



Gaines Chapel
AMEC
Grounded, Growing and Glorifying God

Grounded and Connected April 2024

We had a remarkable Lenten Season, thanks to all who prayed, participated, or just showed up in one way or at one time or another. From the Journey to the Cross Via the Dolo Rosa, Lay Perspective of the 7 Last Words from the Cross on Wednesday, Holy Week Services that kicked off with first Lenten Songfest on Palm Sunday, our weekly and daily devotionals, Holy Week Podcasts, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Service, to One Glad Glorious Morning on Resurrection Sunday!



APRIL IS OUR "TEST THE TITHE!" MONTH

During this month, you are encouraged to tithe. When you give, give God ten percent. For some, it may seem to take some effort but what it really requires is trust. Trust God to keep His Word. We trust God based on our relationship and how mature we are in our spiritual walk. Demonstrate your trust in Him and your reliance on Him to keep His word. Trust and take God at His Word.

*"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me!
But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?'
In tithes and offerings.*

*⁹ You are cursed with a curse,
For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.*

*¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,
That there may be food in My house,
And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts,
"If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.*

*¹¹ "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,
Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts.*

Malachi 3:5-11

Let's walk forward and faith and flow in the favor of God!



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We are now preparing for the Annual Conference. Pastor, delegate, and clergy are required to attend. Stewards, Trustees, and Ministry Leaders are encouraged to attend. ALL are welcome to attend. Pray for each congregation, pastor, clergy person, presiding elder and even our bishop as he makes the episcopal decisions. Pray that the Gaines family and leadership remain fully intact.

The 2024 Schedule of Annual Conferences Program and Agenda Schedule

April 3-5, 2024	April 10-13, 2024	April 24-27, 2024	May 8-11, 2024	May 22-25, 2024
Baltimore	Washington	Virginia	North Carolina	Western North Carolina

74TH SESSION OF THE WASHINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Kingdom Fellowship AME Church - Hosting Venue
11710 Beltsville Drive, Calverton, MD 20705
Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Watley, Pastor

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (8am - 12pm) – WMS Annual Convention

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (11AM) – Bishop Meets with ALL Clergy

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (12pm) – WIM Noonday Worship Service

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 3PM ROLL CALL

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (7pm) – WMS Night In White Worship service

Wednesday - Saturday, April 10 – 13, 2024 V Business, Training & Worship

Opening Annual Conference Business Session – Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (3pm - 5pm)

Opening Annual Worship Service – Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Lay Worship Service – Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.



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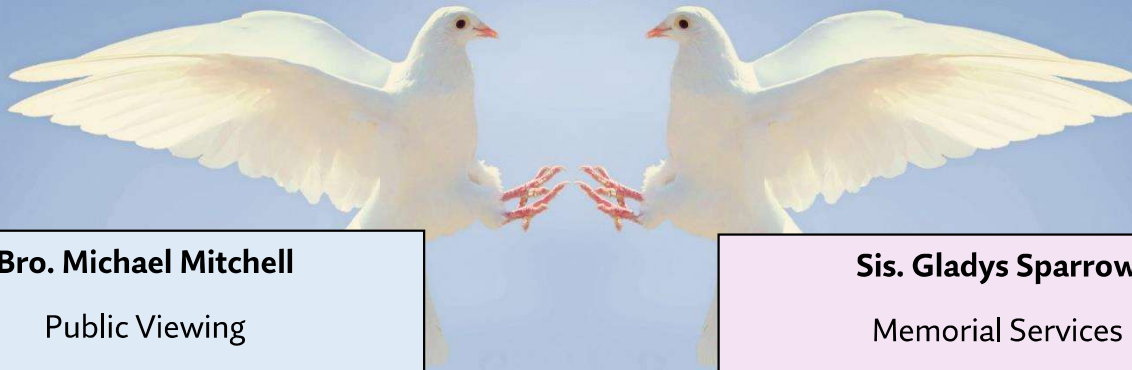
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Ordination Worship Service – Friday, April 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.
Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr. (Retirement Celebration) – Preacher
Senior Bishop & Presiding Prelate of the 10th Episcopal District AME Church
Young Peoples' Division –Friday, April 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Closing and Commissioning Service – Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield (Retirement Celebration)
Presiding Prelate of the 13th Episcopal District AME Church

Bereavement Notices



Bro. Michael Mitchell

Public Viewing

April 16, 2024, 6-8PM

Homegoing Celebrations

April 17, 2024

Wake 2PM

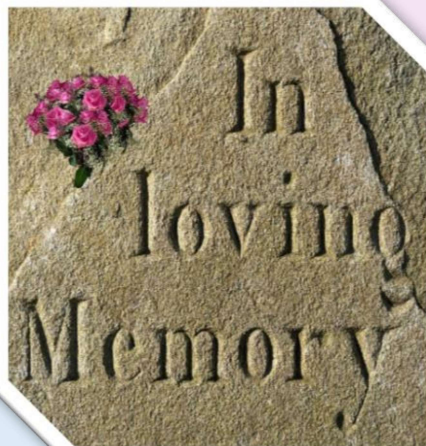
Homegoing Service 2:30PM

All Services at

Wiley Funeral Home

9200 Liberty Road

Randallstown, MD 21133



Sis. Gladys Sparrow

Memorial Services

Lee's Chapel AME

1036 Bellsville Road

Chesapeake, VA 23322

12 Noon April 20, 2024

And

Unity Baptist Church

7204 Montgomery Road

Elkridge, Maryland

TBD



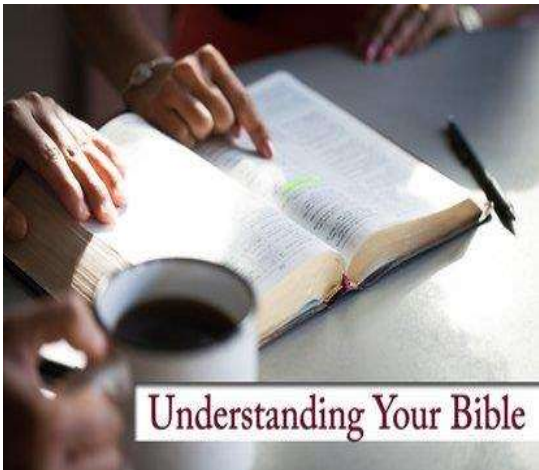
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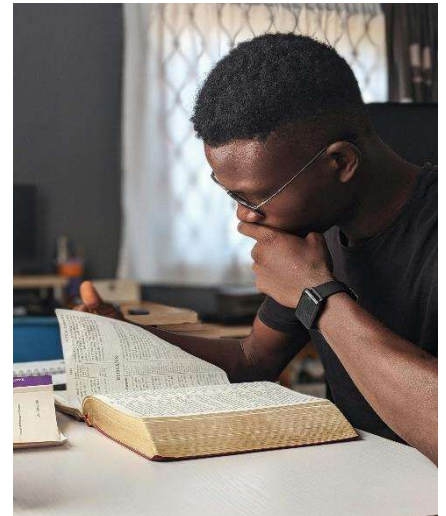
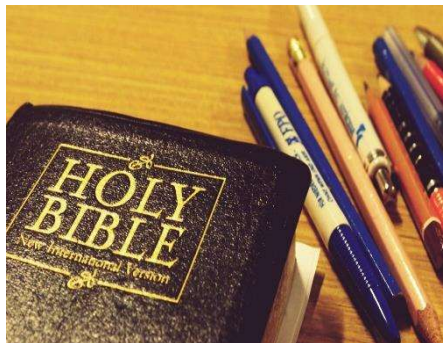
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Wednesday 10 th - Saturday, 13 th	74th Session of the Washington Annual Conference Kingdom Fellowship AME
Sunday, 14 th	Children's Church
Monday, 15 th	Y.E.S. Young Adults
Tuesday, 16th	Official Board/Church Conference - Postponed
Wednesday, 17th	Bible Study Resumes & every Wednesday @ 7pm via zoom - Postponed
Thursday, 18 th	Senior Moments @ 12 noon via Zoom
Saturday, 27 th	Anchored to Men 12:00 NOON
Sunday, 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES Fellowship – Following Service • Youth Church School

Bible Study Resumes May 1, 2024



Understanding Your Bible



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