

The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, or the CME Church as it is commonly called, came into existence as a result of the movement from slavery to freedom. During the years following the birth of Methodism, the denomination grew rapidly. The Methodist Episcopal Church South was an outgrowth of Wesley's Methodism. Some Blacks, converted to Christianity by slave masters, accepted the Methodist doctrine as it was. However, with the passage of time, the emancipation of Blacks from slavery created the desire by Blacks to have and control their own church. This desire led formerly enslaved persons who had been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to start their own independent religious organization.

### Holsey Chapel C.M.E. Church "A Beacon of Hope for the Community"



The first church was built on North Church Street. The site for this church was not adequate, and in 1924 two lots were purchased and a parsonage was built. In 1926, the old church was torn down and a new structure was erected at the East Oconee Street site. This accomplishment was done under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Jefferson. As time passed, the membership grew and there was a need for an educational facility.

During the 1960's, the first unit of the educational building was constructed and the parsonage was remodeled and brick veneered. This was accomplished under the leadership of the late Rev. B. M. Mayfield, the late Rev. S. L. McGill, and Rev. M. C. Pettigrew was the Presiding Elder. In 1981 additional rooms were added to the educational building and a parking lot was donated to the church. The educational building has served as an Outreach Center for many clubs, business groups, summer enrichment programs, annual Vacation Bible School, weekly Bible study, and many other community activities. The Bible teaches that "some plant seeds, and some water, but God causes the increase." This is plainly demonstrated in the history of Holsey Chapel C.M.E. Church. Tragically, this structure suffered a catastrophic fire. Although not desiring to leave their home site, the congregation was able to secure a modern sanctuary with multi-purpose facility space in 1998. Today, the present facility encompasses an entire city block with ample worship facilities and meeting rooms.

# Holsey Chapel

## Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

515 East Suwanee Street † Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750

[www.cmefitzgerald.org](http://www.cmefitzgerald.org)

Women in  
White



Theme: "Lifting Up Holy Hands"

Sunday, August 19, 2007

3:00 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Leroy E. Dumas, Pastor

Rev. Robert L. Yarbrough, Presiding Elder

Rt. Rev. Othal Hawthorne Lakey, Presiding Prelate

## Greetings

From our Pastor Rev. Dr. Leroy E. Dumas



We are gathered to praise our God, Savior, and Holy Spirit. In this service of worship, we give the glory to our Godhead. Let us help others to also render the same. We are thankful that the Holsey Chapel Missionary Society's spiritual focus is to give God all of the praise. Our theme is that we are "Lifting Up Holy Hands" and in doing this we not only lift our hands but our total being. We were created in the image of our God and we were created to praise Him. We are thankful for all God has done, is doing, and will do as we give praises and thanks. We are also gathered to show our appreciation to one of Holsey's Missionary Soldiers, Mrs. Claudette Herring. She has been dedicated in her service to God here at the Holsey Chapel C.M.E. Church. We thank God for her.

## Greetings

From our Women's Missionary Society President Mrs. Gloria Smith

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow! Our Annual "Women in White" has always been a rich, spiritual, and blessed occasion. I thank Rev. Dumas and the Holsey Chapel family for having the faith and confidence in choosing me as the Missionary Society President. A special salute to Mrs. Claudette Herring, our esteemed honoree for this occasion. Mrs. Herring is indeed a great woman of God who exemplifies "Lifting Up Holy Hands" and kingdom building by her service to the members of Holsey Chapel and the community.



The love and fellowship of our sisters from across the state, our Missionary sisters from across the districts, and our hometown sisters have enriched this program. It is with great gratitude that we at Holsey Chapel say many thanks to all our honored guests. A special thanks to Minister Lynnice Graham of Lithonia, Georgia. Again, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" and to God be the glory!

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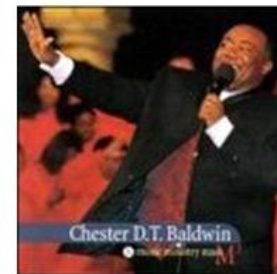
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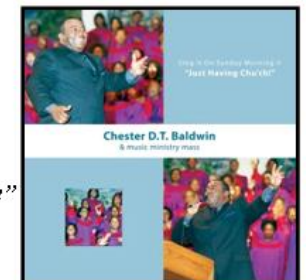


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## Holsey Chapel C.M.E. Church Annual Mammoth Tea

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### Upcoming Connectional Events



- ✝ August 25 ... Sixth Episcopal District Board of Christian Education; Holsey Temple CME, Macon, Georgia
- ✝ September 17 – 21 ... Annual CME Convocation; Las Vegas, Nevada
- ✝ September 28 – 29 ... Christian Training Institute; Everette Temple CME, Tifton, Georgia
- ✝ December 7 – 8 ... Sixth Episcopal District Bishop's Council; Warner Robins CME, Warner Robins, Georgia

## Honoring

Mrs. Claudette Herring

Mrs. Claudette Marie Brown was born April 21, 1943 in Fernandina Beach, Florida to Bell Brown (mother) and Andrew Brown (father). She was the third sibling of four Gladys (deceased), Andrew, and Ruth. When Claudette turned three, the family relocated to Daytona Beach to pursue the American entrepreneurial dream. While the parents were up and gone every morning, very early the responsibility of take care of the home fell upon the oldest remaining daughter at home. That is what molded her passion for selflessness and servitude. In 1959, she met a young college student from Havana, Florida named Wardell and they married August 27, 1961. The couple lived in Havana for five years while the husband pursued his post secondary education and the young wife bore children: Angela (February 21, 1962) and Rhonda (January 3, 1963). After finishing college in Florida, the young couple decided to move to Fitzgerald, Georgia (August 1965) to start a new life. In the fall of 1967, God called Angela home and later in 1968, He chose to do the same with Rhonda. But, He gave Claudette and Wardell, two new children: Wardell II (1968) and Vagner (1970). God's lessons and her faith produced a new person allowing her to serve the community and Him in a manner that has made this housewife and mother become one of the most respected missionaries, past presidents, and community servants of her generation.



# Order of Worship

Worship Leaders: Minister Adrienne Bellamy & Ms. Iris Vanessa Melton

Director of Music: Mrs. Annie Pearl Stepherson

Musicians: Ms. Valarie Holton & Mr. Charles Coney

The Call to Worship.....Minister Adrian Bellamy

The Processional.....“Women In White” Chorale

“Lifting Up Holy Hands” / The Jackson Southernaires

I'm lifting up holy hands; I'm lifting up holy hands. I'm lifting up holy hands unto You. When praises go up, blessings come down. We're spreading the gospel all around.

The Power of Praise.....Ms. Iris Vanessa Melton

The Hymn of Praise.....Mrs. Annie Pearl Stepherson

“This Is Our Mission”(Tune: Blessed Assurance) / Missionary Society Hymn

Blessed Redeemer Jesus divine. Mission is caring, love let it shine.

Oh, what a joy to transform and teach. This is our mission, it's all outreach.

Mission is loving, Mission is care. Mission is helping and willing to share.

Oh, what a joy to work for the Lord. Now, let us serve Him on one accord.

Mission is reaching 'cross many seas. We're out teaching; we're CMEs.

Spreading the Gospel and love of God, working at home and serving abroad.

Chorus: This is our mission, this is our prayer. Helping somebody, always out there.

This is our promise, this is our hope. Helping somebody, always out there.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Mrs. Ann Williams

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The Read Word.....Mrs. Betty Parson

The Worship Through Music.....“Women In White” Chorale

The Inspirational Welcome.....Mrs. Laura Dumas

The Inspirational Poem.....Ms. Catherine Carruthers

The Worship Through Music.....“Women In White” Chorale

The Introduction of Speaker.....Mrs. Thelma Graham

The Worship Through Music.....The Ensemblettes

The Spoken Word..... Minister Lynnice Graham

The Worship Through Offering.....Praise March

Dr. Kim Ezekiel - Mrs. Shirri Choice - Mrs. Geraldine Cray - Ms. Joyce Jenkins

The Special Presentation.....Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Sandra Larkin &

Ms. Catherine Williams

The Appreciation.....Mrs. Jennifer Turner

The Doxology & Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Leroy Dumas