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Food, Fellowship & A Whole Lot of Fun!

What happens when you mix beautiful weather, plenty of good food, wonderful fellowship, a little line dancing, a few rounds of bingo, and blessings with dollar signs attached? You get a picnic to remember!

On Saturday, September 26, 2026, Rev. and Mrs. Hicks treated members to a wonderful Appreciation Picnic at Bowman Nature Park in Bowman, South Carolina. From beginning to end, the afternoon was filled with laughter, fellowship, good food, and plenty of reasons to give God thanks. And speaking of food… nobody left hungry!

The tables were filled with a delicious Southern spread of fried fish, fried chicken, barbecue, salads, and all kinds of tasty side dishes. And just in case anyone needed a little something to snack on between plates, there were plenty of boiled and parched peanuts readily available.

The fun included bingo, games, and line dancing. Some came ready to dance, some learned as they went, and others were perfectly content to cheer from the sidelines. Either way, there were smiles all !

One of the biggest attractions of the afternoon was the “Giving Board.” Members received tickets for a special drawing, and when their numbers were called, they had the opportunity to “pick their blessing” from the board. And these blessings came with a little extra spending money! Monetary prizes started at $5 and went up from there, so there was plenty of excitement as everyone waited to see who would be called and what blessing they would choose.

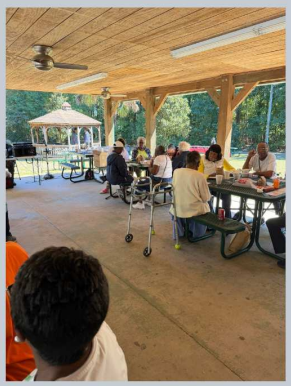
But the greatest blessing of the afternoon wasn’t found on the Giving Board. It was found in the fellowship. It was in the laughter shared around the tables, the friendly competition during bingo, the music and dancing, the conversations among friends, and the opportunity to simply enjoy one another’s company. Scripture reminds us, “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1), and the spirit of that verse could certainly be felt throughout the day.

God even provided the perfect backdrop. The weather was absolutely beautiful, making the park an ideal place to relax, fellowship, and enjoy His creation.
A heartfelt thank you to Rev. and Mrs. Hicks for their generosity, thoughtfulness, and the love demonstrated through this special occasion. The Appreciation Picnic reminded us that sometimes the sweetest blessings are found in the simplest things—good food, good fun, good fellowship, and grateful hearts.

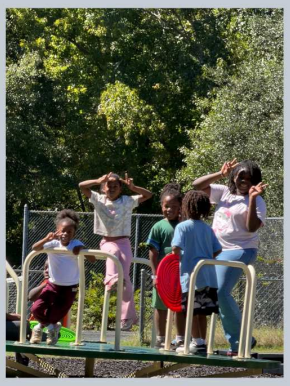
And if you happened to leave with a full stomach, tired dancing feet, a bingo victory, a few extra dollars in your pocket, and a smile on your face… well, that was just an added blessing!

















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Happy Birthday!

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 December 27th, celebrating birthdays in the Months of October, November and December.

OCTOBER

Sarah Barber (25th)
Cedric Brown (6th)
Sarah Brunson
Hope Cummings (5th)
Jada Evans (17th)
Carrie Frank (11th)
Bertha Gaymon (16th)
Ernest Green (12th)
Deborah Hart (9th)
Mary Hunt (2nd)
Fannie Johnson (17th)
Sarah Johnson (18th)
Nyemia Lawson (12th)
Carter Massingill (27th)
Adrianna McElveen (9th)
Theresa Mitchell (8th)
Jaliya Nelson (24th)
Cheryl Ragin (1st)
Daren Ragin (14th)
Henry Ragin, Sr. (26th)
Shalonda M. Ragin (15th)
Sierrah Singleton (7th)
DeLaine Bennett Steele (16th)
Diane Tindal (29th)
Stacey F. Tindal (22nd)
Amarion Watts (28th)

NOVEMBER

Eddie Brailsford (16th)
Deloris Brown (1st)
Tahiry Canty (18th)
LaToya Dennison (27th)
Winoma Dyson (3rd)
Mary M. Foxx (19th)
Kendra Gibson (24th)
Preston Marcellus James (25th)
Sir William James (25th)
Arnold Madison, Sr. (30th)
James McBride (8th)
Charles Oliver (6th)
Aretha Ragin (22nd)
Da'Masha Ragin (10th)
James Ragin, Jr. (27th)
Julius "P-Nut" Ragin (13th)
Kendal Ragin (9th)
Verlette Richburg (28th)
Wayne D. Stewart (5th)

DECEMBER

Kadience Baxter (17th)
Shaniqua Bennett (2nd)
Kimley Billie (15th)
Clarence Caldwell, Jr. (1st)
Mariah J. Jenkins (24th)
Destiny Jones (4th)
Aubrey Lane (13th)
Melcenia F. Mack (15th)
Mesiyah McElveen (9th)
Jaronte C. McFadden (6th)
Charlotte R. Peterson (28th)
Herom Pringle (16th)
Calvin Ragin (7th)
Debace A. Ragin (10th)
Michael Richburg (2nd)



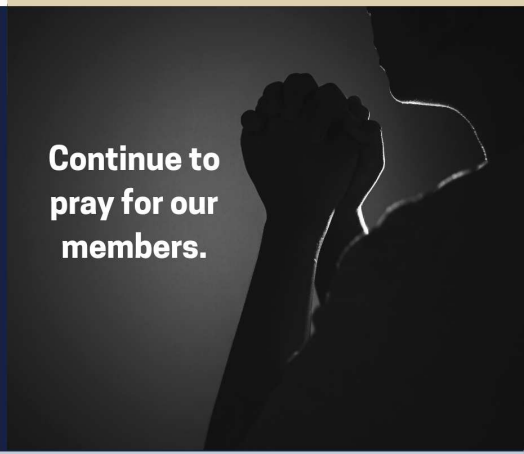
Robert Lee Ragin (23rd)
Amani Reed (29th)
Christine Smith (8th)
La'Meir Taylor
Keosha Thompson (15th)
Jayceon Kylan Williams (21st)
Mary Wilson (2nd)
Martha Wilson-Gilyard (2nd)



Sister Jacqueline Bennett continues with the "Water Fountain Ministry", decorating the fountain for each season. The above is a photo celebrating the arrival of Fall.

Sick and Shut-In Members

Katherine Bennett
Hattie M. Blackwell
Constance Brunson (Columbia)
Mae Pearl Caldwell
Mary Foye (Pocotaligo)
Michelle Hill
Sarah Matthews
Vivian Oliver (Pocotaligo)
James Ragin
Louise Ragin
Millie Mae Robinson
Millie Dora Robinson
Mary Hunt



Grandparents' Ministry Calendar Tea Celebrates Fellowship, Creativity and Giving

The Grandparents' Ministry hosted its annual Calendar Tea on Sunday, August 16, at 3:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. The afternoon was filled with fellowship, creativity, friendly competition, and generous giving as members gathered to support the ministry.

The Fellowship Hall was beautifully transformed as each table represented and celebrated activities and special occasions associated with a particular month of the year. From seasonal themes to creative decorations, participants went above and beyond to make their tables colorful, festive, and memorable.

Serving as judges for the decorating competition were **Rosalind Doughty**, **Julia Jackson**, and **Lisa Rogers**. After careful consideration, the **June table** captured **first-place decorating honors**. The **January table** earned second place, while the **December table** finished third.

The friendly competition also extended to fundraising, with outstanding support shown throughout the ministry. **August**, chaired by **Yolanda Neal**, received top monetary honors by raising an impressive **$1,510**. **April**, chaired by **Juanita Oliver**, followed with **$1,200**, and **September**, chaired by **Rhonda Thames**, raised **$755**.

Together, the Calendar Tea generated an outstanding total of **$6,949**!

The Grandparents' Ministry extends heartfelt appreciation to everyone who decorated a table, contributed financially, attended the celebration, or helped make the event a success. A very special thank-you is extended to the **Grandparents' Ministry of Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church** for its generous $110 donation and support.

The Calendar Tea was more than a fundraiser—it was a wonderful celebration of fellowship, creativity, generosity, and community. Congratulations to all of the participants and honorees, and thank you to everyone whose support helped make this year's event a tremendous success!



1st Place Decorating - June


2nd Place, December


3rd Place, December


February


March



April


May


July



August


September


October


November



Order of Worship – Sunday, October 4, 2026
The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. Aretha G. Johnson, 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 ..... Rev. Aretha G. Johnson

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 #19
"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

The Morning Prayer ..... Sister Carolyn G. Williams

The Choral Response..... The Sanctuary Choir

The Worship through Music..... The Sanctuary Choir

The Liturgy of the Word ..... Brother Jarod Stukes
Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV)

The Introit to the Decalogue ..... Hymn #69

The Full Decalogue ..... Rev. Dr. George E. Hicks

The Gloria Patri .....Hymn #626

The Worship through Music.....The Sanctuary Choir

The Special Appeals.....

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.....

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

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....Hymn #232
"Come, Ye, Sinners, Poor and Needy"

The Communion Hymn .....Hymn #460
"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

—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. Dr. George E. Hicks

Liberty Hill AME Church
Announcements



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: _____

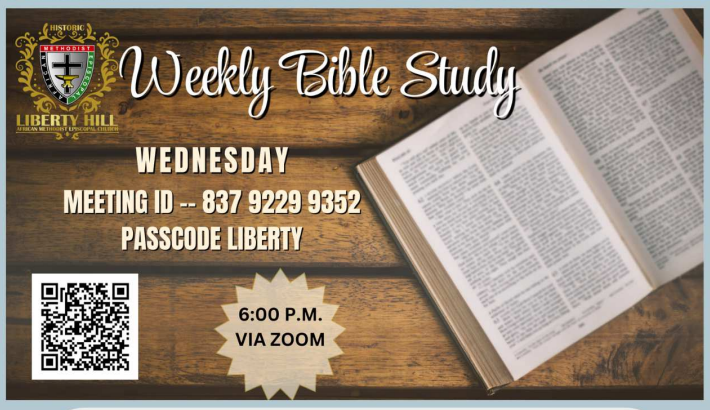
Sermon Title: _____

Sermon Highlights: _____

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Thursday, October 8th
Youth Choir Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 11th
ReadKidz after Services

Monday, October 12th
Monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17th
New Member's Class at 9:00 a.m.

Saturdy, October 17th
Local Lay Organization Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 17th
Pastor's Appreiation at 4:00 p.m.

103rd Session of the Central SC Annual Conference
Otober 28-31, 2026
Santee Convention Center
Rev. George E. Hicks, Opening Sermon on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.



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YAMs Sisters Fueled With a Purpose

Throughout 2026, our Young Adult Missionaries (YAMs) have continued to demonstrate Christian love through service, fellowship, and outreach.
In April, the YAMs hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. The event provided a fun and joyful opportunity for the children to celebrate Easter while enjoying fellowship with their church family.

During May and June, the YAMs remembered the residents of Lake Marion Nursing Home and Pocotaligo Nursing Home. Gift bags were delivered in celebration of Mother's Day and Father's Day, allowing the residents to know that they are loved, appreciated, and not forgotten.

In July, the YAMs held a Back-to-School Lock-In that was a wonderful success. The young people enjoyed a safe and encouraging environment filled with fun, fellowship, and activities as they prepared to begin a new school year.

The year's activities culminated with the Connectional Women's Missionary Society Young Adult Member Fresh Fire Weekend, September 26–27, 2026. This year's inspiring theme wass "Sisters Fueled by Purpose—Cleared for Takeoff!" The theme is supported by Romans 8:28, reminding us that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. The theme song is "Intentional" by Travis Greene.

Fresh Fire Weekend is an annual recruitment and fellowship initiative designed to empower young women to grow in faith, serve others, strengthen their sisterhood, and invite others to join the YAM family. Saturday's activities included community mission outreach and a Sisterhood Fellowship Night. Sunday featured Fresh Fire Sunday, a YAM Creative Worship Takeover, and Recruitment Sunday.

Our YAMs are women empowered by Christ and committed to walking boldly in God's purpose. Through worship, service, outreach, and fellowship, they continue to make a meaningful difference in the church and the community. The runway is ready, the tower has spoken, and our YAMs are cleared for takeoff!





























Thames Recognition



Congratulations to **Sister Rhonda Thames** and her Nutrition Team of the Clarendon School District who were recognized by the Clarendon School District Board of Trustees for their extraordinatry summer of service to the students and the community. In June 2025, 2,993 breakfasts were served and 4,234 lunches. In July, 24,212 breakfasts were served and 25,115 lunches. In addition, the team distributed more than 5,000 seven-day meal boxes, ensuring students had access to nutritious meals all summer long.

Congratulations Liberty Hill Board of Trustees

At the 2026 Homecoming Celebration held on July 5, 2026, the newly resurfaced parking lot and the digital display sign were dedicated during the morning worship service.
Thank you to our Board of Trustees for their diligence and hard work on implementing these homecoming projects.

***Please note that Trustees Deloris Brown, Yolanda Neal and Rhonda Thames were attending to other Homecoming duties and are not pictured.



Historic Liberty Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church

We are a Church of Grace and 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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