



HISTORIC LIBERTY HILL AME CHURCH



LIBERTY HILL CHRONICLES

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

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PASTOR'S APPRECIATION THANKS



On October 19, 2024, the Pastor's Aid and Stewards honored Rev. and Mrs. Hicks with a Pastor's Appreciation Banquet. The following is Rev. Hicks' personal thank you to the congregation —

*"Historic Liberty Hill you took Sister Hicks and me to a mountain top experience on yesterday. We know that we are made in his image when we marched in we felt we were at the Image Awards. We felt regal as we were led in by the Steward Board in their outstanding regalia. The panorama of orange and silver grey adorned the stage. The tables were set off by the beautiful mums. The hosts and hostesses in their coordinated attire and their gracious smiles greeted everyone and gave them a creatively designed program. And the program participants did a marvelous job. The atmosphere was a result of esprit décor among the Steward Board, the Trustee Board, the Pastor's Aid Board and other ministries of the church. Once again, the culinary ministry was at its best, providing a scrumptious meal and vastly desserts. The music rendered by our two rising star vocalists, PJ and Daryl, uplifted and encouraged us. Rev. Conyers revisited the roads that God has led us on to this moment in time at Historic Liberty Hill AME Church with the guidance of the spirit that the New Mt. Zion Choir sang about. Thank you so very much for your act of kindness and for expressions of love that were placed in that decorated box. **To God be the Glory!**"*

YPD SPREAD JOY THROUGH SERVICE AND CELEBRATION



The YPD Department demonstrated their commitment to service and community this holiday season. On Tuesday, November 26th, the YPDers partnered with the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) to serve a delicious Thanksgiving

dinner to the seniors of our church and the local community. With warm smiles and helping hands, the youth ensured everyone felt the spirit of gratitude and fellowship.

In addition to their act of service, the YPDers also took part in the Town of Summerton Annual Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 8th. Their vibrant energy and festive spirit added joy to the parade as they represented our church with pride and enthusiasm.



We are proud of our YPDers for their dedication to making a positive impact during this special time of year.

Thank you to everyone who supported the YPDers in these efforts.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The Church Christmas program was held on Sunday, December 8 after the morning service. The participants included children from elementary school to middle school ages. They presented their recitations well after telling the congregation their names and ages. These were Gunnar Tindal, Aubrey Lane, La'Meir Taylor, Gabrielle Lawson, Emanuel Lawson, Tahira Canty, Jada Evans, and Carter Masengill. There was also the song "Mary, Did You Know?" done by the Miller children, Clayton, Heartlynn, and Taylor. Many thanks to the parents and grand-parents who took the time and effort to prepare and support these youth.



The "young at heart" ensemble were Mattie Dyson, Daisy Frank, Betty Simon, Christine Smith, and Carolyn Gamble Williams (no ages announced!). These "five golden rings" brought their own unique interpretations to the inspirational holiday messages they presented.



The Pastor, First Lady, and the congregation were very receptive and appreciative of the efforts of all the participants. To sum it all up, they did a "GOOD JOB!"

New Vision Christmas Concert.



On, Sunday, December 15th, the New Vision Choir was in concert at their Annual Christmas Concert. The concert was in celebration of A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON, with contemporary holiday gospel selections featuring the theme, with selections entitled Joy to the World, and other selections to include the theme "Joy", such as, "Joyful, Joyful, Lord We Adore Thee", and "God's Great Joy".

Brother Jarod Stukes was the host; and the first choir selection featured Liberty Hill's Praise Dancers to the song "Celebrate the King", after an introit of "Open the Eyes of Our Hearts Lord", and a trio of "Joyful, Joyful, Lord We Adore Thee".

Two of the highlights of the evening was the gospel *Twelve Days of Christmas* led by Brother Daryl Wilson; and the return of the New Vision's Christmas theme song "My Gift of Love", which was performed in memory of choir member, Brother Dewey L. Neal, and led by Brothers Wesley Bennett and PJ Ragin.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS QUARTER



JANUARY

Debra Ann Brailsford (15th)
Krsna Burgess (29th)
Kane Canty (25th)
William Dallas (28th)
Lisa Dyson (2nd)
Opal Dyson (4th)
Aaron Jones (29th)
Tracie E. Jones (7th)
Deon McFadden (9th)
Lateshia Ragin McFadden (19th)
Taylor Miller (19th)
Jayaiya Ragin (17th)
Susan Ragin (21st)
Millie Robinson
Betty Simon (26th)
Maureen J. Stewart (25th)
Jarod Stukes
Jackson Stukes (31st)
Julian Stukes
Edna F. Walters (9th)

FEBRUARY

Jacqueline Bennett (4th)
Hattie Mae Blackwell (9th)
Naomi Bradley (13th)
Benita R. Brailsford (2nd)
Natalie Brown (16th)
Christopher Burgess, Jr. (13th)
Christian Paige Cooper (17th)
William Dallas (28th)

Asantewaa E. Dyson (28th)
Beulah Gibson (4th)
Joi Hill (5th)
Sharon Madison (17th)
Rev. James Oliver (7th)
Anthony Ragin, Jr. (27th)
Reagan Tindal Ragin (24th)
Michaela Rutledge (7th)
Daylyn Walters (10th)
Monica Watson (12th)
Shakemia Williams (10th)
Daryl Wilson (5th)

MARCH

Betty Bennett (30th)
Norine Brown (3rd)
Kali Canty (3rd)
Doris Dallas (15th)
Mary Foye (31st)
Michelle Hill (21st)
Wendell Hilton (5th)
Dorothy House (4th)
Catherine Jones (8th)
Bertha Lawson (30th)
Roosevelt Mitchell (29th)
Ernest Oliver (14th)
Mildred Oliver (24th)
Fred Richburg (1st)

Stop by the church office if you would like your name added to the birthday list for next quarter.

Liberty Hill celebrates birthdays the last Sunday at the beginning of each quarter. The next birthday celebration will be March 30th, celebrating birthdays in the Months of January, February and March.

Sick and Shut-In Members

Katherine Bennett
Geneva Bennett
Hattie M. Blackwell
Constance Brunson
(Columbia)
Harold Brunson (Columbia)
Mae Pearl Caldwell
Glenda Covington
(Fayetteville)
Mary Foye (Pocotaligo)

Michelle Hill
Sarah Matthews
Vivian Oliver (Pocotaligo)
James Ragin
Louise Ragin
Millie Mae Robinson
Millie Dora Robinson

WATER FOUNTAIN MINISTRY



Sister Jacqueline Bennett continues with the "Water Fountain Ministry", decorating the fountain for each season. The above is a photo celebrating Christmas last month.



SPECIAL NOTICE

Liberty Hill's Facebook page is

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The previous page is no longer active.

Look for this coin as the profile picture on Facebook.



Order of Worship — Sunday, January 5, 2025

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Brother Jarod Stukes, Presiding

The Introit Hymn #61
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

The Doxology Hymn #647
“Praise God, from whom all Blessing Flow”

The Call To Worship Brother Jarod Stukes

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord!” Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! (Psalm 122:1-2)

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:10)

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God; I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:13)

Leader: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

People: But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises. (Psalm 98:1,4)

The Hymn of Praise Hymn #580
“Another Year is Dawning”

The Morning Prayer Rev. Aretha G. Johnson

The Choral Response The Sanctuary Choir

The Worship through Music The Sanctuary Choir

The Liturgy of the Word Brother Julius Ragin, III
Galatians 4:4-7 (NKJ)

The Introit to the Decalogue Hymn #69

The Full Decalogue Rev. George E. Hicks

The Gloria Patri Hymn #626

The Worship through Music The Sanctuary Choir

The Greetings/Announcements
Sister Sharon B. Madison

The Worship Through Giving Ushers

The Choral Response Hymn #644
“All Things Come of Thee”

The Pastoral Prayer and Altar Call Rev. Hicks

The Choral Response The Sanctuary Choir

The Hymn of Preparation Hymn #212
“Jesus! the Name High Over All”

THE MESSAGE...REV. GEORGE E. HICKS, PASTOR

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....

The Communion Hymn..... Hymn #530
“Let us Break Bread Together”

—*The Sacrament of the Holy Communion—*

*(Follow along prayerfully beginning on page 798
of the AME Church Hymnal and the Display)*

The Solicitation; The General Confession (Pg 5)

The 1st and 2nd Collect

The Prayer of Adoration; The Prayer of Humiliation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Serving of the Consecrated Elements

The Lord’s Prayer; The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Song of Celebration The Sanctuary Choir

The Apostle Creed (Pg 5) Congregation

Hymn of Going Forth “Always Remember”

The Doxology Congregation

The Benediction Rev. George E. Hicks

The General Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Thy Devine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead; and buried. The third day he arose from the dead' he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

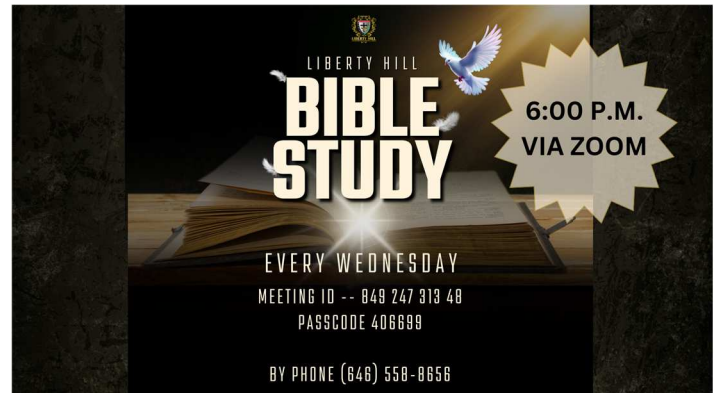
Sermon Notes

Today's Scripture: _____

Sermon Title: _____

Sermon Highlights: _____

Church Announcements



Thursday, January 9th
Youth Choir Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 11th
WMS Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

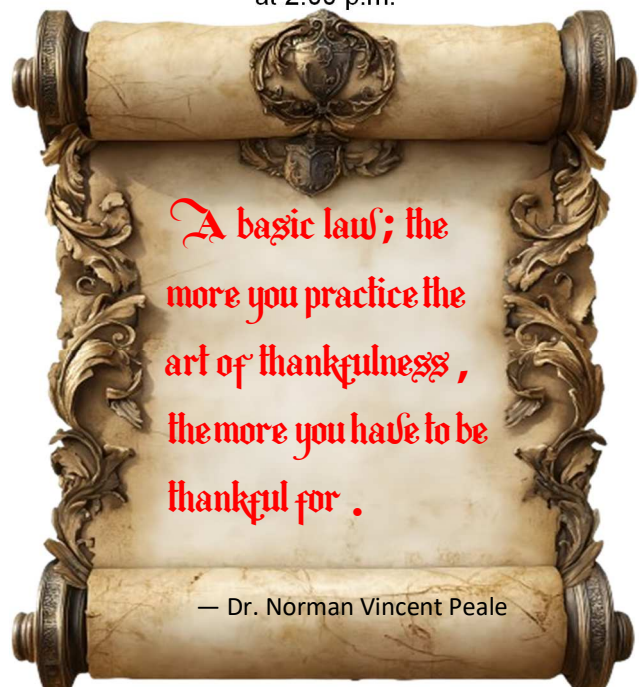
Monday, January 13th
Monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 18th
New Members Class at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, January 20th
Martin Luther King Holiday

Thursday, January 23rd
K&H and Liberty Hill's Harvest Hope Food Bank Food Distribution beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 26th
Santee District WMS/20 Districts of the AME Church Program at 2:00 p.m.



Church School Recognition

On Sunday, October 20th, Church School Superintendent Martha Wilson-Gilyard, acknowledged and thanked those who continuously assist with the Church School program to make it successful. Those recognized were Sisters Felita Grady-Hicks, Mildred Oliver, Carolyn Williams and Isabelle Jackson.



CONGRATULATIONS DR. STUKES



Congratulations to Dr. Jarod Julian Stukes, who received his honorary Doctorate of Christian Humanities from the Lighthouse Theological Institute and Seminary on November 22, 2024. Dr. Stukes stated "I thank God for the opportunity and honor... I am humbled by this recognition and acknowledge that all wisdom and knowledge

come from Him. As the scripture says, 'For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding' (Proverbs 2:6). May I continue to use this honor to serve His purpose and reflect His love and truth in all I do."

WMS Fellowship Tea

The WMS Fellowship Tea was held on Friday, December 27 at 6pm at Historic Liberty Hill AME Church. This is a time when the ladies would come together to wind-down after the holiday season. Twenty ladies were present as they fellowship among each other with good food, drinking hot tea and was inspired with a great word from Sis. Mattie Dyson. She encourage the ladies to support, build and encourage each other. The ladies also dress their tables.

Thank you to all the ladies for supporting this event.

The following are some of the tablescapes from this event.



Musical Treat



The Music Ministry of Historic Liberty Hill A.M.E. Church in collaboration with the Summerton Presbyterian Church presented a "Buffet of Sacred Music" on

Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 3:00 pm at Liberty Hill. The program featured a variety of sacred music performed in various genres presented vocally and instrumentally (including flute and clarinet) along with a dramatic reading based on the Psalms. The artists who "served" were from the Clarendon and Sumter County communities. The renditions were offered in jazz, folksongs, African American spiritual, traditional Gospel. The guest artists demonstrated their God-given talents to a very receptive audience of members of sister churches in the area. They brought their hearty "appetites for a bountiful spread of musical delights !" As a demonstration of the gratitude for this treat, a free-will offering was received which totaled \$1,000. The funds were donated to the Clarendon Christian Learning Center, which has provided weekly Christian-based lessons to students from both public and private schools in the county for over 25 years.

The Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir visited Pocatigo Rehab and Nursing Facility in Manning on Wednesday, December 4. The choir, along with Pastor Hicks, offered the residents a celebration of Christmas music and inspirational readings. Christian tracts were distributed by the choir members to the large group of residents who attended. Some of the residents requested their special songs and one of them led everyone in a stirring hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." The surprise feature was the use of a spinet piano which has been recently donated to the facility by a member of the Clarendon County community. Reverend Hicks and the choir are grateful to God for the opportunity to serve His people "beyond the four walls" of our local church. Praise the Lord !

Conference Highlights

October 23-26th, Historic Liberty Hill hosted the 101st Session of the Central South Carolina Annual Conference. Here are a few photos highlighted during the days of the conference.



ALLEN UNIVERSITY CHOIR



In November, Allen University's Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Angela S. Blalock, ministered several songs during our third Sunday worship experience.

Pastor's Appreciation Photos



Sister Dennison Speaks



Congratulations to our Episcopal CDMC Commissioner, Sister LaToya Dennison who has been spreading the gospel throughout the District. First at Bethel AME Church, Ravenel, on September 22nd, for the Edisto District's Fresh Fire Services; and then, at St. John AME Church, Kingstree, as guest speaker for their WMS program on Sunday, December 29th. Keep up the good work, Sister Dennison!

We are a Church of GRACE & GRATITUDE

*Grace is what happens when we let go and let God
Gratitude is the most powerful practice at our disposal.*

*Together, they help us over come what may appear hardships and disappointments so
that we can live more abundantly.*

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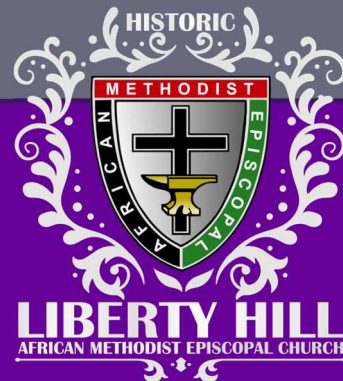
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