



Up From the Ashes !

*The Rev. Charlie Barton,
Rector*

Pull down the purple and lift high the Cross! Put down the crown of thorns and consider

the lilies! Acknowledge that the stone has been rolled away and the tomb is empty, and wonder.

March 23rd was Easter. It came sooner than it has for almost a hundred years. A recent article in the L.A. Times explained that "... this year, because of cycles of the moon, Easter, or Resurrection Day as many prefer, will be observed March 23. The last time it occurred on that date Woodrow Wilson was president."

In spite of the seemingly sudden appearance of Lent we were able to offer numerous opportunities for those who wished to engage with the season. Loree+, Susan Baxter and the Daughters of the King did a fantastic job of creating a tasteful and inspiring environment in their decoration of the Meditation Chapel and its hallway. They also hosted a Monday night gathering for Contemplative Prayer. The DoK held a Lenten Retreat for their members- it was a time of refreshment, but also inspiration. They are considering a new service project- more on that later.

The Christian Formation Community under the able leadership of Kari-Anne Lynne and Suzanne Zantop hosted our Lenten Study Series, on the topic of Sabbath. We had a wide variety of presenters- including a Bishop, a Missioner, and a priest from another parish.

Our CFC also participated in a field trip to the Ecumenical Institute to hear N.T. Wright, the Bishop of Durham, England, and one of the world's foremost Bible scholars and Theologians. Bishop Wright's presentation was erudite, thrilling and motivating. His grasp of the bible and his ability to apply it to life's challenges was readily apparent. All who went felt informed and blessed.

On March 7th, Alex Hallmark arrived from Blowing Rock, North Carolina for a three-day stay as St. James' first Artist-in-Residence. Alex is the sculptor who created the Stations of the Cross that stretch out along our Pathway of Peace behind the St. James Center. Alex was here at the invitation of *the Center for Spiritual Development at Saint James*.

We had received national exposure for our event when Episcopal Life Online featured us in their Arts section. The next week we were the cover article for the North County News.



Then on Saturday March 8th over 30 people from four parishes and two denominations came in spite of the wet weather.

We discovered that Alex is as adept at presenting information as he is at sculpting clay. Debra followed with an invitation to pilgrimage and a description of how the guided meditation she had written built on the Christian tradition of Stations and the images that Alex had made.

The day was foggy, but that lent a certain something to walking the Stations. Even the eventual rain seemed part of the setting. The water that washes down the bronze faces in the Stations seemed an echo of the somber images.

Those who walked sometimes wept-the power of the images, the close embrace of the fog and mist, and the soft voice leading them into the last hours of Christ's life with new vision and with prayer, affected them deeply.

Many comments came about the hospitality of our parish-aided by another delicious meal provided by Diana Donnelly, Annette Fries and others. All participants asked about the next event.

The Center is already at work. Look to the west of the Rectory garage and you can see a circle of crushed stone, pressed down and waiting. The pavers for a red and tan labyrinth have been ordered. By late Spring they should be in.

Planning is also underway for "The Way of Resurrection," another pilgrimage along the Pathway of Peace, but with different images and meditations. After that will come a program on "The Spirituality and Stewardship of Creation."

The Center is also creating content and reviewing web-based software to support a way of gathering people for study over the internet as well as in the Parish Library. The first e-class offering will be "Through the Bible in a Year."

Finally, it is important and satisfying to note that stewardship is healthy and growing. **Pledges are up 12% over last year. The Mustard Seed Funds, our endowment, have received several gifts.** The parish budget is firmly in the black with income higher than budgeted and expenses lower than anticipated.

If you want to grow in the love and knowledge of Christ, Saint James is a great place to be. Opportunities for prayer, study, stewardship and action abound like green shoots rising up. Easter is here. Let us rejoice and give thanks!

Your brother in Christ,



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES: Articles for the St James **May newsletter** are due **April 11**. You may call me at 410-440-0473 or e-mail me at avila@pbworld.com. **Collating and Folding Day will be April 17** from 9:00 to 11:00am in the Parish Library. Call Susan in the Office at 410-771-4466 if you have time to help. *The Newsletter editing room wishes you a Happy Easter! Marco V. Avila*

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, June 5

8:00 – 9:00am

Second Annual Breakfast

Celebration with food by the Godly Grille from St. James. Tickets \$50 (\$35 tax-deductible) 410-467-1264



It's Mud Season in Maryland: Our turfing marauder paid another visit to the fields on February 20th. The damage was mostly superficial but there is an

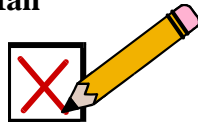
expense for repairing the divots on the athletic fields. We are a redemptive community and forgive our trespasser, but we sure would like it to stop. If you have any information about this event, please contact Bayly Buck, Assistant Head, SJA, 410-771-4816 x 25.

Another mud/grass item... As many of our parking places are on grass please be mindful that at this time of year, the turf is very soft. It's really best to stay off the grass until the ground is firm. Thanks for being a good steward of our lovely grounds.

ANNUAL MEETING AND VESTRY ELECTIONS

Sunday, April 6, in Macdonald Hall immediately after the 10:15 liturgy.

Agenda includes: the Rector's report, Stewardship report, Buildings & Grounds update, and election of 4 new members of the Vestry. Retiring members are: Miles Baxter, Bill Bowen, Ginny Miller and Alan Wright.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS MEETING

Thank you to all of the parents who participated in the Youth ministry parents meeting on the 24th of February. We had some great conversation around our shared *Values and Vision* for the future of our youth groups. But the work is not over yet. We can have the best values and the clearest vision in the world, but without people working together, they cannot come to a reality. So, please join us for the second installment of our parents' meeting: *Discernment and Direction* on **Sunday, April 27th** after the Children's Eucharist. *Art+*



CALLING ALL ANGELS

Just when you might have begun to think that the ministry of Entertaining Angels was nothing more than pestering you about nametags: It's time for events! So, mark your calendars.



First: **Tuesday, April 8th 7pm**

CONFIRMATION RECEPTION
Call Nancy Dewlin if you can help.

Second: **Saturday May 10th 6pm**

NEWCOMERS' DINNER
Call Allison Doriss if you can help

SAVE THE DATE:



Eine Kleine Kirchenmusik (EKK)
Concert, **Sunday, May 4 at 4:00pm**
in the Susan Tucker Moore Room.

SUNDAY - April 20th
9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Fun Stuff



ROGATION PREPARATION

"I commune with God best when I am out in his creation." This is the excuse that my dad always used to play golf on Sunday rather than go to church. Well, I hate to admit it, but there is a seed of truth in this sentiment. The church sets aside one day during the spring of the year for people to remember why God is present to us in the beauty of the world around us. Come on out and help us celebrate green growing things and all of the beauty of nature! (And if you're lucky, you just might get dirty in the process!) *Art+*

THE GOOD OL' SUMMER TIME – I know that it is hard to believe, but the end of the year is fast upon us. Soon we will say good-bye to school books and programs and say hello to vacations and relaxation. The work of the church goes on, however, and even though we have only two services per Sunday during the summer, we still need acolytes. Very soon, Laura Green will put a sign-up sheet on the acolyte board in the parish hall where you can volunteer for summer service. The summer is a time to work with a new team, or at a new service. It is a time to hone your skills or try something new. So sign-up early and sign-up often! *Art+*





**Saturday, April 5
GREEN GATHERING**

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Incarnation

4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore

410-467-4793 or stjohsinthevillage.org

**“Green Gathering: A Conference on Caring for
God’s Creation.”**

Sponsored by the Committee on the Environment.

Includes workshops, worship service, lunch,
and “green raffle.”

Invited speakers: Congressman John Sarbanes, Dr.
George Fisher, Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin.

\$15.00. **Register by April 3.**

Contact Paulette Hammond at 410-747-3811 or
phamm001@earthlink.net.



THHF is
collecting
toys, clothes,
over the
counter

medicine, pencils, books, etc. for their upcoming
Medical Mission in Quito, Ecuador in August 2008.
If you would like to donate these items or if you
would like to make a donation, please contact
Marco V. Avila, at 410-440-0473 or by e-mail him
at avila@pbworld.com Marco and his family are
members of the parish and he is our newsletter
editor. For more info about THHF you can go to
www.thhfoundation.org.

THANK YOU Carol Westerlund for taking a
station wagon full of donations to Paul’s Place, and
the 8th graders who helped load her car.

DONATIONS FOR PAUL’S PLACE: We’ll
accept winter clothes only through **the end of
March**, then we’ll start taking spring and summer
things. Please remember all items must be clean,
without stains, without needing repairs.

[4http://www.saintjames.org](http://www.saintjames.org)

COFFEE HOUR COFFEE: Next time you pour
yourself a cup of regular coffee at Coffee Hour,
please let one of the Coffee Hour Team members
know what you think about the taste.

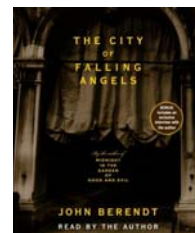
We have just received a shipment of high-
altitude, organic coffee grown by a Cooperative in
Marcala, Honduras, about 150 km west of where we
and the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland are teaming
up to provide water purification systems to nine
surrounding villages. Our Men’s
Organization raised a share of
the funds last year. We found
this Cooperative on a trip last
Autumn.



Marcala is in the
mountains and is a coffee growing center in
Honduras. An organization with the unwieldy name
of Cooperativa Regional Mixta de Agricultores
Organicos de la Sierra (RAOS) cultivates this
coffee under thick shade canvasses in the mountains
under strict organic rules. The proceeds of the sales
go to the organic farmers who are members of the
Cooperative. Despite the coffee production, this is
not a wealthy area. So our money is going for a
very good cause in many ways: socially and
environmentally.

So try a cup and let us know what you think.
Our current shipment was brought back in the
suitcase of a friendly engineer who is working on
our water project in Marcala. If you like the coffee,
we will find a way to import it on a regular basis.
Michael Curley

READ AND CHAT book for the **April 15th**



meeting is *The City of Falling
Angels* by John Berendt. He tells a
fascinating story of the 1996
Venice Opera House fire and its
aftermath. As he investigates, he
meets a host of quirky characters
whose personal stories and social
intrigue makes the novel very entertaining. The
city’s art and architecture unfold alongside the
mystery of the fire and Berendt captures it all.

Rosemary Rittler



**Diocese of Maryland Christian
Formation Council**
*Christian Formation Festival
Reforming Formation*

**Saturday, April 12, 2008
at St. James' Church, Monkton**
**Saturday, April 19, 2008
at Emmanuel Church,
Cumberland**

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (check in 8:30 a.m.)

Workshop Choices:

- 1) *Beyond 'Be Quiet!': Classroom Management for Sunday School*
- 2) *My 5th Grader Hates Sunday School: Sunday Morning Blender to the Rescue!*
- 3) *Getting Taylor to Talk and Leslie to Listen: The Art of Facilitating Adult Discussion.*
- 4) *Curriculum Challenges and Changes: How to Adapt and When to Augment your Curriculum.*
- 5) *Creative Confirmation Classes! Introducing Youth and Adults to the Episcopal Church*
- 6) *Beyond Cotton Ball Sheep: Crafts for the Craft-Challenged*
- 7) *We Are One: Adults and Children Worshipping Together.*

For Everyone: *One Thing That Works: Idea Sharing in Small Groups.*

For complete workshop descriptions and facilitators: go to www.ang-md.org/christian_formation. Cost for the day is \$15 includes the cost of lunch. Financial aid is available. Please talk with Amy Richter if you need help or call Amy at 800-443-1399 xt. 1377.



**SOCIAL MINISTRY IN
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

By Karen Underwood

In January our 6th and 7th graders, under the direction of Nancy Machen (who has taken a leadership role in our outreach efforts to make blankets), cut, tied

and created blankets for the children at the ARK. A

special thanks to Liz Longenecker and Brownie Troop #4174 for also making blankets and to Louisa Hott who made many blankets on her own. Nancy Newman, director of the ARK, was overwhelmed when I delivered 44 blankets on March 14. Thanks again to our Sunday School children and Sunday School teachers Kathy Welk and Nancy Machen.

Bread for Itipini: We participated with the Diocese of Maryland in a Lenten project "Bread for Itipini". Each Sunday in Lent we went through a brief lesson that included photos, prayers, and scripture. The children were given pledge cards to donate change and we prepared posters and a "donation box" for general parish information and donations. We will let you know how much we collected to send to Itipini for bread and milk. There are some wonderful photos on the diocesan website. Thanks to all of you who participated.

Pennies for the Playground: was our Lenten project last year. We asked your help to build a playground that is an integral part of supplying water to the village of Akramah in Ghana. Nearly



30 churches in the diocese and three schools participated. More than \$11,000, **\$1,460.67 from St. James**, was raised. It is a wonder how the children's coins and adults' contributions added up to so many dollars. The Merry-go-Round is the key piece to providing clean water to the people of the village. As children turn it around, it pumps water from an underground well to an above-ground water storage tank. More information about the Playpump system may be found by following this link: www.playpumps.org. Learn more about the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) at www.e4gr.org.

File Folder Games: Social Ministry in Sunday School will end this year in April and we will make file folder games for the ARK. There will also be a small celebration to thank our 6th and 7th graders for all their efforts. Thanks again to each of you who supported SMC in the Sunday School this year.



THE
BISHOP CLAGGETT
CENTER

YOUNG ADULT WEEKENDS

“Exploring Faith”: A NEW opportunity for young adults in their upper 20’s and 30’s to connect for unique worship, discussion groups, resources, support, activities, networking, friendship and fun. (For participants who have graduated from college or age 25 – 30 something). May 30 & 31, Friday 5:30 p.m. – Saturday 7:00 p.m., Cost: \$85 for 1 night lodging in cottage, 4 meals and program.

“Putting the Pieces Together”: A chance for young adults to explore changes in their lives by looking at Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Come experience a weekend with friends, fellowship, exciting activities, spirited worship, sharing and free time. For participants in college or ages 19-24. May 30 – June 1, Friday 7:00 p.m. – Sunday 11 a.m., Cost: \$100 2 nights lodging in Powell Hall, 4 meals beginning with Saturday breakfast and program. Coordinators: Thea Israel, Christ the King, Woodlawn and John Arey, St. Thomas’ Church, Towson.

<http://www.bishopclaggett.org/contact.html>
(301) 874-5147



On Saturday, February 23rd, we embarked on our 2nd visit to The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin. St. James has been reaching out, over the past year, and

meeting with members of The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, in Walbrook, a predominantly African-American parish. Along with Loree+ and Art+ eight Community Leaders and Vestry (Bill Bowen, Nancy Dewlin, Carol Haislip, Debbie Holt, Meredith Leroy, Glenn McCalley, Ginny Miller,

Frank O’Toole) continued the journey toward building a relationship.

Rev. Gerald Collins, along with members of the Vestry, welcomed us and led us through the Stations of the Cross. As we walked the perimeter of the church, gazing at the Stations, we felt the warmth of the sunlight streaming through the beautiful stained glass windows and the heat from the old large radiators. The smell of crab cakes waiting for us in the adjoining hall, the sound of children outside, and police sirens heard in the distant, were only sensations as we embraced Rev. Collin’s words of prayer . . . we became one. He said, “ The Stations of the Cross follows rich traditions and allowed us to experience the same God, same Lord, through different forms of liturgy. We come out equally enriched.”

Following our time of prayer, we moved to the Great Hall where we celebrated with delicious food, shared conversation, embraced each other, and discussed our next steps.

Where do we go from here? What are our next steps in joining together? Rev. Collins said that we may have different approaches because of our different environments and the fact that we encounter God in various ways. Frank O’Toole suggested that we can work from the shared understanding that as Christians we are all called to do Christ’s work in the world: worshipping together, bringing our youth together, sharing the energy of St. James Academy, and the fact that, St. Mary’s is looking for Board Members, were a few suggestions. We will begin with welcoming members of St. Mary’s parish to a 10:15 Service at St. James in the spring.

Before we left, we toured the lower level of the building. Not only did we see their floor to ceiling china closet, and two-lane bowling alley, but were in awe by the youth who use space at St. Mary’s for performances, singing, dancing, and poetry readings. The group, WombWork, is a “fully comprehensive production company that preserves and re-empowers families and communities through creative art, dance, and theater expression”.



Annie

Friday April 4, 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 5, 1:30 and 7:30pm

Sunday, April 6, 2pm

Tickets are \$8.00 per person (except infants and toddlers on lap). Please make check payable to SJA and place FORM and CHECK in office on box marked: "ANNIE TICKETS" or send to Alice Chalmers 2148 Shepperd Rd Monkton MD 21111 (443) 243 2998

DIOCESAN STAFF VISIT TO THE ACADEMY



The Rev. Canon Mary Glasspool, canon to the bishops, will visit St. James Academy on **Tuesday, April 9th**. Canon Glasspool will give a homily at All School Chapel, tour classrooms and meet with

Academy staff and teachers.



MID-ATLANTIC EPISCOPAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MAESA Spring Fair, April 11, 2008 at St. James Academy. This event is for 4-6 and 7-8 graders to compete in spelling, geography, art, science and multimedia programs.

HORSE AND PONY SHOW MAY 3rd.

Preparation all day,
Friday, May 2nd.



An Abundance of Spirit at St. James Academy

You will find below the student perspective of the recent Spirit Rally hosted by the Spirit Team. What fun was enjoyed by all! Thank you to the planners, leaders and participants who entertained us. The rally ended with a student vs. faculty basketball game. Adults may have won one of the three games, but I was so sore the next day, I didn't feel much like celebrating. I look forward to the next rally hoping that I might be able to sit still and idly watch the spirit grow at St. James.

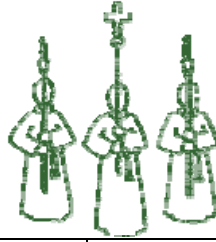
Baely Buck – Assistant Head and basketball participant

The Spirit Rally on February 28 was one to remember. Students were finally allowed to wear their pajamas to school! It was fun to see the Spirit Team do their dance to the Hannah Montana song, Pumpin' Up the Party. The part of the Spirit Day where the basketball teams played against the faculty, however, was the most exciting part. Five members of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade basketball team were selected to play against 5 members of the SJA faculty. It was entertaining to see known and beloved teachers running around frantically after the ball, in order to score against the Saint James Hounds. The 6th and 7th grade teams easily beat the faculty, but the 8th grade team was less fortunate. Even though the 8th grade team didn't win against the faculty, I personally think that it made the whole event more realistic and exciting while cheering on the 8th grade Hounds to beat the teachers! Everyone was definitely pumped up at the end of the Spirit Rally, especially the fact that they had a half-day out of school to end a great morning!



Katelyn Newman - 8th Grader

Altar Guild
 Joy Whiteley
 Frances Hummell
 Sally Pearce
 Bette Schmidt



Ushers
 Sally Pearce
 Rusty Roberts
**An Entertaining
 Angel**

8:00am	Welcome	Reader	L.E.M.	Offering	Prayers	Server
First	Sandy Gallup	Henry Baker	Anne Bricker	Henry Baker	Henry Baker	Cindy Eaton
			Sandy Gallup	Sandy Gallup		
Second	Bruce Parker	Anne Bricker	Debra Barton	Henry Baker	Pat Parker	Pat Parker
			Bruce Parker	Bruce Parker		
Third	John Beever	John Beever	Joe Chadwick	Henry Baker	Joe Chadwick	Bonny Wright
			John Beever	John Beever		
Fourth	Bruce Parker	Margaret Bryant	Pat Parker	Henry Baker	Margaret Bryant	Erica Callaham
			Bruce Parker	Bruce Parker		
Fifth	John Beever	Pam Balcerak	Anne Bricker John Beever	Henry Baker John Beever	Joe Chadwick	Cindy Eaton

10:15 am Eucharist	Acolytes	Chalicians	Old Testament	New Testament	Prayers
4/6/08	M. Curley E. Curley A. Fries	Michael Curley Pat Newman	Philip Norman	Doreen Passaniti	Miles Baxter
4/13/08	E. Dwlin M. Robbins K. Bullard	Chris Wooten Laura Green	Fred Smalkin	Miles Baxter	Debbie Kissinger
4/20/08	K. Rogers B. and L. Heidelberg	Marge Bowen Betty Wilson	Bill Bowen	Yvonne Hook	Alan Leroy
4/27/08	R. Sakamoto D. Donnelly E. Callaham	Michael Curley Laura Green	Art Sherman	Bayly Buck	Priscilla Sherman

Worship 9	Choir	Liturgist	Acolytes	Lector	Prayers	Oblations	Chalicians
4/6/08		Baldwin	Marindins	Lashof	Lynne, M.	Fitzhugh	Morans
4/13/08	Teen/Youth	Fitzhugh	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	Confirmands	Baldwin Eastman
4/20/08	Seraph	Emerick	Moran	Moran	Holt	Baldwin	Howard Lynne
4/27/08	Instrumental	Holt	Babcock	Babcock	Eastman	O'Toole	Morans

YEAR TO DATE FINANCES THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2008

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
INCOME			
PLATE AND PLEDGES	\$101,190	\$97,833	\$526,117
INVESTMENT	3,486	3,691	21,900
CHAPLAINCY/DIOCESE REIMB	7,426	7,706	40,366
TRANSFER FROM REPAIR FUND	0	0	53,000
SPECIAL CURRENT OPERATIONS	0	0	105,100
ENDOWMENT & OTHER	324	2,029	42,224
TOTAL	<u>112,426</u>	<u>111,259</u>	<u>788,707</u>
EXPENSES			
COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS	71,062	71,694	405,645
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	24,640	20,952	194,913
OFFICE	6,315	6,303	45,124
OUTREACH & COMM SERVICE	15,073	13,866	86,998
PASTORAL CONCERNS	0	66	1,200
WORSHIP	5,712	5,795	34,777
EDUCATION AND YOUTH	685	1,444	15,650
EVANGELISM & MEMBERSHIP	0	66	4,400
TOTAL	<u>123,487</u>	<u>120,186</u>	<u>788,707</u>
OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)	(11,061)	(8,927)	
NON-BUDGETED INCOME (EXP)	60	0	
NET REVENUE (EXPENSE)	<u>(\$11,001)</u>	<u>(\$8,927)</u>	
ASSETS			
CASH	\$156,151		
RECEIVABLES	245,863		
HOUSE, TENNIS CT & BLDG.IMPR.	564,181		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$966,195</u>		
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS			
LIABILITIES			
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	\$12,075		
WITHHELD EMPLOYEE PENSION	0		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>12,075</u>		
FUNDS			
REPAIR	90,180		
RESTRICTED	329,155		
UNRESTRICTED	545,786		
CURRENT NET REVENUE (EXP)	(11,001)		
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>954,120</u>		

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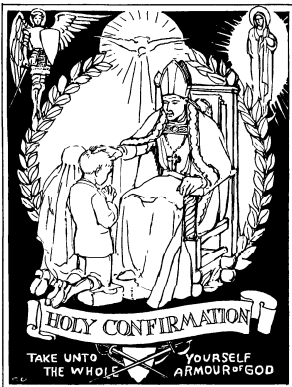
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REGIONAL CONFIRMATION TUESDAY, APRIL 8



6:00 pm Meet with the
Bishop
7:00pm Liturgy begins

This year we have about 14 young persons being confirmed and 4 adults being confirmed or received. Joining us will be seven confirmands from Sherwood Parish in Cockeysville.

Please come to the liturgy, in support of these new members. Let them know how important they are to St. James.



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MARYLAND



The Rev. Canon Mary Glasspool, representing Bishop Rabb, will be the preacher at all three services on **Sunday, May 4th**. Please come and welcome our canon to the bishops.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION – MAY 2nd and 3rd

CONSECRATION of the 14th Bishop of Maryland: Reid Temple, an AME church located in Glenn Dale on **June 28**.