



Founded 1877
Built 1883-1889
Restored 1979-1980

Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church

454 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
334/263-3970

Reverend Michael F. Thurman, Pastor

16 December 1998

Rev. Charles Smith
92 Independence Avenue
Wayne, NJ 07470

Dear Charles:

Thanks for making our 121st Anniversary Celebration a success. Your presentations were right on target. The congregation enjoyed the presentation of The African American Jubilee Bible as well as your sermon on Sunday morning entitled "Thresholds."

You left my people with a challenge to color outside the line and to get outside the box of tradition. You also challenged us to do our part in "Setting the Captives Free" in the next millennium. You walked heavily just like your mentor Dr. Leon Sullivan.

Man it was a great weekend! Thanks for making it what it was. I look forward to working with you in the near future on the African American Jubilee Bible Project.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Thurman

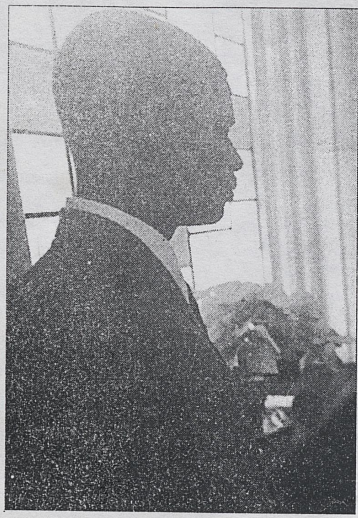
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John Jernigan listens during the 121st anniversary service at Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church.

King Memorial Baptist holds anniversary

Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, 454 Dexter Ave., celebrated its 121st anniversary with a special program Sunday.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. began his leadership in the civil rights movement while serving as minister there. A mural depicts major events in his life. The church is also noted as the birthplace of the civil rights movement. A marker on the grounds of the church depicts many highlights of the movement.

The church was originally called Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. Organized in 1877, the congregation began work on a church building in 1878 on the corner of Dexter Avenue and Decatur Street.



The Rev. Charles Smith delivers a sermon during a service for the 121st anniversary of Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church.

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Class George E. Lamb, son

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