

“As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another.”

-Proverbs 27:17

Saint John's

AME CHURCH

Rev. James E Arnell, Pastor



8th Annual
Sons of Allen *Day*

*Theme: "Take Out Time to Make History!
I am ready!"*

Sunday, August 28, 2016 | 10:30 A.M.

Honorable
Greg Griffin

Assisting with Today's Worship

Choir
Youth Choir

Minister of Music
Henry Terry

Bassist
Emery Kidd

Trumpet
JaCorie Gipson

Usher Board
L.L. Butler

Musician
Jocelyn Stovall

Percussionist
Khye Cunningham

Security
Winston Knight



Honorable Greg Griffin was appointed to the 15th Judicial Circuit of Montgomery County Alabama on November 26, 2014 to complete the remainder of Retiring Judge Tracey McCooey's six year term by Governor Robert Bentley. Judge Griffin won a contested race in March of 2016 in the Democratic Primary. He does not have opposition in the general election. Prior to his appointment Judge Griffin was the Chief Legal Counsel, Attorney IV for the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles, Montgomery, Alabama for more than 19 years. The Chief Legal Counsel provides oversight, guidance and direction for legal advice provided throughout the department as well as providing

advice on any legal subjects and on other matters as directed by the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Prior to being employed as Chief Legal Counsel, Judge Griffin was an Assistant Attorney General in the Attorney General's Office, where he specialized in civil litigation and criminal appellate practice. He was also General Counsel to the Alabama Board of Veterinary Medicine. Judge Griffin was also an Adjunct Instructor at Alabama State University teaching courses in Real Estate Finance, Business Law I and Federal Income Taxation. He served in that position from 1989 to 2002. Judge Griffin was also the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Capital City Club in Montgomery, Alabama in 2002. He was also appointed by Governor Bob Riley and unanimously confirmed by the Alabama Senate to serve a 10 year term as Vice Chairman of the Alabama Educational Television Commission. Judge Griffin retired from the State of Alabama on January 1, 2015 after 27 years and 4 months of dedicated service. Judge Griffin was elected in the March 2016 Democratic Primary receiving 63% of the vote. He is unopposed in the General election. Judge Griffin's new 6 year term will begin in January 2017.

Judge Griffin and his wife Debra have been married 29 years. They are the proud parents of six children. Greg Jr. is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and a 2nd Lt. In the Alabama National Guard. Alexis is a second year medical student at South Alabama College of medicine in Mobile, Alabama, Christopher is a Larson Fellow and rising senior at Carleton College in Northfield, MN. Calvin, Natalie and Sean are students in the Montgomery Public School System.

Judge Griffin and his family were among the 21 persons who founded the Community Congregational United Church of Christ located on the corner of South Court Street and Edgemont Avenue in Montgomery, Alabama where he is currently a member. He served on the Executive Council for approximately four years.

Education:

1980 - Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA (Student Body President).

1983 - Juris doctorate degree, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA.

1984 - Master of law (taxation), Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA (member of the Tax Law Review)

Sons of Allen Day Worship Service

10:20 A.M. SONGS OF PRAISE

10:30 A.M. "This is the Day the Lord Has Made"

Doxology "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

Worship Leader, Bro. Legand Burge

***Hymn of Celebration** **Choir and Congregation**
#390—"I Am On The Battlefield For My Lord"

The Morning Prayer **Bro. Anthony Gibson**

The Choral Response **Choir and Congregation**

#619—"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me,

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

****The Choral Selection** **Gospel Choir**

The Scripture Mathew 17:20 **Bro. Tyler Anderson**

****The Choral Selection** **Gospel Choir**

****Greeting our Guests** **Bros Joe & Joe Crosby, II**

Visitors Song

The Jesus in me loves the Jesus in you,

The Jesus in me loves the Jesus in you,

So easy, so easy, so easy, so easy to love.

WELCOME!

*STAND

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Announcements

Bros Joe & Joe Crosby, II

******Birthday and Anniversary Observations******



Fellowship within your pews

Gifts of Stewardship

At the Presentation

#644 *"All Things Come of Thee"*

Introduction of the Speaker

Bro. H. Lewis Gillis

****The Choral Selection**

Gospel Choir

Guest Speaker

Honorable Greg Griffin

Presiding Judge of the 15th Judicial Circuit of Montgomery County Alabama

***Invitation to Discipleship**

Choir & Congregation

Hymn #272—*"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"*

Sons of Allen of the Year Presentation

Bro. Lamarious Whetstone

Remarks

Bro. Keith Houston

President, St. John's Sons of Allen Unit

Pastor James E. Arnell

*STAND

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****Affirmation of Theme**

Bro. Bryan Burns

- I enthusiastically commit my life and destiny to Christ, promising to give Him priority in all the affairs of my life.
- I will aim to please God first, and be a blessing to the body of Christ through my walk and witness.
- I will seek understanding and wisdom from Him and be led by the Spirit of God.
- I commit to studying God's word, prayer, living a consecrated life and giving God His part.
- When the winds come I shall not be moved for I have been firmly planted through my relationship and my trust in God.
- "I will seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" knowing that in my seeking I will find.

"Look for God and You'll Find the Rest"

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33

***Doxology**

Choir & Congregation

Sons of Allen Benediction

"May the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; and the God of our founder Richard Allen bless, strengthen, and empower us to serve the present age as Christian Men empowered by His Holy Spirit.

Amen."

Prayer Schedule

Legand Burge, Sadie Stiner, Youth, & Julius Taylor

Communion Stewards

Brenda Burns & James Bates

***STAND**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please Note: All announcements must be turned in to the Church Office **by Wednesday** of each week. You may e-mail your announcements to saintjohnsame@bellsouth.net

Prayers are extended to Sis Lula Davis in the demise of her daughter, Sis. Versie Bickham. Also pray for the entirety of Sis. Bickham's family as they cherish her memories. Funeral Services were held at St. John's Friday, August 28th.

Official Board will meet Tuesday, September 6, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

Thank you to the Missionary Society for hosting a successful Senior Luncheon. Thank you to May Miller, the WMS President, Shelia Lawson, the Senior Luncheon Chairperson and her committee, and all the WMS members. Fun was had by all. **Pastor Arnell**

The YPD along with Ashley Brown, Trey Smith, & Josh Agee will be taking orders for Church Tee Shirts (I  my Church) at the ushers station. The cost will be \$10.

Church Windows If you are interested in purchasing a window. Please notify the office. The cost will be \$750.

The AARC WMS will be collecting donations and school supplies for the VALIANT CROSS ACADEMY, a new-faith based all boys school focused on educating at-risk youth, located downtown Montgomery. Please give monetary donations to May Miller or any member of the WMS. There will be a box in the Christian Life Center for supplies. Items needed: copy paper, line paper, pens, pencils black, colored pencils, black & brown socks, black & brown belts.

August 28— September 3, 2013

Cora Harris— **30th**

Kindell Anderson Gail Howard — **31st**

Rosalee Mason—**2nd**

Cynthia Underwood Thomas Raymond Moore Sr. —**3rd**

***"Praying God gives you a day as BRIGHT and wonderful as you,
Happy Birthday!"***



Kendra & Joe Colvin, III — **28th**

Carlette James—**31st**

Dwight & Alik Brooks—**2nd**

***"May your marriage be blessed with love, joy and
companionship, Happy Anniversary!"***

Your concern and thoughtfulness would mean so much to the sick, by way of a telephone call, card, and/or visit.

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James 5:15, NRSV

St. John's AME Church Sons of Allen

Mission Statement: To encourage men to implement ministries modeled by our founder, Richard Allen as he sought to meet the needs in his community. To organize the men of St. John's A.M.E. Church in Christian fellowship and social action; to develop and direct their Christian skills to serve as role models for the church and community.

Motto: "Keep it simple and have fun!"

History: St. John's Sons of Allen was formed on September 22, 2001. E.J. Knight served as the first president from 2001 to 2005. Kenneth Washington served as the second president from 2005 to 2009. The first annual Sons of Allen Day at St. John's was facilitated and coordinated by Keith Houston in 2008 who has coordinated the event annually. Michael Burns served as the third president from 2009 to 2013 and Joseph Crosby as the fourth president from 2013 to 2015. Keith Houston has served as the fifth president from 2015 to present. St. John's Sons of Allen currently has 33 members and supports all programs of the church.

Our Works This Conference Year:

- Assisted St. John's WMS by delivering their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Boxes to residents of Montgomery, Alabama selected by the WMS.
- Co-sponsored Super Bowl 50 Fellowship with the YPD in the Christian Life Center
- Served as teachers, chaperones & van drivers for St. John's VBS 2016
- Sponsored Sons of Allen Annual Family Night Event held at Brunswick Zone (Bowling Lanes).
- Recruited 6 new members.

Future Plans:

- Sponsor a "Coat, Jacket & Sweater Drive" to benefit the residents of the Salvation Army.

St. John's A.M.E Church
2015-2016
Sons of Allen Officers & Members

Keith Houston..... President
 Lamarious Whetstone.....First Vice President
 Kenneth Washington.....Second Vice President
 Anthony Gibson.....Treasurer
 Kindell Anderson..... Secretary
 LeKeedric Taylor.....Chaplain
 E.J. Knight.....Advisor

Angelo Agee	JaCorie Gipson
Josh Agee	Joseph Hall
Tyler Anderson	Lafayette Hall
JaKobe Armstrong	William Hodge
Dwight Brooks	Emery Kidd
Legand Burge	Darryl Littleton
Bryan Burns	James Littleton
Michael Burns	Theodore Morgan, Sr.
Connor Burroughs	Arthur Scott
Larry Coleman	Ralph M. Smith
Joe Colvin	Trey Smith
Joseph Crosby	Julius Taylor
Joseph Crosby II	
H. Lewis Gillis	

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