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1787

THE ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DAY

1984

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 1984

4:00 P.M.



RICHARD ALLEN

FOUNDER

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PRESIDING ELDER

REV. J.B. DEWITTY

PASTOR

REV. D.E. WALKER

HISTORY OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OUR FOUNDER RICHARD ALLEN

(summary)

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized by Richard Allen and fifteen other persons. This separation grew out of the uncharitable treatment administered by their white brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church of which they were members. They were pulled from their knees while at prayer and forced to sit in back seats in the gallery, as they were considered a nuisance.

Because of this uncharitable treatment, they decided to organize a church of their own. They purchased a lot at the corner of 6th and Lombard Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after which an old blacksmith shop was bought and moved to this location. The congregation remodeled this building and it was dedicated by Bishop Frances Ashbury in 1794. Today, the Mother Church, "Bethel", stands and represents more than a million African Methodist all over the world.

At the end of the Civil Fight for religious freedom that lasted about twentynine years, the result was victory. Other groups of African congregations organized in Baltimore, Maryland; Wilmington, Delaware; New York; New Jersey; and many other states.

Richard Allen visited many of these churches and he was able to encourage them to coporate as a body. After the Channels of deliberation, the A.M.E. Church was organized in Philadelphia at the first General Conference which met April 9th, 1816. Daniel Croker of Baltimore was elected the first Bishop, however, he resigned the next day. Richard Allen was then elected on April 11, 1816 and consecrated the first (Black among Protestant denominations in America) Bishop of the A.M.E. Church. However, Richard Allen began his ministry in 1786. In 1782 he received his

license as a local preacher at St. George Methodist Church, at the age of 22. As soon as the bars were lifted by the Methodist Church General Conference in 1800, Richard Allen was ordained a deacon. Richard Allen served in the capacity as Bishop until his death in 1831 (fifteen years). His body is entombed in Bethel A.M.E. Church, Philadelphia. And So It Is!

MOTTO:

"God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, Man our Brother."

A SPECIAL THANKS

Bro. Wilson Would Like To Thank The Following Persons...

Sis. Marie Greer
Bro. Albert Colvin
Sis. Ethel Jones
Bro. Jimmy Simmons
Bro. Grady Moore
Sis. Tessie Williams
Sis. Leola Sharp
Bro. Cleavland Williams
Sis. Elise Griffin
Bro. Elwood T. Greer
Bro. David Lewis
Sis. Lillian Walker
Bro. Warren Holland
Bro. James Walker
Bro. James Jones

"And we know that all things work together for good, to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Rom 8:28

GOD BLESS YOU!

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PROGRAMME

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

SIS. MARIE GREER

CHURCH HISTORY (summary)

BRO. ALBERT COLVIN

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PRAYER

REV. HARRIS

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OFFERTORY

SOLO

REV. WALKER

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

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SPEAKER

REV. T. J. BAKER

PASTOR OF PRIMM TABERNACLE

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REMARKS & PRESENTATIONS

BROS. LEWIS & WILSON

CLOSING REMARKS

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