

WHAT EVERY MEMBER SHOULD KNOW:

THE MISSION

The Mission of the AME Church is to minister to the social, spiritual, and physical development of all people.

THE VISION

At every level of the Connection and in every local church, the AME Church shall engage in carrying out the spirit of the original Free African Society, out of which the AME Church evolved: that is, to seek out and save the lost, and to serve the needy. It is also the duty of Church to continue to encourage all members to become involved in all aspects of church training.

THE PURPOSES

The ultimate purposes are:

1. Make available God's biblical principles,
2. Spread Christ's liberating gospel, and
3. Provide continuing programs which will enhance the entire social development of all people.

THE OBJECTIVE

In order to meet the needs of every level of the Connection and in every local church, the AME Church shall implement strategies to train all members in: (1) Christian discipleship, (2) Christian leadership, (3) current teaching methods and materials, (4) the history and significance of the AME Church, (5) God's biblical principles, and (6) social development to which all should be applied to daily living.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

2017-2020 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God. -1 Peter 2:5 MSG

CAMPAIGN UPDATE NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

December UPCOMING EVENTS

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| DECEMBER 8 | Angel Tree |
| DECEMBER 15 | Toy Distribution |
| DECEMBER 16 | Sunday School Christmas Program |
| DECEMBER 31 | Watchnight Service with First Baptist Congregational Church (at First Baptist) |

Capital Campaign Team

Pastor James C. Bailey
Sis. Melvina Campbell
Bro. Paul Douglas
Sis. Angela Gadson
Bro. Kevin Hopkins
Sis. Naima Howard

Bro. Rodney Howard
Sis. Sylvia Jackson
Sis. Lynette McNeal
Sis. Florence Merritt
Bro. Carl Puckett, Sr.



"SERVING AN EXCELLENT GOD IN AN EXCELLENT WAY" Featured: Saint Stephen Praise Dance Ministry

The mission of the Praise Dance Ministry is to use the gift of dance in order to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost and to encourage, comfort, and edify the saints in the faith. This ministry also serves as a tool that God uses to bring healing and deliverance to His people while creating an atmosphere that ushers God's people into His presence.

From the desk of the Pastor...

Believe it or not, the Christmas season is upon us. It's that time of the year when children are preparing their list of items they hope will fill their stocking or be gathered under their tree. The time when families plan their long-awaited visits home and anticipate that favorite dish or dessert that only gets prepared during this last month of the year.

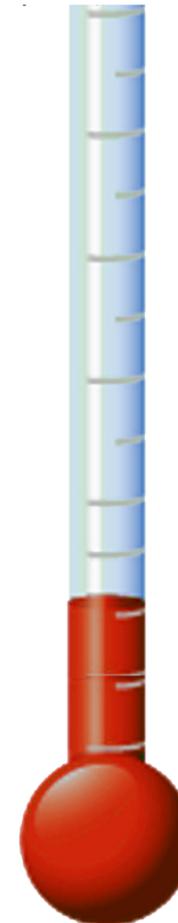
I love this season. I love it because it puts people in a festive mood and allows us all to see the beautiful lights and decorations that adorn the City and the neighboring towns. As the temperature drops and the enthusiasm rises, it is my hope for each of you in the days and weeks to come, that your time spent

with family and friends will be filled with an abundance of joy and hearty laughter, as you make memories that will last a lifetime.

And when Christmas day finally arrives, before the coffee is brewed or a name is called and a package handed out, take a moment and simply thank God. Thank Him for all He has done and for those faces that surround you. But most of all, thank Him for proving His love to us all, by giving the greatest gift that any of us could have received, the gift of His Son.

Wishing you the best today and always.

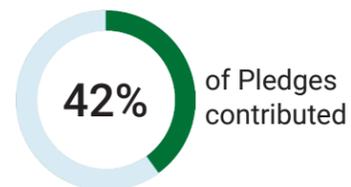
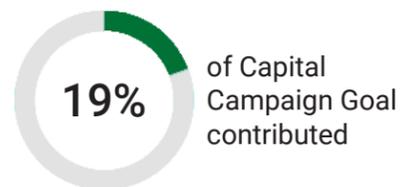
Pastor James C. Bailey



Total Received:
\$101,614.58
*as of 11.18.2018

FINANCIAL UPDATE *as of 11.18.2018

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| Capital Campaign Goal: | \$530,000.00 | Pledge Contributions Received: | \$91,570.04 |
| Total Pledged: | \$220,416.00 | Non-pledge Donations: | \$10,044.54 |
| | | Total Contributions: | \$101,614.58 |



If you wish to make a pledge to the Capital Campaign: Building Our Future, commitment cards are available on the website, in the vestibule, or by contacting the church office. Your gifts to the Capital Campaign can be made during the Sunday Morning offering in a marked envelope, online at www.ststephenchicago.org (please enter "Capital Campaign" in the donation type field) or by check with "Capital Campaign" marked in the memo line.

PROJECTS UPDATE:

Capital Campaign projects are recommended by the Capital Campaign Committee and submitted to the St. Stephen AMEC Trustee Board. It is the policy of the board to obtain 3 bids on every project before seeking approval to proceed with construction on the best bid.

Project 1A

CHURCH LIFT
\$65K - \$85K

- The church lift will be built inside the church on the west side of the building and will have 3 stops:
 - Basement
 - Street Level
 - Sanctuary Level
- There will be some pew relocation in the sanctuary to accommodate the construction
- 2 out of the 3 required bids have been collected for this project.
 - We are currently seeking a 3rd bid for this project
 - Bids range from \$65K to \$85K
 - Additional charges may occur to accommodate finishing work on the construction

Project 1B

FACADE & DOORS
\$15K - \$35K

- This project includes:
 - Cleaning of the front of the church facing and stairs
 - Sealing all cracks
 - Replacement of the two external single doors with two double doors
 - Finishing work for both the exterior and interior area surrounding the doors
- 2 out of the 3 required bids have been collected for this project.
 - We are currently seeking a 3rd bid for this project
 - Bids range from \$15K to \$35K

CAMPAIGN MEETING Q & A:

HOW DO WE PLAN TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO GIVE IN EFFORT TO REACH OUR \$530,000 GOAL?

We have letters that have gone out to encourage individuals to pledge and contribute. We ask that members also encourage their friends and supporters to give.

WILL THE CHURCH CONSIDER ACQUIRING THE NORTH LOT BEHIND THE CHURCH THAT MEMBERS CURRENTLY USE FOR PARKING?

Yes. The lot behind the church is currently owned by the City of Chicago. The church has met with members of the Garfield Park Community Association as well as the company building the Food Truck Distribution Plant in the lots west of Albany. That company has indicated they would support St. Stephen's purchase of the lot provided we allow them to use it for parking for their employees during the week.

CAN THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MONIES RECEIVED TO DATE BE DEPOSITED INTO AN INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT?

The monies are not currently in an interest bearing account. This suggestion will be considered factoring in the projects we are undertaking and the available funds needed.

WHAT IS THE DOCUMENT TRACK RECORD OF EACH CONTRACTOR?

Each of the current contract bids has more than 10 years of experience in their respective fields.

HAVE WE THOUGHT OF FINDING OUTSIDE RESOURCES TO HELP REACH OUR GOAL?

Yes.

WHAT MATERIALS WILL BE USED FOR THE 2 PHASE 1 PROJECTS? HAVE WE CONSIDERED DESIGNS THAT DO NOT MAKE THE CHURCH LOOK LIKE A STOREFRONT?

The doors currently being considered include double glass doors with aluminum frames. We will look at other design options for the front.

IS THE PLAN TO PAVE THE ADJACENT PROPERTY TO CREATE A TRUE PARKING LOT?

Yes. Part of the city requirements for purchasing the adjacent lot require paving a portion of the lot and having designated handicap spaces. Plans including a parking lot were submitted to the city with our application to purchase the lot.