



“FLOWING IN THE SPIRIT”

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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*Wishing you
Health, Warmth,
Comfort and Love!*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS
WHO ARE SICK AND SHUT-IN**



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR —

Rev. Gillard S. Glover



“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” — which means, “God with us.” -Matthew 1:23

As we prepare to celebrate the Christmas Event, I want to remind you that **God is with us.**

Don't ever underestimate what we can achieve because **God is with us!**

Don't ever allow yourself to feel abandoned or left on your own because **God is with us!**

Don't ever allow yourself to feel limited or marginalized because **God is with us!**

God is involved in the intricacies of our existence!

God is engaged in the daily events of our lives!

God has insinuated himself into our struggle!

Wherever there's pain, God's there soothing the pain.

Wherever there's denial, God's there affirming those denied.

Wherever there's oppression, God's there setting free those oppressed.

God is not just up there; He's down here.

At Christmas God took off divinity and put on dust... **God is with us.**

At Christmas God traded in his halo for a bed of hay... **God is with us.**

At Christmas God exchanged his throne for a feeding trough... **God is with us.**

At Christmas God took off his crown and got in a crib... **God is with us.**

He is with us and empowers us to do great and wonderful things for the Kingdom.

Yours In Community Transformation,
Reverend Gillard S. Glover

Pastor's and Church's 30th Anniversary

By Jeroline McCarthy

On Saturday, October 8, 2022, a classy set of gospel and jazz vocals gave way to our recent gala luncheon at Hammock Dunes Ocean Ballroom, commemorating the 30th Anniversary of Founding Pastor Gillard S. Glover and the First A.M.E. Church. Vocalist Sophia Booker and pianist Michael Booker presented a gospel, jazzy blend of "Greatest Love of All", "Thank You Lord (for all you've done for me)", "Because of Who You Are", "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)", among other sensations.

During Rev. Glover's closing remarks, he said, "There is a tendency among busy congregations to get weary when doing good together over a sustained period. But I say to the people of First A.M.E. Church, 'Walk together children. Don't you get weary. There's a great camp meeting in the promised land.'" On Sunday, Guest ministers, Bishop Frank M. Reid, III, and Bishop Rudolph McKissick, Sr. blessed us with electrifying preaching.

Photos, provided by Robert E. Bolden, Sr., show some First A.M.E. members and friends, who attended the gala luncheon.

FIRST COAST MEMORIAL GARDENS WALKWAY

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

Local Walking Trail Dedicated to Trailblazer Shirley Chisholm

The walking trail along Pine Lakes Parkway in Palm Coast has now been named the Shirley Chisholm Trail, in honor of one of the city's greatest residents. The late Shirley Chisholm, an icon for civil rights and women's causes, lived out the end of her life in Palm Coast. Thanks to the efforts of the Democratic Women's Club of Flagler County, one of the city's trails now bears her name.

(NewsDaytonaBeach.com)

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Today would have been Chisholm's 98th birthday. She was born in Brooklyn in 1924, the same day when the world saw the first photograph—an 3.5-by-5 inch portrait of President Coolidge—wirelessly transmitted from London to New York, and when every member of Congress was white and male. Just 44 years later, Chisholm was elected to Congress. By the time she died in 2005, 23 Black women had served in Congress (The number is up to 52 today—out of 400 women who have served overall—with 26 Black women serving at the opening of the Current Congress in January 2001).



Our very own Rev. Glover, attended the dedication and provided the opening prayer during the program. Afterwards, prior to the unveiling of the bronzed plaque, Rev. Glover provided inspirational words about Chisholm.

She was a member of our First AME Church here in Palm Coast, where her funeral was held with Rev. Glover officiating.

Local attorney named Flagler County pro bono attorney of the year

Raven Sword was given the Flagler County Pro Bono Attorney of the Year award by Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida

by: [Sierra Williams](#) Staff Writer (PalmCoastObserver.com)

For Raven Sword, it's not about the award – it's about doing something with the gifts you're given.

"So it's a given that when you're given gifts, like a law degree from a top 25 university, that you better doggone do something useful with it," Sword said. And she does.

On Sept. 12, Sword was surprised by Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida with the Flagler County Pro Bono Attorney of the Year award. Sword will be further honored on Oct. 20 in Lou Gardens in Orlando alongside the other counties' winners.

Alongside her own private practice, Sword said she balances her family life, volunteering at church and her pro bono work with CLS.

Martha Pardo, senior manager of pro bono development at CLS, said they consider a variety of things in nominees – hours of pro bono cases worked, training provided pro bono – but for Pardo and others at CLS, it was Sword's work for their piloted peer program that really cinched it.

"Raven was very, very instrumental," said Lena Hopkins, manager for pro bono services. "And it was really the main reason this year that we wanted to recognize her work."

Sword doesn't volunteer her time for the awards: It's about helping improve the lives of others, she said.

"And sometimes a simple question and answer," Sword said, "that means all the world to that person."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Watch Night Service	December 31, 2022 (Virtual on Website or Facebook Live)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration	January 15, 2023
Discipleship Class	Every Wednesday at noon beginning on January 18, 2023
Men's Bible Study	Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm **
Church School	Every Friday at 2:00 pm **
Steward Board Meeting	Saturday after 1 st Sundays 11:00 am *
Trustee Board Meeting	Saturday after 1 st Sundays at noon *
*via Conference Call **via Zoom	

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