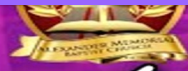


# Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Church

514 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street—Quincy, FL



## CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

*A Celebration of God's Goodness*

**"THE LORD HAS BEEN WITH US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY."**



REVEREND STEPHEN O. ANDREWS  
GUEST PREACHER  
Pastor, Empact Church, Bonifay, FL  
& New Galilee MBC, Marianna, FL

So do not fear,  
for I am with  
you; do not be  
dismayed, for I  
am your God. I  
will strengthen  
you and help  
you; I will  
uphold you  
with  
my righteous  
right hand.  
Isaiah 41:10  
(NIV)



REVEREND JESSICA FORD  
Pastor  
Saint James AME Church  
Quincy, FL

*July 20, 2025 3 PM*

THE RIGHT REVEREND MARVIN CLYDE ZANDERS, PRESIDING PRELATE  
MRS. WINIFRED H. ZANDERS, EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR  
REV. DR. TAN C. MOSS, PRESIDING ELDER, MARIANNA DISTRICT  
SISTER BRENDA H. MOSS, DISTRICT CONSULTANT  
REV. JESSICA FORD, PASTOR

# *A Word from the Pastor and First Gentleman*

***“And on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16: 18b)***



We greet you, my brothers, and sisters, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Today, we are celebrating 113 years of existence! The Lord our God has indeed blessed us with another year of service. Since 1912, this church has been advancing the kingdom of God. Through trials and tribulations, the church has persevered. Through the faith of our ancestors this church has stood the test of time. It has been a positive impact in the Quincy community and for this we give God all the praise.

We welcome you to our celebration! Thank you for your presence today and for your continued support over the years. Words cannot express our gratitude for all that you have done. We extend a special welcome to all clergy and invited guests. We cannot thank you enough for taking time out of your day to join us in giving God Glory for keeping us.

Brother Ford and I would like to thank Sister Maggie Brown and the entire committee for making our Church Anniversary such a grand occasion. Thank you to Saint James A.M.E. Church and the Community for all your spiritual and financial support that helped make our Church Anniversary a remarkable success. Remember to do what you can, for whomever you can while you can.

Blessings,

*Rev. Jessica Ford, Pastor*  
*Bro. Larry Ford, First Gentleman*

# *113<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Order of Service*

**Prophetess Mimi Ellis, Worship Leader**

*Mt. Calvary PBC, Quincy, FL*

*The “Great” Processional ..... (Choir, Clergy, Worship Participants, Class Leaders & Members)*

*Sister Ella Carol Weaver & Brother Antwon Wright, Commentators, St. James AMEC*

The Doxology ..... Hymn #647 ..... All

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Call to Worship..... Rev. Douglas Harris

*Pastor, Midway Unity Fellowship, Midway, FL*

**Leader:** “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name!”

**People:** Worship the LORD in the beauty of His holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

**Leader:** Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together!”

**People:** “Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You and praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things!

**Leader:** Sing to the LORD, for He has done glorious things. Let this be known in all the earth!

**People:** “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being!”

**Leader:** Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.!

**People:** “Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You and praise Your name, for in perfect faithfulness You have done wonderful things!

**Leader:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods for his steadfast love endures forever!

**All:** Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Hallelujah! Amen! Amen! Amen!

The Prayers ..... Sister Sa’Liyah Redding

*Youth, St. James AMEC*

Deacon Bernard Brooks

*Greater Fellowship MBC-Monticello, FL*

The Reading of God’s Word ..... *Isaiah 41:10, 13* ..... Rev. Matthew Bryant, II

*Pastor, Oak Grove AMEC, Chattahoochee, FL*

*<sup>10</sup> Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. <sup>13</sup> For I hold you by your right hand—I, the Lord your God. And I say to you, ‘Don’t be afraid. I am here to help you.’*


## *The Celebration of Song, Dance, & History*

The Praise Song Medley ..... St. Paul Primitive Baptist Church Choir

*Gretna, FL*

The Musical Tribute Honoring Deceased Members ..... Sister Caroline Canty

*St. James AMEC*

The Praise Dance .....	Sisters Mila Bridges, Chasity Redding, Sa'Liyah Redding <i>St. James Praise Dance Team</i>
The Church History Video Presentation .....	Sister Chasity Redding
The Introduction of the Preacher .....	Reverend Jessica Ford <i>Pastor, St. James AMEC</i>
The Sermonic Selection .....	St. Paul Primitive Baptist Church Choir <i>Gretna, FL</i>
The Message .....	Reverend Stephen O. Andrews <i>Pastor, Empact Church, Bonifay, FL &amp; New Galilee MBC, Marianna, FL</i>
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship .....	Retired Presiding Elder Lee E. Plummer <i>St. Phillip AMEC-Monticello, FL</i>
The Stewardship Litany & Offertory Appeal .....	Sister Daryl Johnson & Brother Sterling DuPont
<b>Leader:</b>	The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and those who dwell therein. ( <i>Psalm 24:1</i> )
<b>People:</b>	Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back. ( <i>Luke 6:38</i> )
<b>Leader:</b>	Each of us should give what we have decided to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ( <i>2 Corinthians 9:7</i> )
<b>People:</b>	Therefore, we affirm; let the Lord's people, bring the Lord's money, to the Lord's house on the Lord's Day, and receive the Lord's blessing.
<b>GIVING OPTIONS</b>  <b>CASH APP \$stjamesamequincy</b> Check/Money Order - Payable to St. James AMEC P O Box 1327, Quincy, FL 32353	
The Offering .....	Brother Clarence Tennell & Sister Patricia Tennell <i>First Elizabeth MBC-Quincy, FL</i>
The Offertory Response No. 644 .....	"ALL THINGS COME OF THEE" .....All  <i>All Things Come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen</i>
The Acknowledgement of Guests .....	Sister Jeanette Green & Sister Barbara Hinson <i>Church Anniversary Co-Chairpersons</i>
The Expressions of Appreciation .....	Sister Maggie K. Brown Sister Armoni Wright, Sister A. J. Mulkey & Brother Darien Johnson <i>Church Anniversary Chairperson &amp; Youth Department</i>
The Pastoral Moments .....	Reverend Stephen O. Andrews Reverend Jessica Ford
The Doxology .....	<b>Hymn #647</b> .....Choir & Congregation  <i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>
The Blessing of the Food & Benediction .....	Reverend Stephen O. Andrews

# *Saint James AME Church History*

## **Founder, Early Years**

- In 1912 in the Schroder Hill Community, located in Northwest Gadsden County, of Quincy, Florida, the Reverend Wilma M. Mitchell, called the community together for a Revival Meeting in a tenant house.
- Sixteen persons gave their lives to Christ, were baptized, and became the church's first members.
- Reverend H. E. Daniels, Presiding Elder of the Quincy District A.M.E. Church, encouraged Reverend Mitchell to admit the church to the Florida Conference.
- The name given was Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- The church relocated later to McKowen Quarters on the corner of West Clark and Clay Streets.
- In 1915, a new and larger facility was built on the corner of Brumby and Kent Streets.

## **Pastoral Leadership**

(1912-1960) the Reverends G. B. Williams, J. Hackley, S. D. Cooper, W. H. Torrence, E. Nathan, A. W. Sanders, K. S. DuPont, Willie Jones, F. H. Ashe, A. R. McGlockton; (1960-1968), E. J. Evans (1968-1971), Alexander Sherman, (1971-1973), Willie J. Thomas (1973-1975), Alexander Sherman (1975- 1983), George T. Barkley (1983-1989) A. J. Davis, (1989-1990), Charles E. Cloy (1990-1993), H. R. Griffin (1993-1998), Oliver Simmons (1998-2000), Robert Postell (2000-2002), Lee E. Plummer (2002-2014), Tony O. Hannah (2014-2020), Pierce Ewing (2020), Nikki Giovanni Henry-Clemons (Interim), Rev. Jessica Ford (2020-Current) **Special Note:** K. S. Dupont, F. H. Ashe, G. T. Barkley, H. R. Griffin, and Lee E. Plummer were elevated to the position of Presiding Elder after their tenure at St James.

**Associate Ministers:** Laura Holloway, Nancy Williams, Ora Bridges, Ella Mae Williams, Cynthia Price, Audrey Bowden, V. C. Stephens, Lori Bouie, Vivian Howard, Monica Lightfoot, Ervin Floyd, Carolyn Brooks, Ron Anderson, Gregory Mack, Charles Edwards, Carlos Redding, Kimberly Williams, Nikki Giovanni Henry-Clemons, Bobby Clemons, Sam Scott.

## **Lay Leaders**

- **Designated Bell-Ringer** - Brother Robert "Bob" Range, steward board member, was the designated bell-ringer back in the day. Brother Range came to the church every Sunday morning at 9 AM to ring the bell to signal to the people that it was time to make their way to the church for worship.
- **Steward Board Members: FORMER: Brothers** Willie Pittman, Russell Stephens, Anthony Powell, Charlie Manning, Christine Simmons, Millie Knight, Avonnette Henry, Annette Barnes, Dorothy Jeffery, Joan DuPont, Wanda Thomas, Pauline Powell, Gwendolyn Robinson, Thelma Harris, Angela Canty; **CURRENT: Brothers:** Sterling DuPont, Dexter Lockwood; **Sisters:** Joyce Redding, Maggie Brown, Barbara Hinson, Sonja Bridges, Jeanette Green, Cynthia Holloway, Cadedra Hodge. **STEWARDS EMERITUS:** Sam Love, Jr.



**Trustee Board Members: FORMER: Brothers:** David Peoples, Willie Reeves, Sr., Charlie Moore, Carl Daniels, Rudolph Evans, Joseph Barnes, Anthony Powell, Russell Stephens, Charles Powell, Sr., Jimmie Powell, Walter (Bobby) Forehand architect and builder of the new edifice, Reginald James, Charles McMillian; **Sisters:** Dorothy West, Regina Riles, Ruth Livingston Ellis, Christine Metz, Gwen Robinson, Joyce Redding, Angela Sapp, Maggie Brown, Kim Graham; **CURRENT: Brothers:** Curtis Bridges, Ronte Harris, Jeffery Barnes, **Sisters:** Angela Canty, Jeanette Green.

**Class Leaders: FORMER: Brothers:** Albert Wilson, Sam Love, Sr., Willie Pittman, Hardie Rittman, Willie Reeves, III, Alex Powell, Freddie Peoples, Sr., Oliver Hale, Sr., Jimmy Thomas, Carlos Redding, Samuel Holloway, Quinton Pittman; **Sisters:** Authie Zeigler, Alice Houston, Eva Stephens, Jean Phillips, Roberta Stephens, Grace Hale, Jazie Everett, Christine Simmons, Millie J. Knight, Pearl Madry, Betty Daniels, Dorothy West, Annette Barnes, Lavetra Baker, Caroline Canty, Sylvia Bridges, Shewanda Sanders, Verrester Peoples, Avonnette Henry. **CURRENT: Brothers:** Sam Love, Jr., Anthony Powell, **Sisters:** Angela Canty, Joyce Redding, Pauline Powell, Angela Sapp, Sonja Bridges, Maggie Brown, Daryl Johnson.

**Church Secretaries, Treasurers: FORMER: Brothers:** Oliver Hale, Sr., Boisey Jones, Freddie Peoples, Sr., Sam Love, Jr.; **Sisters:** Thelma Robinson, Mabel Woodard, Jean Phillips, Bridgett Peterson, Daryl Johnson, Ruth Livingston, Joan DuPont, Cynthia Holloway; **CURRENT: BROTHERS:** Dexter Lockwood, **Sisters:** Barbara Hinson, Cadedra Hodge, Jeanette Green.

**Bible Discovery Hour Superintendents & Assistants: FORMER: Brothers:** Boisey Jones, R. O. Butler, Julius Davis, Powell A. Woodberry, Thomas Williams, Jr., Oliver Hale, Jr., Anthony Powell, Vernon Love; **Sister** Joyce Redding; **CURRENT: Brothers:** Sam Love, Jr., Antwon Wright.

**Church School/Bible Discovery Hour Teachers, Facilitators, Secretaries, Presenters: FORMER: Brothers:** Carl Daniels, Luke Holloway, Charles Powell; **Sisters:** Millie Jane Knight, Elmira Range, Lucille Smith, Alice Fields, Roberta Stephens, Jazie Everett, Emma Brown Smith, Ruth Ellis, Gwen Robinson, Vivian Howard, Joan DuPont, Willie Reeves, Pauline Powell; **CURRENT: Brothers:** Sterling DuPont, Sam Love, Jr., Sr., Antwon Wright **Sisters:** Maggie Brown, Angela Sapp, Caroline Canty, Diane Lockwood, Faith Holloway.

**Musicians:** Rosetta Jones Lucas was the church's first musician. She sponsored a fund raiser to purchase the church's first piano. **Other Musicians: FORMER: Brothers:** Ronald Moye, Keith Barkley, Michael Stokes, David Salters, Jeffery Ames, Herbert Knight, Jr., Chad Cooper, Winston Kimble, George Madry; **Sisters:** Mildred Bellamy; Carrie Mae Barrow, Annie Alls, Eddie Lou James, Elouise DuPont, Florence Robinson, Marilyn Nelson, Jacqueline Williams, Brigitte Peterson, Tia Nia, Shirley Johnson, Rosa Fields, Joyce Redding; **CURRENT:** Brother Ronte Harris.

### **Significant Projects, Events, & Ministries**

- The church relocated to McKowen Quarters on the corner of West Clark and Clay Streets.
- In 1915, a new and larger facility was built on the corner of Brumby and Kent Streets.

- The mortgage was burned in 1989 under the pastoral leadership of Rev. G. T. Barkley.
- The parsonage was dedicated on July 22, 1990, A. J. Davis, was the pastor. The Fellowship Hall was built and completed in 1996 under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Henry R. Griffin.
- Roofing projects were accomplished in 2010 and 2022 under the leadership of Rev. Lee E. Plummer and Rev. Jessica Ford.
- Under the leadership of Brother Sterling DuPont, members of the congregation participated in a Virtual Health for Hearts United National Hypertension Control Initiative and received \$100 gift certificates and blood pressure monitors.
- On January 31, 2023 Bishop Frank Madsion Reid, III, visited St. James on his “Victory Tour” of the 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District.
- The National Hook up of Black Women’s Recognition Service for Retired Educators was held at St. James in March 2023.
- Four Sessions of “The Summer Enrichment Program” which were designed to help the Youth boost Math and Reading skills were held in the months of June & July 2023.
- Brother Robbie Cooper, Sisters Chasity Redding, and Aylisa Redding attended the YPD Quadrennial, July 25-28, 2023, Sister Joyce Redding attended the WMS Quadrennial, July 30-August 3, 2023. Both events were held in Orlando, FL.
- A three-night Revival Meeting was held July 19-21, 2023. The Revival theme was “Return to the Lord” based on Hosea 6:1-3. Bishop Adrian D. Abner, Pastor, St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church, Sneads, FL was the Evangelist.
- A Health Fair and Barbecue, held on Saturday, August 19, 2023, were the Kick Off Events for the celebration of the 111<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary. Brother Sterling DuPont was the chairperson for the Health Fair and Brother Ronte Harris and Sister Naomi Bell were the caterers for the Barbecue.
- St. James was the host church for the 158<sup>th</sup> Session of the Florida Annual Conference in September 11-13, 2024 at the host-site, Bethel AMEC-Tallahassee, FL. Rev. Jessica Ford was the preacher for the opening worship service.
- Bishop Marvin Clyde Zanders visited St. James during his 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District “It’s a New Season” Listening Tour on Feb. 6, 2025.
- The Community Noonday Prayer Line is held every Wednesday, via Free Conference Calling.com. Dial in #: 1-480-660-5315; Access Code is 363377.
- Bible Discovery Hour Classes are held in person at the church and on Zoom every Sunday Morning @ 9 AM. Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on Zoom only.
- Gabrielle Powell, DaTavious Allen, Cynthia Holloway, Gwen Robinson, Maggie Brown, Sylvia Redding, Aylisa Redding, Chasity Redding, Sa'liyah Redding, Antwon Wright, Armoni Wright, A J Mulkey, Markeith Mulkey, Jr., and Jayden McNealy were delegates to the Bible Discovery Hour Convention, June 4-6, 2025, at Springfield AMEC, Gretna, FL. DaTavious Allen was chosen to serve as the Bible Discovery Hour Convention Superintendent and Sa'liyah Redding served as one of the Convention Marshals.



# 113th Church Anniversary

## Preacher

### *The Reverend Stephen O. Andrews*

**Pastor Stephen O. Andrews**, is a native to Bonifay, FL, where he resides with his lovely wife, Lady Steffi Andrews, and their three beautiful children: Julius, Tristan, and Nalah.

Pastor Andrews has been preaching since the tender age of 4. He appeared on the famous “Bobby Jones Gospel Show” at the age of 5 in Nashville, Tennessee. He produced his first recording at the age of 7.

Pastor Andrews obtained his AA degree at Chipola College. Also, he has a bachelor’s degree in Global Business & Administration from Troy University.

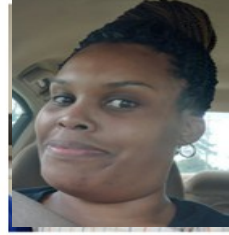
Pastor Andrews is employed with Holmes County School Board, where he is a Physical Education coach at Bonifay K-8 school and head coach for both Holmes County High School and Middle School’s basketball programs.

Pastor Andrews is the senior pastor of Empact Church in Bonifay, FL, and New Galilee MBC in Marianna, FL. He leads Kingdom Momentum Fellowship, which is comprised of a group of progressive pastors from across the states of Florida, Alabama, and Georgia. He serves under his Pastor, Bishop John E. Guns, as an assistant in Kingdom Fellowship International, Inc.

Pastor Stephen O. Andrews is known for his relevant preaching, joyful personality, musical abilities, and authentic love for God and God’s people.









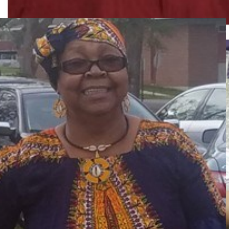
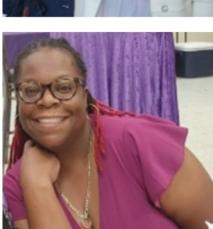
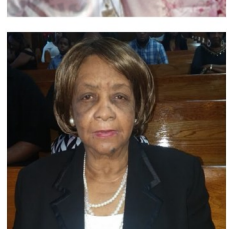
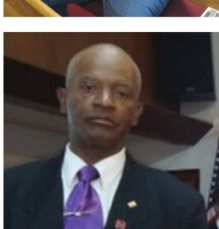
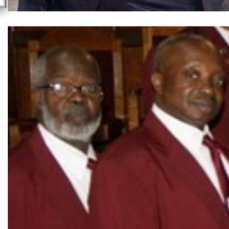
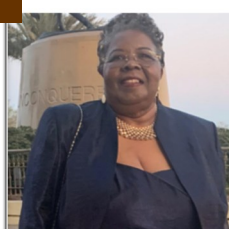
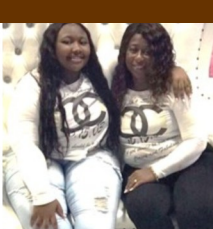
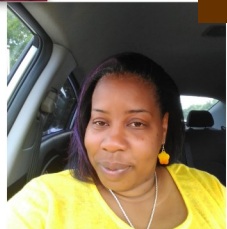
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## Planning Committee

Sister Maggie Brown	Brother Oliver Hale, Jr.	Sister Towanda Jones	Sister Joyce Redding
Brother Sterling DuPont	Sister Barbara Hinson	Sister Melinda Powell	Sister Sylvia Redding
Sister Jeanette Green	Sister Daryl Johnson	Sister Chasity Redding	Sister Angela Sapp

Sister Sonja Bridges, Ad Hoc

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