

1779 —The House of Commons in England passed a law that allowed priests to allot time, each Sunday, to the instruction of slaves. This was not fully transmitted, however, to the West Indies, the remaining British colonies in the Americas, until 1815.

1780 —Lemuel Haynes was licensed to preach in the Congregational Church. Because he was a gifted preacher, George Liele was permitted, by his master, to preach at different times to slaves and whites. After manumission, he baptized his wife, Hannah, Andrew Bryan, Kate Hogg and Hogar Simpson. They became the founders of the First African Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia.

1782 —Rev. Harry (Black Harry) Hosier became the assistant to Rev. Francis Asbury, the first bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the U.S. Rev. Hosier also founded the circuit Rider System.

1783 —By the end of the Revolutionary War, all of the members of the Society of Friends (Quakers) had manumitted their slaves.

1786 —Due to the Church of England's laxity in mounting an organized Christianizing program in the West Indies, Moses Baker, George Liele, George Lewis and George Gibbo, Black missionaries from the U.S., were able to engage in effective conversions by preaching to the slaves. It was finally prohibited by the government for fear of instilling an attitude of equality in the slaves.

1787 —The Clapham Sect received cooperation from the British government to establish a settlement in Sierra Leone. Liberated slaves were among the 411 passengers to form a nucleus for taking Christianity and "civilization" to Africa.

Richard Allen and Absalom Jones organized the Free African Society. It was the first Black organization dedicated to assisting widows, orphans, the sick, and indigent Blacks. It became the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

1789 —The first Methodist Meeting-house was built on Barbados. It acquired few adherents and was deeply resented by the settlers.

1792 —Twelve hundred Nova Scotians joined the Sierra Leone Company. "Uncle Jack" preached to appreciative white audiences that raised a fund for his freedom.



Baptist Church in Freetown, Sierra Leone built originally by Reverend David George and rebuilt by Reverend Hector Peters, son of Thomas Peters who was the stonemason.

1794 - St. Thomas African Episcopal Church and Bethel Church were founded by Jones and Allen, and dedicated by Bishop Asbury.

Although repeated persecutions were visited upon him, his followers and any slaves who cared to hear him preach, Andrew Bryan refused to become bitter; instead, he prayed for those who abused him. The sympathy he thus aroused created a greater freedom for worship and allowed him to rebuild the First African Baptist Church. He added the Second, Third and Fourth African Baptist Churches to aid and enhance the religious life of Blacks in Georgia.

The Nineteenth Century was witness to a tremendous surge in the attempt to Christianize Blacks. Abolitionist societies' successful efforts to save bodies by halting the slave trade caused attention to focus upon saving souls.

1800 —The First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was constructed in New York City. It was the first Black-administered church in the city. Rev. James Varick was its first pastor. He, along with others, decided to separate from the Methodist Episcopal Church after suffering some indignities during a sermon.

c. 1801 —John Chavis was made a missionary to the slaves by the Presbyterian Church after having been tutored by Dr. Witherspoon of Princeton University. After the "Black laws" were passed in 1832, he established a school in North Carolina.

1807 —Rev. John Gloucester founded the first Black-administered church in Philadelphia.

1810-1811 —Rev. Joseph Bishop, an eloquently impressive minister to a racially mixed church in Virginia, became pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York—the first Black Baptist church in the free states.

1816 —Black Methodists were the first to establish a national church. This was done during a meeting in Philadelphia. Rev. Richard Allen became its bishop.

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