



HISTORIC LIBERTY HILL AME CHURCH



LIBERTY HILL CHRONICLES

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

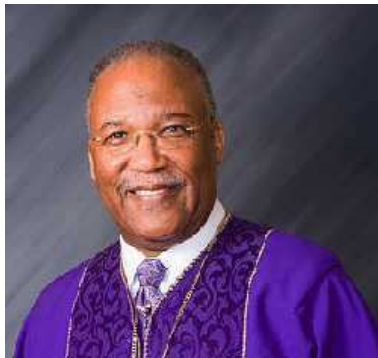
OCTOBER 2024

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BISHOP JAMES L. DAVIS



The Historic Liberty Hill Church family welcomes Bishop James L. Davis and Supervisor Arelis Davis to the Seventh Episcopal District.

Bishop Davis is a fifth generation African Methodist Episcopal minister, and the son of the late Mother Dorothy Lynch, the late Reverend Sam Davis and Mother Alma Davis. Bishop Davis attended both the public and private schools of Alabama. He received the call to ministry at age 12. Upon high school graduation, he enrolled at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia, earning the Bachelor of Science degree; and subsequently, the Master of Divinity degree from the Turner Theological Seminary and the Doctorate of Ministry degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Bishop Davis is married to his partner in the ministry, Arelis Beevers Davis. They are the very proud parents of Dr. Nicole Davis Pass and Damarys Monique Burnett, her husband, Christopher, three grandsons, Patrick James and Ashton James Pass and Baron Christopher Valentino Burnett and two granddaughters, Noel Olivia Burnett and Violet Joy Cristina.

Congratulations Sister Hicks



At Aspire 2024, then Seventh Episcopal District Presiding Prelate, Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr. appointed our First Lady Felita Grady Hicks as the seventh Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society President. Congratulations, Sister Hicks.

Sister Hicks has previously served as Local YPD Director,

Area YPD Director, Conference YPD director, Conference 3rd Vice President, Conference 1st Vice President and Conference President.

Sister Hicks is looking forward to the challenge of working with missionaries from all six conference.

New Stewardesses



On Sunday, September 1st, Rev. Hicks introduced seven new Stewardesses — Sisters Cheryl Ragin, Kia Brown, Lisha Nelson, Sheryl Ragin,

Christine Smith, Mattie Dyson and Daisy Frank.

Young Women's Initiative

Our Young Women's Initiative of the Women's Missionary Society (YWI/YAM's) celebrated Fresh Fire Sunday on September 22nd. All parishioners were asked to wear blue jeans, white tops, with red shoes.



Rev. Aretha Johnson delivered the Fresh Fire Message.

Baptisms



Congratulations to Master Kre'Shaun Ameri Barfield, son of Asante Barfield and Krystal Pearson, who was baptized on Sunday July 21st. Master Kre-Shaun is the grandson of Alfred and LaChion Wilson, and the great-grandson of Sister Deloris Brown.



Congratulations to Little Misses, Tylah Sarai and Amari Sanai Richburg, who were baptized on Sunday, August 18th. The Richburg twins are the daughters of William and Tyauna Richburg.

Church School News

The theme for this quarterly series of lessons (September, October, November) is "Worship in the Covenant Community." The lessons the past month have been:

Abram Builds an Altar at Mamre, Solomon Dedicates the Temple, Hezekiah's Prayer, Josiah Celebrates Passover, and Moses and Miriam Lead the People in Praise.

As the Church School, with Sister Martha Wilson Gilyard, Superintendent, and a team of dedicated teachers, assistant teachers, and members who bring the weekly review highlights, studies the importance of WORSHIP---as a lifestyle---the lesson on Sunday, September 29 concluded with a survey of the class about "What is Your Song of Praise ?" Among the responses were traditional hymns, spirituals, contemporary gospel, and "praise and worship" songs.

Please stop by the Fellowship Hall in the coming weeks to see what music the Church School family turns to in times of joy, sorrow, the ups and downs of life. Perhaps you will find your "song of praise" among theirs! STAY TUNED !

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS QUARTER



OCTOBER

Sarah Barber (25th)
Cedric Brown (6th)
Hope Cummings (5th)
Jada Evans (17th)
Deborah Hart (9th)
Carter Massingill (27th)
Adrianna McElveen (9th)
Jaliya Nelson (24th)
Cheryl Ragin (1st)
Daren Ragin (14th)
Henry Ragin, Sr. (26th)
Shalonda M. Ragin (15th)
Sierrah Singleton (7th)
DeLaine Bennett Steele (16th)
Amarion Watts (28th)

NOVEMBER

Deloris Brown (1st)
Harold Brunson (16th)
Tahiry Canty (18th)
LaToya Dennison (27th)
Winoma Dyson (3rd)
Kendra Gibson (24th)

Shatiqua Hill-Cooper (8th)
Preston James (25th)
Sir William James (25th)
Arnold Madison, Sr. (30th)
Concette McBride (13th)
Da'Masha Ragin (10th)
Kendal Ragin (9th)
Wayne D. Stewart (5th)

DECEMBER

Shaniqua Bennett (2nd)
Kimley Billie (15th)
Clarence Caldwell, Jr. (1st)
Mariah J. Jenkins (24th)
Charlotte R. Peterson (28th)
Calvin Ragin (7th)
Michael Richburg (2nd)
Robert Lee Ragin (23rd)
Amani Reed (29th)
Christine Smith (8th)
Keosha Thompson (15th)
Mary Wilson (2nd)
Martha Wilson-Gilyard (2nd)

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 29th, celebrating birthdays in the Months of October, November and December.

MIGHTY MEN OF MISSION



On Sunday, September 29th, the Women's Missionary Society held their Annual Day with Guest Speaker, Iris Johnson Brown. The WMS recognized our Mighty

Men of Mission — Rev. Dr. George E. Hicks, Brother Julius Adger, Brother William Dallas, Brother Wendell D. Hilton, Brother Aaron Jones, Brother Roosevelt Mitchell, Brother Charles Oliver, and Brother Alfred Wilson.

MOTHER'S DAY HONOR



The July 2024 edition featured an article depicting Mother's Day Honors. Please note that **Sister Sheryl Ragin** was recognized as Woman of the Year, but was omitted. **Sister Emma Robinson** should have been recognized as "Woman of Grace".



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.



New Vision Takes on the Capitol



At the 2024 70th Anniversary Celebration of Briggs vs. Elliot held by the Clarendon and Manning Branches of the NAACP, Liberty Hill's New Vision Choir combined with Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church choir

to perform selections at the event held on May 19th. Congressman James Clyburn, who was on program at the event, was very impressed with the singing by this combined choir. Congressman Clyburn invited the group to represent South Carolina at the Gospel Extravaganza for the Legislative Black Caucus Convention this past September.



The trip was totally sponsored by Congressman Clyburn. As his special guests, the group was given a tour of the Capital and was served a scrumptious



lunch after the tour in Congressman Clyburn's office building. On Friday, the group was treated to a visit to the African American Museum which also included lunch at the Museum's cafeteria.

At the Thursday, September 12th, Extravaganza, the choir joined other choirs from Mississippi and Georgia to perform. Our choir performed a rendition of "Hallelujah" and "I Feel the Spirit". At the end of the program, all three choirs combined to sing "Total Praise" and a contemporary rendition of "We Shall Overcome".

The choir was also pleased to see one of Liberty Hill's college students, Nnamdi "Will" Hawkins, who attended the concert from Howard University.

A Pre-Trip Concert was held on Sunday, September 1st at Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church, where the choir performed a number of traditional and contemporary selections.

The program and the entire trip was a wonderful experience for our choir. Congressman Clyburn has invited the group to perform on Saturday, October 12th, at the *Get out and Vote* campaign which will be held in Summerton.

There will be future performances of the "United Voices of Clarendon" so stay tuned.



Grandparents' Ministry Calendar Tea

This past August, the Grandparents' Ministry hosted their Annual Calendar Tea. This is always a very popular event for congregants.

This year's Tea raised more than \$6,500 with the month of December taking the top prize by submitting over \$1,700. 2nd place winner was the month of August and 3rd place was January.

The table décor category is always a competitive event. The 2024 top prize for tablescapes went to the month of October. 2nd place tablescapes were the month of June, and 3rd place tablescapes were the month of December.



December took the top prize for funds contributed.



August, 2nd Place Funds Collected



January, 3rd Place, Funds collected



First Place Tablescapes Winners



October, 1st Place



June, 2nd Place



2nd and 3rd Place Tablescapes Winners



December, 3rd Place

Order of Worship — Sunday, October 6, 2024

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Brother Julius R. Ragin, III, Presiding

The Introit “I Will Bless the Lord at All Times”

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

The Call To Worship Brother Julius R. Ragin

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 #97
“We Praise Thee O God”

The Morning Prayer Brother William Richburg

The Choral Response The Combined Choir

The Worship through Music The Combined Choir

The Liturgy of the Word Sister Sharon Madison
Mark 10:2-16

The Introit to the Decalogue Hymn #69

The Full Decalogue Rev. George E. Hicks

The Gloria Patri Hymn #626

The Worship through Music The Combined 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 Combined Choir

The Sermonic Selection The Combined Choir

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

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....

The Communion Hymn..... Hymn #185
“There is a Name I Love to Hear”

—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.

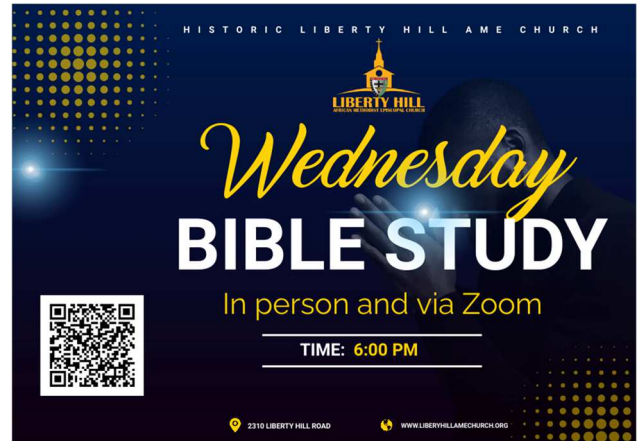
Sermon Notes

Today's Scripture: _____

Sermon Title: _____

Sermon Highlights: _____

Church Announcements



Meeting ID: 862 7177 0976

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Dial Options— (301) 715-8592;
(305)224-1968; (312) 626-6799;
(646) 558-8656

Thursday, October 10th

Youth Choir Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 12th

New Member's Class at 9:00 a.m.

Sons of Allen Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, October 14th

Monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday at Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Rehearsal for the Annual Conference Choir.

Saturday, October 19th

Pastor's Appreciation Banquet

5:00 p.m.; Rev. Harold Conyers of Heyward AME Church,
Guest Speaker.

October 23-26, 2024

**101st Session of the
Central South Carolina
Annual Conference**

Upcoming Musical Treat

The Music Ministry of Historic Liberty Hill A.M.E. Church in collaboration with the Summerton Presbyterian Church will present a "Buffet of Sacred Music" on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 3:00 pm at Liberty Hill.

The afternoon will feature a variety of sacred music performed in various genres including traditional hymns, African American spirituals, classical renditions, jazz, folksongs. These will be "served" by musicians, vocalists and instrumentalists, from the Clarendon County community and beyond. The event will be free to the public. You are cordially invited to attend---and to "bring your hearty appetites for a bountiful spread of musical delights!"

101st Session of the Central South Carolina Annual Conference

AGENDA WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 A.M. WMS ANNUAL CONVENTION
- 9:00 A.M. Board of Examiners meets with the Bishop
- 10:00 A.M. Board of Examiners Members and Candidates meets with the Bishop
- 11:00 A.M. Bishop and Cabinet meet
- 12:00 P.M. Women in Ministry Hour of Power
- 3:00 P.M. Bishop in private consultation with Pastors and congregations by request
- 6:00 P.M. WMS "Night in White"

THURSDAY

- 8:00 A.M. Opening Business Session No. 1
 - **Annual Conference Roll Call**
 - **Presentation of Transfers**
 - **Organization of Conference:** Secretary Staff Election, Statistician Election, Finance Committee, Judicial Committee, Ministerial Efficiency, Triers of Appeal, Conference Trustees, Marshalls, Annual Conference Bounds
 - **Presiding Elder's Summary Reports.**
- 10:30 A.M. Opening Worship Service
- 1:00 P.M. LUNCH Break
- 3:00 P.M. Business Session No. 2
 - **Board of Examiners Report**
 - **Annual Conference Trustees Report**
 - **Triers of Appeal Report**
 - **Judicial Committees Report**
 - **Presiding Elders's Salary and Upkeep Report**
 - **Annual Conference Roll Call**
 - **Out of Town Guests Recognition**
- 4:00 P.M. SOA Worship Service
- 5:30 P.M. Dinner Break
- 7:00 P.M. Lay Worship Service

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AGENDA

FRIDAY

- 7:50 A.M. Devotions
- 9:00 A.M. Business Session No. 3
- **Presentation of the Minutes**
 - **Ministerial Efficiency Report 1**
 - **Deeds, Abstracts, and Abandoned Property**
 - **Incorporation of Churches**
 - **Missions, Circuits and Stations**
 - **Annuity and Investments**
 - **Classification of Pastors**
 - **Class Leaders**
 - **Pastoral Reports, 1 of 3**
- 11:30 A.M. Allen/Dickerson-Green Rally Worship Service
- 3:00 P.M. Business Session No. 4
- **MSWAWO+PKs**
 - **YPD**
 - **Women's Missionary Society**
 - **Christian Debutante and Masters Commission**
 - **Young Adult Ministry**
 - **Lay Organization**
 - **Women in Ministry**
- 5:00 P.M. DINNER
MSWAWO Dinner
- 7:00 P.M. Ordination Service

SATURDAY

- 8:00 A.M. MORNING GLORY
- 9:00 A.M. Business Session No. 5 Final
- **Ministerial Efficiency Report 2**
 - **Social Action**
 - **Temperance**

101st Session of the Central South Carolina Annual Conference

AGENDA

SATURDAY CONTINUED

- 9:00 A.M. Business Session No. 5 (Continued)
- **Family Life**
 - **Prison Ministry**
 - **Hospital Ministry**
 - **State of the Country**
 - **Christian Education**
 - **Church School**
 - **Retirement Service**
 - **Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report**
 - **Pastoral Reports, 3 of 3**
 - **Disciplinary Questions**
- 9:00 A.M. YPD ACTIVITIES
- 11:30 A.M. YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP
- 3:00 P.M. THE CHURCH SCHOOL EXPLOSION
- 4:30 P.M. Closing and Commissioning Worship Service
- **Pastoral Appointments**
 - **The Doxology/Benediction**

SERMONS

- Women in Ministry** — Reverend Dr. Lee Vinne Smalls (Midlands)
- Women's Missionary Society** — Reverend Dorothy White (Santee)
- Annual Sermon** — Reverend Dr. Stanley Rivers, Sr. (Midlands)
- Sons of Allen** — Reverend Virgil Hammett (Santee)
- Lay Witness** — Reverend Dr. Georgeann T. Pringle (Midlands)
- Ordination (TBD)**
- YPD Witness/Young Preachers** — Reverend James Oliver, Jr. (Midlands)



Daily Transportation
to and from the
Santee Convention
Center at scheduled
times.



CONFERENCE SHUTTLE SERVICE

Church Pickup Times:

Wednesday:

8:20 a.m.

11:20 a.m.

(return after service)

5:20 p.m.

Thursday

7:20 a.m.

9:50 a.m.

2:20 p.m.

3:20 p.m.

6:20 p.m.

Friday

8:20 a.m.

10:50 a.m.

2:20 p.m.

(Return after service)

6:20 p.m.

Saturday

7:20 a.m.

8:20 a.m.

10:50 a.m.

2:20 p.m.

3:50 p.m.

Reserve your spot in the church
office. Departure times subject to
change.



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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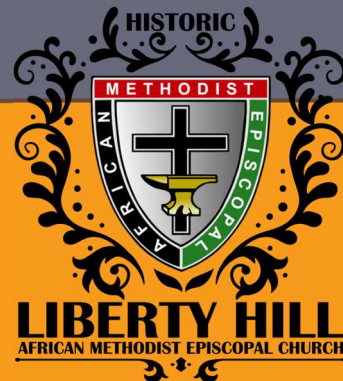
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Mrs. Kimberly Temoney, First Lady, Santee District

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