

**2026 Theme: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)**

# Missionary SUNDAY



**April 19, 2026**

New Membership Training: 9:00 a.m.  
Christian Education School: 9:00 a.m.  
Early Morning Worship Service: 7:30 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.



**Rev. Dr. Darren M. Morton, Senior Pastor**  
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# **Order of Worship**

**April 19, 2026 - 10:00 am**

**Worship Leader / Call to Worship**

*Minister Karen Glover*

**Praise and Worship**

*Macedonia Music Ministry*

**\*Lord's Prayer (Chanted)**

**Sweet Hour of Prayer (Choral Selection)**

**\*Carrying the Sick to Jesus**

*Deacon Ministry*

**\*Scripture Reading**

*(Romans 6:1-14)*

**\*Spirit of the Living God Pg. 124 (Choral Response)**

**Welcome of Visitors**

*Courtesy Ministry*

**Youth & Young Adult Moment**

*Brother Christian Thomas*

**Gospel Violinist**

*Dr. Melanie R. Hill*

**Pastoral Reflections**

*Pastor Darren M. Morton*

**Tithes & Offerings (Trustees and Ushers)**

**Altar Call Prayer**

**Musical Selection**

*Macedonia Music Ministry*

**Gospel Message**

*Rev. C. Ken Hamilton*

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**Benediction**

**\*AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE WE WILL SERVE THE LORD\***

# 2026 Monthly Focus: Your Year at a Glance

Throughout 2026, we will journey together through twelve monthly themes, each building upon the previous one to create a comprehensive understanding of God's plan for our lives. These themes will be reflected in our worship services, Bible studies, and small group discussions, creating a unified focus for our entire congregation.

## God's Plan Revealed

January — Discovering God's intentions and promises for our lives

## Consecrated for Destiny

February — Setting ourselves apart for God's purposes

## Trusting the Process

March — Learning to walk by faith, not by sight

## Resurrection Power

April — Experiencing new life and transformation in Christ

## Called and Equipped

May — Understanding our unique gifts and calling

## Walking in Wisdom

June — Making godly decisions in daily life

## Faith in Action

July — Putting our beliefs into practical service

## Strength for the Journey

August — Finding endurance in God's power

## Growing Deeper

September — Developing mature, rooted faith

## Stewards of God's Plan

October — Managing resources and opportunities wisely

## Grateful for God's Faithfulness

November — Celebrating testimonies and answered prayers

## Destiny Fulfilled in Christ

December — Reflecting on growth and looking ahead

# Resurrection Power & New Life

**April** invites us to deeply engage with the transformative truth of Christ's resurrection. It's a month dedicated to understanding and applying the power that conquered death, offering us not just hope for eternity, but a vibrant, new life here and now. This power is available to overcome every hopeless situation, transform our minds, and empower us to walk in daily victory.

Throughout April, we will explore what it means to be made new in Christ, shed old ways, and live out a compelling testimony of God's work in our lives. We'll discover how the resurrection is not just a historical event, but a living, active force that shapes our present and propels us into our God-given destiny. Prepare to experience a fresh outpouring of divine power as you embrace the newness He offers.



## Week 1: The Power of the Resurrection

**Scripture:** Luke 24:1-7

- What does the resurrection reveal about God's power over death and hopeless situations?
- Why do the disciples struggle to believe what God had already promised?
- Where do you need resurrection power to bring new life in your own circumstances?



## Week 2: Made New in Christ

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:17

- What does it truly mean to be a "new creation" in Christ?
- What old ways, habits, or mindsets must be released to walk fully in newness?
- How should new life in Christ shape how you live and relate to others?



## Week 3: Walking in Newness

**Scripture:** Romans 6:4

- What does it mean to "walk" daily in newness of life rather than just believe it?
- How does baptism symbolize both death to the old self and life in Christ?
- What practical steps help you live out this new life consistently?



## Week 4: Testimony & Transformation

**Scripture:** Revelation 12:11

- Why is personal testimony such a powerful spiritual weapon?
- How has God transformed you through past struggles or victories?
- Who might God be calling you to encourage by sharing your testimony?

## *Church Announcements*

**Mobile Pantry** - Thursday, April 23rd at 12:30 pm.

**Saturday, April 25, 2026: Senior Luncheon.** 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Helen I. Williams Fellowship Hall. **ALL ARE INVITED.** Tickets: \$25.00. Please see Trustee Winsome Francis at the piano after service to purchase your ticket as soon as possible.

**Empire Baptist Missionary Convention of New York, Inc. 131st Semi Annual Session May 5-7, 2026.** Crowne Plaza, 3 Executive Blvd. Suffern, NY. Delegates are needed. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office. Please indicate the day or days you will be attending, and if you need transportation to Suffern or will be driving.

**May 13-15, 2026 15th Pastoral Anniversary Spring Revival: 7:00 PM Nightly.**  
**Wednesday, May 13th:** Rev. James A. Furman, **Thursday, May 14th:** Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Nins, **Friday, May 15th:** Bishop Troy P. DeCohen.

**Sunday, May 17, 2026 15th Pastoral Anniversary Service: 10:00 AM Guest Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Carl L. Washington, Jr. **1:30 PM Celebration** at the Macedonia Community Center.

**June Highlights:** Youth & Young Adult, Officers and Men's Annual Days. Scholarship Sunday. Sneaker Ball. Vacation Bible School

**SAVE THE DATE: June 20, 2026:** Macedonia Kingsmen "Men's Day Brunch" 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Macedonia Community Center. Admission: \$25.00. Stay tuned for more details.

**SAVE THE DATE: October 10, 2026 "Nurses Ministry"** Trip to Sight and Soun Theatre: Live stage show "Joshua" Donation: Adults \$200.00, Children \$140.00. \$50.00 deposit for reservation is non-refundable. Contact info: Sister Mimi Graham (347) 223-7504 or Sister Kathie Brewington (914) 817-5332 or any member of the Nurses Ministry.

**MAC NATION YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY "BLESSING BONANZA"**  
Every 2nd Sunday in the atrium.

Looking for place to hold a birthday party, game night, workshop, theater production, etc? Please consider using the Macedonia Center. Call about our rates for Macedonia members at (914) 664-1387. Director, Deacon Paul Bratcher.

**The "Silver & Gold Ministry"** has new leaves available for the Tree of Life on the wall in the vestibule near the water fountain. Anyone who would like to purchase an engraved leaf for self or loved ones can place orders. Flyers are available on the table in the vestibule. Contact President, Fani Miller-Beard (347) 346-1539 or any member of the Ministry for additional information.

**JOIN MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH M.A.C. NATION**



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**WINS DAY**

**Worshippers of Wonders**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**6PM - 6:15PM (PRAYER & WINS)**

**6:30PM - BIBLE STUDY**

**This Ministry becomes:**

• A window for people to see the heart of God

• A bridge connecting Scripture to real-life youth experiences

• A movement that draws others to the Word through beauty, passion, and artistic excellence.

**Zoom**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83580462914>

**Passcode: YAM1913**

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**WOW EMBODIES PSALM 96:3**

*"Declare His glory among the nations,  
His wonders among all people's."*

Macedonia Baptist Church

# Senior Luncheon

**\*\*All are Invited\*\***

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

**12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$25.00**

(Please see Trustee Winsome Francis)

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Helen J. Williams Fellowship Hall



*Deacon Sonya David, Anniversary General Chairperson*

*Sister Helen Reed-Coleman, Luncheon Chairperson*

*Reverend Dr. Darren M. Morton, Senior Pastor*

*Reverend Joyce W. Somerville, Assistant Pastor*

15<sup>TH</sup>  
PASTORAL  
ANNIVERSARY



***To the Macedonia Baptist Church Family,***

*On behalf of the Christian Education Ministry, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your faithful participation in our 40-Day Lenten Devotional Journey. Your commitment, presence, and spiritual investment made this experience everything it was meant to be. This ministry succeeds because this congregation shows up - and you did! We look forward to continuing this journey together.*

**Join us every Wednesday:**

*Devotion & Prayer - 7:00 PM*

*Spiritual Formation /Bible Study - 7:30 PM*

*Zoom: 841 4425 5327 / Passcode: 302005*

***Minister Karen E. Glover***

***Sick & Shut In***  
***\*Nursing Facility & Rehab\****

**Westchester Rehab & Nursing Facility**  
*Sister Celestine Harney-Pompey*

**Dumont Center for Rehab and Nursing**  
*Sister Nereida Richardson*

**Glenn Island Nursing Facility**  
*Sister Janie Grant*

**Brooklyn Queens Nursing Facility**  
*Sister Louise Cannon*

**Schaffer Extended Care Center, New Rochelle, NY**  
*Sister Evelyn Robinson*  
*Sister Lois Coles*

**Sarah Neuman Rehab & Nursing, Mamaroneck, NY**  
*Brother Arthur Razizee*

**Bayberry Care Center, New Rochelle, NY**  
*Sister Ann Clyburn*

***\*Homebound\****

***Sister Nora Blacknall***  
***Sister Dorothy Brown***  
***Sister Ernestine Canteen***  
***Sister Anne Clark***  
***Sister Jelena Coleman***  
***Sister Andrea Crow***  
***Sister Marlene Dandridge***  
***Sister Fay Dunham***  
***Sister Earnestene Dixon***  
***Sister Corrine Dowdy***  
***Brother Leroy Hassell***  
***Sister Marie Hariston***

***Sister Betty Holley*** *(Bloomfield, CT)*  
***Sister Paulette Jacobs***  
***Sister Cynthia Leacock***  
***Sister Jackie McCray*** *(Atlanta, GA)*  
***Sister Linda Morgan-Glover***  
***Sister Eulahlee Myers***  
***Sister Helen Outlaw***  
***Sister Daphne Sampson***  
***Reverend Joyce Somerville***  
***Sister Claudia Terry***  
***Brother Benjamin Williams***



# SAVE THE DATES

# CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF SERVICE & 60 YEARS OF LIFE

"A Pastor with a  
Purpose and a Vision"  
-Habakkuk 2:2-3

## Calendar of Events

- ▶ **April 10 - Youth & Pastor Outing**  
Bowling, arcade, pizza, and wings! Cost: \$60. (Contact Janeen Kearns or Deacon Brown)
- ▶ **April 25 - Senior Luncheon**  
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM in the Helen I. Williams Fellowship Hall.  
Seniors are our special guests; all are invited. Cost: \$25.
- ▶ **May 13-15 - Spring Revival**  
7:00 PM Nightly. Featuring Rev. James Furman (13th), Rev. Nins (14th), and Rev. DeCohen (15th).
- ▶ **May 17 - 15th Anniversary Service**  
10:00 AM Guest Preacher: Rev. Carl Washington  
1:30 PM Celebration at the Macedonia Community Center
- ▶ **Nov 7 - Pastoral Gala**  
A formal grand finale celebration. More details to follow.

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## *Biography of Dr. Melanie R. Hill*

Melanie R. Hill, Ph.D., is Named Term Chair Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor of Global Racial Justice and Assistant Professor of American Literature with specializations in African American Literature, Black Music Performance, and Womanist Literature/Thought/Theology in the Department of English at Rutgers University, Newark. Hill received her Ph.D. in English Literature with two graduate certificates in Africana Studies and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Hill has been a reviewer for the *Yale Journal of Music and Religion* and published articles on the art of the sermon in African American literature, Black feminism/womanist theology, the literary and musicological histories of Black women preachers, and on the musicological works of blues and jazz vocalists Bessie Smith and Ella Fitzgerald under the *James Baldwin Review*, *Religions Journal*, and *Oxford University Press*, respectively.

Her newly released book, *Colored Women Sittin' on High: Womanist Sermonic Practice in Literature and Music* (UNC Press), focuses on the ways in which Black women preachers in African American literature, music, and in the space of the pulpit counter social injustices through sermon and song. *Colored Women Sittin' on High* has been officially endorsed and praised by both Alice Walker, author of *The Color Purple*, and civil rights legend, Ruby Sales.

In addition to her scholarship, Dr. Hill is a classically-trained Gospel Soul Violinist with 36 years of musical experience, who has performed at the White House on two occasions under the Obama administration, Carnegie Hall in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Apollo Theater, the Staples Center in Los Angeles, the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, and for Pope Francis's Papal Mass. Hill has also been featured on Showtime at the Apollo, Good Day Philadelphia, Philadelphia Style Magazine, NY1, BET, TV One, and has performed for Alice Walker, Senator Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, Ms. Sabrina Fulton, Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, Mrs. Susan L. Taylor, and opened for John Legend and Jonathan McReynolds. In honor of precious lives lost during the global pandemic, Dr. Hill performed at Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington, D.C. and opened for the National Council of Churches before the sermon of Bishop Michael B. Curry, the 27th presiding Bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church.

Dr. Hill is grateful for God's blessings and remains focused as a scholar spreading knowledge along the intersections of literature, music, womanist theology, and sharing inspiration through her Gospel violin.

# **Ministerial Staff**

## **Senior Pastor**

*Reverend Dr. Darren M. Morton*

## **Assistant Pastor**

*Reverend Joyce W. Somerville*

## **Associate Ministers**

*Reverend Daune Bratcher*

*Reverend C. Ken Hamilton*

*Reverend Melissa Thompson*

*Reverend Andre Coleman*

*Reverend Barbara Howell*

*Reverend Harriet Mathis-Clary*

*Reverend Hugh Washington*

*Minister Karen Glover*

*Minister Norman Martin*

*Minister Terri-Jo Brooks*

## **Deacon Ministry**

*Deacon Sonya David, Chairman*

## **Trustee Ministry**

*Sister Helen E. Outlaw, Chairperson*

*Brother Thomas Terry, Chairman Emeritus*

## **Music Ministry**

*Brother Tralane Haynes, Minister of Music*

*Sister Roslyn Hylton, Organist*

*Brother Todd Miles, Drums*

*Sister Jasmine Glover-Smoak, Mass Choir Director*

*Deacon Sonya David, Youth Choir Director*