

# BUILDING OUR FUTURE

## 2017-2020 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God. -1 Peter 2:5 MSG

CAMPAIGN UPDATE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2018

### From the desk of the Pastor...

Well, the new conference year has begun and I, along with Rev. Ericka are happy to be reassigned to serve at St. Stephen once again. I want to thank the officers and each of you for your labor of love and for the sacrifice of service you've given in order to assist our beloved church in meeting the needs of our congregants and the community.

I also want to express my appreciation to those of you that supported our church financially throughout the conference year. As you can imagine it cost substantially to maintain the upkeep of the building and

grounds, as well as for ministry to go forth. But because of the consistent generosity of many of you through your tithes and offerings, we were able to provide scholarships to youth, support local and overseas missions, partner with the area grade schools to assist children and undergird our soup kitchen ministry, while paying all the bills. So again, I say thank you.

Blessings on each of you as we embark on this new conference year. I look forward to serving with you.

Pastor James C. Bailey

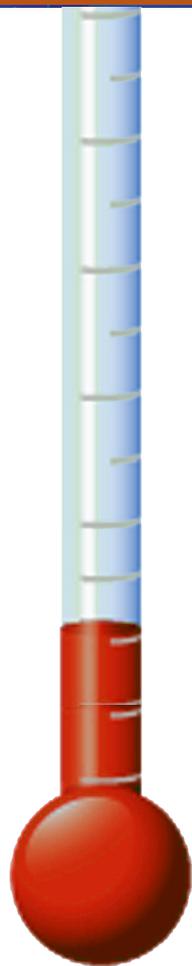
### "SERVING AN EXCELLENT GOD IN AN EXCELLENT WAY" Featured Board: Saint Stephen AMEC Trustee Board

The Trustee Board is responsible for the temporal concerns of the church. Trustees are charged with safeguarding all of the church's real estate and other properties and for making improvements when necessary. Trustees are nominated by the Pastor and elected annually by the congregation. Trustee Board Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Bro. Rodney Howard, Pro Tem  
Bro. Paul Douglas  
Sis. Janis Gertrude

Bro. Joseph Hourston  
Bro. Carl Puckett, Sr.  
Sis. Eugenia Robinson

Bro. Theodore Standley  
Bro. Richard Thomas  
Bro. Anthony Williams, Sr.



Total Received:  
**\$95,685.90**  
\*as of 10.21.2018

## WHAT EVERY MEMBER SHOULD KNOW:

### Our Name:

#### AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The word African means that the church was organized by people of African descent and heritage. It does not mean that the church was founded in Africa, or that it was for persons of African descent only.

The church's roots are of the family of Methodist churches. Methodism provides an orderly system of rules and regulations and places emphasis on a plain and simple gospel.

Episcopal refers to the form of government under which the church operates. It means that the church is governed by bishops. The chief executive and administrative officers of the African Methodist Episcopal denomination are the Bishops of the church. <https://www.ame-church.com/our-church/our-name/>

## 3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN:



Contributions made to the Capital Campaign are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



During the month of November as we give thanks to God, we will through worship and prayer, continue to reflect upon the significance of giving. This will prepare us to make our commitments and pledges in the way that God has called us.



If you have any questions regarding your Capital Campaign Commitment or statement, please direct them to Sis. Angela Gadson or Sis. Florence Merritt at [financeoffice@ststephenchicago.org](mailto:financeoffice@ststephenchicago.org)

## November UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 6

ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 11

Combined Worship Service and Annual Church Organizing Conference/ Capital Campaign Review Meeting

NOVEMBER 22

Thanksgiving Joint Service with Original Providence Missionary Baptist Church (at Saint Stephen AMEC)

## TOTAL PLEDGED TO DATE: \$220,416.00

If you wish to make a pledge to the Capital Campaign: Building Our Future, commitment cards are available on the website, in the vestibule, or by contacting the church office. Your gifts to the Capital Campaign can be made during the Sunday Morning offering in a marked envelope, online at [www.ststephenchicago.org](http://www.ststephenchicago.org) (please enter "Capital Campaign" in the donation type field) or by check with "Capital Campaign" marked in the memo line.

### Capital Campaign Team

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