

*"Christianity has always insisted that the cross
we bear precedes the crown we wear."*

— JAMES H. CONE, THE CROSS
AND THE LYNCHING TREE

WELCOME TO SWEET MAGNOLIA

Established in 1914, the name
Magnolia honors the Mother Church
founded in 1864 near Louisville.

Affectionately known as Sweet
Magnolia, this ministry has stood as a
physical representation of the hope
and determination of the African
American spirit. We are a Spiritual
Anchor grounded in a liberation
tradition operating as a Baptist
community of faith.

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Magnolia



MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson, Senior Pastor

Responsive Reading

The Church Covenant

Strengthening Our Relationship with God and Mankind

LEADER: Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, and this assembly host solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

RESPONSE: We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

LEADER: We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions, to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

RESPONSE: We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

TOGETHER: We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.



GSU DOWNTOWN | 6 PM
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

Our vision is to empower and inspire Black Men who will positively transform the world.

Our mission is to provide a safe space for Black Men to have a culturally enriching learning experience.



Order of Service

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022 | 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL | Dynamics of Family Leadership

Dea. Johnny Tremble, Adult Teacher

Lesson Text: Genesis 32:22-32; Time of Action: 1908 B.C.; Place of Action: Canaan
Golden Text: "And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed" (Genesis 32:28).

CALL TO WORSHIP

Church Medley by Larry Trotter with *Spirit of the Living God* as a Chant and Libations

SERVICE OF LIGHTS

The Altar Candles burn throughout September as a focus on our HABITS, ROUTINES, & RITUALS. *Let Praises Rise* by Myron Butler is inspired by our children's children call from the future for us to declare and move in excellence NOW!

Sweet Magnolia will utilize all our resources to provide a Christ-centered setting where people in this community can be redeemed to a personal relationship with Christ, reconciled to God and his people, restored to wholeness, to well-being, and revived for a full life involved in service to others. In this church, everyone is welcomed and affirmed. In this community, you can be redeemed, reconciled, restored, and revived.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Claim - *I am a consistent Tither, a Bountiful Sower, and a Cheerful Giver. I have confessed my sins; therefore GOD rebukes the Devourer for my Sake, and GOD makes all Grace abound toward me!* Malachi 3:1-11 and II Corinthians 9:5-8

THE LORDS TABLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 with *Just for Me* by Kenneth W. Louis inspired by Luke 22:14-23:56

HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Love the Lord by Whitney Houston inspired by Luke 15:1-10

THE PREACHED WORD

Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson

BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21



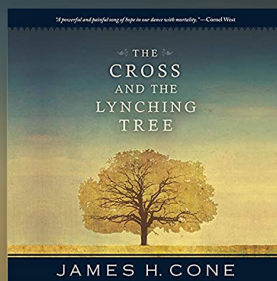
Lectionary: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9 • Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7 • Luke 16:1-13

SANKOFA, "to retrieve" (literally "go back and get"; san - to return)



"The gospel of Jesus is not a rational concept to be explained in a theory of salvation, but a story about God's presence in Jesus' solidarity with the oppressed, which led to his death on the cross. What is redemptive is the faith that God snatches victory out of defeat, life out of death, and hope out of despair."

— James H. Cone, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*



LISTENING ON
audible

The cross and the lynching tree are the two most emotionally charged symbols in the history of the African American community. In this powerful new work, theologian James H. Cone explores these symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk.

James Hal Cone (August 5, 1938 – April 28, 2018) was an American theologian, best known for his advocacy of black theology and black liberation theology.



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SUNDAY



Dweninmmen is a symbol of strength with humility. Humility is a cherished virtue among the Akans

SPADES
Tournament

**SUNDAY
SEPT
18** 2022

STARTS AT 4:00PM

\$20/ PER TEAM | \$10/INDIVIDUAL*
Individual players will be allowed to select a partner. If not, they will automatically be paired by draw

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ADINKRAHENE, King of the Adinkra symbols meaning Authority