33rd Church Anniversary
Moving Forward
By Faith In Love

"KEEP ALERT, STAND FIRM IN YOUR FAITH, BE COURAGEOUS, BE STRONG. LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE."
~ I CORINTHIANS 16:13-14 NRSV

Sunday, September 16th
morning services festivities will include special music by our Gospel Choir, and preaching by two dynamic church statesmen. Rev. Walter Bauldrick, Presiding Elder of the Milwaukee District at 8:15 and Rev. Gary McCants, Presiding Elder of the Illinois Annual Conference at 11:15 am. The DuPage Theatre Group will present an Anniversary Tribute Skit and special recognition will be given to encourage our young people who are our future church. Denise Taylor, our chairperson, and Portia Washington, her co-chair, have coordinated a gala affair with a sumptuous dinner to be served following the 11:15 am service. You are invited!

God bless you now, and see you in church!

Pastor Miller
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following New Members to our DuPage AME Church family!
May each of you always be open to the ministry of the Lord’s church.
Remember that active Christians make churches that are alive!

Delores Allen
Bolingbrook

Marc Henderson
Lisle

Caryn Atkins
Aurora

Kendall & Opal Nesbitt
Kendall Jr., Orlin, Kennedi
Romeoville

De’Onté Ware
Glendale Heights

Lula Clay
Naperville

Jacquelyn Dabney
Bolingbrook

LaToya & Demaje Johnson
Lisle

Elexis Wilson
Aurora

Kenneth Hill
Naperville

Annette Diop
Westmont

Stacey Brown
Christian & Cameron
Naperville

Bria McKinzie
Naperville

Stephanie Brown
Wheaton

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DuPage is going to the Chicago SKY WNBA Game!
Thursday, September 20th
$10 Tickets
Available in the Narthex on Sunday

The first 16 kids to sign up will be able to go to the hi-five tunnel and greet the Chicago SKY as they enter the game.

Allstate Arena
6920 Mannheim Rd — Rosemont, IL 60018

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PASTORAL APPRECIATION

23RD PASTORAL APPRECIATION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

GIVING THANKS FOR AGAPE LOVE

“And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love.”

I Thessalonians 5:12-13 (Msg)

In the AME Church it is tradition to give appreciation to the pastor before the Annual Conference. The Steward Board leads the congregation in this effort. Pat Mathis, Steward Board Vice-Chair, is excited to spearhead these efforts.

Twenty-three years ago The Miller Family arrived to a faithful congregation of 200 members in a humble chapel that seated 70 people. Look at us today – to God be the glory! To honor God’s servant is to honor the God who sent them. Pastor Miller, Rev. Lana, and family will be acknowledged on Sunday, September 23rd at the 8:15 am & 11:15 am Worship Services. This will also be our first official Youth Sunday of the 2012-2013 Year. Our own Presiding Elder Albert D. Tyson III will preach both services. Elder Tyson is nationally known to preach Heaven down in only 15 minutes!

Each member of DuPage AME Church is asked every year to give a gift (minimally $25) to encourage our Pastor. Let’s thank Pastor Miller & Rev. Lana who are giving good service to the church for the Lord.

SEMI-ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The church has a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization named REACH. REACH stands for Regularly Extending Assistance to Community & Humanity. Our largest church outreach to help persons less fortunate is our monthly food distribution sponsored by REACH held every 2nd Saturday. Help us help others! The month of OCTOBER is designated for all church members and friends to bring non-perishable food items to the church to supplement REACH’s Food Bank. Please be generous according to God’s blessings to you.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of My family, you did it to Me.”

Matthew 25:40

Upcoming FOOD PANTRY dates include:

Saturday, September 8th
Saturday, October 13th
Saturday, November 10th
10 am — 12 Noon

Make a contribution of your service! To volunteer please contact Dr. Sweet through the church office.
130TH SESSION OF THE CHICAGO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 6th – Sunday, October 14th
St. Mark AME Church – Host Church
Hilton Milwaukee City Center
509 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:
Missionary Day — Saturday, October 6th
Roll Call & Opening Worship — Wednesday, October 10th
Lay Night — Thursday, October 11th
Youth Night — Friday, October 12th
Ordination — Saturday, October 13th
Bro. Keith Allen — Itinerant Deacon
Rev. Kevin Thornton — Local Elder
Rev. Dr. Shirley Brummell — Local Elder

Appointments & Closing – Sunday, October 14th
Please contact the church office for additional details.

VISITORS DAY

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”
Hebrews 13:2

Every six months we set aside a day to invite back and acknowledge all persons who have visited our church during that time period. Sunday, October 28th we will take special care to thank God for the many souls that are sent to worship with us. Visitor Day is coordinated by our Class Leader Council.

ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

Sunday, October 21st

“The foundations of maintaining a healthy Christian faith are daily prayer and Bible Study. Studying God’s Word is irreplaceable in becoming a mature Christian. Studying God’s Word in a group is mandatory for revelations from God’s Word. Wednesday Bible Study and Sunday School are the two primary opportunities for the church to come together and study God’s word.

This is a revelation from God for our church. Every member is encouraged to test God at God’s Word by attend Sunday School on Sunday, October 21st! God’s goal is to get everybody to come to church and go to Sunday School on this day. Persons who have experienced God will get excited at this opportunity because they know that God’s word is “a lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES ON SUNDAYS AT 10 AM!
OFFICER TRAINING 2012-2013

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’”

Isaiah 6:8

The Officers of the Church are members selected by the Pastor to facilitate God’s vision as revealed to the Pastor. The collective body of officers is referred to as the Official Board of the church. The Official Board consists of: Stewards, Trustees, Stewardesses, Class Leaders, and Presidents of Auxiliaries. Stewards, Stewardesses, & Class Leaders are appointed by the Pastor. Trustees are nominated by the Pastor for election at the Church Conference. Presidents of ministries are elected by the members of that ministry. The Lord needs you! If you are interested in serving or have a question about any officer position please contact the church office or Pastor Miller.

To ratify their appointment for election, all officers are expected to attend two officer trainings. The Training this year is entitled: “How We Do Church.”

TRAINING 1: Thursday, October 25th – 7 pm
TRAINING 2: Tuesday, November 13th – 7 pm
TRAINING 1 & 2 MAKE UP: Saturday, December 8th

THIEVES® ESSENTIAL OIL

Cold Season is upon us! Get ready for it with Thieves®!

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`THANK YOU LORD’ REVIVAL

Wednesday, November 7th
THROUGH Friday, November 9th
7:15 pm nightly

“What shall I return to the Lord for all God’s bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of God’s people.”
Psalm 116:12-14

Realizing God’s many blessings to us, each year as a church family we take special time out to give God thanks. In this revival fashion of praise and worship we honor what God has done for us and send up prayers for miracles yet to come. This year the preaching schedule is Wednesday – Bro. Aaron Bailey – Thursday – Rev. Shonda Nicole Gladden, and Friday – Rev. Samuel L. Green, Jr. These young preachers are the great giants of a brand new day. God is using them in this time and we are delighted to have their preaching minister to us. The singing schedule: Wednesday—Gospel Choir, Thursday—Sanctuary Choir & Voices of Praise, and Friday—Sunbeam Choir, Inspirational Choir, Voices of Tomorrow.

ANNUAL USHER DAY

“For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.”
Psalm 84:10

DuPage AME Church has one of the most efficient Usher Boards in God’s kingdom. Each service has its own team of ushers. Three services weekly and four services monthly means we have 12 regular Usher Board Teams. This does not include 5th Sunday and special services. This is a lot to coordinate and its takes a great number of committed servants and yet at each service we are properly cared for by our Ushers. God bless you everyone! We thank God for you!

On Sunday, November 11th we will celebrate our Usher Board and every faithful member who loves the church will certainly make a special effort to be present. The Rev. Richard Patterson, Jr., Pastor of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church Chicago will preach both 8:15 & 11:15 am Worship Services. Come and hear great preaching and witness the Holy Spirit bless this worship that honors God’s servants.
ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 18th
Immediately following 11:15 am Worship Service

DO GREATER THINGS
John 14:12

AGENDA
I. Devotion
II. God’s Vision For the Church
III. Election of Trustees
IV. Election of Annual Conference Delegate
V. Organization for Annual Day Events
VI. 2012-13 Calendar Preview
VII. Adjournment

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

“O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God’s steadfast love endures forever.”
Psalm 136:1

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service occurs on Wednesday for a reason! We are a family church with family values and it is a good thing for the family to be together on the Holiday. Holiday times at home can be some of the most precious time in life; however, we must remember to give God the glory!

On Wednesday, November 21st at 7:15 pm, the Rev. James C. Bailey, Pastor of St. Stephen AME Church in Chicago will bring our Thanksgiving Eve Sermon. The Voices of Tomorrow and the Gospel Choir will sing along with the wonderful choir from St. Stephen! Let us come out and give God thanks!

Rev. James C. Bailey

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER
7 Youth Ministries Kick-Off
8 REACH Food Pantry
16 33rd Church Anniversary
20 Chicago Sky WNBA Game
23 Pastoral Appreciation Day
27 Happy Birthday Rev. Lana!

OCTOBER
10-14 Chicago Annual Conference Hilton Milwaukee
13 REACH Food Pantry
21 Sunday School Day
21&28 Girl Scout Bake Sale
25 Officer Training 1

NOVEMBER
1-3 4th District Planning Meeting Ypsilanti, Michigan
6 Election Day
7-9 ‘Thank You Lord’ Revival
10 REACH Food Pantry
11 Usher Day
13 Officer Training 2
18 Annual Church Conference
21 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

WINTER EDITION:
The deadline for submissions to the Winter Edition NEWSLETTER is October 31st.
We want to hear from you and your ministry in the church.

CALL FOR WILLING VOLUNTEERS:
If you are interested in working with THE NEWSLETTER TEAM please contact the church office!
NEW CHURCH MOTTO:

We are “small enough to care and large enough to share” and we recognize God’s continued blessings upon us. As God’s word states, “to whom much is given, much is required,” (Luke 12:48) and we have been given much! Pastor Miller was given this new motto to reflect this spiritual growth season. We have been and are

“Blessed to be a Blessing!”

HAPPY 33RD BIRTHDAY DUPAGE!