

89th Annual Session

Central South Carolina Annual Conference

Historic Liberty Hill African Methodist Episcopal

"God our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, the Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family."



October 7-13, 2012

The Honorable Bishop Richard Franklin Norris,

Presiding Bishop, Seventh Episcopal District

The Rev. Dr. Eddie Gaston, Host Presiding Elder, Manning District

The Rev. Dr. Leslie J. Lovett, Host Pastor,

Historic Liberty Hill A.M.E. Church, Summerton, South Carolina

Seventh Episcopal District

African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Franklin Norris, Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Mary Ann Norris, Episcopal Supervisor

2012 Annual Conference Schedule

SUNDAY

6:00 pm.....Debutants Masters Commission

MONDAY — Missionary Emphasis Day

8:00 am.....
Community Outreach: Bishop Visits Elected Officials
9:00 am.....
Women's Missionary Business Session
12:00 pm.....Missionary Sermon
1:30 pm.....Lunch
3:00 pm.....Community Outreach
4:00 pm.....Board of Examiners
6:00 pm.....

WMS NIGHT IN WHITE

TUESDAY — OPENING DAY

8:00 pm.....
Roll Call and Organization of Conference
10:00 pm.....
Opening Worship and Annual Sermon
12:30 pm.....Lunch
2:00 pm.....Business Session
6:00 pm.....Dinner
7:30 pm.....

SONS OF ALLEN MEN'S NIGHT

WEDNESDAY

8:00 am.....Morning Meditation
10:00 am.....Business Session
12:00 pm.....Lunch
1:00 pm.....Hour of Power
2:00 pm.....Business Session
6:00 pm.....Dinner
7:30 pm.....

WORSHIP SERVICE/YPD

THURSDAY

8:00 am.....Morning Meditation
9:00 am.....Business Session/Workshops
12:00 pm.....Hour of Power
1:00 pm.....Lunch

FRIDAY

8:00 am.....Morning Meditation
8:45 am.....Business Session
10:00 am.....Retirement Service
11:00 am.....Business Session
12:00 Noon.....Memorial Service
1:00 pm.....Lunch
6:00 pm.....Ordination Service

SATURDAY

10:00 am.....Church School
12:00 pm.....

CLOSING WORSHIP & APPOINTMENTS

The Bishop's Word

To the 89th Session of the Central Annual Conference



Best wishes for an exciting spirit filled productive Annual Conference. It is with great anticipation that Mother Norris and I embark upon the tremendous opportunity to serve the great Seventh Episcopal District. We view it as a coveted opportunity to provide unselfish dedicated leadership to South Carolina. Outs is an answer to the call to serve the church of Allen in this age of challenge and change.

Together we join hands with loyal leadership of the Seventh Episcopal District, both clergy and Lay. With united purpose we move this historic District to new levels of service.

Bishop Richard Franklin Norris

A Special Message from the Pastor...



It is with great pleasure that I extend greetings to you on this 89th Session of the Central South Carolina Annual Conference. We are ecstatic to be your hosts.

A special welcome is extended to the Right Reverend Dr. Richard Franklin Norris, Presiding Bishop of the Seventh Episcopal District and Mother Mary A. Norris, Episcopal Supervisor. We are elated to have you with us. Welcome also to all Presiding Elders, Pastors, Lay Delegates, and leaders of the Lay Organization, Women's Missionary Society, Young People's Department, and DMC.

We have worked hard to ensure you have an enjoyable experience as you go about the Church's business. We pray that God will touch you as you continue to do His will.

On behalf of the members of Historic Liberty Hill AME Church, welcome, and may God continue to bless you.

Your Brother in Christ,

The Reverend Dr. Leslie J. Lovett

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The seventh of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. John (Dorothy) Lovett of Sylvania, Georgia. He is a graduate of Screven County High School. He served four years in the United States Army on duty in Frankfurt Germany. After his military service, he attended Georgia Tech University in Atlanta, Georgia, where he received his Electrical Engineering degree.

His love for teaching Church School and reading the Bible led him to his call in the ministry. In September 1991, he was admitted to the Columbia Annual Conference. In 1993, he was ordained a Deacon, and in September 1995, he was ordained an Itinerant Elder.



Known as a visionary, under his leadership at his first pastoral assignment, Jones Chapel AME Church in Lexington, South Carolina, with a very small membership, they purchased land and constructed a new edifice that was dedicated in August of 1996. Bishop John Hurst Adams, the Bishop of the Seventh Episcopal District at the time, referred to the church as the "Miracle on Highway 6".

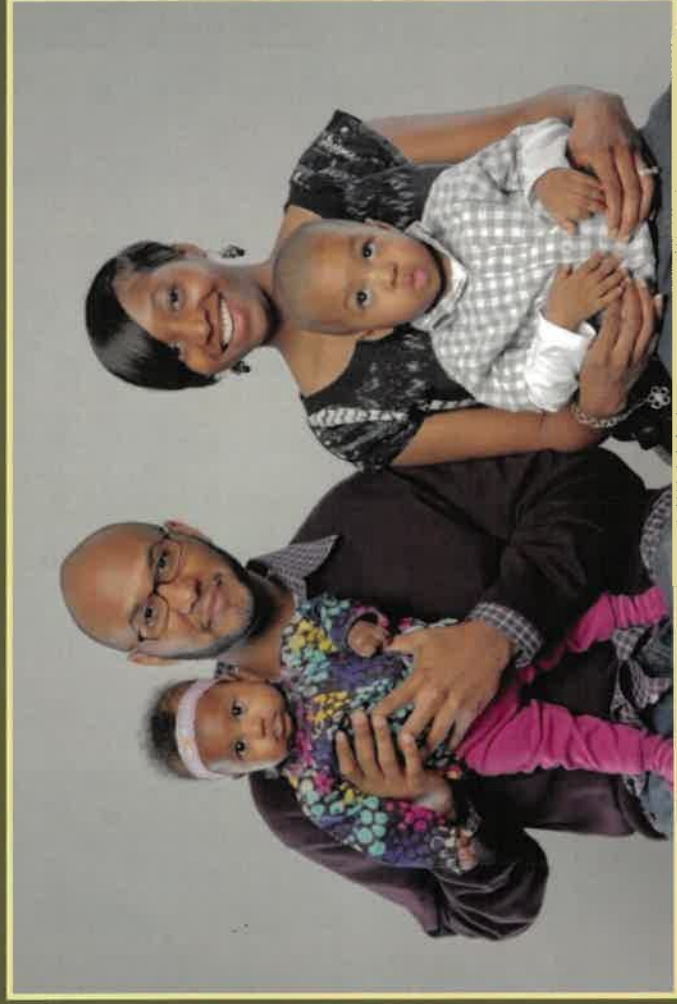
He attended Columbia International Seminary and Master of Divinity Theological Seminary where he received his Masters of Divinity Degree and his Doctor of Biblical Theology Degree. He is a graduate of Leadership Columbia and Texas Tech Management Leadership Training (Thinking Outside the Box). He has served as President of the Board of Directors for Lexington Interfaith Community Services and the George Rogers Foundation. He currently serves on the Central Conference Board of Examiners as well of other Central Conference and Manning District committees.

He has been happily married to the First Lady, Mrs. Jamesetta Berry Lovett, for 23 years and they are the proud parents of three sons, Lorell (Tiarre), Darius and Leslie; and they have two adorable grandchildren, Caleb and Olivia.

The First Family



The Rev. Dr. Leslie J. Lovett & Mrs. Jamesetta Berry Lovett



Lorell (son), Tiarre (daughter-in-law), grandchildren — Caleb Lemuel and Olivia Isabelle



Darius, Son



Leslie, Son

Associate Ministers

The Rev. Henry W. Mitchell is a native of Summerton, SC, has served as Assistant to the Pastor of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in New York City in 1975. He was Assistant Minister at Emanuel in 1976 and then Local Elder in 1977. He has served as Assistant Minister of Historic Liberty Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church since 1980.



Bro. James B. Oliver is a native of Summerton, SC. He is married to Fashonda Marshall Oliver and they have two beautiful daughters, Kayla Oliver who is nine years old and Canelia Oliver who is three years old. He graduated from Scott's Branch High School in 1989. In 2002 he enlisted in the US Army as an Infantryman. He did two tours of duty in Iraq. He was injured on his second tour of duty and received the Purple Heart for being wounded in combat. He is currently enrolled at Morris College majoring in Pastoral Ministry. He is part of the ministry as a Licentiate and also a Sunday School Teacher of the Senior Class (Boys). He is a life long member of Liberty Hill. His motto is Proverbs 3: 5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him' and He will make your path straight.*

The Rev. L. Edythe DeLaine received a Doctor of Theology in 1997 from Overcoming Outreach School of Religion in Columbia, South Carolina. She was also awarded the Masters of Life Experience in 1996 from the Overcoming Outreach School of Religion. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Allen University in 1959 and is a graduate of Manning High School Class of 1954. Rev. DeLaine is a life member of Historic Liberty Hill. While a member, she has served as Sunday School teacher, on the church board, previous Sunday School Superintendent, and youth pastor. She retired from Richland County Department of Social Services in 2000. She has been awarded the certificate of AME Church Elder and Local Deacon by Bishop John Hurst Adams.



2012 Souvenir Journal Committee



Pictured Above (left to right):

Sister Jamesetta Lovett

Sister Brandi Brown

Sister Deloris Brown

Brother Daren Ragin

Brother Wendell D. Hilton

Not Pictured

Sister Yolanda G. Neal

Sister Debra Ann Brailsford

2012 Souvenir Journal Chairperson

Sister Sharon Burgess Madison



I know, I said I wasn't going to chair this committee again (see 2008 Souvenir Journal), but when asked and you know you can provide a service, you must be obedient to the call.

With that being said, it is with great pleasure that I present the 2012 Central Conference Annual Conference Journal. It has again been a great success with the help of my committee members, church members, and the entire conference. I hope you enjoy this historic compilation for years to come.

I'm not making any statements or promises for 2016 — If God willing, and I'm able — “You see then that a [woman] is justified by works, and not by faith only” (James 2:24). God speed to you all!



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August 16, 2012

Dr. Leslie J. Lovett, Pastor
The Historic Liberty Hill AME Church
2310 Liberty Hill Road
Summerton, SC 29148

Dear Dr. Lovett:

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

It is my great pleasure to congratulate you and your church family as you serve as host of the 89th Central South Carolina Annual Conference. You are to be commended for graciously extending resources, time and focus to the details of this convention.

We welcome all of the attendees to Clarendon County and to South Carolina House District 64 as you continue the all important mission of winning souls for Christ. I extend a very special welcome to Bishop and Mrs. Richard Franklin Norris.

Thank you for the outstanding services and the leadership that you provide throughout our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you during this conference or at any time that I may be of service to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kevin Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" being more prominent.

Representative Kevin L. Johnson
S.C. House District 64

Best Wishes and
God's Rich Blessings to
Rev. Leslie J. Lovett
and the
Historic Liberty Hill Church Family
as you engage in the task of
entertaining the 89th Session of the
Central Annual Conference



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Manning District*
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EXTENDS PRAYERS FOR GOD'S ABUNDANCE OF BLESSINGS
TO

SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

THE RIGHT REVEREND RICHARD FRANKLIN NORRIS ~ PRESIDING PRELATE
MRS. MARY ANN NORRIS ~ EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR

89th SESSION

OF THE

CENTRAL SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 9 – 13, 2012

HOST

THE REVEREND EDDIE GASTON, JR. ~ PRESIDING ELDER, MANNING DISTRICT

SISTER BARBARA GASTON ~ AREA CONSULTANT

HISTORIC LIBERTY HILL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sister Ellen C. Baker ~ Area Consultant

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Rock Hill..... Reverend Robert Morris
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Union Reverend Stanley Rivers
St Paul..... Reverend Dr. Frankie D. White
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Congratulations to

HISTORIC LIBERTY HILL AME CHURCH

REVEREND DR. LESLIE LOVETT
HOST PASTOR

FOR HOSTING THE

*89th Session of the South Carolina
Central Annual Conference*



LEADING THE WAY INTO A NEW MILLENNIUM

GOD HAS CALLED US TO MOVE ABOVE AND BEYOND MEDIOCRITY

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 3: 13, 14

REVEREND BARBARA R. CHISLOM
PRESIDING ELDER

*Central Conference
Board of Examiners*



2012 Board of Examiner Candidates



Congratulations LaShelle Amaker



*2012 Recipient of the
Brailsford-Lawson Scholarship*

*May God continue to bless you in your
future endeavors.*

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Sister Brandi Brown



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Missions and Welfare



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Mr. Ernest Oliver*

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Sr. Citizens Ministry



Grandparents Ministry



Kitchen Ministry



Hospitality Men and Women in Action



Women's Missionary Society



Above, 1974; Below, 1980



Above, 2004; Below, 2008



Lay Organization



Above, 1974; Below, 1980



Above, 2004; Below, 2008



Stewardess Boards



YPD'ers



Sons of Allen/Daughters of Sarah



The Music Ministry



*Brother Bryant Dingle,
Chief Musician*

*Brother Asante' Barfield,
Percussionist*



*Brother Halvert Lawson,
Director*
Sister Lawson, Musician



Sanctuary Choir



New Vision



The Male Chorus



Youth Choir



Sunbeam Choir



♪ I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back. ♪

Praise Dance Ministry



Imani Youth



Debutants and Masters Commission



Latoya Ragin, Commissioner
Brandi Brown, Assistant Commissioner

Allenites:

Naci Brown

Jackeez Brown

Brandon Noble

Krsna Burgess

Julius Ragin, III

Nnamdi William Hopkins

Teja Victoria Madison

Sub Debs:

Shalonda Ragin

Michaela Rutledge

Zaria Bennett

Sub Master:

Arnold Madison, Jr.

Debutante:

Kieley Alston



The Liberty Hill Construction Crew

*Congratulations on
a job well Done*

Hands of Grace Ministry



The Hands of Grace Ministry consists of a group of women who meet, sew, crochet, and fellowship as we make items to share with the sick, elderly, and shut-ins of our community. Although based at Liberty Hill, we invite and welcome persons from other churches and the community to join us. This past year we made and distributed 196 lap throws and shawls to Lake Marion and Windsor Manor nursing homes and the sick, elderly and shut-ins in the community; 19 hats to the group who distributes hats to cancer patients in Clarendon County who have lost their due to the cancer treatments, and 27 baby blankets and hats to the nursery department at Clarendon Memorial Hospital. We must thank the Capital Senior Center, Columbia, SC

for providing yarn and Briggs-De Laine-Pearson Foundation, Summerton, for material for the lap throws. The group meets on the 1st and third Fridays of each month at 11:00 am. Mrs. Mary Canty, Willene Kinlaw, and Emma Jane Hall from Taw Caw Baptist and Mrs. Amelia Bowman from Spring Hill AME are also members of Hands of Grace.



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Intermediate/Junior Male

Nathaniel Dyson, Aaron Jones, James Oliver, Teachers



Intermediate/Junior Female

Sharon B. Madison, Teacher



Senior Usher Board



Junior Usher Board



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Liberty Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church



On Hosting the 89th Session of the Central South Carolina Annual Conference The Manning District Lay Organization

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<i>Deloris Moore</i>		<i>Chaplin</i>
<i>Robert Levy</i>		<i>Historiographer</i>
<i>Katrina Mellerson</i>		<i>Director of Lay Activities</i>
<i>Willie Mellerson</i>		<i>Parliamentarian</i>

THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Seventh Episcopal District of The Central Conference Lay Organization

**Orangeburg - Manning - Wateree
 Districts**



Congratulations and Best Wishes

To

**The Right Reverend Dr. Richard Franklin Norris, Presiding Prelate
 Mrs. Mary A. Norris, Episcopal Supervisor
 The Reverend Dr. Leslie J. Lovett, First Lady Jamesetta Lovett,
 The Historic Liberty Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church Family
 On Hosting
 The 89th Session of The Central South Carolina Annual Conference**

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*"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
 which cannot be shaken but endures forever." Psalm 125:1*

Greetings and Felicitations

Bishop Richard Franklin Norris, Presiding Prelate

Supervisor Mary Ann Norris, Episcopal Supervisor

Reverend Dr. Eddie Gaston, Host Presiding Elder

Rev. Dr. Leslie J. Lovett, Host Pastor

Officers and Members of the

Liberty Hill A.M.E. Church Family

As you host the 89th Session of the Central Annual Conference



Presiding Elder Malachi L. Duncan
South Carolina Conference
Charleston District

*Greater St. Phillip RMUE Trustee
Department*



*Best Wishes to the Historical Liberty Hill
African Methodist Episcopal Church*

Chairman ~ Bro. Billy G. Richardson Co-Chairman ~ Bro. James H. Gibson

Pastor ~ Rev. Daniel B. Green

*We the Trustees of Greater St. Phillip RMUE Church have been working for
Jesus, a long time and we're not tired yet!*

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Reverend Melissa W. Green, Pastor

Brother Sam Green, First Man

And the

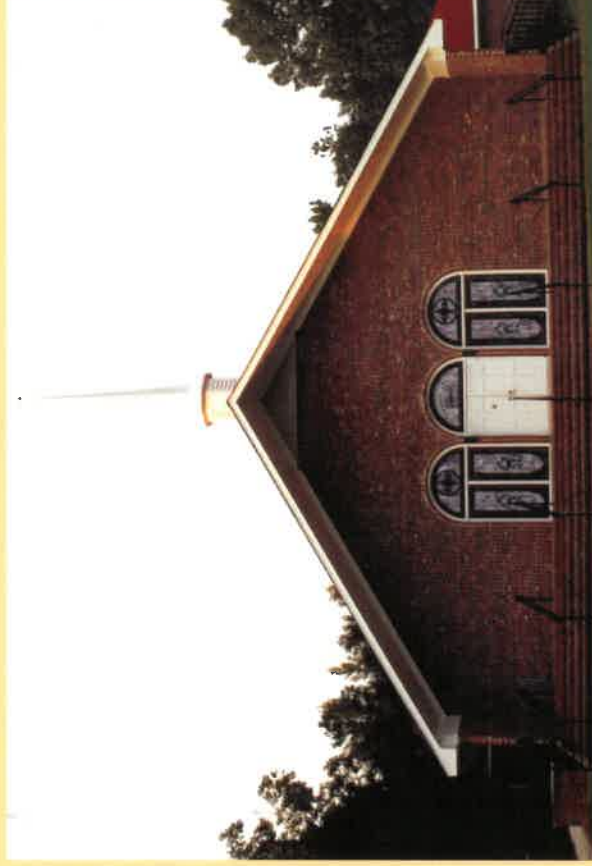
St. John A.M.E. Church Family

3601 Rowesville Road

Rowesville, SC 29133

*Emanuel AME Church
1890 Hudson Road
Cope, South Carolina 29038*

*Rev. Dr. James B. Stukes, Pastor
October 2012*



*Congratulates
Bishop and Mrs. Richard F. Norris
Liberty Hill AME Church as a host for the
89th Central South Carolina Annual Conference
Praises for a successful and spirit-filled
Annual Conference*

“Our Victory is in our faith, that we will be good stewards in His Vineyard.”

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO

**REV. DR. LESLIE J. LOVETT
AND THE**

**HISTORIC LIBERTY HILL AME CHURCH FAMILY
ON HOSTING THE 89TH SESSION
OF THE
CENTRAL SOUTH CAROLINA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**



**REV. DR. ALBERT JONES & FIRST LADY CAROLYN JONES
AND THE
SHILOH AME CHURCH FAMILY**

“IF YOU DON’T CHANGE ANYTHING, NOTHING WILL CHANGE”

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2902 Cleveland Street
Post Office Box 594
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803-897-3491**

**Church School
9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service
10:00 a.m.**



It Takes Three
MARRIAGE MINISTRIES

Holy Spirit Led, Holy Bible Fed

Congratulations to
The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Franklin Norris, Presiding
Prelate, and

Mrs. Mary Ann Norris, Episcopal Supervisor
as leaders of the 7th Episcopal District,

to

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Lovett, Host Pastor
of the 89th Session of the
Central South Carolina Conference

and to the

Historic Liberty Hill AME Church Family



*Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

ECCLESIASTES 4:12 (NIV)

a message from:

Reverends Gordon & Marilyn Oliver

www.ItTakesThree.org

Olivers@ittakesthree.net

Best Wishes to

Historic Liberty Hill A.M.E. Church
Summerton, South Carolina

on hosting the

**89th Session of the
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Seventh Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church

Central Conference

Women's Missionary Society (W.M.S.)



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Mother Mary A. Norris, Episcopal Supervisor
Sis. Sandra Anderson, Episcopal WMS President
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Sis. Deborah Gladden, Wateree

Presiding Elders

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Rev. Eddie Gatson, Manning District

Congratulations and Best Wishes

To

The Right Reverend Dr. Richard Franklin Morris
 Presiding Prelate, Seventh Episcopal District
 Mrs. Mary Ann Norris, Episcopal Supervisor
 Reverend L. Mrs. Eddie Gaston, Jr., Host Presiding Elder
 Reverend Dr. L. Mrs. Leslie Lovett, Host Pastor
 Historic Liberty Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church, Host Church

And The

89th Session of the Central South Carolina Annual Conference



The New Manning Area Women's Missionary Society Officers

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Sis. Margaret Richburg, Hist.-Statistician

Sis. Annie Bertha Jefferson, Worship Director

Sis. Rosa T. Montgomery, WPD Director

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Biggers – Sis. Lottie Fleming

Mt. Zion – Sis. Fannie Hammett

Santee – Sis. Annie Jefferson

Chapel – Sis. Barbara Conyers

St. Mark-Summerton – Sis. Madgelene Barr

St. Matthews – Sis. Susie Henry

Spring Hill

Union Cypress

Cypress Fork – Sis. Stephanie William

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Friendship – Sis. Mary Allen

Society Hill – Sis. Emma H. Murray

St. James – Sis. Mary Taylor

Laurel Hill – Sis. Shirley Canty

Reeseville – Sis. Angie Nelson

Providence – Sis. Mary Nelson

Shiloh – Sis. Darlene Felder

Bethel

Oaks

St. Mark-Alcolu

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Historic Liberty Hill AME Church
from the
Manning Chapter Sons of Allen*



The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delights in his way. Psalm 37:23

Aaron Jones, Jr. — Coordinator

Enoch Nelson — President

William Harvin — Vice President

Frederic Mallett — Secretary

Charles Washington — Community Liaison

James Dupree — Assistant Secretary

Walter Bennett — Treasurer

Roosevelt Gerow — Chaplin

Joseph Conyers — Assistant Chaplin

Christian Men Standing Tall for Clarendon School District One



Mt. Moriah
African Methodist Episcopal Church
120 Mt. Moriah Road
Swansea, SC 29160
Rev. Mary Ann Hodge, BA. MDIV, Pastor

*“They that wait on the Lord will renew their strength:
they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and
not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” Isaiah
40:31*



Congratulations and Welcome

The pastor, officers and members of Mt. Moriah African Methodist Episcopal Church would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your assignment to the Seventh Episcopal District. We welcome you in the JOY of Jesus the Christ in whom we move and have our being. We are elated to have you, Episcopal Supervisor, Mrs. Mary Ann Norris and the Norris Family here with us. It is out sincere prayer while you labor with us here in the Seventh District, God will open up the windows of Heaven and pour you out blessings that there will not be room enough to receive.



Good Hope A.M.E. Church, Cope, SC
Good Hope A.M.E. Church, Cope, SC



Celebrates

With

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Franklin Norris
Presiding Prelate of the Seventh Episcopal District
Mrs. Mary Ann Norris, Episcopal Supervisor

The Reverend Eddie Gaston, Host Presiding Elder, Manning District
The Reverend Lorenza T. Baker, Presiding Elder, Orangeburg District
The Reverend Barbara Chisolm, Sr. Presiding Elder, Wateree District

The Reverend Dr. Leslie J. Lovett, & Mrs. Jamesetta B. Lovett
Host Pastor & First Family
Of

Historic Liberty Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church
Congratulations as you host the 89th session of the
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The Reverend Dr. Georgeann & Bro. Charles Pringle, Sr.
Officers and Members



Good Hope AMEC ~ Cope

Good Hope Child Development
& Learning Center Inc.
1849 Carver School Road
Cope, S.C. 29038

(803) 531-9528 – Church
(843) 817-4428 – Pastor

Day Care and After School Program
6:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

Church School
9:15 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.
Worship Service
10:00 A.M.



The Seventh Episcopal District Lay Organization
Bro. Roger Cleckley, President



*Greetings
To*

Bishop Richard Franklin Norris, Presiding Prelate of the Seventh Episcopal District

And

Mrs. Mary Ann Norris, Episcopal Supervisor

*God's Blessings to Reverend Dr. Leslie Lovett, and Mrs. Jamesetta Lovett and the
Liberty Hill AME Church Family as you host the
89th Session of the Central South Carolina Annual Conference*

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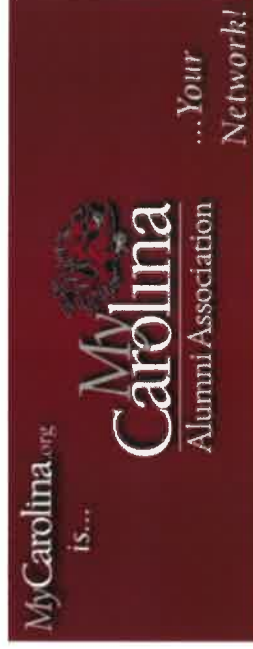
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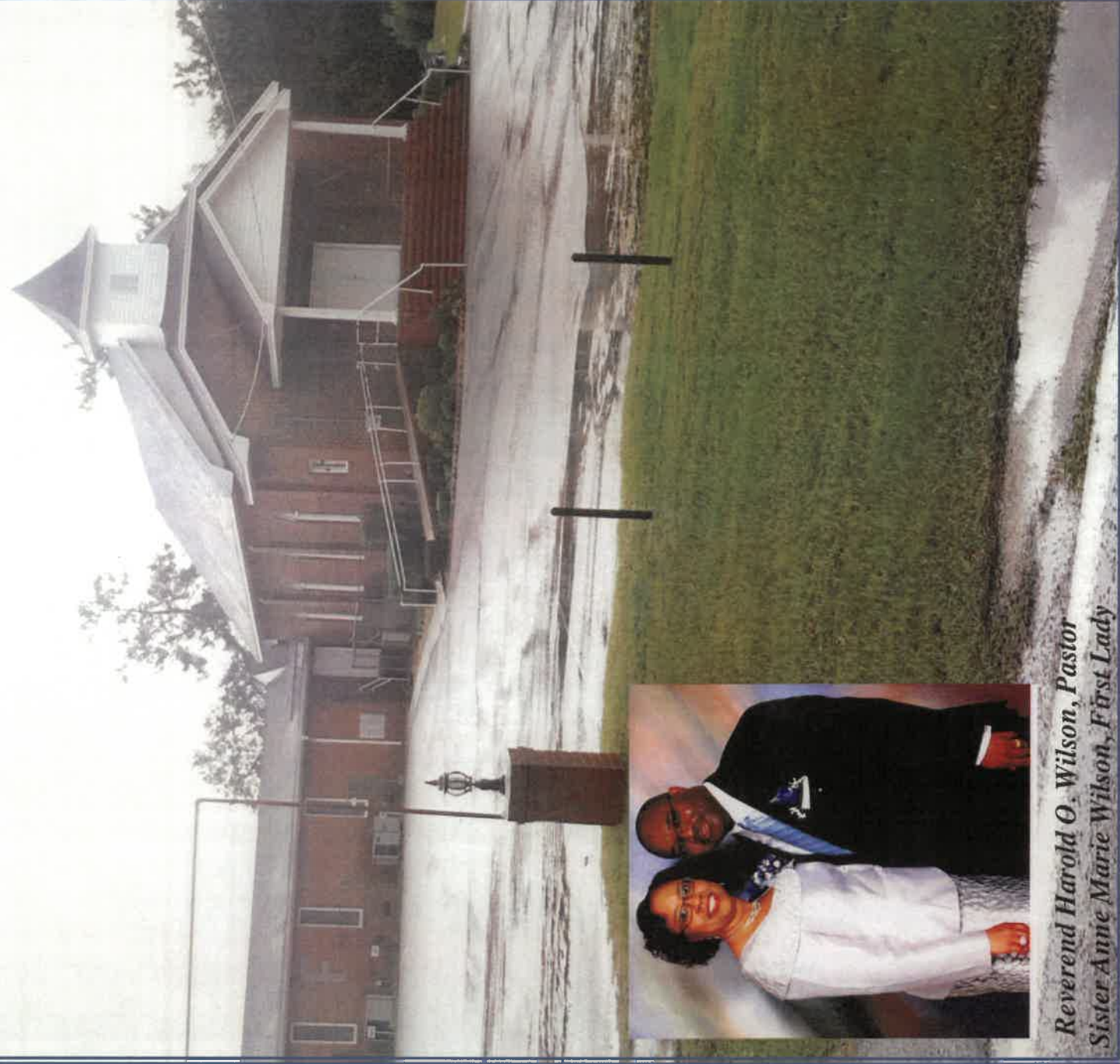
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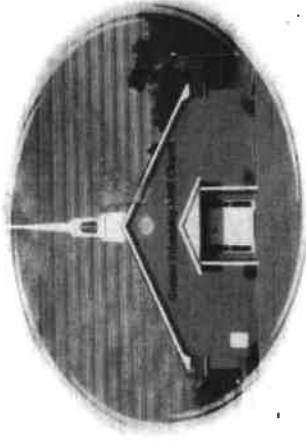
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Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
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And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

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Or walk with Kings--nor lose the common touch,
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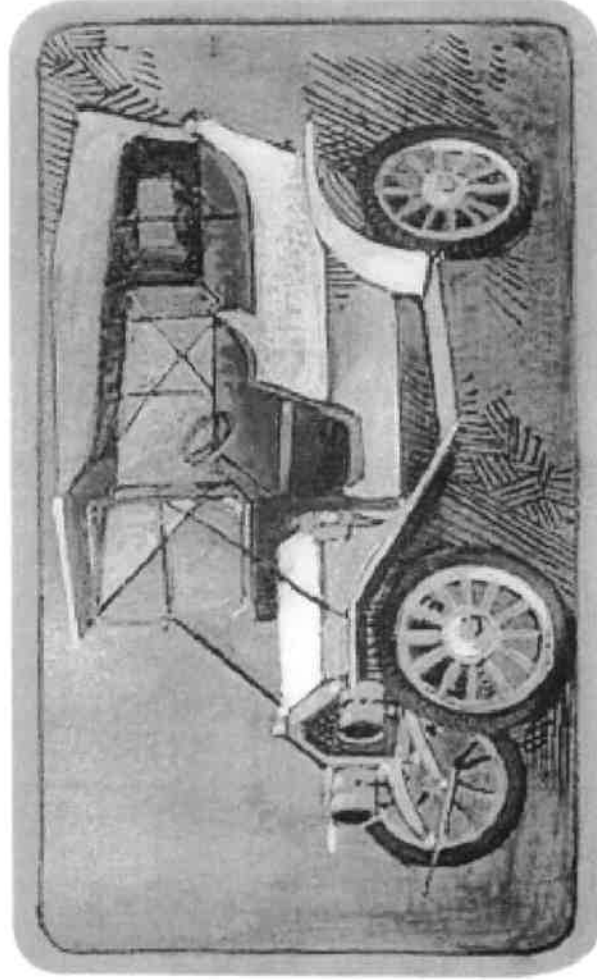
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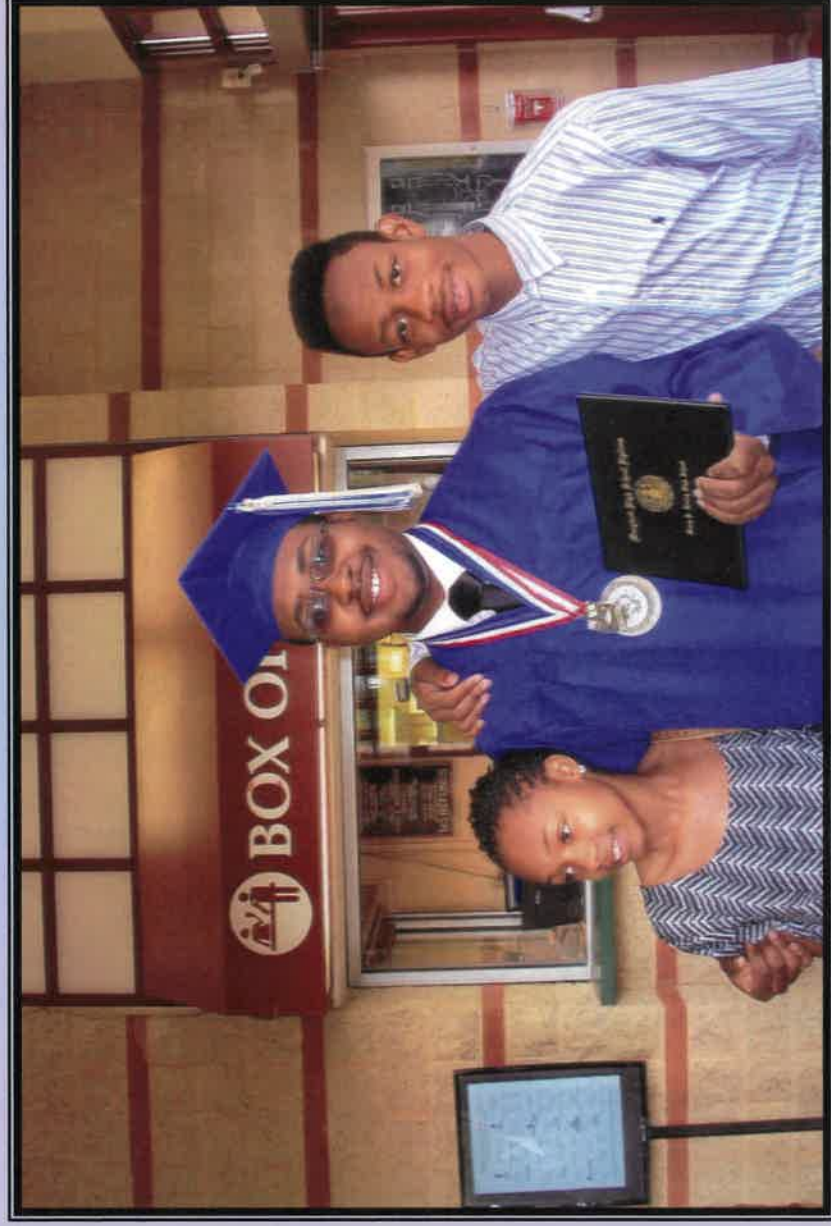
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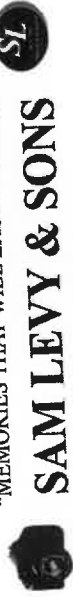
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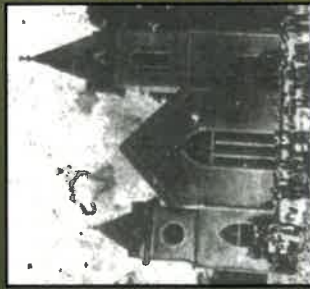
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Historic Liberty Hill
African Methodist Episcopal Church



On June 21, 1867, five years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and 91 years after the Declaration of Independence, Aaron Smythe, Justice Martin, Isham Bucher's, Moses Martin, William Briggs, Abraham Martin, Preston Ragin, Moses Oliver, and Guy Oliver, as trustees for the church, received a four-acre tract acre of land from Thomas W. and Margaret Briggs for the consideration of \$1.00 "in hand" for the purpose of building a church and for the good and moral improvement of the colored population in the community. After years of meeting in houses and holding services in a bush arbor, these first trustees were finally ready to begin to process of building a real church. The first structure for worship placed on this property was a "lean-to" (a shed having a roof with only one slope). There is no information available for the years between 1867 and 1881, but in 1882 trustees Preston Ragin, Nero Wells, Morris Brooks, David Johnson, Thomas Hudson, and William Brainsford purchased from Emma L. Baker an additional three and three-fourths acres for \$7.50.



It is not known exactly when the first church was actually constructed, but that building served as the place of worship until the "New" Liberty Hill AME Church was built.



The names of pastors who served Liberty Hill during those early years are not known, but in 1839 a young pastor named **Reverend Henry Charles DeLaine** was assigned to Liberty Hill. He and the members began to dream of a beautiful temple to God situated on that hill. To that end he lent the church the sum of \$500.00 so that the church might be built. The trustees' timber. After the timber was cut it was then sent to water in Charleston Harbor for six months, a common practice. Reverend De Laine personally inspected each piece of knolls of the timber was bent, he sent it back. Because sawmill owner quit and Reverend DeLaine's sons Mr. required to operate a saw mill and finish securing the Liberty Hill AME church was completed, deceased and



In the early 1940's **Reverend Thompson** was assigned to Liberty Hill. During his tenure the members decided to brick veneer the exterior and they began to raise the money to do so. The brick veneering was begun but before it was completed Reverend Thompson was transferred and **Reverend E. E. Richburg** was sent to lead the church. He immediately began working to complete the work Reverend Thompson had begun. Also under Reverend Richburg's leadership, the church became a major meeting place for the Clarendon County desegregation movement on the late forties and early 50's which became the **Briggs v. Elliott** Case. This case, heard before the US Supreme Court as a part of Brown v. Board of Topeka, KS, was the first case to enter the federal court system, and the Court since **Plessy v. Ferguson**. **Briggs v. Elliott** was the product of Marshall.

After Reverend Riebburg was made Presiding Elder, **Reverend J. S. Hunter** was sent to Liberty Hill. When Reverend Hunter was transferred, **Reverend J. H. Morant** was sent to Liberty Hill. Seeing the need for considerable repair, he led the church into a major renovation project. Reverend Morant remained at Liberty Hill for just a short period and in 1971 **Reverend C. C. Gordon** was assigned. Under his leadership the renovation was completed and the mortgage was paid off.

The next two pastors were **Reverend Jonathan J. Baker** and **Reverend George F. Flow**. Reverend Flowers saw the need for a educational building and led the church in its construction. The ground breaking ceremony was held on December 19, 1982, and the building was completed in 1984. On September 19, 1984, the cornerstone was laid, and on October 7, 1984 the dedication of the educational building took place.



Reverend Malachi L. Duncan became the pastor in 1988. On September 21, 1989, Hurricane Hugo roared through causing considerable damage to the church. His leadership guided us through that trying period and during his tenure he focused on paying the mortgage and securing transportation for the church.

When Reverend Duncan was made Presiding Elder, **Reverend Melvin Capers** became pastor. He remained until 2006 and the **Rev. Dr Charles E. Young**, then the president Allen University, was sent to carry out the year. In December 2008, the **Rev. Dr Lemlin Lovett** was appointed as pastor.

Liberty Hill has endured many changes, hardships and controversies. The spirit of Liberty began before the end of slavery even though the physical building came years later. Liberty Hill's members have historically contributed to the well-being of our community and its progress. According to court records, of the twenty persons who signed the *Briggs v. Elliott* desegregation case, fourteen were members of Liberty Hill. They were Annie Gibson, Lucius Richardson, Lee Richardson, Mary Oliver, Onetha Bennett, James Bennett, William Stukes, Frederick Oliver, Edward Ragin, William Ragin, Gabe Tindal, Hazel Ragin, and Susan Lawson. Although these persons signed, many more were actively involved in the case. Because of the involvement of Liberty Hill AME Church and its members, the church is now being considered for the national honor of being listed on the National Register of Historic Places designated by the US National Parks Service.

When the schools were integrated, Charles Hilton, Mary Oliver (Foye), Luchster Ray (Green) and Rita McDonald (Jones) were the first to enroll in Summertown High School, followed by Leola Ragin (Parks) and others. Rita McDonald has the distinction of being first black student to graduate from Summertown High School.

Liberty Hill has seen many changes, and has had hardships and controversies but through them all God has been with us and we have kept our faith in the God we love and serve.

