



Dr. Cynthia Parnell McDonald

is an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. As a pastor and educator, she is currently the pastor of St. Luke A.M.E Church/Cartersville, GA. She has completed eleven years of experience in parish ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal Church as senior pastor in the Eighth Episcopal District and the Sixth Episcopal District. During this tenure, she served as senior pastor of First Allen A.M.E. Church, Laurel, MS; Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, Quitman, MS; and Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Shady Dale, GA. She also served as youth pastor at St. Phillip A.M.E Church, Atlanta, GA. With a passion for practical theology, Cynthia’s research involves the implementation of engaged pedagogy, self-literacy, spiritual formation, healing centered engagement and the integration of informal systems of learning in leadership practice. As a Christian education professor at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Leadership Education Consultant, and adjunct faculty at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, she led the team that redesigned the Connectional Sunday school curriculum for the African Methodist Episcopal Church and has served as a Leadership Education Consultant in theological education arenas to develop leadership, curriculum and mentoring resources for future clergy and congregational leaders. Cynthia has also served as a Contextual Education Supervisor for students attending Candler School of Theology, Emory University; Columbia Theological Seminary; and the Interdenominational Theological Center. Cynthia currently serves as a leader for the Colloquy for Women of Color in Ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary. Cynthia most recently worked with Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Presiding Prelate of the Sixth Episcopal District and Dr. John F. Green, President/Dean of Turner Theological Seminary to develop the Sixth Episcopal District (SED) Certificate Program for the preparation of students in “4th year holding” under the Board of Ministerial Training. She also recently served as Research Director and Grant writer for the Sixth Episcopal District and received the Thriving in Ministry 2020 Grant in the amount of \$1 million dollars.

In the community, Cynthia served as one of the leaders responsible for coordinating the first Tri- Regional Faith and Health Conference in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Cynthia’s work in the community has involved working with the National Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives as well as the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, Region IV in the area of Women’s Health, focusing on mental health and wellness. In this way, she has provided faith communities and colleges with resources relevant to faith and mental health.

Dr. Cynthia Parnell McDonald earned a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Research from The University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS), a Master of Education degree in College Student Personnel and a Master of Science degree in Speech Communication from The University of Southern Mississippi; a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology with a Certificate in Leadership in Church and Community, Emory University; and a Bachelors of Arts degree in Speech Communication. Dr. Parnell McDonald is married and has two children, Justin (9) and Alivia (6).



Reverend Robert Lee Johnson, III,

affectionally known as “RL” received an Associate Degree in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration from Delgado Community College; a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix; and, a Master of Divinity Degree from Payne Theological Seminary, where he served as Senior Class President. He is currently a student in the Higher Education Leadership doctoral program at Clark Atlanta University.

Rev. Johnson answered his calling into the ministry in 2004 at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in New Orleans and was ordained an Itinerant Elder in 2013.

Rev. Johnson has pastored for sixteen years in the African Methodist Episcopal Church where his ministry focuses on serving individuals, couples, and families in need of spiritual, emotional, and mental support and care. Rev. Johnson served the congregations of Days Chapel A.M.E. in Clinton, Louisiana; Salter Chapel A.M.E. in Denham Springs, Louisiana; Greater Matthews Chapel A.M.E. in Darlington, Louisiana; St. Paul AME in Madison, Mississippi; McMichael AME Church in Amite, Louisiana; and, St. James A.M.E. in Picayune, Mississippi. He currently serves as Pastor of St. Phillip-Griffin and Director of Business Operations, Facilities and Residential Life at Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center.

In February of 2018, Rev. Johnson was commissioned and received Active-Duty orders to serve in the Chaplain Corps in the United States Navy. He was assigned to serve at the Naval Air Station (NAS) Joint Reserve Base (JRB) in New Orleans, Louisiana at the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade, then promoted to Lieutenant (LT). LT Johnson successfully served in the positions of Command Chaplain, Deputy Command Chaplain and Suicide Prevention Coordinator where he made a significant impact on the Command Religious Program overseeing the spiritual wellbeing of 5,000 plus military personnel and families. Upon retirement in December 2021, LT Johnson received The Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for exemplary service and achievement.

Rev. Johnson was inducted into the Engle Institute of Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary, where he is one of only 60 preachers worldwide accepted into this prestigious program.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Praise and Worship
Remnants of Praise Ensemble

Invocation

Scripture
Worship Through Creative Expression

Kwanzaa-Sol Dance Ministry

Welcome

Philippians Ministry

Selection

Cosmopolitan AMEC

Worship Through Giving



Introduction of the Preacher

Pastor John Foster

Selection

Cosmopolitan AMEC

The Sermon

Dr. Cynthia Parnell McDonald

Invitation to Discipleship

Benediction

*VISITORS MAY REGISTER THEIR ATTENDANCE
ONLINE ON THE BIG BETHEL GUEST
REGISTRATION FORM.
THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING
WITH US AND FEEL FREE TO COME AGAIN!!!!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Praise and Worship
Next Shift Praise Team

Invocation

Scripture
Worship Through Creative Expression

Kwanzaa-Sol Dance Ministry

Welcome

Philippians Ministry

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Praise and Worship
Johnson Schofield Male Choir

Invocation

Scripture

Worship Through Creative Expression

Kwanzaa-Sol Dance Ministry

Welcome

Philippians Ministry

Selection

Johnson Schofield Male Choir

Worship Through Giving



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Pastor John Foster

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Rev. Ammie L. Davis, MDIV, MBA, PHD

Invitation to Discipleship

Benediction



Rev. Ammie L. Davis, MDIV, MBA, PHD

"Combines a love of God with a passion for ministering to the People."

Dr. Ammie L. Davis is a native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi with an enthusiastic, innovative, and holistic approach to the Worship Experience, community outreach, and pastoral care for God's people. Dr. Davis is an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and member of the Atlanta North Annual Conference of the Sixth Episcopal District of the AME Church. Dr. Davis is the Eighth President-Dean of Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Atlanta, Georgia, Immediate Past Connectional First Vice President of AME/Women in Ministry (WIM), and member of the Commission on Chaplains of the AME Church. Dr. Davis serves as an Adjunct Professor for AME History & AME Polity at the ITC.

Dr. Davis is the first woman and Navy Chaplain to serve as President-Dean at Turner Theological Seminary and the second woman to serve as President-Dean at the ITC, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Davis was commissioned as a Chaplain Candidate Program Officer in the United States Navy Reserves in April 2002. In August 2002, Dr. Davis graduated from the Navy Chaplain School in Newport Rhode Island, subsequently reporting to Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia. August 12, 2005, Dr. Davis was commissioned for active duty to serve in the United States Navy Chaplain Corps. Dr. Davis served 14.5 years enlisted (Hospitalman Corpsman) and 13.5 years as an officer (Chaplain) in the United States Navy. After 28 years of military service, Dr. Davis retired from active-duty service on September 30, 2016, as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy Chaplain Corps.

Dr. Davis earned a Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree in Business Administration and Human Resource Management (2000) from Southern New Hampshire University. She graduated with honors from Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Atlanta Georgia with a Master of Divinity (MDIV) Degree in Psychology of Religion and Pastoral Care and Counseling (2004). While a student at Turner Theological Seminary, Dr. Davis was elected to serve as President of the Turner Fellowship, inducted into the International Society of Theta Phi and Who's Who among Students in American Universities and College. In February 2005, Dr. Davis was elected President of Turner Theological Seminary Alumni Association. Dr. Davis earned a Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Management and Leadership (2011) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree from Webster University (2014). Dr. Davis earned a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis in Ecclesial Leadership (2021) from Regent University. Her life is a testimony to the incredible mercy and boundless grace of God through which we all are saved.

Faith and persistence are the key.

Reverend Davis's Motto: Worship God Wholeheartedly!!!, Teach God's Word Effectively!!!, Reach Out to Others Creatively!!!, Encourage Others Continually!!!

Big Bethel
African Methodist Episcopal Church

176TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

"Be Strong"

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you"
Deuteronomy 31:6

10.15.23 @10 AM

Guest Preacher
BISHOP John R. Bryant
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176th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

7:00PM NIGHTLY
OCTOBER 10-12, 2023

Revival

THEME: "BE STRONG"
Deuteronomy 31:6

Guest Revivalists

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Pastor—Cosmopolitan AME Church

Atlanta, GA

Reverend Robert Lee Johnson, III,

Pastor— St. Phillip AME Church

Griffin, GA

Rev. Ammie L. Davis, MDIV, MBA, PHD

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