



First AME Church of Los Angeles

Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Tyler

Pastor

A new **COMMANDMENT**
I give to you, THAT YOU

Love **ONE ANOTHER**

just as I have loved
you,
you also are to love
one another



2270 S. Harvard Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90018 | 323-735-1251

First African Methodist Episcopal Church

"First to Serve" since 1872

November 1, 2026
9 a.m.

Praise & Worship	Cathedral Choir
Call to Worship	Rev. Dr. Thema Bryant
Morning Hymn	<i>"Blessed Assurance"</i> Cathedral Choir
Invocation	Rev. Dr. Charolyn Jones
Prayer Response	Temple Musicians
Musical Selection	Cathedral Choir
Scripture Reading	<i>"Luke 4:38 - 44 (Rev)"</i> Lenora Ingram
Summary of the Decalogue	Rev. Walter Love-Shaw
General Confession	Rev. Judi Wortham
First Collect	Rev. Alfonzo Washington
Second Collect	Rev. Dr. Thema Bryant
Prayer of Adoration	Rev. Lenora Ingram
FAMETv	See Video Monitors
Welcome Guests/Visitors/ Celebration of Birthdays/Anniversaries	Rev. Dr. Charolyn Jones
Sermonic Selection	Cathedral Choir
The Preached Word	<i>"Stay Focused"</i> Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Tyler
Invitation to Discipleship	Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Tyler
Call to Communion/Offering/Online Giving	Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Tyler
Pastoral Announcements	Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Tyler
Prayer of Humiliation	Rev. Walter Love-Shaw
Communion	Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Tyler
All Things Come of Thee O' Lord	Temple Musicians
Affirmation of Faith	Rev. Judi Wortham
Doxology & Benediction	Rev. Alfonzo Washington
Threefold Amen	

TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday School for ages; pre-K thru 12 at 9 a.m. are in person on the Plaza Level on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. Adults meet on both Zoom and in person at the Biddy Mason Wellness Center located at 2249 S. Hobart Bl. at 7:45 a.m.

Meeting ID:678 244 0722 Passcode: 2270

UPCOMING EVENTS

WELCOME BACK REV. DR. TYLER & DR. DWINITA MOSBY TYLER:

May God continue to lead and guide you as you continue to the legacy of "First to Serve."

JOIN US FOR PASTOR'S

APPRECIATION CELEBRATION:

November 8, immediately following service on the plaza level. All are invited.

"J EDGAR BOYD" GOLF CLASSIC 2026

The 14th Annual "J Edgar" Boyd Golf Classic will be held on Veterans Day, Monday, November 9. Join us for a premier day of golf, fellowship, and giving as we raise funds in support of the FAME Scholarship Fund. Visit the booth at the fountain, the FAME website or call the business office for more information.

FAME'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE:

sponsored by the Commission on Missions and Welfare along with the Sarah Allen Women's Missionary Society, are preparing for the 2026 Christmas Give-Away scheduled for December 19, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.. They will begin collecting cold weather clothing for infants - adults Sunday, November 1. They are also asking for new unopened toys and gift cards. They are asking that donations be delivered by December 11..

FREE LEGAL CLINIC:

Provides free, expert legal advice to low income residents. The doors open at: 10 a.m. -1 p.m.. The Legal Clinic is located at 2249 S. Hobart Blvd. No appointment necessary.

Next session: November 8 & 22

SAWMS MONTHLY FOOD GIVE-AWAY

The monthly food giveaway sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society is scheduled for November 21, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Male volunteers are needed. Call 323-735-1251 to find out how you can help.

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SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE INSTITUTE

WITH DR. TYLER:

will reconvene on Wednesday, October 28. at noon and 7 p.m. on the FAME Plaza Level and on Zoom.

ORDER MY STEPS WALKING MINISTRY:

Sista's-N-Motion Walking Ministry will be held on Saturday, November 14, 7 a.m., Reuben Ingold Park located at 4400 Mt. Vernon Dr.

SLACDEC WELLNESS GARDEN:

Join us every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., 2249 S. Hobart Blvd., for a lesson in gardening from master gardeners. Please bring your own gardening tools. Vegetable seedlings will be provided.

SONS OF ALLEN BIBLE STUDY:

Rev. Alfonzo Washington is inviting all men to the Sons of Allen Bible Study held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom where they are studying the book of Ezekiel. Women are also welcome.

Meeting ID: 284 179 1968

Password: 2F3wfm

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

Join the Young Adult Bible Study held every Wednesday from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 891 595 275

Password: 058410

FAME RADIO MINISTRY:

Listen to us on KJLH, 102.3 FM, Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Previously aired radio broadcasts are available at www.famechurchla.org. The morning broadcast is sponsored by Bernard & Shirley Kinsey and The Kinsey Collection.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

You can sponsor altar flowers in memory of a loved one, to celebrate an anniversary or a birthday. Call the church office for available dates and information at 323-735-1251.



CHURCH HISTORY



First AME Church of Los Angeles

Blacks began holding religious services in Los Angeles around the early 1850's in the home of Robert and Winnie Owens, one of Los Angeles' earliest black families. In 1872, First A.M.E. was officially organized in the home of Biddy Mason on Spring Street with twelve members. The group soon purchased a lot and erected our first edifice on 4th and Charity (Grand) streets with Rev. J.E. Hamilton serving as the first minister. Biddy Mason has been credited with donating \$500 towards the building of the first church as well as sending for the minister.

The first two decades were troublesome for the church. Due to financial hardships it was difficult to maintain the church building, property and ministerial staff. Consequently, the building on 4th & Charity was sold in 1882. From 1883 to 1886 F.A.M.E. conducted services in homes and rented spaces until a new site was purchased at 31 San Pedro St. in 1887. Through it all, the small congregation held on to "God's unchanging hand." As blacks migrated to Los Angeles, the church grew.

In 1890 F.A.M.E. purchased another site at 312 Azusa Street. By 1893 F.A.M.E.'s membership had grown to over 125 members. For 13 years F.A.M.E. was the only black church in Los Angeles where it played a major role in the black community. It housed the first black school, fought segregation, and many other organizations originated in FAME church such as the Sojourner Truth and the Forum.

"First to Serve" *Since 1872*

Stevens A.M.E. Church was the official name of the church in 1888. Rev. Jarrett Edwards led the congregation with a vision to build another church edifice at 8th & Towne. In 1904 dedication of Stevens A.M.E. Church took place. It was then a window was dedicated to Biddy Mason who died in 1891.

The church was always referred to as "First Church" and was officially named First A.M.E. Church in 1920. In 1937 Rev. Mansfield Collins is credited with renovating the entire church.

In 1950 Rev. Alvia A. Shaw led the purchase of a church parsonage at 1809 Wellington Road. He was known for the slogan "The Path to Tomorrow Leads Through Yesterday." In 1959 Rev. H. Hartford Brookins held a thirteen year tenure as pastor. After the Watts Riot, Rev Brookins met with John Factor who donated to the building fund and a new church was put on the drawing board.

Rev. Brookins moved members from 8th & Towne to 2270 S. Harvard in 1969. Rev. Fred Stephens led the congregation in 1972 when Rev. Brookins was elected Bishop. The 8th & Towne old church site was declared a historical site #71 by the city of Los Angeles. In 1977 Rev. Cecil L. Murray was appointed pastor. He served 27 years demonstrating strong leadership skills and our membership grew from 300 to 17,000. F.A.M.E. is always addressing Christian mission beyond the walls of the church and into the community. Our motto: First To Serve symbolizes the concept that our church is known for universally. In 2004 Rev. John Hunter served First AME as pastor for 8 years. In 2012 Rev. J Edgar Boyd was assigned as pastor. He was a strong leader who has demonstrated leadership skills Church-wide. He has also been an active leader throughout the community as well.

Rev. Robert R. Shaw, II was assigned as Pastor in October 2023.

Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Tyler was assigned September 2025. We know that great things are in store for our church and our community.