



MISSIONS FORWARD

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The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS

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Ms. Sherryl Stovall Whiting, President

Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright, Supervisor

The Right Reverend Harry Lee Seawright, Presiding Prelate

*We are called to strengthen our faith and sent to
continue the ministry of Jesus Christ by service and
witness in the world.*



Missionaries & YPDers,

The 2024 WMS and YPD Institutes are history. Although I missed the Southwest Institute, all reports indicated that it, too, was fruitful. The Southeast institute closed the season. Thank you to all 9th District missionaries, young people, and children. President Whiting, your first series of institutes added another star to your inaugural presidential year!

On another note...recently, I read Galatian 6. Although I considered myself as being very familiar with the chapter, for the first time, I received a different angle on the message. Verses 7 and 8 tell readers, *“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”*

In relation to the chapter's theme, these verses mean that persons who teach God's word should receive support from the people they teach. This instruction includes but is not limited to financial support. Paul is clear: giving to those who teach the word isn't a "payment; it's sharing.

Paul continues by indicating that givers reap what givers sow. God rewards us for our sharing. When we give little, we receive little. When we give big, we receive big. This is simple math. Who wants to receive big? Who wants to receive little? How we give determines our return. If you want a lot *from* God, then give a lot to God. (God knows our individual "big" and "little".)

What was my different angle on this scripture? For some, this might be a stretch, but I believe we also should apply Galatians 6:7, 8 to our personal spiritual development. What we sow in ourselves determines what we reap. When I sow negative thoughts, cloudy options, and "life-will-never-get-better-for-me" thoughts into my spirit, that's what I reap. However, when I sow positive thoughts that remind me that I belong to God who promises to take care of me and I do right by God and feed good, healthy, productive, overcoming, more-than-a-conqueror celebratory thoughts in my spirit, that's what I reap.

How can I sow positive thoughts into my life? I can do so by spending time with God in praying (listening and speaking to God); praising (thanking God); worshiping (focusing on who God is) fellowshiping (attending church regularly); studying (setting aside time to read and learn from God's word); and serving (using the gifts God gave you to bless others).

Sowing into our personal spiritual life makes us stronger Christians. We become familiar with God and God's word. We learn what to expect from and expect God to keep God's word. We live with an "I-know-God's-got-me" attitude. We focus more on what we have. We look for God's hand in our life, and as we receive, we share.

Declare today: not only will I support ministries, but also, I will sow positive thoughts in my life.

God is faithful!
Rev. Sherita



Greetings,

Your commitment to serving others through missions is truly inspiring. Your dedication to making a difference in the lives of those you encounter is commendable.

In the face of constant change and goodbyes, your resilience shines through. Your ability to adapt to new environments and embrace differences is a testament to your strength.

Remember that each goodbye and hello is an opportunity to touch lives, spread hope, and make a positive impact on the world. Your work in missions is shaping communities and hearts.

As you navigate through the challenges of missionary life, know that you have a strong support system behind you. Your efforts are valued, and your journey is followed with admiration.

Young people, as vibrant torchbearers of hope and love, your energy and passion are vital in moving missions forward. Your unique perspectives and unwavering dedication have the power to ignite hearts, transform lives and illuminate the path towards a brighter future. Embrace this journey with courage, knowing that each step you take brings us closer to fulfilling God's purpose.

May your faith be unwavering, your spirit unyielding, and your actions a testament to the boundless possibilities when we unite in His name. Together, let us embark on this mission with joy in our hearts, knowing that through our collective efforts, we can make a lasting impact on the world.

May each goodbye be met with the courage to say hello again, knowing that your presence brings light wherever you go. Stay strong, stay true to your calling, and keep moving missions forward!

Blessings and Love,

Sherryl Whiting

God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally

“Lend a Hand, Lift Others Up, and Link Communities”

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT *Quadrennial Gala*

In Honor of Bishop Harry L. & Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright



"We Thrive Together"

**MARRIOTT HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER
JUNE 14, 2024 | 6:00 PM (CST)**

The Marriott Hotel Room Block is Under "Send Off Celebration AME Church 2024"
\$189.00 per night. Reservations are to be made directly with the Marriott Hotel
by May 15, 2024 | 1-800-228-9290 or 334-290-1235

**Attire: Semi-Formal | Plated Meal | Live Music | Door Prizes
Dancing | Vegan Options**



**MARRIOTT HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
AT CAPITOL HILL (THE LEGENDS)
2500 Legends Circle | Prattville, AL 36066**

TICKET PRICE
\$125
PER PERSON

Supervisor Seawright
received a throw from the
Southeast Alabama Conference WMS!
She is going to be missed in Alabama!



If you would like to purchase a ticket, please send money to:
Catherine Jordan 525 Barron Rd Troy, AL 36081 or CashApp \$9WMSAME
Please indicate Celebratory Breakfast



SAVE-THE-DATE

The Women's Missionary Society of the AME Church

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT THE SEAT OF THE

2024 General Conference for our

Sesquicentennial **CELEBRATORY BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 @ 7:00AM

COLUMBUS, OH

PREMIUM TABLE & SPONSOR: \$1,200.00
GENERAL TICKETS: \$100.50

**150 YEARS OF MISSION AND SERVICE
CELEBRATING A LEGENDARY PAST...
CASTING A PHENOMENAL FUTURE**

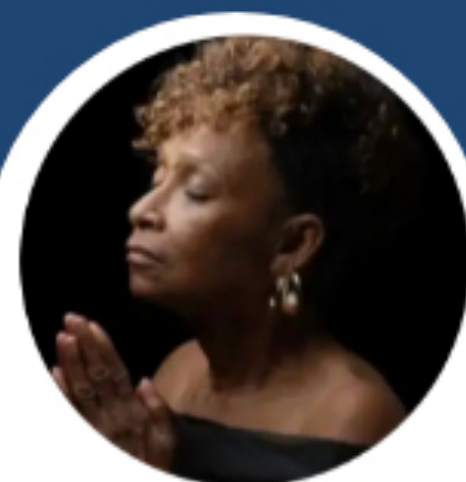
BISHOP MICHAEL L. MITCHELL, COMMISSION CHAIR, GLOBAL WITNESS & MINISTRY
DR. JOHN F. GREEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GLOBAL WITNESS & MINISTRY
DR. DEBORAH TAYLOR KING, CONNECTIONAL WMS AMEC PRESIDENT
MRS. RICHELLE FRY SKINNER, CONNECTIONAL YPD AMEC DIRECTOR



Serving Our Seniors **ADOPT A SENIOR**

Looking for a mission project, look within your church, your neighborhood, your senior centers, and other churches.

Mark 12:31: NIV - The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[a] There is no commandment greater than these."



SHOW YOU CARE

- Send a card "just because" to show you see them.
- Call them
- Take them shopping for groceries.
- CARE AND POST YOUR ADOPTION.

LESSIE THOMPSON, SERVING OUR SENIORS, CHAIR
SANJENA V. CLAY, WMS CONNECTIONAL 3RD VICE PRESIDENT

9th District Women's Missionary Society

A WEEK OF SERVICE AND LOVE

JULY 22- July 28, 2024

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**22
JULY**

Pay It Forward

Distribute toiletry bags and non-perishable items to those in need.



**23
JULY**

What's Love Got To Do With It?

Distribute snack bags to those in need to your organization of choice.



**24
JULY**

Faith, Works & Wellness

Staying strong to push missions forward. Join our virtual workout! 6 p.m. CST
Zoom ID: 83800610186 PW: 046912



**25
JULY**

Virtual Game Night

6 P.M. CST

Zoom ID: 85097525633 PW: 369196



**26
JULY**

Day Of Service

Donate clothes, art supplies or non-perishable items to your organization of choice. Volunteer at a community center.



**27
JULY**

Tilling The Soil

Volunteer at a local community garden or plant your own garden.



**28
JULY**

Fellowship Is What I Do

Recognize a missionary in your local church for their dedication to missions.

Sis. Ebony R. Smith, 1st VP 9th District WMS

Sis. Mary Wells-Porter, 2nd VP 9th District WMS

Dr. Sharon Massingole, 3rd VP 9th District WMS

Sis. Sherryl S. Whiting, President 9th District WMS

Rev. Sherita Moon Seowright, Episcopal Supervisor 9th District

The Right Rev. Harry L. Seowright, Presiding Bishop 9th District



PROMOTING MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Dialogue

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

MISSION EDUCATION CURRICULUM 2024 EDITION

- **"Truth versus Lies: The Choice"**
Page 29
- **"Knowledge is Power! The Truth Must be Told"**
Page 35

JOIN US

ZOOM MEETING ID: 86510309337

PASSCODE: 657696

Mattie M. Frizzell

SPEAKER: ARRAC PRESIDENT



Ms. Sherryl S. Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
Rev. Sherita M. Seawright, Episcopal WMS Supervisor
The Right Rev. Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate

The Noble Ninth Young Adult Members

Presents

July 26-28, 2024



LEVEL UP



Register Here

St. John AME Church
229 Church Street NW
Huntsville, AL 35801

Deadline: July 12, 2024

Registration: \$50

Sis. Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
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AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDREN'S DIVISION



You are invited to join the
Connectional Young People's and Children's Division
for our virtual

2024 SELF DENIAL BREAKING FREE Reflection & Award Presentations

Saturday, June 22, 2024
11:30 am (Eastern)

Please register by clicking on the link below:

[Self Denial Celebration](#)

Self Denial Meditation
by
Reverend Melech E. M. Thomas
Senior Pastor
Payne Memorial AME Church, Baltimore

Mr. Jarvis Denman Jr., Connectional YPD 2nd Vice President
Ms. Joyce Johnson, Connectional YPD President
Mrs. Richelle Fry Skinner, Connectional YPD Director
Dr. Deborah Taylor King, Connectional WMS President
Reverend Dr. John Green, Executive Director, Global Witness and Ministry
Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Chair, Global Witness and Ministry



Kierra Giles, Connectional YPD Reading & Literacy Chair 9th Episcopal District

Calling all young people 2-26 to participate in the Connectional YPD R.I.S.E. - Reading Initiative for Scholastic Excellence! **It's not too late to join** this transformative ministry event to reduce the "Summer Slide."

Summer slide, also known as summer learning loss, is the tendency for students to lose some of the academic skills they've gained during the previous school year over the summer break. This can include a decline in reading ability and other skills.

Please review the flyer and access the R.I.S.E. Tools for Success here, which includes Bookmarks, a Reading Log, and an Active Reader Guide!

Please submit reading suggestions and questions to:
ConnectionalYPD23@gmail.com!

AME Church Authors' Catalog

Are you a member of the AME Church who has published literature for children, youth, and young adults ages 2-26? Great! We need you! We ask that you join the AME Church Authors' Catalog! Please complete the link below to provide your information!

If you have any questions, please send an email to:
ConnectionalYPD23@gmail.com!

[AMEC Authors' Catalog - Submission Form](#)



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE READING & LITERACY COMMITTEE OF
THE CONNECTIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S & CHILDREN'S DIVISION
PRESENTS

2024 R.I.S.E.

Reading Initiative for Scholastic Excellence

READING WEDNESDAYS

JUNE 5TH, JUNE 19TH, JULY 3RD & JULY 17TH

Tune in as YPDers share their favorite short stories and poems.



FEATURED AUTHOR FRIDAYS

JUNE 14TH, JUNE 28TH, JULY 12TH & JULY 26TH AT 10:00 AM CST

Join us on Instagram live as we spotlight AMEC authors. Learn more about their literary works and journeys.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

JUNE 1ST-JULY 31ST

- Read and comprehend as many literary works as possible between June 1st and July 31st
 - Log the books that you have read using the QR code. Each YPDer should only submit 2 forms. First Submission deadline June 30th @ 11:59 pm CST. Second Submission deadline is July 31st @ 11:59 pm CST
 - Awards:
 - Book Giveaway for Top Reader in each YPD age division
 - Final Top 3 Readers in each age division on August 5th:
 - Mother Sunbeams receive an Award Package
 - Allen Stars, Youth Auxiliary, and Young Adults
- 1st Place Reader: \$150
2nd Place Reader: \$100
3rd Place Reader: \$50



CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!

The Southwest Alabama Conference WMS
Donated
\$250 each to Lebanon and Tate Chapel AMEC
and over \$2,200 to Roberts Chapel AMEC

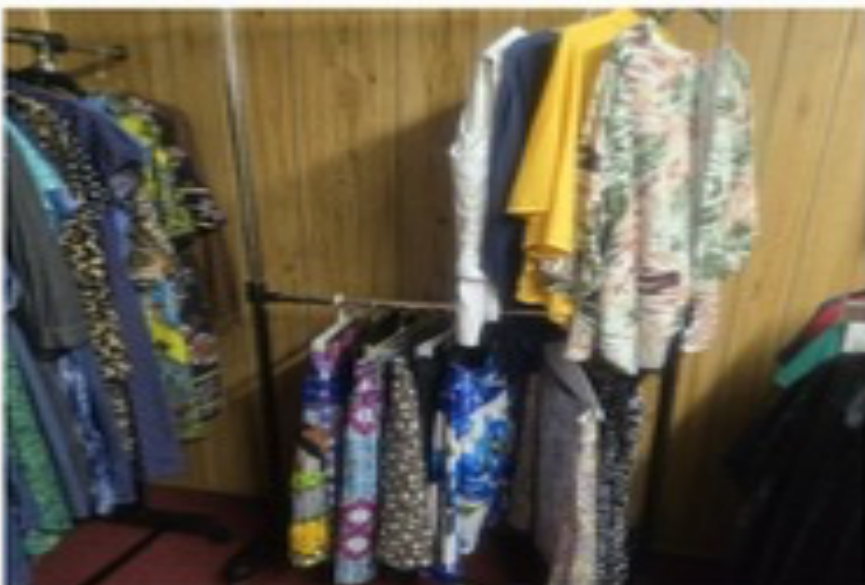
To God Be The Glory!

Our very own Northwest Alabama Conference WMS President Mrs. Thomasine Jackson has been awarded with the Minnie Gaston Community Award.



AWESOME!

Northwest Alabama Conference WMS “Be Blessed Closet”



KUDOS

to the

Southeast Alabama Conference WMS “Wiregrass Emergency Pregnancy Service” Project



The WEPS is an active, pro-life pregnancy center offering assistance to young girls and women facing unplanned pregnancies. Items donated were diapers, pull-ups, wipes, bottles, pacifiers, boys and girls clothes, and more!

The Southeast Alabama Conference WMS
donated Books in memory of past head
start cafeteria worker,
Rev. Shirley Reeves



Thank you for remembering others
and supporting the children!

SATURDAY
JULY 13

THE 1ST ANNUAL NORTHWEST ALABAMA CONFERENCE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY



CHOICE

Awards

A CELEBRATION OF MISSION EXCELLENCE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES

BLUE CARPET PHOTOS 11:00 AM * AWARD PROGRAM & SHOW 12:00 PM

DANIEL PAYNE COMMUNITY PLAZA

1500 DANIEL PAYNE DRIVE, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35214

TICKETS

REGULAR: \$40 – VIP: \$50

TABLE FOR EIGHT: \$300 – VIP: \$380

EVENT ORGANIZED BY
NWAC WMS

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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OR CALL +1-205-730-6806

Northwest Alabama Conference Young People's & Children's Division Leadership Training Institute

Jordan Chism, NWAC YPD President - Mrs. LaVarne McReynolds, NWAC YPD Director
Mrs. Thomasine Jackson, NWAC WMS President - Mrs. Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright, Episcopal Supervisor - Bishop Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate

Theme: Breaking Free

Thursday, June 20 Opening Worship Service
Friday, June 21 Memorial & Graduation Observances, Workshops, Hotel Check-in,
Saturday, June 22 Spare-Time Fellowship & Swimming
Sunday, June 23 Morning Worship Service



Registration: \$25/person
Registration Deadline: May 24, 2024
Register with you Local YPD Director
Support the YPD by purchasing a LTI T-shirt: \$15

Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church - 6931 Division Avenue - Birmingham, AL 35206
Hilton Garden Inn Trussville - 3230 Edwards Lake Parkway - Birmingham, AL 35235
Spare Time Entertainment - 3600 Roosevelt Blvd - Trussville, AL 35235
Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park - 3695 Roosevelt Blvd, Trussville, AL 35235

Please keep ALL of our
BEREAVED FAMILIES



in your prayers!



COVID-19

STILL RELEVANT?

"As long as there is a COVID-19 outbreak somewhere in the world, there is going to be something new that emerges."

- Nathan Grubaugh, PhD, an epidemiologist at the Yale School of Public Health

Current Variants - HV.1 & JN.1

Descendants of Omicron

Highly transmissible

Detected by COVID-19 tests

Protect yourself - TEST, ISOLATE, BOOST!



Bishop Michael L Mitchell, Commission Chair, Global Witness & Ministry
Dr Deborah Taylor King, International WMS President
Mrs Charolett Biggs Martin, Commission Chair, Christian Social Action