

SUNRISE SERVICE

FOUNDERS' WEEK CELEBRATION



Sunday, April 23, 2023 | 8:00 am

STEM Conference Center

Virtual on UAPB YouTube Channel



Rev. James Rommel Hooper, Sr.

Rev. James Rommel Hooper, Sr. serves as the presiding elder of the Pine Bluff-Helena District, in the East Arkansas Conference. He is the senior presiding elder in the Twelfth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and President Pro tem of the Presiding Elder's Council. Rev. Hooper also serves as the pastor of Greater Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church located in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Rev. Hooper accepted his call to the Christian ministry in March 1969 and was admitted to the South Arkansas Conference where he was ordained an Itinerant Elder by Bishop D. Ward Nichols. His pastoral ministry includes several churches in the South Arkansas Conference, Arkansas Conference, Ohio Conference: Third Episcopal District. In almost every church Rev. Hooper served, he made extensive renovations on the physical structure. He served as presiding elder in the Crossett District and Monticello-Warren District of the East Arkansas Conference, and the Camden-El Dorado District of the West Arkansas Conference.

Rev. Hooper earned his undergraduate degree from Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College (Arkansas AM&N), now known as the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Payne Theological Seminary, located in Wilberforce, Ohio, and he did additional studies at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Rev. Hooper served as Dean of Jackson Theological Seminary in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Rev. Hooper owns a collision repair facility where his son, Thomas, manages the body shop. He is married to a wonderful lady Jeanette, who is a valuable asset to his ministry.



One Hundred and Fiftieth Founders' Sunrise Service



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PROGRAM

- Presiding:** Rev. Dr. Jared May ('80 & '05)
President Southeast Arkansas Alumni Chapter
- Praise and Worship:** Pastor Kourtney Smith ('12)
Destiny Worship Center Pine Bluff /
University of Arkansas Pine Bluff Vesper Choir
- Greeting:** Errayionna Jackson ('23)
93rd Miss UAPB
- Meditation:** Trenten Wills
SGA Vice President 2022-2023
- Music:** Pastor Kourtney Smith ('12)
University of Arkansas Pine Bluff UAPB Vesper Choir
- Introduction of Speaker:** Mr. John Graham, Director
University of Arkansas Pine Bluff M4 Band
- Sunrise Address:** Rev. James R. Hooper, Sr., Presiding Elder ('72)
AME Twelfth Episcopal District, Pine Bluff - Helena District
Pastor, Ward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
- Music:** Modified M4 Band and UAPB Golden Girls
- Announcements:** Ms. Amaya Jordan
SGA President 2022-2023
- Remarks/Recognitions:** Dr. Laurence B. Alexander
Chancellor, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff



Hall of Fame Reveal

Ms. Janice L. Roberts ('82)
1st Vice President UAPB/ AM&N National Alumni Association, Inc.

Alumni Appeal:

Mrs. Tanesha Thompson ('97)
President of UAPB/ AM&N National Alumni Association, Inc.

Benediction:

Rev. Dr. Jared May ('80 & '05)
President Southeast Arkansas Alumni Chapter

Alma Mater:

Led by Mr. Jerron Liddell ('11)
Director, UAPB Vesper Choir

Sunrise Service Committee

Mrs. Dora Sanders
Mrs. Bonita Corbin
Dr. Leonard Williams
Dr. Tanesha Ford
Ms. Joyce Vaughn
Ms. Mitzy Allen
Ms. Kim Jones Sneed

Special Thanks to Honors College Students,

Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Students

Alma Mater

*State College, we greet thee with love and devotion;
Our hearts and our treasures we bring to thy shrine.
With arms that are strong from all harm, we defend thee;
Thy name shall we cherish, dear mother of mine.
We walk through this wide world in peace and with courage.
We gained while we sat at thy sanctified seat.
We come when thou call'st us to battle, dear mother.
And cast all we have at thy glorified feet.*

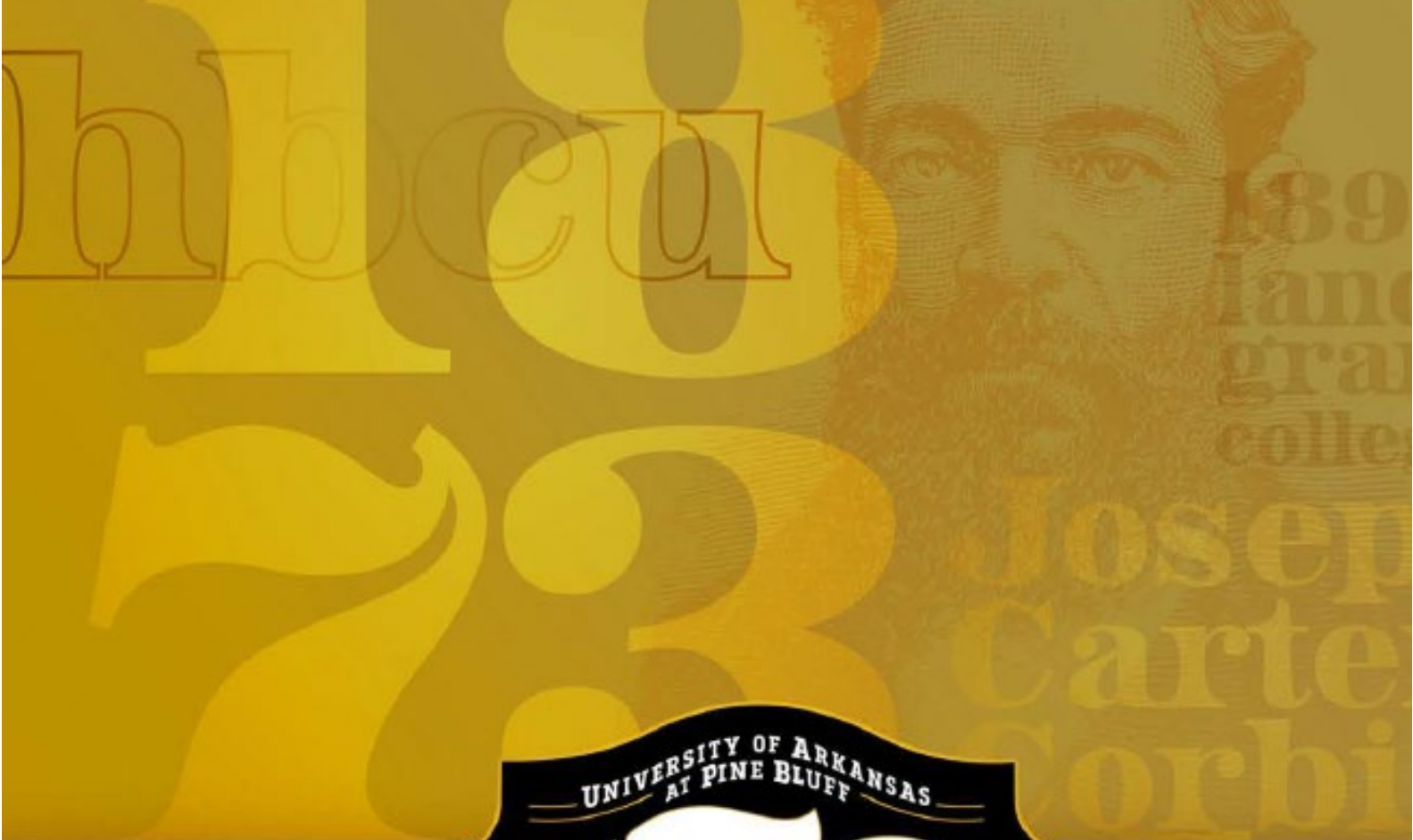
Chorus

*Alma Mater, we love thee, we love thee, dear mother;
And all that we have we cast down at thy feet.*

*In days of our childhood we romped in the wildwood.
We waded the brooks, sipped the sweet morning dew.
We heard of great treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
Of wealth not for purchase of goodness and you.
We entered the portals with some trepidation.
We knew not what fates awaited us there.
Thou girded our loins with the strength of Gibraltar;
We drank from thy fountain and breathed thy pure air.*

*We breathed thy great spirit and learned more of wisdom,
more truth through the vistas of life can we see.
The work of thy hand as it guided our footsteps
With faith thou did'st teach as we gave thee thy powers.
No one but our God can bestow such a gift.
We step with thy heart-strokes today, and forever
Thy flag to the breezes of heaven we lift.*

*John B. Watson
First President, AM&N College
1928-1942*



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