

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) was established in the home of Rev. Morris Allen, in Ybor City in 1891. Since that time this great "Spiritual Organization" has been a pillar of strength to the Tampa community; and

WHEREAS, the first formal structure was a small wooden facility located on Seventh Avenue in Ybor City. The members and Pastor continued their efforts to build a permanent facility for the church finally finding a site on the corner of Scott and Governor Streets. It was on this site that they began to plan for the new church home; and

WHEREAS, the wooden structure was replaced by a brick structure in 1902 during the administration of Rev. R.D. Lewis with a team effort of the church's officers, Brothers R.W Dupree, W.E. Jordan, J.H. Baker, T.O. Ashley, A.J. Patterson, W.H. Gordon, Sr., C.W. Brown, W. D. Dyles, and S. Nealy, and other members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Allen Temple(AMEC) has remained a source of inspiration and encouragement for all generations of members, Pastors, Presiding Elders, Bishops and friends of the African Methodist Episcopal Church as it continued to grow and develop internal programs and ministries to enhance the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, during the era of Rev. John w. Boroughs, the membership of Allen Temple (AMEC) began to plan for the present facility, located at Lowe Street and Palm Avenue. This strong building committee, chaired by Brother Garland V. Stewart, also included Brothers Clifford Brady, L.N. Brown, J. Frank Davis, Sisters Minnie Mitchell, and Elfa Ruffin; and

WHEREAS, Rev. John F. Green led Allen Temple AMEC into the completed Sanctuary with the help and guidance of the modified building committee composed of Chairman G.V. Stewart, Brothers Earl McCullough, Fred Gardner, J. Frank Davis, Sisters Cora Belle Larkins, Celestine Pratt, Ollie S.H. Hunter and Sarah Stokes; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 Rev. Willie Cook was appointed to Allen Temple AMEC and served until 2009. Under his leadership, the church moved into the newly constructed Family Life Center where he worked diligently to strengthen the Bible Warriors Male Bible Study; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Michael K. Bouie was appointed to Allen Temple AMEC in 2009 by Bishop McKinley Young and has continued leading this great Christian institution forward. "Following The Footsteps of Jesus Christ" many positive changes have taken place. With his dynamic leadership and that of Dr. Henry E. Green, Presiding Elder, Allen Temple AMEC will continue being one of the greatest churches in our city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority bested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2011 as

"ALLEN TEMPLE AME CHURCH DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida in honor of the 120th Anniversary of this great institution and urge all residents to join me in thanking all those associated with this church for their many contributions to our city.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 14th day of March, 2011.



Pam Iorio

Mayor