

# HISTORIC LIBERTY HILL AME CHURCH



## LIBERTY HILL CHRONICLES

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

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### SURPRISE!!!!

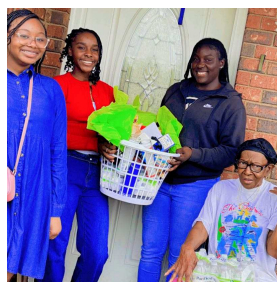


It was a surprise celebration for our First Lady, Sister Felita Grady-Hicks, after services on Sunday, September 7th. While Sister Hicks' birthday was in August, her busy schedule moved the surprise to September.

The Fellowship Hall was splendidly decorated in Sister Hicks' sorority colors of Royal Blue and White, which is also the WMS colors.

Our culinary artists prepared a scrumptious dinner for the occasion.

# Fresh Fire A PURPOSEFUL BLAZE



Fresh Fire Sunday 2025~ BLAZE: Fueled By Purpose Fresh Fire Weekend- is a dynamic, spirit-led experience designed for young adult missionaries to come together for a powerful time of community mission, fellowship, spiritual empowerment, and intentional recruitment. It's a time to ignite passion, renew purpose, and welcome new hearts into the Women's Missionary Society.

We gather not just to feel the flame, but to be the flame—igniting purpose, fueling passion, and fanning into fire the gifts God has placed within us. Through intentional sisterhood, powerful fellowship, and mission-driven recruitment, we come together to grow, connect, and expand the reach of the Women's Missionary Society.

We blaze not only for ourselves—but for every woman still waiting to discover her fire.

The Young Adult Members of the Bradford-Solomon Women's Missionary Society enjoyed a Saturday outing at Page's Okra Grill in Summerville, followed by a spirit- Fresh Fire Sunday. After Sunday Service, the YAMS delivered two storm ready baskets filled with items needed if an outage occurred. The baskets were delivered to Sister Hattie Blackwell and to Sister Dorothy Rivers.

To God Be The Glory!

Sister Lisha Nelson, Local YAM Chairperson; Sister Sheila Ragin Choice, WMS President

**Submitted by: Sister Latoya Dennison**

## Prayer Breakfast

The Bradford Solomon Women's Missionary Society WMS/YAMS sponsored a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, September 13, 2025. The theme was **UNITY: Standing On Business for Christ**. Sister Latoya Dennison was the guest speaker and the program was outlined by the Young Adults Members (YAMS) and beautifully decorated by Sisters Lisha Nelson, Latoya Dennison and Brandi Brown.

Sister Latoya touched on something so powerful. Unity, not just as an idea, but a spiritual recipe that we all need in our lives:

### Recipe for Unity

- A large bowl of less of me, less of you, and more of God
- 1 cup of active listening
- 2 tablespoons of mutual respect
- 1 large dose of empathy
- 1 cup of a common goal
- 3 pinches of humility
- 1 tablespoon of clear, constructive communication
- 3 dashes of commitment
- 2 cups of dialogue



She asked, "Are you going to be the recipe that's good for the soul, or are you going to be a recipe for disaster?"

Sister Dennison reminded us what it means to stand on business even when we're crushed and pressed, God is refining us. We are smoother, stronger, and more filled with purpose. 🙏 Let's work on ourselves. 🙏 Let's pray for unity in our churches and communities. 🙏 Let's find that new love and passion for God's mission again.

The space was filled with members and community friends and we appreciate the support from everyone involved! It was a HUGE success!

— **Respectfully Submitted by Sister Latoya Dennison**



## BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS QUARTER



### 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)  
Stacey F. Tindal (22nd)  
Amarion Watts (28th)

### NOVEMBER

Eddie Brailsford (16th)  
Deloris Brown (1st)  
Harold Brunson (16th)  
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)  
Concette McBride (13th)  
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

Kadiance Baxter (17th)  
Shaniqua Bennett (2nd)  
Kimley Billie (15th)  
Clarence Caldwell, Jr. (1st)  
Mariah J. Jenkins (24th)  
Destiny Jones (4th)  
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)

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

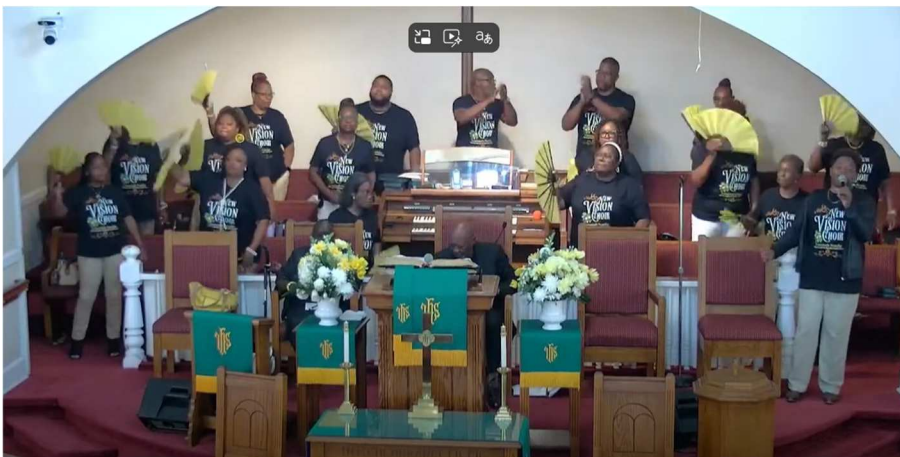
Liberty Hill celebrates birthdays the last Sunday at the beginning of each quarter. The next birthday celebration will be December 28th, celebrating birthdays in the months of October, November and December.

## CONGRESSIONAL INTERN



Congratulations to William Nnamdi Hopkins, who is interning with Congressman James E. Clyburn this semester in Washington, D.C. William is a junior at Howard University.

## WHERE THEM FANS AT?



Congratulations to the New Vision Choir who celebrated their 3rd Annual Lemonade Sunday on July 20th. As usual, it was a spirit-filled celebration that featured a selection with the popping of yellow fans. All in Christian Fun. See the video of the service on the church's YouTube page — <https://www.youtube.com/live/TpkOcSAbUMU?si=7TclAlgs5baHn4H0>



## 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.



# Order of Worship — Sunday, October 5, 2025

## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Aretha G. Johnson, Presiding

The Introit ..... The Sanctuary Choir

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 #412  
“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

The Morning Prayer ..... Brother Nathaniel Dyson

The Choral Response ..... The Combined Choir

The Worship through Music .... The Combined Choir

The Liturgy of the Word ..... Sister Sharon Madison  
Romans 14:5-9 (NLT)

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 ..... #232  
“Come, Ye Sinners”

**The Communion Hymn ..... Hymn #140**  
“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

**—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: \_\_\_\_\_

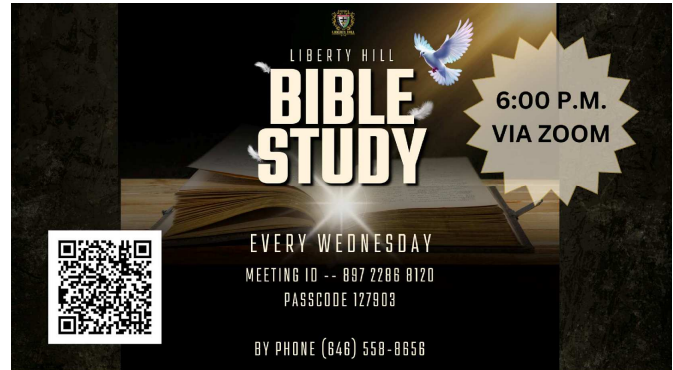
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# Church Announcements



### TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

Steward Board and Pastor's Aide Ministry please meet in the Finance Room immediately after services.

### Wednesday, October 8th, 3:00 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir will minister I song and word at Pocatoligo Health and Rehab in Manning. Come and join as we bring God's love to those residents.

### Thursday, October 9th

Youth Choir Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.

### Sunday, October 12th

Annual Lay Witness Sunday and Lay Tots and Teens Pageant

### Monday, October 13th

Monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, October 18th

New Member's Class at 9:00 a.m.  
Sons of Allen Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

### Saturday, October 18th

Pastor's Appreciation Banquet  
4:00 p.m.; Pastor Desmond S. Antley, Senior Pastor of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Allendale, SC, Guest Speaker.

**102nd Session of the Central Annual Conference**  
**Wednesday, October 29th — Saturday, November 1**  
**See the schedule on page 7.**

The Music Ministry wishes to thank all our church family members who attended "A Potpourri of Praise" last Sunday afternoon. Hopefully you were uplifted by the music presented by our guest artists. Our goal is to magnify the Lord through song! Your support, by your presence, your offering and/or your prayers helped make the event a success. Our gratitude to you. May God bless you.

### Sunday, December 14th

### *The Church Advent Celebration*

During Morning Worship

An intergenerational presentation featuring music, drama, mime, dance, poetry, and art. The program is open to any and all members of our church family---from age 3 to 103---who wish to participate. Recitations, skits, and songs are ready to be handed out to any volunteers (individuals and/or groups). Please see Sis. P. Lawson starting today.

**New Vision Annual Christmas Concert at 5:00 p.m.**



# Grandparents' Ministry Calendar Tea

On August 24th, the Grandparents' Ministry hosted their Annual Calendar Tea. This is always a very popular event for attendees.

This year's Tea raised more than \$5,000 with the month of August taking the top prize. 2nd place winner was the month of December and 3rd place was April.

The table décor category is always a competitive event. The 2025 top prize for tablescap went to the month of February. 2nd place tablescap was the month of November, and 3rd place tablescap was the month of January.



February's table scape takes top honors; decorated by Sister Jacqueline Bennett; 2nd place tablescap went to Sister Deloris Brown for the November table. 3rd place tablescap was decorated by Sister Betty Simon (below left).



Top financial honors went to the month of August, represented by Sister Hicks; 2nd place, month of April, represented by Rev. Hicks and 3rd place, the month of December, represented by Sister Charlotte Peterson, who gave honors to Sister Phyllis Lawson.



## MEN OF HONOR HONORED

Sunday, September 7th was full of surprises — first, the surprise birthday celebration for First Lady Hicks; but, before that, the congregation, led by Steward Board Pro-Tem, Brother Nathaniel Dyson, showed appreciation to two very fine, hardworking gentlemen — Brother Ernest Oliver and Brother Ozzie "Earl" Champaign.

Brother Oliver and Brother Champaign, both in their 90's, has worked diligently for Liberty Hill for many years, without any compensation. Brother Dyson indicated that most of the work done within and outside of the church walls were completed by these two gentlemen.

Thank you Brother Ernest Oliver and Brother "Earl" Champaign, for all of the beautiful work that you have done for Historic Liberty Hill over the years. We appreciate you and we love you.





*The Seventh Episcopal District*  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
JAMES L. DAVIS & ARELIS B. DAVIS, SERVANT LEADERS



## THE 102<sup>ND</sup> SESSION

### of the Central Annual Conference

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Fairfield Inn & Suites\***  
9074 Old Number Six Hwy, Santee, SC — 803.854.7070  
Room Rate: \$166 + taxes • Book your group rate: **Central SC Conference AME**

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9060 Old Number Six Hwy, Santee, SC • 803.854.2444  
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**Santee Convention Center | 1737 Bass Drive | Santee, SC 29142**

**Rev. Moses M. Rembert | Host Pastor**  
**Rev. Dr. Charles E. Young | Host Presiding Elder**  
Rev. Dr. Herbert Temoney, Associate Presiding Elder

**Wednesday-Saturday, October 29-November 1, 2025**  
**Agenda Schedule Business, Training & Worship**

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| <p><b>Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025 (8am - 12pm)</b><br/>WMS Annual Convention</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025 (12pm)</b><br/>WIM Noonday Worship Service</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025 (3pm - 5pm)</b><br/>Opening Conference Business Session</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025 (6pm)</b><br/>WMS Night In White Worship Service</p> <p><b>Thursday, Oct 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.</b><br/>Opening Annual Worship Service</p> <p><b>Thursday, Oct 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.</b><br/>Sons of Allen Service</p> | <p><b>Friday, Oct 31, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.</b><br/>Church School</p> <p><b>Friday, Oct 31, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.</b><br/>Ordination Worship Service</p> <p><b>Friday, Oct 31, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Lay Organization</p> <p><b>Saturday, Nov 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.</b><br/>Young People's Division</p> <p><b>Saturday, Nov 1, 2025 at 10:15 a.m.</b><br/>Allen University Rally</p> <p><b>Saturday, Nov 1, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.</b><br/>Closing and Commissioning Service</p> |
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## A POTPOURRI OF PRAISE

The Third Interfaith Music Celebration was held Sunday afternoon, September 28, 2025 at Historic Liberty Hill A.M.E. Church. This event is sponsored by the Music Ministry of Liberty Hill in partnership with Summerton Presbyterian Church. This year's theme was **"A Potpourri of Praise"** based on Psalm 150:6 --- "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

The pastors, Rev. Dr. George Hicks (Historic Liberty Hill A.M.E.) and Rev. Vikki Brogdon (Summerton Presbyterian), were both present to lend their applauses and commendations, both verbally and spiritually, as they had done from the beginning of this series of collaborations which began in 2023. The program featured musicians (vocalists and instrumentalists) from churches in Clarendon, Orangeburg, and Sumter counties...each one presenting their God-given talents using their voices and instruments...things that have **breath**...to lift up and glorify our God.

The participants and some of their selections were — Dr. Brenda Clark, Antioch Baptist Church — solo — "Order My Steps"; Dr. David Ezell, University of South Carolina and Rev. Dr. Robyn Kendrick, Associate Pastor, Society Hill A.M.E. Church — clarinet, keyboard, guitar — "Precious Memories"; Felita Grady Hicks and Rev. Dr. George Hicks — vocal duet (Dr. Hicks at the piano) — "Touch Me, Lord Jesus"; The Samuels family, Berea Seventh Day Adventist Church — quartet (with piano and percussionist) — "Total Praise"; Karen Schwendinger — Summerton Baptist Church — piano — "Thy Word"; Karen Washington — St. Mark A.M.E. Church (and former choir director at Liberty Hill) — solo — "Great Is Thy Faithfulness".

"The Sanctuary Choir (Isabelle Jackson, President) was on hand to welcome the guests and represent the members of our church's Music Ministry. Carolyn Gamble Williams introduced the group and expressed our church's theme of "Grace and Gratitude" as part of the aim of this celebration. Each of us, regardless of one's musical talent, can be included in "A Potpourri of Praise" (an offering, a sacrifice lifted up to God) every day, every moment, with every gift of breath that He gives us!"

Each offering of praise was well received by the audience which included members of our church families as well as visitors from sister churches in the various counties. Interspersed in the music was narration (in the form of readings from the Psalms) by members of Liberty Hill and Summerton Presbyterian. Bobby Fleming gave remarks and thanks on behalf of Rev. Brogdon.

A part of the celebration was a memorial for three members of the two churches whom the Lord has called from labor to reward in this past year: Arlonial DeLaine Bradford, Richard Furman Elliott, and Jean Carolyn Seaberry Sherman. Their contributions to our music ministry will be forever a part of our music legacy.

The freewill offering which was received will be donated to two organizations: Kairos Prison Ministry of South Carolina — an interdenominational ministry which serves prisoners and their families (and) Adopt-a-Musician of The South Carolina Philharmonic — a program offering opportunities for youth throughout the state to meet professional musicians, bring live performances to schools, and attend concerts and workshops given by the Philharmonic orchestra.

The team of Bryant Dingle, (Liberty Hill's Minister of Music), Kim Fleming (Summerton Presbyterian's Choir Director), and Phyllis Lawson (Liberty Hill's choir director) thank all who participated, attended, and prayed for the success of this event. We look forward to future opportunities to unite as children of God, all created to praise Him! To God be all the glory and honor!

### A POTPOURRI OF PRAISE

AN INTER-FAITH MUSICAL CELEBRATION

PRESENTED BY  
HISTORIC LIBERTY HILL AME CHURCH  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
SUMMERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Sunday, September 28th**  
**3:00 p.m.**

Liberty Hill AME Church  
2310 Liberty Hill Road  
Summerton, SC

FREEWILL OFFERING  
FEATURING MUSICIANS FROM  
CLARENDON, SUMTER AND  
ORANGEBURG COUNTIES.

"Let everything that  
has breath praise  
the Lord. Praise the  
Lord!" — Psalm 150:6





# 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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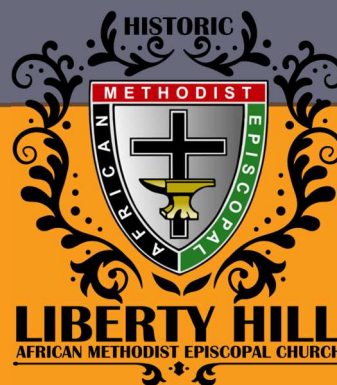
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