

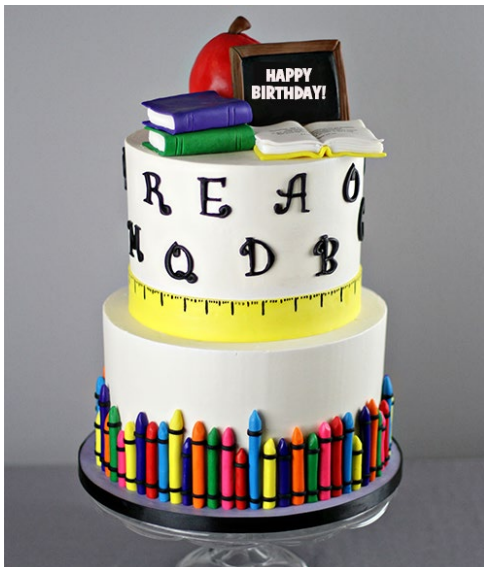


ST. JAMES AME ZION CHURCH | 2023 NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHAT'S NEW

Trustee of the Month
Bro. Kamal Hubbard

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Rev. Dawn Wallace 8/9
Sis. Jean Wilson 8/9
Sis. Nina Clinton 8/10
Sis. Marie Davis 8/13
Sis. Debra Grubbs 8/14
Pastor Marlyn Bussey 8/21
Bro. Terry Manns 8/29

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MISSION

Our mission is to bring people to Christ by taking Christ to people.

VISION

We strive to be a church that is Christ centered, culturally relevant and community focused.

MOTTO

The church is not the building, it's the people. So come and be the church with us.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES



Can you believe that summer is almost over already? June and July have flown by and we are in the second half of 2023!

As we prepare for children to return to school, we are reminded that it is also time for us to roll up our sleeves and get to work! This conference year, we have more work to do because there is more need than ever. As discussed at the recent organizational meeting, the theme for this year is "Living and Loving Like Jesús" based on Matthew 22: 37-39.

Our theme stands on 4 pillars:

Diversify - Many hands makes the work light.

Evangelize - Getting out of the building in order to bring people into the family. We will also establish a prayer board in the sanctuary to place the names of those we come across who need our prayer support.

Enlarge - Double the size of the congregation; each one reaching one for Christ this conference year.

Relationship - Genuine and radical love, one for another and for everyone who encounters us.

How will we accomplish all this? I'm glad you asked! We are transitioning our major areas of ministry from being pastor-led to being laity led! Our ministries along with the Lay person that has volunteered to lead each ministry is listed below. It is my prayer that everyone in the STJ family will find an area of passion in which to serve. Please contact the leader to get involved!

Ministries this year will be:

Prayer Ministry - Sis. Linda Gentry

Children's Ministry - Sis. Deborah Grubbs

Lead Elementary School Uniform Closet and Breakfast Pantry - Sis. Olivier Flewellen

Church Usage Monitor - Sis. Lindsay Bussey

Christian Education - Sis. Teresa Williams

Evangelism - Rev. Dawn Wallace

Lay Council - Bro. Samuel Baker

Communications Ministry - Sis. Tracey

Renee Hubbard (*church newsletter*)

Tech Ministry - Sis. Lindsay Bussey

The Care Portal - Sis. Rhonda Smith (*servicing the needs of youth transitioning out of foster care*)

Monthly Birthday Bash - Sis Sandra Powell

Music Ministry - Sis. Monica Bussey

Social Events - Sis. Linda Gentry

Altar Guild - Sis. Monica Bussey

Social Media - Sis. Rhonda Smith

LAY DELEGATE REPORT

Submitted by Teresa E. Williams



To: **The St. James AME Zion Church**

The following Report of the Western Episcopal District 155th session of The California Annual Conference covers the major points from the Episcopal Address (Words of Wisdom) given by The Right Reverend Brian R. Thompson, Presiding Prelate, with some editorials from my perspective.

A complete report of all business minutes taken at the California Annual Conference can be obtained from the Conference Secretaries.

The California Annual Conference was held in Sacramento, California from June 1, 2023, through June 3, 2023. Bishop Brian R.

Thompson, in his usual manner, went straight to the heart of the issue plaguing the Church- "Average."

Average- what's wrong with average? Nothing, if that is all one aspires to be. The definition makes it quite clear that it is probably not the word most of us would want used to describe us.

Average: typical; neither very good nor very bad; synonyms: mediocre, fair, ordinary. So, in biblical terms it would be "lukewarm!"

Revelations makes it very clear that average, rather lukewarm, doesn't cut it with God. He will spew/spit you out of His mouth.

However, God called ordinary people, average people and He causes them to do extraordinary things, to change the course of history and to shape this world. On this premise Bishop Thompson spoke.

Theme: "**Breaking The Spirit Called Average**"

⁵ One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?"

⁷ "I can't, sir," the sick man said, "for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me." John 5:5-7

People are walking away from the Church in droves, not because of COVID, but because they have lost interest. What has happened to the Church? COVID just exposed what was already wrong...lacking resilience. We had hoped for better, but found we were "just average".

What has happened to the Church?

We used to be a strong tower in the community, and it seems now we are just leaning house- a place where people just pass by. It's nostalgic! It is what our grandparents used to do. Though we have much more than

our parents and grandparents, we seem to be just getting by, stuck in a pattern called average. What has happened to the Church? A lack of power encapsulates the Church, when a sermon can be pulled off the internet, or another's ministry mimicked because the preacher can't wait or won't wait on a revelation from God to give something for their local Church- we have become average.

What has happened to the AME Zion Church? We used to be strong! We have become so cute that we won't even shout; so sidity (uppity/high class) that we won't even throw oil. If somebody speaks in tongues, we look at them crazy and say they need to go to the Pentecostal Church or the Holiness Church. We were the original Holy Rollers. Understand God did not call us to be "good Methodist" *but to be good Christians!* Straight, no chaser. He has called us to be able to lay hands on the sick and they recover. Maybe no one is being delivered today because we don't believe in the power of God! It's time to break the spirit called average!

What has happened to our witness?

The reason we have become average is because **Church has become optional!** Who told you that Church was an option? You know for most of us, there was no option. In our parents' house- you were going to Church- no matter how tired, high, hung over you may be- Church attendance was happening! Their motto: As for me and my house...we're going to serve the Lord!

What has happened to our witness that Church has become optional? Maybe we don't believe in the power of God. Maybe because the Church has become a place where people bring their children to get baptized, are not going to hold the children accountable to God, because they are not a part of the Church. Or maybe because the Church is treated more like a fraternity or sorority, a meeting place and that is all.

Don't we realize that the Church has the power to make demons tremble? It is within the power of the Church to lay hands on the sick and they recover. When the Church begins praising the Lord healing will take place; the power of The Holy Spirit comes down, people are delivered and set free. It is in the Church where God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. *We are the Church, and it is within us that the Power of God resides. What has happened to our witness?

Another reason we are reckoned as average:

Worship has become negotiable....

everywhere. Worship has become negotiable, debatable- almost to the point of becoming optional! What? How did that happen? When Church becomes optional- then worship becomes negotiable. It's a tragic downward spiral.

However, the Scripture says: *Jesus went into the temple and chased out everyone who was selling or buying. He turned over the tables of the moneychangers and the benches of the ones who were selling doves. He told them, "The Scriptures say, 'My house shall be called a place of worship.' But you have turned it into a place where robbers hide."*
Matthew 21: 12-13 ESV

When your worship God, it is not contingent on what you have or don't have, if life is good or not so much. If our worship is for real- it won't matter if we are going through hell or high water, we will yet give God the worth He is due. There will be a power that rises up on the inside that moves your soul, and it won't matter who is around-worship in spirit and in truth is gonna happen! We won't need a praise team, or any external motivation, yet the power of God will explode in the place where we are- Worship happens when we feel what we feel, but act on what we know. You know what God has done for you- worship even if you must do it all by yourself!

When Church has become optional, and worship has become negotiable, **Our allegiance has become unrecognizable.**

Do others Know you belong to Christ? What is your claim? For some, the family name, the position, the title, and the pedigree has become the legacy! In other words, the only claim to fame is they have been around a long time...like the man at the pool of Bethesda- 38 years.

Nobody gets saved, nobody is set free, no lives being changed, but the bills are paid; assessments met, and the doors of the Church are opened! Well, then it should be a corporation, and not a House of God. In the house of God very different things happen- lives are changed, there's power to shape the world; where light is stronger than darkness; chains are broken, hearts are healed, people are reconciled to God.

When people in need cross our paths, yes, we should do all we can to help, feed, clothe and shelter when we can; but there comes a time when they need more than the physical necessities. People are still looking for transformational moment in life where they can be better than what they eat or put on- and we have the key! We have the words of life- we can speak life- but do we want to? The spirit called average will cost us dearly.

Yes, it has been said the California Conference is great (The best is in the West, and we know it, and so does everyone else)-but can you be greater? You cannot measure yourself by those who are not on par with you- If so- then you are operating in average. Do you want to be better than you are? Do you want to be set free? Do you want to be made whole? Then take up your bed and walk and follow Me! (Oh, yeah- check the text). See in context- God takes "average, the ordinary" and causes them to do the extraordinary! This is possible only as we get up off the excuses, take up our bed and walk- following Jesus into the places and to the people where life happens outside the four walls where we meet.

Prayer: *Jesus make us great. We are going to do our part, but we can't do it without You Lord. We need You, Lord. You have*

done great things in the California Conference, big and small. Some we thanked You for and some we took for granted. Whatever the case my be, today, forgive us Lord. Forgive us Jesus. If we in any way have offended You, we, as the people of God that reside in the California Conference, we will do better! We will walk with You. We will talk with You and be led by Your Holy Spirit. Things they way they used to be, will be no more.

Because we love You, we want better, we will be better because we serve a great God. In Jesus' name. Amen

The Lord will certainly help us to do better, to be better and manifest Himself to us if we:

Bishop Thompson's recommendations on how we do this:

1. Renew our commitment to radical evangelism- Making sure that every service is not just a Sunday service. That we will do Bible Study, outreach, and community events lifting up the name of Jesus Christ. Asking persons do they have a Church home.
2. Stop making excuses for those who don't want to serve God-While God loves everyone, God's word is true. We cannot let forgery rule our Church. We can love people, but we do not have to accept foolishness. We will keep the standard that Jesus Christ put forth in His word and we will walk by faith and not by sight; loving and embracing everyone without accepting their sin.
3. Renew our passion for going to Church-serving God unconditionally. Reenergize our Church and our people to reach out to those who are lost, that we might be vibrant communities where every church serves like it is the best restaurant in

town. We ill have a line around the block with people waiting to get in.

4. Kill the spirit of average- submitted on this 1st day in June 2023- from the Bishop, to the pastor, to the laity.

It's time to break the spirit of average. We will no longer be average.

Respectfully submitted.

Teresa E. Williams

DRUSA PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP



This years' Drusa Pride Scholarship Award winner is Lloyd Walter, a graduating member of

the 2023 class of Aragon High school with a 4.1 grade point average. Lloyd also happens to be the great grandson of long-standing St. James Church member, Mildred Walter. Lloyd Walter is also a football player of distinction who has received a scholarship from the 49ers. As a student at Aragon, Lloyd played varsity Football, varsity track and field, served as President and Treasurer of the Black Student Union, and Membership on the Student Equity Council. He plans to major in Electrical Engineering at Tufts university in Medford Massachusetts>

The Drusa Pryde Scholarship award had its beginning in 1969 when it was established as a memorial to Reverend Drusa Pryde, evangelist and an ordained deacon in the AME Zion Church. In addition to serving as a deaconess she was reportedly unequalled as a community worker, in civic and church circles in San Mateo until her death on February 24, 1969.

Members of the original Drusa Pride scholarship Board included, Drusa Pryde's daughter, Ethelda Robinson, Marie Davis, Mable Scott, Jessie May, Board President, Sylvia Baker and Gladys Pettis. Currently, the members include Sylvia Baker, Lindsay Bussey and Evelyn Neely, Emeritus.

The Drusa Pride scholarships were originally issued exclusively to high school graduates in the form of savings bonds from 1970 to 1982. However, in 1982 the Board was fortunate in being able to extend the awards to include graduating college students as well as middle school students, a practice which continued until 1997.

In 2018, the Drusa Pride award was presented to Aundrea Smith, a member of St. James's church who received up to \$1000.00 per year in support of her college related financial expenses at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Now that Aundrea has successfully completed her studies, we are pleased to extend this support to Lloyd Walter in

recognition of his academic excellence. Lloyd Walter, the successful applicant for 2023 will receive the sum of \$1000.00 in support of his college related expenses during each of the traditional 4-year college undergraduate school years excluding summer school sessions.

Congratulations Lloyd Walter!

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St. James A.M.E. Zion Church
Rev. Dr. Marlyn Bussey, Pastor
Pastoral Nominations for Servant Leaders

2023-2024

As of July 9, 2023

New Appointment *

<p><u>PREACHER'S STEWARD</u> Sis. Teresa Williams</p>	<p><u>CHURCH SECRETARY and USAGE</u> Sis. Lindsay Bussey</p> <p><u>CHURCH HISTORIAN</u> Sis. Sylvia Baker</p>
<p><u>STAFF</u> Sis. Teresa Williams, Exhorter Rev. Dawn Wallace, Associate Minister Sis. Rhonda Smith, Exec. Asst.</p>	<p><u>CLASS LEADERS</u> Sis. Jean Wilson (L of L, Class #1) Sis. Marie Davis (Class #2) Sis. Belinda Hoodye (Class #3) Sis. Lindsay Bussey (Class #4) Sis. Barbara Hurt (Class #5, E-members)</p>
<p><u>STEWARD BOARD</u> Sis. Teresa Williams Sis. Monica Bussey Sis. Belinda Hoodye Sis. Candra Williams Bro. Michael Rayray Rev. Marlyn Bussey (Ex Officio)</p>	<p><u>TRUSTEE BOARD</u> Sis. Sylvia Baker Sis. Jean Wilson Sis. Sandra Powell Sis. Linda Gentry Bro. Kamal Hubbard Rev. Marlyn Bussey (Ex Officio)</p>
<p><u>CIVIC ENGAGEMENT MINISTRY</u> Sis. Rhonda Smith Sis. Marie Davis Sis. Pearl Rochon Sis. Belinda Hoodye Bro. Michael Bussey (Voter Registration)</p> <p><u>LAY COUNCIL</u> Bro. Sam Baker, President* Bro. Michael Bussey, Secretary</p>	<p><u>DEACONESSES</u> Sis. Linda Lax Gentry* Sis. Olivier Flewellen Sis. Jean Wilson (**) Sis. Linda Clayton (**)</p> <p><u>ALTAR GUILD</u> Sis. Monica Bussey Sis. Belinda Hoodye Sis. Rhonda Smith</p>

<p><u>MINISTER OF EVANGELISM</u> Rev. Dawn Wallace* Bro. Harry Olson Bro. Terry Manns Sis. Marie Davis Sis. Candra William</p> <p><u>DIGITAL MEDIA MINISTRY</u> <u>Newsletter:</u> Sis. Tracey-Renee Hubbard</p> <p><u>Website:</u> Sis. Rhonda Smith (Exec. Admin)</p> <p><u>Social Media:</u> FaceBook - Sis. Rhonda Smith, Barbara Hurt InstaGram - Sis. Lindsay Bussey Twitter - Sis. Aundrea Smith</p> <p><u>FB Livestream:</u> Sis. Lindsay Bussey Sis. Deborah Grubbs</p> <p><u>USHER MINISTRY</u> Sis. Teresa Williams Sis. Nancy Compagno (Greeter) Sis. Rhonda Smith (online)</p>	<p><u>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</u> Sis. Teresa Williams, Director</p> <p><u>Sunday School:</u> Bro. Michael Bussey (Supt., Teacher) Sis. Teresa Williams (Adult teacher) Sis. Olivier Flewellen (Adult teacher) Sis. Barbara Hurt (Adult teacher) Rev. Dawn Wallace (Adult teacher) Sis. Lindsay Bussey (Youth teacher) Sis. Monica Bussey (Children teacher)</p> <p><u>Children's Ministry</u> Sis. Deborah Grubbs</p> <p><u>College Scholarship Ministry:</u> (Adopt a Student and Drusa Pryde Scholarship) Sis. Sylvia Baker Sis. Evelyn Neely Sis. Lindsay Bussey</p>
<p><u>HEALTH and WELLNESS MINISTRY</u> Sis. Rhonda Smith-CarePortal Sis. Emily Rayray</p> <p><u>ADOPT A SCHOOL -LEAD ELEMENTARY</u> Sis. Olivier Flewellen *</p>	<p><u>WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY</u> President - Sis. Lindsay Bussey V. President - Sis. Belinda Hoodye Secretary - Sis. Candra Williams Study Facilitator - Rev. Dawn Wallace Life Members Chair - Sis. Pearl Rochon Health Coordinator - Sis. Emily Rayray</p>
<p><u>MUSIC MINISTRY</u> Sis. Monica Bussey(Choir President) Bro. Michael Rayray (Musician) Bro. Garrick Davis (Musician)</p>	<p><u>COMMUNITY LIAISONS</u> Sis. Evelyn Neely Sis. Marie Davis</p>
<p><u>EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE</u> Bro. Samuel Baker Bro. Michael Bussey</p>	<p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTRY</u> Sis. Monica Bussey Sis. Sandra Powell Sis. Emily Rayray Sis. Belinda Hoodye</p>
<p><u>BUDGETING/ESTIMATING COMMITTEE</u></p>	<p><u>SOCIAL EVENTS MINISTRY</u> Sis. Lindsay Bussey</p>

Sis. Sylvia Baker Sis. Teresa Williams Sis. Evelyn Neely Sis. Linda Lax Gentry Sis. Sandra Powell	Sis. Linda Lax Gentry Sis. Emily Rayray Sis. Sandra Powell-Birthday Bash <u>TRANSPORTATION</u> Bro. Michael Bussey Sis. Belinda Hoodye
<u>PRAYER TEAM</u> Sis. Linda Gentry Sis. Teresa Williams Sis. Nancy Compagno Sis. Olivier Flewellen Sis. Belinda Hoodye Sis. Candra Williams	<u>SPECIAL PROJECTS MINISTRY</u> Bro. Samuel Baker Bro. Michael Bussey Sis. Olivier Flewellen Sis. Evelyn Neely Sis. Pearl Rochon

LIAISONS TO PARTNER MINISTRIES

BCD MEN OF ZION - Bro. Michael Bussey
PENINSULA MULTIFAITH COALITION - Rev. Dawn Wallace
NAACP - Sis. Marie Davis
BACHAC - Sis. Marie Davis
BCD EVANGELISM - Rev. Dawn Wallace
STJ Community Development Cooperation- Bro. Kamal Hubbard

Important Dates

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES:

First Quarterly Conference, Saturday, September 23rd, 11am(In person)
 Second Quarterly Conference, Saturday November 18th, 11am (Zoom Call)
 Third Quarterly Conference, Saturday March 9th, 11am (Zoom)
 Fourth Quarterly Conference, Saturday May 4th, 11am (In person)

CHECK UP MEETINGS:

1st Check Up Meeting, September 16th, Howard Chapel, Handford, CA
 WED Mega Check up-December 2nd
 2nd Check Up Meeting-December 9th
 3rd Check Up Meeting-March 16th

May 31 - June 2, 2023: 156th Session, CA Annual Conference-May 30th-June 1st

WORSHIP WITH US



Sunday Service

On site at 11:00

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Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Meeting ID: 871 8884 0303

Passcode: 670043

A REMINDER FOR THOSE ATTENDING IN PERSON WORSHIP:

Please, please, please refrain from watching the sermon on your phone, iPad or other electronic device while worshipping in the sanctuary. There is a limited amount of bandwidth for streaming the service. Every device that is in operation in the sanctuary draws on that bandwidth and slows down the internet connection and the streaming capacity. Please help the tech team provide the best possible delivery of the worship service to everyone by enjoying the worship experience

live. Thank you so much for your cooperation and assistance.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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- If you would like to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior
- If you have a prayer request
- If you would like to join St James AME Zion Church as a physical or e-member:
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St. James AME Zion Church family, Pastor Marlyn Bussey and family, Board of Bishops, Bishop Brian Thompson, Sr. and family, The AME Zion, Stephanie Page and family, Rev. Kristi Dunham, Marie Davis and family, Sis. Jean Wilson and family, Sis. Evelyn Neely, Rev. Claybon Lea, Michael and Ann Wasson, Sis. Pearl Rochon, Sis. Charlotte McAfee, Kyle Parker, Jr., Sis. Linda Clayton, the Lax family, Maria Ho and Jazz Svarda. Those grieving losses, the people of Ukraine, the homeless and hurting; those fighting sickness, safety for houses of faith, educators, students, the unemployed; students and educators, families and victims of gun violence, essential workers, those traveling; the incarcerated; the lonely, those feeling as though they have no hope. Prayers for those dealing with tornadoes, storms, floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters across this country and this world. All those who are blessed by the Care Portal Ministry, the children nourished by the Breakfast Tree Ministry. Congress, President Biden and his administration. Pray for those enduring extreme weather conditions. The work of the Juvenile Justice Commission of San Mateo County, Supervisor Noelia Corzo, Mayor Amourence Lee. Finally, let us pray for all those we interceded for on Sunday morning and throughout the week.