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*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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OCTOBER 2023

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PICNIC WITH THE HICKSô



Rev. and Mrs. Hicks invited the church family for Food, Fun and Fellowship at their home in Orangeburg on Saturday, August 26th. The Hicks family went all out for our church family with scrumptious food that included ãlcolu Styleôbarbecue, fried, baked and barbecue chicken, a variety of salads, sides and desserts.

There was a variety of activities, which included line dancing, a dunking booth, and games. Even though it was a hot day, the Hicksô made sure their guests were comfortable under a tent with cooling fans and plenty of ice cold drinks.

A fun time was had by all.

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YPD QUADDRENNIAL (Story Submitted by Sister Dorothy Tindal Ragin)

From July 24-28, 2023, the YPDers, guided by Sister Dorothy Tindal-Ragin, embarked on a journey to Orlando, Florida, to participate in the 20th YPD Quadrennial Convention. The event's central theme was "Verified: Influencers for Christ," which held profound significance in a world where numerous voices vied for influence over the younger generation. During this convention, the YPDers came to realize the importance of allowing themselves to be shaped by the teachings of God.

Throughout the event, the YPDers enthusiastically engaged in various competitions. Reagan took part in the Spelling Bee, while Christian participated in the Growing Green competition. While they may not have emerged as winners, the experience of competing against YPDers from across the country was invaluable. Amani and her teammates, on the other hand, excelled in the Bible Bowl, securing the position of first runners-up.

In addition to the competitions, the YPDers attended Worship

services, Skills Workshops, Team Building and Business sessions, Concerts, and forums addressing Social Injustice. These experiences contributed to their growth, instilling integrity and confidence as they embraced their identity as children of God.

The YPDers cherished the opportunity to bond with fellow YPDers from various districts around the world, finding unity in their shared faith. They emerged from the convention as verified followers of Christ, prepared to "Grow, Glow, and Go" for Christ.

The Historic Liberty Hill AME Church family played a crucial role in making this incredible experience possible through their unwavering support of our fundraising efforts. We are particularly grateful and express our appreciation to Sister Shatiqua Hill-Cooper and Sister Cheryl Ragin for their chaperoning efforts, as well as to Brother Anthony Ragin, Sr. for ensuring our safe transportation to and from Orlando.



...MORE PICNIC PHOTOS...



NEW VISION LEMONADE SUNDAY

On Sunday, July 16th, the New Vision Choir sponsored a Lemonade Worship Sunday

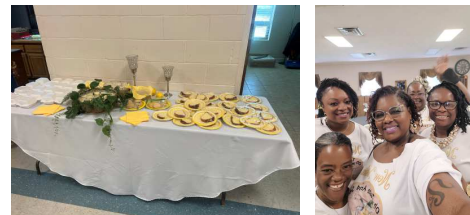
Based on the scripture from Psalm 33:8—"Oh taste and see that the Lord is Good" the choir sang selections throughout the service based on that theme, to include: "Cooling Water" led by Brother Wesley Bennett, "Goodness of God" led by Sister Sharon Madison, and an upbeat rendition of "Oh Taste and See that the Lord is Good"

After services, the choir served lemony treats, which included lemon pound cake, cookies, pudding and refreshing COLD lemonade was served in drink pouches.

This was a casual dress Sunday and the choir was dressed in custom designed t-shirts with the lemonade theme on front and the Church's name on back (A Church of Grace and Gratitude) and khakis. The congregation did not disappoint as they were dressed casually with a touch of yellow.

New Vision hopes to repeat this type service next conference year.

Also, stay tuned for the return of New Vision's Christmas concert on Dec. 10.



MALE CHORUS ANNIVERSARY & MEMORIAL PROGRAM



On Sunday, September 10, the Male Chorus brought back their annual anniversary program and included a memorial for choir members that transitioned over since the pandemic. The sang selections and spoke of memories of their brothers, Dewey Neal, Jr., John Brailsford, Sr., Halvert Lawson and Fred Brown.

SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Lake Marion Nursing Home
Katherine Bennett
Hezekiah Ragin

At Home
Geneva Bennett
Hattie M. Blackwell
Constance Brunson (Columbia)
Harold Brunson (Columbia)
Mae Pearl Caldwell
Gussie Cochran
Glenda Covington (Raleigh)
Essie Mae Gaymon
Michelle Hill
Flora Lawson (Santee)
Sarah Matthews
Millie Mae Robinson
Millie Dora Robinson

Pocotaligo River Health
Mary Foye
Vivian Oliver
James Ragin

If you would like your family member's name listed (or removed from the list) in future publications, please let us know in the church office.



GRANDPARENTSôMINISTRY CALENDAR TEA



The Grandparentsô Ministry brought back their Annual Calendar Tea on Sunday, August 20th.

As expected, the afternoon event was spectacular. The tables were decorated beautifully. Some were even decorated by area event decorators. The food, prepared by the chairpersons and the committee, was very tasty. The November table chairperson, Sister Deloris Brown, even had a delicious oven-baked turkey, which solidified her first place win for table decorations.

The event raised \$5,165, with December, chaired by Sister Charlotte Peterson, having the highest contribution of \$1,257. 2nd place, was January with \$780 (Sister Debra Brailsford), and 3rd place, was April with \$600 (Sister Luetina Ragin).

The funds raised for the Calendar helps to fund the Grandparentsô Ministry Grandparents Day Celebration in September.



ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION



The GrandparentsôMinistry held their annual Grandparentsô Day celebration on Sunday, September 10th and recognized Liberty Hill couples that have been married for 10 years or more. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Oliver are the longest married couple with 65 years. Each couple recognized was given a beautiful plaque and were each given royal blue rain jackets.



The morning worship service was culminated with a scrumptious meal served in the immaculately decorated fellowship hall, draped in royal blue and white.



WMS BLESSING BAGS

PARAPHRASED FROM A MESSAGE BY LATOYA DENNISON. Our local WMS completed the mission of providing 50 blessing bags to the less fortunate in Clarendon and Sumter county. The members drove around for hours, saw the need, hand-delivered blessing bags and offered encouraging words to the less fortunate. One woman expressed that she did not think people did that anymore. It was such a blessing to be a blessing to others.

The WMS thanks our members and persons in the community who donated to make this mission a success. Thanks to our WMS President, Sister Sheila Ragin, for entrusting the committee (Latoya Dennison, Brandi Brown and Margo Stukes) with this task. Thanks to First Lady Felita Hicks for donating bags.

The WMS has bags for our sick and shut-in members that will be distributed soon.



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS QUARTER

Happy Birthday
OCTOBER

Sarah Barber (25th)
Cedric Brown (6th)
LeTia Patrice Covington (2nd)
Hope Cummings (5th)
Deborah Hart (9th)
Adrianna Neal (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)

NOVEMBER

Deloris Brown (1st)
Harold Brunson (16th)
Shatiqua Hill-Cooper (8th)
Winoma Dyson (3rd)
Kendra Gibson (24th)
Arnold Madison, Sr. (30th)
Concette Moore (13th)
DaMasha Ragin (10th)
Kendal Ragin (9th)

LaToya Ragin (27th)
Jessica M. Richburg (14th)
Wayne D. Stewart (5th)
Mosetta G. Witherspoon (5th)

DECEMBER

Shaniqua Bennett (2nd)
Kimley Billie (15th)
Clarence Caldwell, Jr. (1st)
Jasir Kennedy Edwards (25th)
Lennon Glover (5th)
Rev. Henry Mitchell (2nd)
Mariah J. Jenkins (24th)
David Oliver (16th)
Charlotte R. Peterson (28th)
Henry Pollard (18th)
Calvin Ragin (7th)
Robert Lee Ragin (23rd)
Amani Reed (29th)
Michael Richburg (2nd)
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.

MCELVEEN BAPTISM



Master Lynox Dewayne McElveen, son of Dorian C. McElveen and Adrianna L. McElveen, was baptized on Sunday, August 20th. Master McElveen is also the grandson of Sister Yolanda Neal.



WATER FOUNTAIN MINISTRY



For safety reasons due to the pandemic, the water fountain in the atrium of the fellowship hall has been disconnected. Because an unusable drink fountain is not very pleasant visually, Sister Jacqueline Bennett has made it her ministry to seasonably decorate the fountain. Her impeccable decorating skills has been displayed at the fountain throughout the year for various occasions including Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation, Homecoming and New Vision's Lemonade Sunday. The fountain is now decorated for Fall, but we can't wait to see what Sister Bennett has in store for the fountain this coming holiday season.



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Look for this coin as the profile picture on Facebook.



Order of Worship — Sunday, October 1, 2023

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sister Kia Frierson Brown, Presiding

Introit..... The Sanctuary Choir

The Doxology No. 647

“Praise God, from whom all Blessing Flow”

The Call To Worship Sister Kia Frierson Brown

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 No. 53

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Morning Prayer Brother Nathaniel Dyson

The Choral Response..... The Sanctuary Choir

The Worship through Music The Sanctuary Choir

The Liturgy of the Word Brother Julius Ragin, III
Philippians 1:21-27

From all that Dwell below the Skies No. 69

The Full Decalogue
Presiding Elder Herbert Temoney

The Gloria Patri No .626

The Worship through Music .The Sanctuary 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 Elder Temoney

The Choral Response..... The Sanctuary Choir

The Sermonic Hymn The Sanctuary Choir

THE MESSAGE.....
PRESIDING ELDER HERBERT TEMONEY
SANTEE DISTRICT

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship No. 243
“Down at the Cross”

The Communion Hymn..... Hymn #255
“There is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

—The Sacrament of the Holy Communion—
(Follow along prayerfully beginning on page 798
of the AME Church Hymnal)

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

The Doxology Congregation

The Benediction
Presiding Elder Herbert 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 divine 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

Sermon Notes

Today’s Scripture: _____

Sermon Title: _____

Sermon Highlights: _____

Church Announcements

Trustees on Duty
for the Month of October
Sister Deloris Brown and
Sister Rhonda Thames

Tuesday, October 3, 2023
New Vision Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023
Bible Study via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting ID: 862 7177 0976
Passcode: 799492
Dial Options— (301) 715-8592;
(305)224-1968; (312) 626-6799;
(646) 558-8656

Thursday, October 5, 2023
Youth and Sunbeam Choir Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 7, 2023
Ragin Connecting the Dots at 11:00 a.m.

PASTOR’S APPRECIATION & CELEBRATION
For Rev. Dr. George E. Hicks
6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Rev. Stanley Rivers of Williams Chapel AME,
Guest Speaker
Auxiliaries, please submit your vouchers TODAY.
Donation envelopes are available from the ushers.

Sunday, October 8, 2023
Cancer Awareness Sunday

Monday, October 9, 2023
Monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 15, 2023
Pastor’s Appreciation Day

October 19th - October 21st
100th Central South Carolina Annual Conference
Williams Chapel AME (Orangeburg) - Host Church
Santee Convention Center - Host Site
October 18, 2023..... WMS
October 19 - 21, 2023..... Annual Conference
October 21, 2023..... Youth

Fall Convocation and Planning Conference
Central South Carolina Annual Conference Host
Conference
November 9-11, 2023
Florence Center Florence, SC