

HISTORIC LIBERTY HILL AME CHURCH



LIBERTY HILL CHRONICLES

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

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- Vacation Bible School
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- ...and more!

DIGITAL SIGNAGE INSTALLED



One of the goals for our 2025 Homecoming Celebration was to raise enough funds to purchase a digital sign for the front of the church. On Tuesday, July 1, our digital sign was installed.

The digital sign will allow for messages to be displayed, keeping the community informed about events and activities happening inside the church.

The digital LED sign presents Liberty Hill as an active, approachable and vibrant place of worship. Stills and videos are possible. About 8-10 messages are displayed at 4-5 second intervals to allow for drivers to see at least 3-4 messages when approaching the church from either direction.



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS QUARTER



JULY

Isabelle Jackson 7/1
Shalonda Ragin (7th)
Margarite DeLaine 7/7
Deloris Moore (10th)
Marshall Adger (10th)
Mason Mitchell (10th)
Beverlyn Brailsford, 7/12
Nnamdi William Hopkins 7/14
Margo Moseley-Stukes 7/14
Nicholas Dyson 7/22
Rowena Glover 7/22
Franklin Thompson 7/23
Dora Dyson (24th)
Brittney Jenkins 7/25
Wesley Bennett 7/27
Cassandra Lawson 7/27
Wilhelmina Coard 7/28
Shiayra Ragin 7/28
Terry Oliver 7/28
Tracey Rivers 7/28
William Richburg 7/18

AUGUST

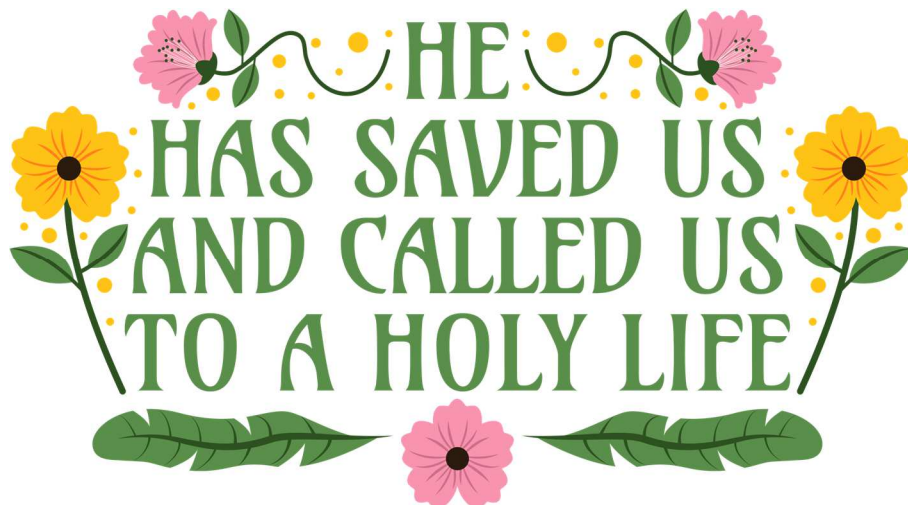
Evangeline Woodward (4th)
Kimberly Brown (8th)
Patrick Bennett (5th)
Isaac Brown (15th)
Robert Ragin (17th)

Scherrie Hill Tindal (18th)
Nathaniel Dyson (19th)
Michelle Thames (19th)
Maison B. Jenkins (20th)
Lachion Wilson (20th)
Clayton J. Miller, Jr. (22nd)
Felita Grady Hicks (28th)
Beverly A. Washington (26th)
Roderica W. Chiles (27th)

SEPTEMBER

Millie Robinson (1st)
Constance Brunson (1st)
Mia Stukes (2nd)
Louis Oliver (4th)
Emanuel Lawson (5th)
Breanna Peeler (9th)
Gloria Oliver (12th)
Martina Pearson (13th)
Teja V. Madison (14th)
Gabrielle Lawson (15th)
Richard A. Brailsford (16th)
Linda Ragin (17th)
Jakez Brown (22nd)
Shayla Ragin (22nd)
Dontravious Tapley (23rd)
Bishop Ronnie Brailsford (24th)
Valencia Wright (24th)
Martha Ragin (26th)
Donald Oliver (26th)
Willie F. Brailsford, Jr. (26th)
Willistean Lawson-Billups (27th)
Rhonda Thames (27th)
Phyllistine Matthew (28th)
Juluen Green (22nd)

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



WELCOME NEW MEMBER



On Sunday, June 8, 2025, our Liberty Hill Church family welcomed Miss Canelia Oliver as a new member.



SPECIAL NOTICE

Liberty Hill's Facebook page is

LIBERTYHILLAME7

The previous page is no longer active.

Look for this coin as the profile picture on Facebook.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Historic Liberty Hill's Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 2- 6, 2025. After weeks of prayer, planning, preparation, and publicity (by the VBS "commercial announcers" Sundays during the Sunday morning services

leading up to the big event (!), the VBS team set off to present a time of learning, fellowship, and fun based on the theme "Magnified---Discovering the Greatness of God in the Smallest of Things" (based on Psalm 34:3 –

"O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together.")

Each evening began with a devotional period, bringing students and teachers together to set the tone. This was followed by the classes, grouped according to ages/grade levels. Students were involved in Bible study and discussion as well as activities focusing on the creative arts (music, videos, "paint and sip," games, puzzles, inspirational coloring sheets, and tie-dying T-shirts). The teachers and staff "pulled out all the stops" to engage the learners. The wrap-up each evening was the assembling of all participants in the Fellowship Hall (which was creatively and colorfully decorated) for a review (presented by a student from each class) and a meal .



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Our God is a wonder ! We magnify God for who He is, for His care, for His love, for His forgiveness, and for His faithfulness ! The atmosphere and the attendance were wonderful !

God blessed our experience with

members of our church family, biological families, friends, neighbors, and members of our sister churches coming together...from ages 1 year old to 91 years old !

An average of 75 to 85 persons (young and old) were present every night---many of whom had perfect attendance.

Thanks to the teachers (in alphabetical order):

- Children (grades 0 – 2) - Latoya Dennison and Margo Stukes
- Children (grades 3 – 5) – Dorothy Tindal Ragin
- Youth (grades 6 and up) – Felita Grady Hicks and Rev. Aretha Johnson
- Adults (young and middle) – Brandi Brown, Sheila

Ragin Choice, Marcia Ragin

- Adults ("the seasoned saints"---"young at heart") – Mattie Dyson, Rev. Dr. George Hicks, Roosevelt Mitchell

Staff:

Director – Phyllis Bell Lawson

Administrative Assistant – Martha Wilson Gilyard

Culinary – Delores Brown, Yolanda Neal, Rhonda Thames

Registration – Floridell Ruth Solomon, Carolyn Gamble Williams

Decorations – Dorothy Tindal Ragin, Reagan Tindal Ragin

Arts and Crafts – Christian Cooper, Michaela Rutledge Toney

Security – Natalie Dingle

The CED Ministry also expresses appreciation to Pastor and Sis. Hicks for their leadership and support and to the Stewards and Trustees who were on hand to assist with set up and clean up each night.

All glory to God who is worthy to be magnified !

May we see Him as the One to whom all honor is due !

Looking forward, with God's grace and an attitude of gratitude to another great VBS week in 2026 !



EASTER PROGRAM

The morning worship celebration of our Lord's Resurrection on Sunday, April 20, 2025 was concluded by the Annual Easter program. This year's event featured four youth of our church --- La'Meir Taylor, Braylon Washington, Josiah Williams, and Sean Williams. These four boys ("The Four Young Gospel Writers") presented their recitations to the congregation (which was in large numbers). They displayed confidence as they told the Resurrection story in their own unique ways. Sis. Daisy Frank and Sis. Christine Smith also participated by reading the Scripture and delivering an Easter meditation. Sis. Martha Wilson Gilyard presented "The Hymns of Easter" in which she explained the meaning behind well-known hymns and brief summaries of the composers' stories.

Given the large number of children in attendance, the program ended with a "parade" in which the parents introduced their "little ones" to the church family. They were all dressed in their Easter finery...reminding many of days gone by when wearing one's Easter outfit to church was a special time in their childhood. May our Liberty Hill Church family (young and old) continue to celebrate the highlight of the liturgical year...every year !

POCOTALIGO VISIT

The Sanctuary Choir of Liberty Hill was pleased to return to The Pocatigo Health and Rehab Facility in Manning on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

The Choir brought the Good News through Scripture, songs, poems, and inspirational readings to the residents of the facility. The Community Room was packed with the residents and several staff members. Sister Vivian Oliver, one of our octogenarians (!) who is a resident, was present and expressed her thanks for the ministry.

Each choir member presented a reading and the choir led the group in singing hymns, spirituals, and traditional Gospel songs. Each time the choir visits is a blessing as much to the choir members as it appears to be to the residents. With hand clapping and loud "Amen's", the time spent there feels like a morning worship experience. We pray that this ministry "beyond the walls" continues, with God's help, and that members of the church family will join in future visits.

SHORT STORIES



Mother's Day Honors — The family of Sister Evelyn Dyson honored her on Mother's Day with a gift from the family and a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Lay Day Speaker — Sister Shakeia Sniider Hampton, Central Conference Missionary President, was guest speaker

at our annual Lay Day on Sunday, May 25th.

CDMC Honors — Congratulations to Sister Christine Smith who was



honored by the Seventh Episcopal District CDMC with the "Lift as you Climb" Award for her selfless contributions and guidance to the CDMC program from 1997-2011.

Bishop Davis' Visit — We were pleased to welcome Bishop James L. Davis, Seventh Episcopal

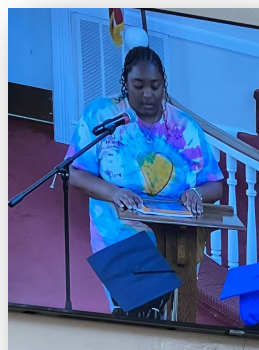


District, when he visited Liberty Hill on his church tour this past spring.

YPD Speaker — Congratulations to



Sister Michaela Toney, Local YPD Director, who served as guest speaker for our annual Youth Day services on Sunday, June 8th.



FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Submitted by Sister Dorothy Tindal Ragin...



On Saturday, June 7th, our church grounds were full of smiles, laughter, and lots of love as the YPD hosted Family Fun Day! It was the perfect way to wrap up Vacation Bible School and kick off the summer with a bang.

The event brought out over 100 people, and there truly was something for everyone. Kids had a blast in the bounce house, playing games, and getting messy at the bubble station and water balloon fight. Adults joined the fun too, playing



Bingo, browsing the vendor tables, catching up with old friends and grabbing some great vendor finds—from handmade jewelry and custom cups and fans, original art, skin care and fragrances, and tasty homemade treats.



The horseback rides were a big hit with kids and grown-ups alike! There was something special about seeing everyone, no matter their age, enjoy the moment together.

Of course, no church event is complete without food—and there was plenty! Everyone left with full bellies, free giveaways, and big smiles. We're especially

thankful to Davis Toyota of Orangeburg for donating backpacks for the kids and to Ragin's Fashions for the gift bags for the adults. A big shout out also goes to all the auxiliaries who supported the day by purchasing tables.

Most of all, we're thankful for the Fun Day Committee and everyone who pitched in to help. It was a fun, faith-filled day that brought our church family and community even closer. We can't wait to do it again next year!



Order of Worship — Sunday, July 6, 2025

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. George E. Hicks, Presiding

The Introit Hymn #626

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

The Call To Worship Rev. George E. Hicks

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 #21
“To God Be The Glory”

The Morning Prayer Brother Aaron Jones

The Choral Response The Combined Choirs

The Worship through Music ... The Combined Choirs

The Liturgy of the Word Brother Cherron Ragin
Romans 5:6-11 (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 Combined Choirs

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 Choirs

The Introduction of the Speaker Sister Felita Grady Hicks

The Sermonic Selection The Combined Choirs

THE MESSAGE.....

CONGRESSMAN JAMES E. CLYBURN

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship Hymn #246

“Come to Jesus”

The Communion Hymn..... Hymn #306

“King of My Life”

—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 Combined Choirs

The Apostle Creed (Pg 5) Congregation

Hymn of Going Forth “Always Remember”

The Doxology Congregation

The Benediction Elder Temoney

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

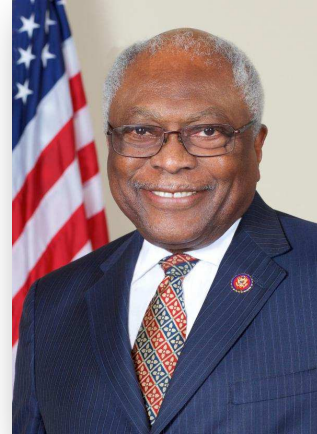
Today's Scripture: _____

Sermon Title: _____

Sermon Highlights: _____

Church Announcements

Today, Sunday, July 6th
ANNUAL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION
Welcome Congressman James Clyburn,
6th Congressional District
Our Guest Speaker



Wednesday, July 9th
Bible Study via Zoom
at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID 897 2286 8120
Passcode: 127903

1(646) 558-8656
1(646) 931-3860
1(301) 715-8592

Thursday, July 10th
Youth Choir Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 20th
New Vision Lemonade Sunday
Place your order for a Lemonade Sunday Shirt in
the Church Office by July 6th. Shirts are \$25

SUMMER REVIVAL
Wednesday, July 23-
Friday, July 25th
6:00 p.m. Nightly

Conference Souvenir Journals now just \$5.00

BRADFORD-SOLOMON SOLES 4 SOULS

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Turning shoes and clothing into opportunity



The Bradford Solomon Women's Missionary Society of Liberty Hill A.M.E.

Church “stepped out on faith” by embarking on a shoe drive to benefit Soles4Souls. Soles4Souls is an organization which serves the needs of people in the U.S. and underdeveloped countries around the world. One of the opportunities it offers is to collect shoes (generally in new or used condition) and send those shoes to persons in need. It also affords people the chance to improve their economic status by empowering them to create businesses and develop their abilities.

The WMS set as its goal 100 pair of shoes, soliciting the congregation to contribute by bringing the shoes to the church during the months of March, April

and May. Praise God for the increase ! Over 300 pairs were collected and in June they were sent to Soles 4 Souls headquarters.

Thanks to all who donated and collected from family members, friends, and neighbors. Special thanks to Sis.

Catherine Jones, Sis. Annette Ragin, and Bro. Michael Richburg for their assistance “in the background” in making the shipment possible.

Another shipment (of the overflow donations) will be shipped out this month.

“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’ “

Matthew 25:40 (NLT)



Educators Visit to Liberty Hill

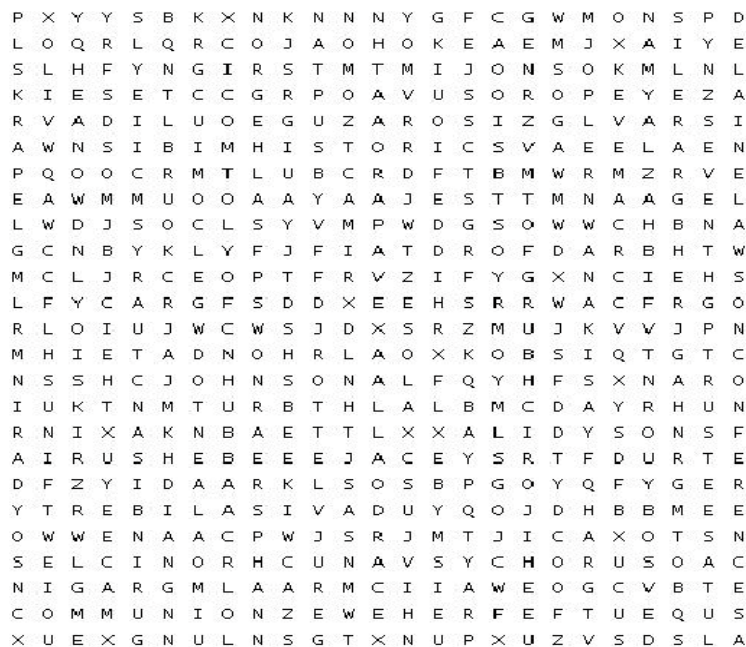


On Thursday, June 19th, Dr. Bobby J. Donaldson of the University of South Carolina Center for Civil Rights History and Research visited Historic Liberty Hill. Accompanying him were educators from across South Carolina who participated in the Summer Teachers Institute funded by the National Park Service. Dr. Donaldson is a scholar of southern history and African American life and culture in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. His research and writings

explore African American intellectual thought, print culture, education and religion. He also leads the Center for Civil Rights History and Research, housed in the Hollings Special Collections Library and serves as the lead scholar for Columbia SC 63: Our Story Matters, a documentary history initiative that chronicles the struggle for civil rights and social justice in Columbia.



2025 HOMECOMING WORD SEARCH



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 DALLAS
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 FLORIDELL
 GEORGE
 HISTORIC
 LAWSON
 MADISON
 NEAL
 PRAY
 RHONDA
 SANTEE
 SOLOMON
 TOOTSIE
 VISION

Find the word in the puzzle.

Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.



Lemonade Sunday
Oh taste and see that the Lord is Good.



Sunday, July 20th
New Vision Choir
3rd Annual
Lemonade Sunday



JULY
23-25
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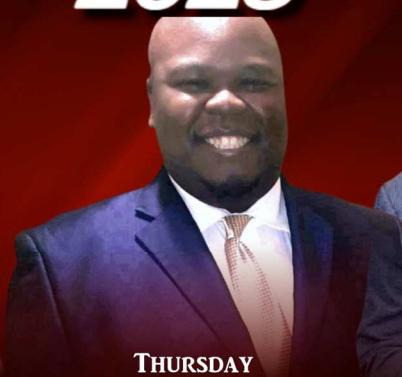
PRESENTS



SUMMER REVIVAL
2025



WEDNESDAY
STEWARDS NIGHT
REV. WILLIAM T. JOHNSON
TAW CAW MBC



THURSDAY
TRUSTEES NIGHT
REV. PATRICK STEPHENS
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST



FRIDAY
WMS/YPD NIGHT
REV. MALCOLM SIMPSON
MT. OLIVE AME

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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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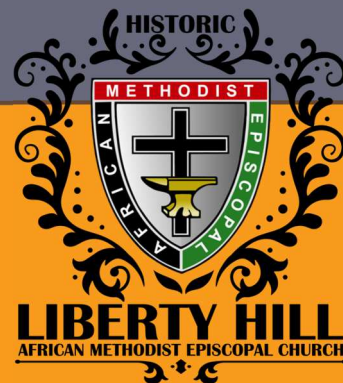
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