

Re-Imagining Stewardship To Serve This Present Age - November 12, 2020 -

First Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Re-Imagining Stewardship...

What is the synchronous course of action to meet the challenges and the concerns of the church while remaining relevant?



Re-Imagining Stewardship... ***REQUIRES PRAYER!***

The most important component in Re-Imagining Stewardship for this present age is the spirit of God working and encouraging the faithful to be more responsible as a faith community.

Re-Imagining Stewardship... ***REQUIRES INNOVATION!***

The methods we
implemented before the
pandemic may not work now.





Re-Imagining
Stewardship...
***REQUIRES A PLAN
OF ACTION!***

If you want to get ahead, just
get started!

Re-Imagining Stewardship...

**COMMUNION
PICK UP**

Thursday, June 4
Friday, June 5
Saturday, June 6

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rear Entrance of Bethel Church
501 West Orange Avenue - Tallahassee, Florida

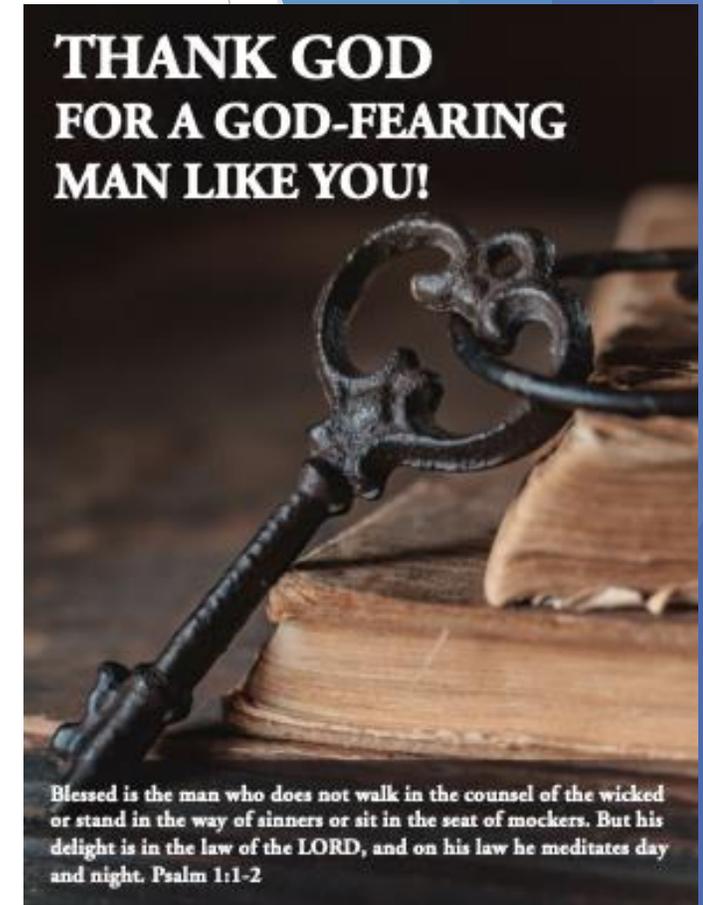
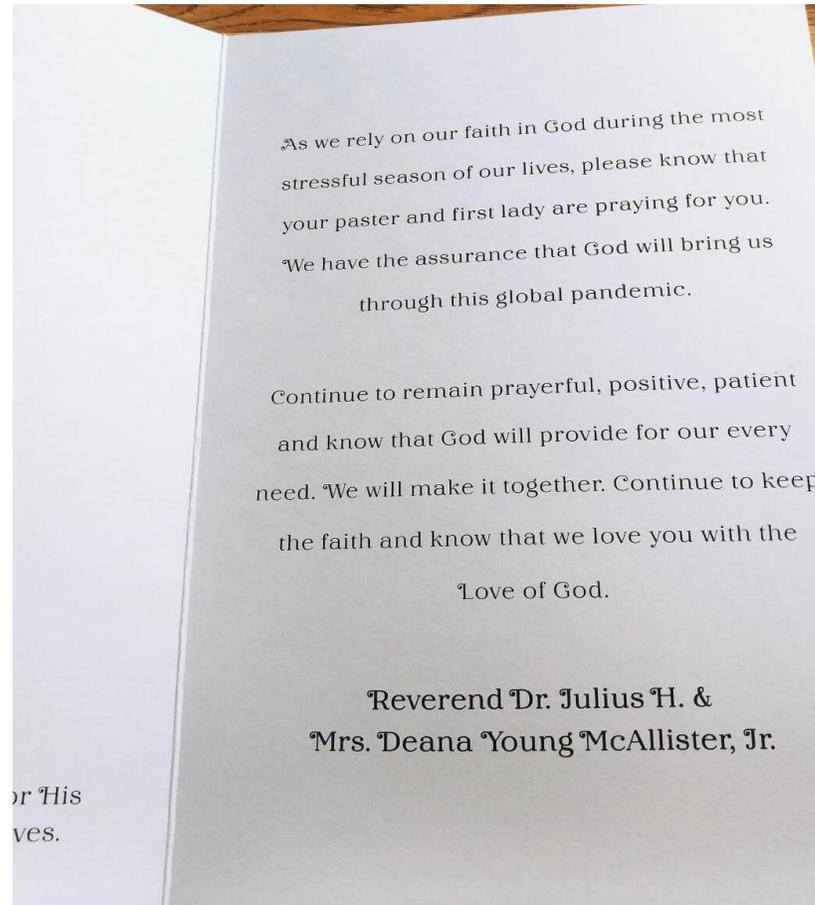
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Bethel A.M.E Church
First Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

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Deana Y. McAllister, First Lady



Re-Imagining Stewardship...



Re-Imagining Stewardship...

11:00 a.m.	Stewardess Board #2	- Sister Patricia McGowan
11:30 a.m.	Stewardess Board #3	- Sisters Traci Mathis & W
12:00 noon	Stewardess Board #1	- Sister Hilda Jackson
12:30 p.m.	Stewardess Board #4	- Sister Florida Dobson
1:00 p.m.	Church School	- Sister Debra Austin
1:30 p.m.	Lay Organization	- Brother Kyle Harris
2:00 p.m.	Christian Education	- Reverend Marian Ellis
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020		
11:00 a.m.	WMW	- Sister Sylvia Petties
11:30 a.m.	Care Leaders	- Sister Margaree Elkins
12:00 noon	YPD	- Sister Marie Riou
12:30 p.m.	Usher Board #2	- Sister Flora Hall
1:00 p.m.		
1:30 p.m.	A.J. Kershaw Board	- Sister Shirley Collins-Hack
2:00 p.m.	Senior Adult Ministry	- Sister LaJoycea Condry
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020		
11:00 a.m.	Daughters of Sarah Allen	- Sister Barbara Ke
11:30 a.m.	Membership & Evangelism	- Sister Barbara Jar
12:00 noon	Pastor's Aid Board	- Sister Carolyn Daniels
12:30 p.m.	N.Z. Graham Board	- Sister Mary Blount
1:00 p.m.	Sam Sampson Board	- Sister Gerri Chambers
1:30 p.m.	Transportation	- Brother Obie Condry
2:00 p.m.	Youth Ushers & Decorators	- Sister Gaye Harpe
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020		
11:00 a.m.	Usher Board #1	- Sister Jean Jasmin
11:30 a.m.		
12:00 noon	Male Usher Board	- Brother Paul Robinson
12:30 p.m.	Black History Committee	- Brother Kenneth
1:00 p.m.	Health Commission	- Sister Marva Ford-Jones
1:30 p.m.		
2:00 p.m.		



Bethel AME Church
Daily Devotional
Reverend Dr. Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Senior Minister
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Daily Devotional

Scripture

So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

John 5:16-18

Daily Devotional

In this Scripture, Jesus admonishes the Pharisees for condemning him for healing the lame man on the Sabbath. Jesus clearly understands that there are "doers" of the Word and "hearers" of the Word. The Pharisees search the Scriptures fervently, but are still not wiser for doing so.

Regrettably, we too can be guilty of manipulating the Word of God to absolve our guilt, assuage our sinful ways and validate our purposes and point of view. We readily quote scriptures but fail to truly understand the meaning of what we have said.

Throughout history, mankind has used the





A LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO THE RUSSAW FAMILY IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF DR. FLOYD RUSSAW

MAY 2020

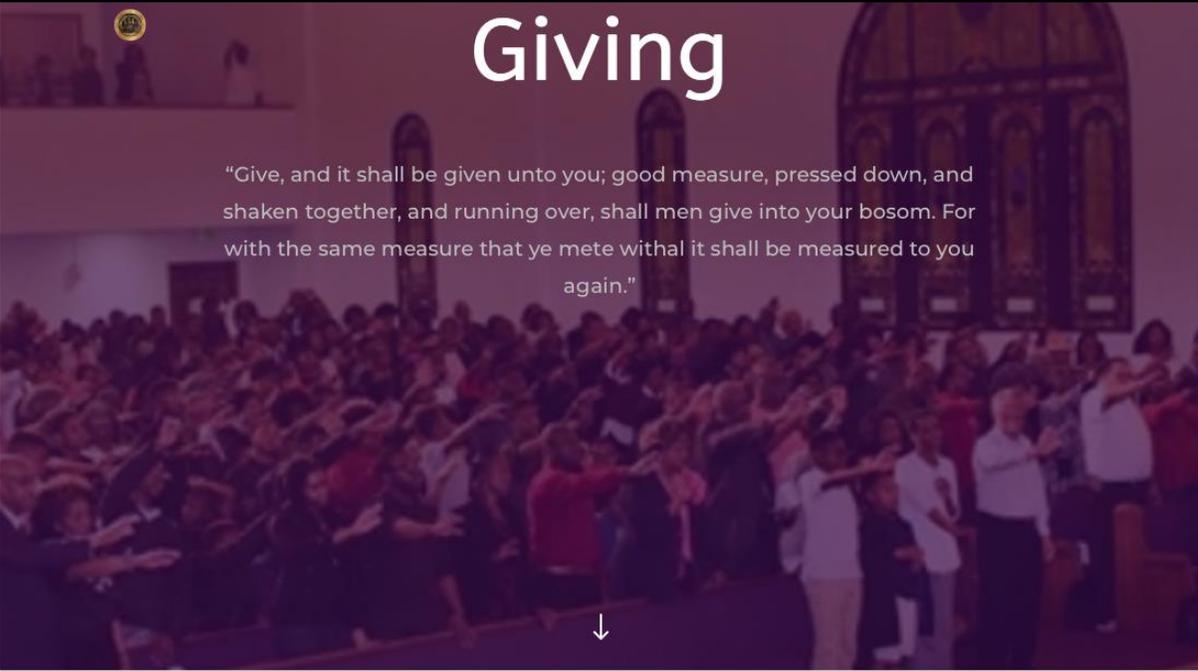
Deana and I regret that we could not join you and your family today, as you celebrate the life of Dr. Floyd Russaw: husband, father, grandfather brother, Christian friend. We honor God for the meaning of family, for the capacity of remembering a place called "home," of memories and laughter and challenges overcome in victory, of lessons learned and legacies passed on. We are grateful to God for the meaningful life Dr. Russaw was blessed to live, for the amazing good he tried to accomplish, for the many lives he touched, and for the positive legacy he leaves.

On a personal note, I shall fondly remember his contributions to the outreach ministry of Greater Institutional Church. His view of Christianity was more than theological propositions and creeds. He was committed to a ministry of relevance. He served in various positive roles of servant leadership in the life of our ecclesial institution. As a member of the Board of Trustees, he gave stupendous and sterling direction as he, along with others, meticulously managed the temporal concerns of the church. His soft words of encouragement cultivated meaningful experiences that helped to change the spiritual trajectory of Greater Institutional. I can recall many penetrating sayings that Dr. Russaw was known for articulating at any given time. For instance, whether he was at a gathering at the church, at one of our Alpha Phi Alpha meetings, or just shooting the breeze with his friends, he would often say the beginning lines of a poem written by Edgar Guest, "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day." Another saying that Dr. Russaw would quote often came from Ralph Waldo Emerson; he would say, "you talking so loud that I cannot hear what you are saying!" He had an uncanny way of being professorial, a courteous gentleman, and just one of the boys all at the same time.

It was evident that Dr. Russaw loved his church, as he was an inaugural member of the Come Home for Christmas ministry experience, helped to coordinate our disaster relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina victims in New Orleans and south Mississippi, a member of the Wednesday evening bible study, provided unparalleled assistance with our Annual Family and Friends Day, and was one of the first tithers in our fellowship as we began the stewardship ministry in December of 2000. He was a great gift to the body of Christ.

Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Jr., D. Min.

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Giving

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”



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Re-Imagining Stewardship...

How to reach the masses without asking for money?

- ▶ Letters to the congregants as well as postcards.
- ▶ Daily devotionals.
- ▶ If members are sick or have lost a loved one, reach out to them. If a voicemail comes on, leave a message as well as a prayer.
- ▶ Send a letter of condolence if unable to attend a funeral.



Re-Imagining Stewardship...

**Pastoring in a pandemic is
not as easy as it looks...**

- ▶ Preaching in an empty church Sunday after Sunday.



Re-Imagining Stewardship...

Pastoring in a pandemic is not as easy as it looks...

- ▶ Sharing words of comfort in a cemetery for members who have served their entire lives in that local church.
- ▶ Providing solace to members occupying health care facilities.
- ▶ Keeping and maintaining the congregation.
- ▶ Maintaining our physical plants and financial responsibilities.



Five Reasons people give to the Church during a Pandemic...

1. THEY SEE A NEED.

I know you've heard that people don't give to needs, they give to vision, but that's not always true. A lot of people are motivated to give because a need was clearly presented. This is why our parishioners are giving during this global pandemic.



Five Reasons people give to the Church during a Pandemic...

2. THEY BELIEVE IN THE VISION.

People do want to be a part of something bigger than themselves, and vision does inspire people to give. Stories of life change and connecting the dots between giving and ministry really do help.



Five Reasons people give to the Church during a Pandemic...

3. THEY HAVE A RELATIONSHIP.

Whether it's the pastor, a small group leader, a volunteer team captain or a friend, relationships will help people "buy into the church."



Five Reasons people give to the Church during a Pandemic...

4. THEY ARE TAUGHT HOW TO DO IT.

I'm sure you think everyone knows how to give to your church, but that's because you're a leader in the church. You've got to educate people and show them exactly how to give. Ever wonder why infomercials spend so much time showing the product in action....it's so people will know how to use it.



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5. THEY WANT TO OBEY GOD'S WORD.

Sharing statistics and telling stories are great, but don't forget the word of God. Our message is divinely inspired.

Jesus had a lot to say on the subject of money. Help people understand what The Bible has to say about giving.



When we Re-Imagine Our Stewardship, it enables the local church to reach its goals:

- To glorify God.
- Save souls and bring people closer to Jesus.
- Develop people to Christ-like maturity and equip the saints for ministry in the church and Community.

Questions...?