College's accreditation was sustained after taking SACS to Federal Court. Two million dollars was raised by the District to secure EWC's fiscal solvency. Subsequently, the EWC Foundation was established. He focused on Christian Education, Ministerial Education, Continuing Education for Lay and Clergy and strengthening the component ministries of the District. He initiated a comprehensive voter education, registration, and mobilization which included a Day at the Capitol. Under Bishop Young's administration, the Eleventh District acquired through purchase the AME first property in Freeport, Grand Bahamas.

In 2008, Bishop McKinley Young was assigned to the Third Episcopal District which embraces churches throughout the states of Ohio, West Virginia, and Western Pennsylvania. He also served as Chancellor of Wilberforce University and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for Payne Theological Seminary. At the 50th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Bishop McKinley Young was elevated to the office of Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and reassigned to the Third Episcopal District for a second Quadrennium.

Bishop Young was involved with AME/SADA for over 20 years and served as the Chair of the Board. He served as the President of the Council of Bishops and the General Board. He chaired the Commissions on Women In Ministry, Global Witness and Ministry, Annuity Investments and Insurance, and the Commission on Church Growth and Development.

Bishop Young was married to Dorothy Jackson Young and the father of; Karyn (Ron) Young-Lowe, Deana (Julius) McAllister, Andrea (Roderick) Jones and Stephanie Lynn Young. Bishop and Mrs. Young are the grandparents of Jennifer Renee and Jessica Christina Lowe, Julius III, Colin and Dylan McAllister, Peyton, Noah, and Miles Jones.

#### Watch Night >>>>

Monday, December 31, 2018. Watch Night Service was held at 10:30pm. I have to admit this editor was a little anxious going into a brand new year not knowing what this New Year will bring. The previous year had many challenges, some obstacles, and even quite a few victories; but when I think of how anxious the slaves where as they waited for the news of their pending freedom, I rest in knowing that the best is yet to come.

Church on that Monday evening was filled with Music, Testimonies, and a meaningful Sermon by our Pastor. A delicious celebratory breakfast was prepared by our Culinary Ministry and great fellowship took place. How radiant a feeling to hear expressions of Happy New Year with beaming smiles and glowing spirits. Everyone seemed filled with great hopefulness for new grace, new mercy, new favor and unexpected blessings. Even though the first month of the New Year has passed, we continually pray your victory, answered prayers, and God's love rest on you always. Continue to believe and always accept what God allows.

#### Bishop Reginald T. Jackson Annual Visit to Flipper Temple >>>

First Sunday in February annually is a special Sunday. It is our own Founder's Day. The Presiding Prelate of the Sixth District comes and shares in Worship with us and leaves us with and inspirational and encouraging word. Sunday, February 3, 2019 Bishop Reginald T. Jackson did just that. We welcomed Regina and Seth Jackson, along with their cousin Chris and other guests of the Bishop. Even though most people were excited about the Super bowl later on that evening, the Flipper Temple family was super excited about praising a Super Savior. Bishop Jackson's Super Sunday message was "Passing Down our Faith", Deuteronomy 6:6-11. We are grateful for a Bishop who cares enough to come and see about us, and makes time to fellowship and hear our concerns. Our Church is a second home for him from his time here in Atlanta at Turner Seminary on the ITC Campus. . We appreciate his kindred spirit towards us and will always cherish the bond that binds us together.



#### Sixth Episcopal District Founder's Day Celebration >>>>

All roads lead to Savannah the weekend of February 7-9. A grand celebration has been planned for those who attend all Founder's Day events. The theme for this celebration is "Our Incredible Future". How appropriate as we declare a rich and wonderful legacy as we move forward to greater heights in Ministry. Most events for Founder's Day will take place at St. Philip AME Church located on Martin Luther King Boulevard in the heart of the city. Meetings will be held with the different auxiliaries and Ministry Streams. Worship Services have been planned and workshops will take place to help leaders continue our relevance in today's society. A prayer breakfast has been planned for one of the final events for the weekend. The big finale will be a Founder's Day Community block Party. We pray travel mercies for all who will make the trip and that you will be safe while there and on your way back home. This is an annual event and each year it appears to get better. It's always good to celebrate from whence we came as we strive to make the journey a little easier for those who come behind us. The Sixth Episcopal District AME Church has a great history. We commemorate, we celebrate, and we forge ahead.



#### Turner Theological Seminary 125th Founder's Observance >>>>

Turner Theological Seminary has been a staple in the African Methodist Episcopal denomination.

Great Ministers, Preachers, and Pastors have matriculated through this great institution and sat at the feet of Scholars and Theologians alike. The theme for this years' observance was "Reclaiming an Afro-Centric Approach to a Theology of Liberation and Social Justice". Many planned activities during the February 4-6 time frame included the Alumni Hall of Fame Awards Induction Program, panel discussions, and Worship Services; some of which were held here at Flipper Temple AME Church. Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. the 115th elected and consecrated Prelate of the Eleventh Episcopal District blessed us with a mighty word using the theme for this year as his Sermon Topic on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. A host of Bishops who are also Alums of Turner were in attendance. Rev. Gregory V. Eason, Sr, First Lady Linda Eason and the members are elated to have been given the opportunity to serve this great Institution, its Leadership and Alumni. We count it all joy and are always available to this Connectional Church, its Institutions of Higher Learning, its Clergy and Episcopal Leaders.

# The JM Grier Male Chorus Tribute to Leamond Waters Written by Brother Tyrone Hall

On January 26, the men of the James M. Grier Male Chorus recognized and honored Bro. Leamond Waters for his many years of leadership, service and dedication to the Male Chorus by fellowshipping with him and his wife, Cynthia Waters, at one of Leamond's favorite restaurants, Golden Corral. In addition to the majority of the Male Chorus being in attendance, Leamond's family and friends were present along with a few surprise Flipper Temple members. After indulging in a wonderful meal, the men of the Male Chorus each gave their personal testimonies and accolades to Leamond and let him know what a blessing he has been to the Male Chorus for over 25 years. The men presented Leamond with thank you cards with monetary tokens of appreciation to reflect how much his leadership, communication, words of encouragement and overall love of God, his family, his church and the Male Chorus has meant to the men. Leamond was very appreciative and shared his gratitude. Leamond also let the Male Chorus know how he has enjoyed being a part of the Male Chorus over the years. He acknowledged the strong bond he and Cynthia have which has allowed them both to be an inspiration to others.



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# ASALH ANNOUNCES 2019 BLACK HISTORY THEME: BLACK MIGRATIONS

ASALH's 2019 theme Black Migrations emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities. While inclusive of earlier centuries, this theme focuses especially on the twentieth century through today. Beginning in the early decades of the twentieth century, African American migration patterns included relocation from southern farms to southern cities; from the South to the Northeast, Midwest, and West; from the Caribbean to US cities as well as to migrant labor farms; and the emigration of noted African Americans to Africa and to European cities, such as Paris and London, after the end of World War I and World War II. Such migrations resulted in a more diverse and stratified interracial and intra-racial urban population amid a changing social milieu, such as the rise of the Garvey movement in New York, Detroit, and New Orleans; the



emergence of both black industrial workers and black entrepreneurs; the growing number and variety of urban churches and new religions; new music forms like ragtime, blues, and jazz; white backlash as in the Red Summer of 1919; the blossoming of visual and literary arts, as in New York, Washington, D.C., Chicago, and Paris in the 1910s and 1920s. The theme Black Migrations equally lends itself to the exploration of the century's later decades from spatial and social perspectives, with attention to "new" African Americans because of the burgeoning African and Caribbean population in the US; Northern African Americans' return to the South; racial suburbanization; inner-city hyperghettoization; health and environment; civil rights and protest activism; electoral politics; mass incarceration; and dynamic cultural production.

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#### Membership Contact Information Form 2019

Please be certain to complete this form as you are able and return to the Ushers or directly to the Church Office. You may call the Church Office to secure a form or return the form digitally. We need this information to disseminate important information to members. You may also see the Ushers or your Class Leader for access to this form. We need all completed forms returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

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DO YOU RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES? YES	NO
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ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? YES	NO
SKILLS, TALENTS, AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS:	
BIBLE STUDY OR SMALL GROUP TOPICS OF INTEREST:	



# Free pet vaccination clinic

All are welcome to bring their dogs or cats to this free vaccination clinic brought to you by the Atlanta Humane Society. Please note that all dogs must be leashed and cats must be kept in carriers. We will only be able to provide services to the first 100 pets so please arrive early!

#### We are offering the following free veterinary services at this clinic:

Canine distemper/parvo, bordetella and rabies vaccine, heartworm test, microchip Feline distemper and rabies vaccine, FELV/FIV test, microchip

**Flipper Temple AME Church** 580 Atlanta Student Movement Blvd 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Atlanta, GA 30314

February 16, 2019





SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019 FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION **BISHOP REGINALD JACKSON,** PREACHING **10:30AM SANCTUARY** 

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019

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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019 COLLEGE DAY **10:30AM SANCTUARY** 

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 HERITAGE SUNDAY/AFRO-**CENTRIC ATTIRE** 10:30AM

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 OFFICIAL BOARD** 6:30PM CHAPEL



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