“It doth not yet appear what we shall be…”
I John 3:2

Rev. Dr. James F. Miller – Senior Pastor
Rev. Lana Parks Miller – Executive Pastor

Rev. Louis Toney—Presiding Elder
Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant—Episcopal Supervisor
Rt. Rev. John R. Bryant—Presiding Prelate
Our Humble Beginnings

Our Blessed Present

Our Victorious Future
To Bishop John & Rev. Dr. Cecelia Bryant, Presiding Elders, Pastors, Ministers, Delegates, Missionaries, Friends, and Visitors to this 127th Session of the Chicago Annual Conference:

First let me thank Bishop John & Rev. C for their sterling model of spiritual leadership. We at DuPage thank God for keeping God’s promise and bringing the vision of our Church Expansion to pass. Eighteen years ago when we first purchased 1.6 acres for our new church home we envisioned a campus facility on the surrounding land. As you read this a $4Million building addition, with parking, is being constructed. DuPage AMEC owns seven acres and the future remains bright. We are receiving spiritual blessings of healings, new jobs, and family reconciliation, as well as continued membership growth.

Congratulations Presiding Elder Reff, Mrs. Janice Reff, and the St. Paul District on your hosting of this significant Annual Conference. May God bless all the churches and ministries which emanate from this sacred gathering.

Rev. Lana and I thank DuPage for their continued faith and expressed love as we labor together IN JESUS’ NAME!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Dr. James F. Miller
Completed construction to add 75 parking spaces and began construction on our Administrative wing to house: enlarged fellowship hall, bookstore, day care, chapel, enlarged narthex and restrooms, elevators and administrative level. This level will include: 20 person boardroom and an expansive suite of offices with staff lounge, reception area, and machine room.

Conducted Lenten Fast, 24-Hour Prayer Vigil and Churchwide In-Home Bible Study Night

Mission outreach to the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, & 20th AME Districts overseas, as well as Miller Chapel, Turner Memorial, Wayman Chicago, Celia Gregg, Greater St. Paul, St. Mary, Payne Memorial, St. Matthew Argo, and Bethel Michigan City, and several other local churches and mission projects.

Remained the fastest growing AME Church in the Midwest with over 150 persons joining.

Continued as hosts of the 4th District Christian Education Congress.

Distributed $8000 in scholarships to High School Graduating Seniors.

Through our 501(c)3, REACH, Inc., hosted a county-wide Economic Empowerment Conference with nearly 400 attendees and supported by several corporate sponsors.

Increased Holiday Thanksgiving Donation Baskets through the Sarah Allen Women’s Missionary Society.

Through our 501(c)3, REACH, Inc., sponsored a monthly food distribution in partnership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, average over 200 families and nearly 10,000 lbs. of food each month.

Took a bus delegation of prayer warriors to the International Women’s Prayer Convocation in Toronto.

Enjoyed many days hosting connectional preachers and enjoying wonderful fellowship in the Lord. (see end pages)
MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. James F. Miller – Senior Pastor
Rev. Lana Parks Miller – Executive Pastor
Rev. Dr. Geneace Williams – Pastoral Support Minister
Rev. Marland Brazier – Youth Ministries Coordinator
Rev. Elliott Griffin – Pastoral Care/Men’s Ministry
Sis. Shirley Brummell – Pastoral Care Minister
Rev. Theresa Dear – Community Ministry
Rev. Valerie Toney Parker – Beautiful Feet Youth Ministry
Rev. Morgan Dixon – Youth Minister
Rev. Connie Dickerson – Youth Minister
Bro. Russell Hanes – Youth Minister
Rev. Carol Douglas – Praise & Worship Minister
Rev. Henry Soles – Associate Minister
Rev. Effie Soles – Associate Minister
Rev. Bruce Meredith – Praise & Worship Minister
Sis. Maggie Mardis – Evangelist
Rev. Dr. Darryl Franklin – Associate Minister
Sis. Melanie Wilkinson – Licentiate

OFFICE & FACILITY STAFF

Rev. Morgan Dixon — Church Administrator
Alicia Rupert — Executive to the Pastor
Connie Brown — Executive Financial Officer
Nicollé McKee — Assistant Office Manager
Dr. Charles Sweet — Office Assistant
Ted McKee — Photographer
Steve Knox—Membership Care
Lloyd Gillespie — Facility Manager
Rodney Brown—Facility Assistant
Barbara Williams—Facility Assistant
Current Membership
2200
733 families

2009 CONFERENCE REPORT

Conversions 51
Accessions 158
Baptisms 25
Weddings 2
Total Raised $2,401,587
Total Mortgages $4.19 M
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL
Latriece Danley, Coordinator

A CAPELLA ENSEMBLE—Natalie Winkfield
ANGEL CHURCH—Kimberly Allen
ANNIVERSARY CHAIRPERSONS—Joe & Karen Barnes
BOY SCOUTS—Steve Carnes
CUB SCOUTS—Kevin Baker, Kevin Harris
CHANCEL CHOIR—Patricia Brooks
C.I.M.S.—Tony Franklin
CHRISTIAN ED COMMISSION—Lee McGinnis
DUPAGE CARES SUPPORT MINISTRY—Sis. Shirley Brummell
DUPAGE THEATRE GROUP—Calvin Gibbs, Jr.
ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION—David Ware
EVANGELISM COMMISSION—Jack Houston
FINANCE COMMISSION—Elaine Mass
GIRL SCOUTS—Anita Debarlaben Brown
GOLF FOR CHRIST—Anderson Smith
G.O.N.E. BRASS ENSEMBLE—Derrick Russell
GOSPEL CHOIR—Beverly Taylor
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY—Willis Carter
HUMAN RESOURCE COMMISSION—Steve Doolittle
INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR—Tehillah Hunley, Sandra Render, Kendra Shelby
INTERCESSIONARY PRAYER MINISTRY—Etienne Harris

CLASS LEADERS COUNCIL
Sherman Baker—Coordinator

Brandon Akins
Vanessa Alcorn
Keith Allen
Claude Audley*
Charles Baker
Greg Baker
Pat Wilson Baker
Joseph Barnes
Vera Bass
Eric Blackmon
Raymond Blake
Crystal Blount
Don Bowie

Archie Bragg
Sharon Brown
Rodney Brown
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Jennifer Bugg
Carlyon Carter
Willis Carter
Tonya Coats
Clayton Corley
Ron Cotton
Tranda Covington
Latriece Danley
Osie Davenport

Tinisha Dorsey
James Ferguson
Michael Ferguson
Olivia Garth*
Robin Gerdine
Etienne Harris
Cheryl Henderson
Johnny Holloway
Jack Houston
Michelle Hubbard
Kenneth Jackson
Sandra Jackson
Leibert Morris
Linwood Johnson
Tom Jones
Pat Kemp
Kristopher Keys
Kellie Kirksey
Stephen Knox
Avery Lambert
Garry Lewis
Larry Love
Robyn Mason
Jimal Miller
Leibert Morris
Jennifer Outlaw
Duane Parkin
Marc Peeples
Leo Rasberry
Makeda Reed
Alicia Riley
Warren Roberts
Frank Rodgers
Yvonne Rodgers
Alicia Rupert
Jeff Sargeant
Karmen Minter
Kim Seay
Sandria Simmons
Cedric Singleton
Dorothy Spears
Donald Spencer
Billy Stanback
Derek Stovall-Leonard
Edna Sullivan
Crystal Taylor
John Williams
Carolyln Wilson
Vincent Winkfield
Michael Wright
Music Department

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord … come before God’s presence with singing!”
Psalm 100:1-2

Musicians: Jonathan Bragg, Kevin Brewton, Sam English, Quanajanice Garland, Marketo Griffin, Vinnie Hunley, Carlos Lawrence, Craig Miller, Derrick Russell, Mary Samuel, JP Watts II, Lakshmi Willis

A Cappella Ensemble  Gospel Choir  Men’s Chorus  Sunbeam Choir  Voices of Tomorrow
Chancel Choir  Inspirational Choir  Praise Team  Voices of Praise  Women’s Chorus

[Images of various choirs and ensembles]
Some of our Guest Preaching Witnesses

Presiding Elder Walter Bauldrick
Ash Wednesday Service

Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant
Missionary Day

Rev. John White II
Stewardship Sunday

Bishop John R. Bryant
Men’s Day

Rev. Kimberly Detherage, Esq.
Women’s Day Prayer Breakfast

Bishop Sarah F. Davis
Usher Day

Rev. Peter Edward Matthews
Pastoral Appreciation

Rev. Patrick D. Clayborn
YPD Day

Rev. John White II
Stewardship Sunday
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
Class Leader Day

Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.
Thanksgiving Eve

Rev. James Bailey
Annual Youth Day

Rev. Dr. Jessica K. Ingram
Women’s Day

Bishop Gregory Ingram
Officer Installation

Rev. Dr. Anthony Reed
Souled Out Youth Conference

Rev. Sheri Smith Clayborn
YPD Day

Rev. Darryl Williams
Men’s Day Prayer Breakfast
On September 12, 1979 a plea was made at the African Methodist Episcopal Church’s Chicago Conference by Sydney Finley, Mary Lou Finley, and Ernie Gibson to establish an A.M.E. Church in DuPage County, and to assist with the organization and financial support of the church. On September 16, 1979 Bishop Hubert N. Robinson appointed Reverend Donald Harwell to organize a church.

The first organizational meeting was held September 20, 1979. The first church service was held on September 30, 1979 at the Holiday Inn in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Subsequently, the congregation moved to the Park Boulevard Farmhouse at the College of DuPage. Beginning October 21, 1979, the congregation worshipped at the Park Boulevard Bible Church in Glen Ellyn until December 6, 1981. The DuPage Church congregation relocated to 412 Crescent Street (former location of Second Baptist Church) in Wheaton, Illinois. By 1989 the membership had grown to approximately 200.

On October 4, 1989 Bishop J. Haskell Mayo appointed the Reverend James F. Miller pastor of DuPage AME Church. The Bishop’s exact words were: “Go build a church!” On January 17, 1990, the parsonage in Wheaton was purchased. The parish house (the white house adjacent to the church) was acquired on January 9, 1991. On November 30, 1992, 1.6 acres of land located on Yackley Avenue, Lisle, Illinois, became the site for the new church. By this time, the membership had grown to approximately 600.

On April 17, 1994 the congregation moved from 412 Crescent Street to the Holiday Inn in Glen Ellyn. On April 22, 1994 our property on Crescent Street was sold in preparation for the groundbreaking of our new church. On August 28, 1995 we began construction of our new church home and approximately one year later, on August 25, 1996, we held our first service at 4300 Yackley Avenue, Lisle, Illinois. Bishop Robert Thomas Jr. led the dedication ceremony held November 1996, with a membership of approximately 800.

In April of 1998 DuPage AME Church received the distinguished honor of hosting the 4th Episcopal District Mid-Year Meeting. This represented our first opportunity to sponsor such a significant event encompassing churches from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Ontario and Quebec, Canada.

In 2001 Bishop Philip R. Cousin appointed our Pastor, Reverend Dr. James F. Miller 4th District Christian Education Director. Along with this appointment came the honor of hosting all the ministries within Christian Education at an annual Congress. As expansion of the church building continued, balcony seating and classrooms on the upper level were completed in April 2001, providing approximately 100 additional seats, two small meeting rooms, and a state-of-the-art computer lab. In June 2001 the church purchased a ½ acre lot across the street from the main building, which was developed and dedicated providing additional parking.

In October 2002 DuPage AME Church served as hosts to the 120th Session of the Chicago Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Over 88 churches and congregations from the Chicagoland area were in attendance. In Spring 2005, additional property was purchased on Warrenville Road, which is currently being used for additional meeting space. In 2007, the Yender Property adjacent west of the church was purchased. In November 2008, the additional parking on that lot was completed. In August 2009 the expansion of our current church building began. Currently the membership now exceeds 2100, with over 700 families.

We celebrate 30 Years of Growing Through Faith in the DuPage County community and thank God for continued blessings!

“Small Enough to Care, Large Enough to Share!”