



**GREATER ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH**  
**GRAND PRAIRIE SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK**  
**Site Medallion No. 42**  
**3550 Gilbert Road**

The Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1889. It was first named Bear Creek A.M.E. Church. Later, Sister Ernestine Davis changed the name to Allen Chapel after Historical Allen downtown Ft. Worth.

Allen Chapel was established by former slaves and built on land donated by Julia Patterson. The founding members included: Polly Record, Sally Lively, Martha Chivers, Jannie Chivers, Julia Patterson and George Patterson. Other early pioneers associated with the church were: William Boles and Lizzie Boles, Alex McKensie, and Johnette Jones. Fannie Chambers, Emma Taylor, Jim Chivers, Francie Alexander, Lillie Shelton, Armether Parker, Dan Parker, Arlene Brewer, Erma Boles Trigg, Rosetta Purvis, Walter McKenzie, Robert Chivers Earnest (Frog), Davis Russell, Sam Daniel, Lucy Daniel and Alexander King.

The Allen Chapel was originally assigned to a rotating circuit with Evening Chapel A.M.E., a station church located in the Dalworth Community. Allen Chapel became a station church in 1960, finally able to hold services every Sunday instead of alternating Sundays. Brother William Boles built the original structure, which has since been rebuilt and improved. Early preachers included Reverends J.A. Haley, M.B. Stearn, J.W. Franklin, Commodore R. Walker, Ballard, N.A. Burton, Lewis, Bell and O.J. Spruiell.