The 81st Central South Carolina

Annual Conference



The Honorable Preston Warren Williams, II Presiding Bishop, Seventh Episcopal District



Rev. Malachi L. Duncan Host Presiding Elder Manning District



Rev. Melvin J. Capers, Host Pastor



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Summerton, South Carolina

October 31—November 5, 2004



The Seventh Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Rt. Reverend Preston Warren Williams, II Presiding Bishop

Mother Wilma Delores Williams Episcopal Supervisor

Annual Conferences

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Greetings and Salutations in the name of the Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! This Jesus chose not to live in a tomb. He accepts all invitations to live in our hearts.

Mother Williams and I invite each of you to go on a journey with us and to think outside the box. Let us begin the journey with prayer that our time together during these series of Annual Conference events will be fruitful and meaningful.

As Christians we are called to a mission to become disciples of Jesus Christ. The call for leadership in the church is for persons – lay and ordained – to lead local congregations through spiritual formation and guidance for Christian living in the world.

It is our hope and prayer that each of the Annual Conferences will systematically engage our church in the mission of becoming disciples of Jesus Christ. We do this by inviting, welcoming, worshiping with, nurturing and sending out individuals to do the work of ministry in all places. This process leads to the regeneration of individuals and congregations who engage in transforming ministries.

You and I, are meant to be "letters" to the world. People who "read" us receive a message from the Divine and Living God. We look forward to moving the church beyond the walls to embrace the entire community. Together, we believe all things are possible!

We should prepare to celebrate the heritage of our denomination and continue to seek out opportunities to rescue God's children by meeting their need, not only for spiritual salvation, but also for their day to day experiences. It is important for leaders of local congregations to share in this movement of God.

Congratulations on hosting the annual conference, Mother Williams and I are looking forward to visiting your city and being among some of the finest people in all of African Methodism.

Still in One Peace!

The Rt. Reverend Preston Warren Williams, II Presiding Prelate, 7th Episcopal District

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Greetings from the

Host Pastor

reetings to Bishop Preston Warren

Seventh Episcopal District and to Mother

Wilma Delores Webb Williams, Episcopal Supervisor and General Officers, the Presiding Elders, the Pastors, the Lay Delegates, the WMS Leadership, the Lay Leadership, the YPD and DMC Leadership and all in attendance at this 81st Session of the Central South Carolina Annual Conference. It is with the joy and love of Christ that we welcome all of you here to Historic Liberty Hill AME Church.

First, we would like to welcome the Right Reverend Preston Warren Williams, II, the 119th elected and consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Also, a cordial welcome is extended to Mother Wilma Webb Williams, our charming Supervisor. We are happy to have them and to welcome them to the great State Rev. Melvin Jerome Capers of South Carolina (the Seventh Episcopal District) and to the Central Annual Conference.

Secondly, the fathers of the church so designed it that we would meet once a year in an annual conference to give an account of our stewardship, and so we have come this year and this week to deliberate the business of the church, to study, to fellowship and to be among brothers and sisters of the faith. We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us and to empower us to do that which He has called us to do.

Finally, we are pleased that all of you are here at Liberty Hill, we are delighted to serve as your host. Feel free to call upon us for whatever you may need to make your stay a more pleasant and comfortable one.

Once again, welcome and let's have a great conference.

Greetings and Welcome To
Historic Liberty Hill
African Methodist Episcopal Church
as we host the
81st Session of
The South Carolina Central Conference
Rev. Melvin J. Capers & Sons
Reverdy Capers
Isaac Capers

May the Blessings of God
Continue to be with the
Rev. Melvin J. Capers, Host Pastor
And his Sons
Reverdy and Isaac
On this
81st Session
Of the Central South Carolina Annual Conference



Rev. and Mrs. Malachi L. Duncan Manning District Presiding Elder Manning Area WMS Consultant

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What a difference eight years make — new pastor, new members, members that have gone on to glory, a wonderful husband, and two beautiful children. We are truly blessed.

As I did eight short years ago, I have been given the wonderful opportunity to serve Liberty Hill in the compilation of our souvenir journal for the 81st session of the Central South Carolina Conference. To God be the glory!

I would like to thank my committee members who worked with me throughout this project — your patience and diligence was greatly appreciated. Thanks to all members who ventured about our communities soliciting ads to make this journal possible. I graciously thank all of the AME Church dignitaries, churches, business and individuals who purchased ads.

Thank you, Mr. Levy, for working so patiently

with us on Saturday, August 27th and accommodating our schedule changes. Members, a big thank you for being patient throughout our photo session. I hope that you are as pleased as I am with the results. Hurricane Gaston delayed the production, but could not stop God's work! Thanks to my husband, Arnold, and my children, AJ and Teja, for being patient with me as I worked toward the completion of this booklet.

Finally, I thank our newly appointed pastor, Rev. Melvin J. Capers, for giving me this opportunity, to work in this capacity which allows me the opportunity to give back just a smidgen of what Liberty Hill has give me for over 30 years.

— Sharon Burgess Madison

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Dear Reverend Melvin Capers;

The Town of Summerton would like to welcome your attendees to Liberty Hill A.M.E. Church and to the Town for the Central South Carolina A.M.E. Annual Conference. We are honored that you have chosen Summerton for this conference and would like to offer greetings and thanks to the attendees.

The Town would also like to welcome and congratulate the new Bishop, Rt. Reverend Preston W. Williams, to the State of South Carolina and to Clarendon County.

Please feel free to contact us at 485-2525 if you need any assistance.

Kind Regards, Beth H. Phillips Rve

Beth H. Phillips

Mayor

2004 Annual Conference Agenda Seventh Episcopal District The Central Conference

Sunday Pre-Conference Activities

6:00 p.m.

Debutantes-Masters Commission

Monday
Pre-Conference Activities

8:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon Community Evangelism

Bishop with Elected Officials Pastors & Sons of Allen — Community Outreach/Visitation Laity — Community Outreach/

Visitation

W.I.M. and Pastors — Community

Outreach/Visitation

9:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon Women's Missionary Society

Business Session

12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m. Meditation

1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. Lunch

3:30 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. Women's Missionary Society

Community Outreach/Visitation

Board of Examiners

Community Report—Out

6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Sons of Allen Men's Night

Tuesday				
Conference Activities				

 $9:00 \ \mathrm{a.m.} - 11:30 \ \mathrm{a.m.}$ Opening Worship

11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. Business Session

6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Joint Worship

Night in White (W.M.S.)

Wednesday Conference Activities Christian Education Focus

8:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon Workshops

12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m. Meditation/Worship Celebration

1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. Lunch

3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Workshops

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. Young People's Department Celebration

Thursday
Conference Activities
Christian Education Focus

 $8:00 \ a.m. - 12:00 \ noon$ Workshops

12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m. Meditation/Worship Celebration

1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. Lunch

3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Workshops

6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. Lay Service

Friday Conference Activities

8:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m. Business Session

Retirement Service

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ordination Service

1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. Lunch (*MSWWO Luncheon*)

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Church School

Closing Services & Appointments

Greetings and Best Wishes

Greetings and best wishes to The Right Reverend Preston Warren Williams, II, Presiding Bishop To Mrs. Wilma Deloris Webb Williams, Supervisor And to

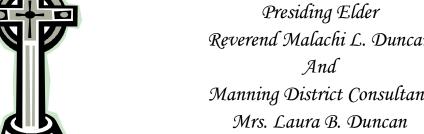
Reverend Melvin Jerome Capers, Host Pastor

Of the 81st Session of the South Carolina Central Conference of the Manning District

From:

Reverend Malachi L. Duncan

Manning District Consultant



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81st Session of the Central South Carolina Annual Conference

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Our Warmest Greetings and Welcome Bishop Preston W. Williams, II, Presiding Prelate Of the Seventh Episcopal District of South Carolina

Mrs. Wilma D. Williams, Episcopal Supervisor

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Summerton, South Carolina

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The Wateree District
And Mrs. Rhudene R. Ashford, Area Consultant

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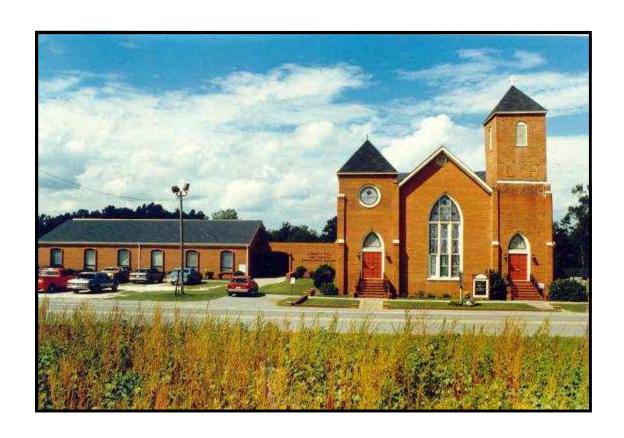
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The Historic Liberty Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church Family



"...upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18

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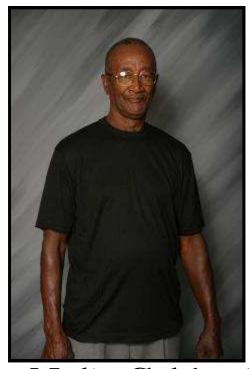


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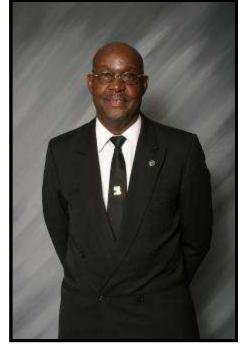


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Mr. Thomas Jackson

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Mrs. Bertha J. Lawson Representing the month of



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Mrs.

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Mr. Aaron Jones And Mr. Ernest Oliver

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Stewardess Boards 5-8



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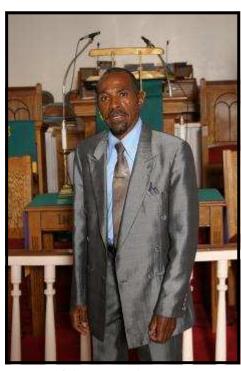
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Class #3 — Intermediate Class



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Ms. Luetina Ragin, Teacher

Class #5—Primary Class



Miss Jessica Aiken, Teacher

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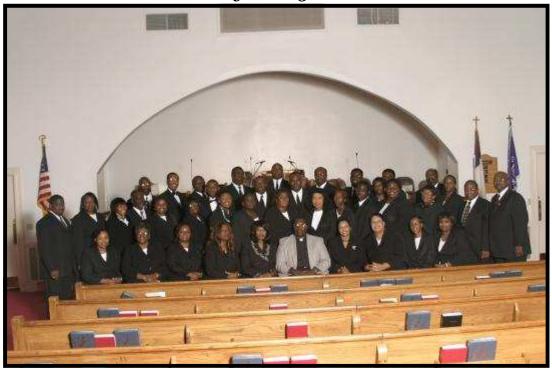
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Greetings



From Some of the Members of the Board of Examiners

Greetings



From the Candidates of the Board of Examiners

Greetings and Special Blessings

To

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Mrs. Wilma D. Webb Williams Episcopal Supervisor

Reverend Malachi L. Duncan Host Presiding Elder

Reverend Melvin J. Capers
Host Pastor

The Liberty Hill Church Family

Our prayer is that God will be in the midst and intercede in all of your worship experiences and deliverations.

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Mrs. Wilma Delores Webb Williams
The Liberty Hill Church Family
And the members of the
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Of the
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Best Wishes for a Successful Conference

Rev. Alonza Middleton
Presiding Elder
Mt. Pleasant District

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And the
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May His Peace, Power and Presence be with you



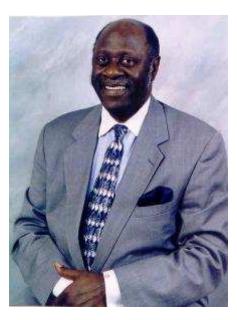
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It is my prayer that you are inspired during the conference to return to the vineyard rejoicing.



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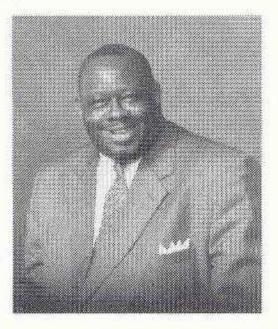
ON HOSTING THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE'S 2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our prayers are with the leadership of the
Seventh Episcopal District
and the members of the Central Conference
for a successful conference that will enhance the spiritual
and civic well being of the communities
served by the conference

May God Bless each of you!



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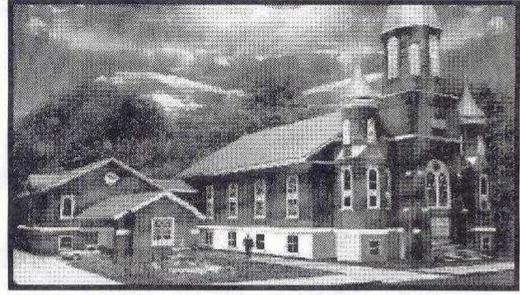
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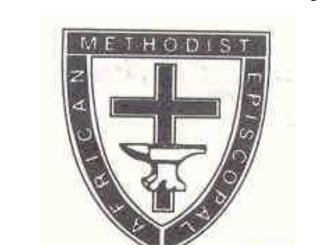
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to

Liberty Hill AME Church on hosting the 81st Session of the

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"Laity Sowing Seeds Beyond Walls: An Agenda of Ministry and Service."

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Mrs. Wilma W. Williams

Episcopal Supervisor

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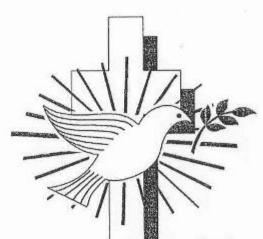


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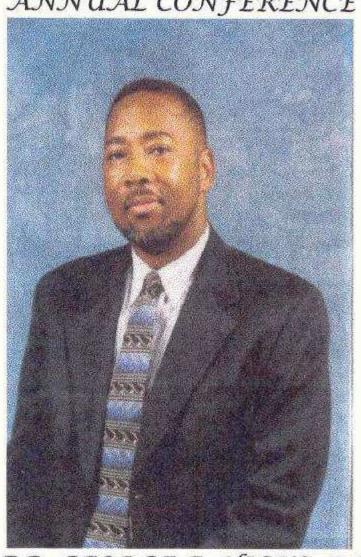
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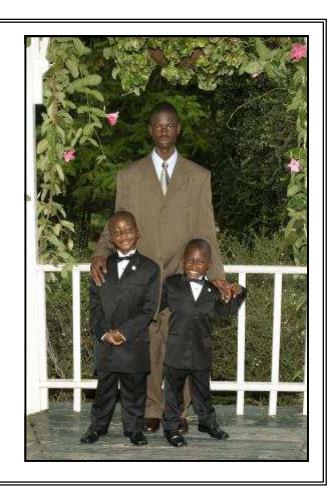
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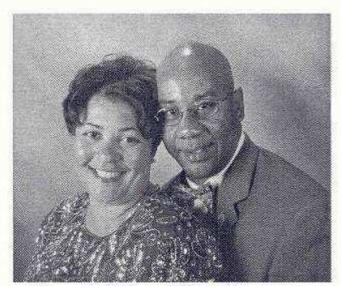
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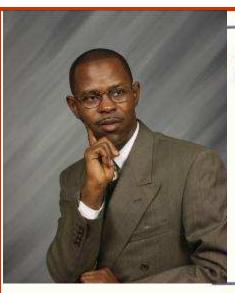
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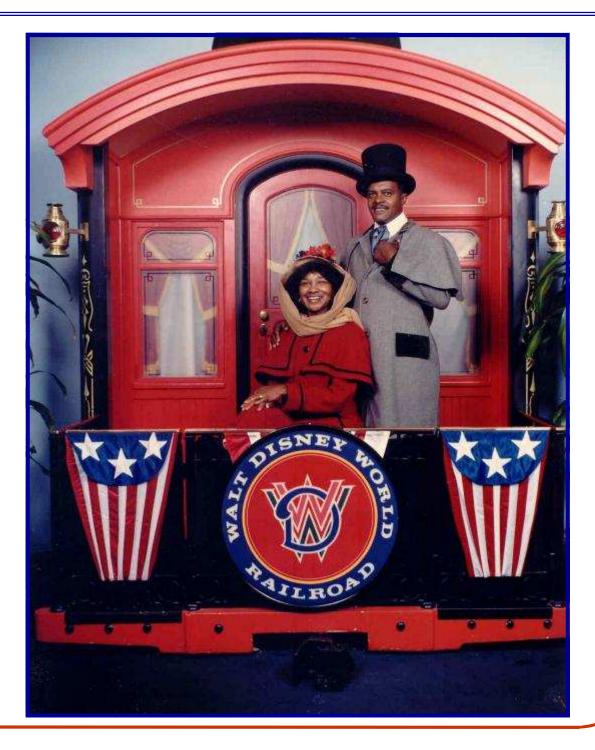
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"To God be the Glory for the work she has done."

With love,
Children, Grandchildren,
& Great Grandchildren

Your journey was not easy, but your faith never faltered, and your heart never surrendered...

If it hadn't been for you, we may have never known how truly strong and courageous a woman can be, how deeply concerned and loving a family can be, how welcome and assuring a home can be, how beautiful and lasting a mother's love can be...

You are our courage, our hope, and our inspiration. You are our mother and we love you with a love we'll never outgrow.



In Memory of Our Loving Mother & Grandmother **Pearl Delaney**

In tears we watched you slowly slipping away.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for a part of us went with you that day

God wrapped you in his arms

And took you home.

We Love you.

Your Daughter, Maggie D. Ragin

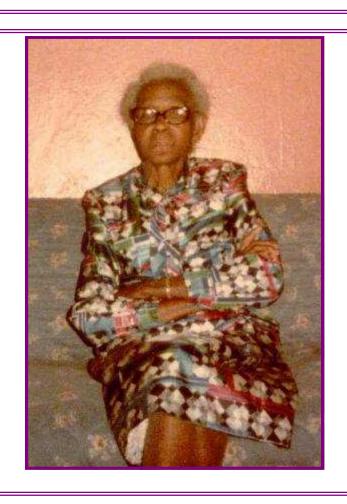
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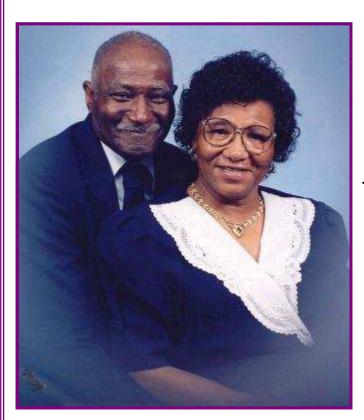
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In Memory of Our Loving Mother & Grandmother Gracie B. Ragin

We miss you. Our hearts are sore.
As time goes by, we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can ever take your place.

We love you.
Your son, Robert E. Ragin
Your granddaughter
Aretha K. Ragin





In Honor of our wonderful parents Mr. A. Mrs. Robert E. Ragin

Our family is a happy reflection of God's love all because of you. No matter what happens, you're always there for us. God could not have blessed us with more wonderful parents than you. You are loved and appreciated more than you will ever know.

Your Children, Evone, Charlotte, Joenathan, Robert Lee, Carol, Doris, Aretha, Calvin, Lateshia & Dwayne

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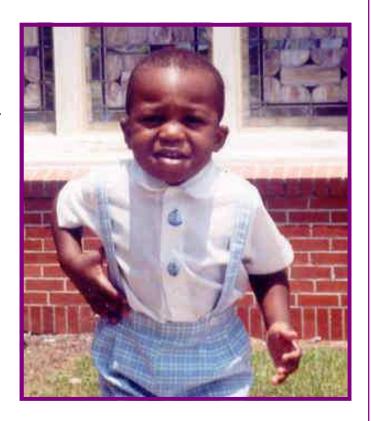
Our family is filled with faith and love

All because of you.

You are a bundle of joy to all of us.

We thank God every day for you.

Love, Your Parents, Wally & Lateshia



Greeting and Best Wishes From The Clarendon County Historic Branch of the NAACP





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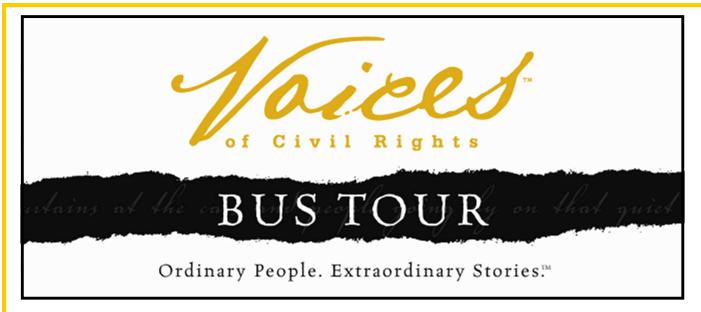
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