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ANNUAL CONFERENCE
July 12 - 16, 1978
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GREETINGS:

Please allow me to extend a personal word of welcome as you gather for the 1978 West Kentucky Annual Conference of the African Methodist Church.

Certainly, I wish each of you a most enjoyable stay and a meaningful and productive meeting. Best wishes as you carry on God's work.

Sincerely,

Julian M. Carroll

City of Bowling Green
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY 42101

July 12, 1978

B. L. (BERNIE) STEEN
MAYOR

It is a great pleasure and honor for me to welcome you on behalf of the citizens of Bowling Green.

You are to be commended for outstanding services on the occasion of your 98th A.M.E. Annual Conference. We hope that this year will be the greatest one ever. We also know that only the blessings of Almighty God have enabled us to make it this far along the road.

We would like to commend Taylor Chapel A.M.E. Church for the outstanding job it has done over the past years and hope it will continue to be a positive influence in this community.

B. L. Steen
Mayor
Let me refresh your memory as to those goals given under the caption THE IMPERATIVE OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE MISSION OF CHRIST.

- To reaffirm the relevance and adequacy of the Christian faith as expressed through the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- Emphasize the imperative of involvement of women, men and young people in the mission of Christ.
- Lead people into a personal experience with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of life.
- District wide thrust in evangelism, stewardship and Christian education.
- Find "A shoe to fit every foot"
- Stimulate new strategies and forms of ministry to persons and society:

a. Crisis Counseling for people undergoing stress
b. Aid to Circuits and Missions
   - Promote the most effective use of the resources and helps in the African M.E. Publishing House.
   - Encourage congregations with a membership of 300 or more to mother a mission or new congregation.
   - Each Presiding Elder District to bring in to the Annual Conference at least, one new congregation each year.
   - 5,000 New Disciples for Christ each Conference Year (20,000) for the Quadrennium.

-Make this Gospel Come Alive!

Yours in Servanthood,

Howard Thomas Primm, Bishop
Calendar of
CONFERENCE EVENTS
July 12 - 16, 1978

Wednesday, July 12 - 7:30 P.M.
WELCOME PROGRAM

Thursday, July 13 - 7:30 P.M.
MISSIONARY NIGHT

Friday, July 14 - 7:30 P.M.
MEN'S NIGHT

Saturday, July 15 - 7:30 P.M.
YOUTH NIGHT

Sunday, July 16 - Morning Worship Service
CLOSING SESSIONS

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BROCHURE:
Developer ......................
..................................Dr. F. O. Moxley
Ads ..............................
..................................Elwood Pryor
Welcome to Taylor Chapel AME Church this night, and to all the blessing of the light.
To our friends from far and near,
Who in God's name have gathered here.
And as you speak, sing, and pray,
May God inspire your soul today.

Prelude

Selection .................................................. Taylor Chapel A. M. E. Church Choir

Invocation .................................................. Rev. B. R. Hollins, State St. Baptist Church

Selections .................................................. Taylor Chapel A. M. E. Church Choir

Welcome

On Behalf of Taylor Chapel A.M.E. Church ........................................... Dr. W. F. Beckett
On Behalf of the Schools and Community ........................................... Mr. Herbert Oldham
On Behalf of Citizens of Warren County ........................................... Mr. Hoyle Moore, City Treasurer, Bowling Green, Ky.
Solo .......................................................... Rev. Gerald Offutt
On Behalf of Minister of the City .................................................. Rev. B. R. Hollins
Bowling Green Chapter N.A.A.C.P .................................................. Mr. Ron Lewis
On Behalf of the City of Bowling Green ........................................... Mayor B. L. Steen
St. Joseph Catholic Church .......................................................... Father Lucian Hayden

Introduction—Bishop H. W. Primm .................................................. Rev. H. L. Parks

Offering

Announcements

Benediction

Reception in Basement of Church
Little has been found to determine when Taylor's Chapel was first organized, but close examination establishes 1866 or 1867, when the church workshop was carried from house to house. Records indicate that the property was purchased on April 4, 1871 from Harry and Evelyn Hampton. This property is where the church was built. Trustees who signed the deed were: Benjamin McPeters, George Winrow, Harry Hampton, George Harper, David Dickerson, Joe Keel and William Hendricks. The purchase price was $220. The property was described as being on Shelby St. (now 7th St.), between Bridge & Green Sts. (now College & Center Sts.). Another piece of property adjoining this was purchased from James & Ann Flinn on May 19, 1873 for $500. A 3rd piece of property was purchased from H. C. & A. E. Hampton for $60 on Aug. 1, 1873. These were narrow lots, one only 22 ft. wide and another 15 ft. wide. Suit was brought against the Trustees on April 24, 1888 and Bishop W. J. Gaines paid the note for $200 and another for $50 on Aug. 24, 1888.

The first church parsonage was located at 877 11th St. Mrs. Dollie MALLERY donated such property for the parsonage. The property was obtained by the City School Board of Education during the 1920's with the parsonage being relocated to its present site at 5th & Chestnut Sts.

The church we now have was once one of those magnificent tall buildings with stained glass windows and a pipe organ. It was remodeled in 1929 under Rev. H. P. Smith. The structure was lowered and the front was completely changed.

For years the church was heavily in debt, but the mortgage was finally paid off under Rev. R. G. Taylor.

At one time Taylor Chapel was considered the Mother Church of the many Black Methodist churches in the county. Salters Chapel AME in Jonesville; Blue Level AME Church on Magnolia; Westly Chapel AME Church; Jackson Chapel AME Church in Plum Springs; along with Taylors Chapel AME provide many religious and pleasurable activities for the Black community.

Due to tremendous changes in our society affecting education, politics, and our family structure, a great responsibility has been placed on our Black Church and its leadership. Rev. P. D. Alexander, our present pastor, is using all of his God-given talents to provide the Black church and the Black community with such leadership in order to overcome today's new aversions.
ORGANIZATIONS...
THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF FORMER PASTORS:
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Taylor Chapel's Oldest Active Member

Mrs. Willie Jackson Gossom

This brochure is dedicated to Mrs. Gossom

Taylor Chapel AME Church Parsonage
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Young Adult Choir

Carl Whitfield, President
Taylor Chapel A.M.E. Church

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98TH SESSION

of the

WEST KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Rev. Jo Anne Allen, Pastor

Franklin, Kentucky

We the Pastor, Officers and Members of The State Street Baptist Church extend Christian greetings to the Messengers and Delegates of the 98TH Session of the West Kentucky Conference convening with Taylor Chapel A. M. E. Church.

B. R. Hollins, Pastor

I. J. Barlow, Clerk

Walter Travis, Public Relations