



HISTORIC LIBERTY HILL A.M.E. CHURCH



LIBERTY HILL CHRONICLES

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024

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CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL



The Christmas Season is always a special time at Liberty Hill. The sanctuary and fellowship hall featured décor of the season complete with poinsettias and greenery. Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, Hope, through the fourth Sunday of Advent, Love, the Liberty Hill family is reminded of the reason for the Season.

Seasonal programs began with the return of New Vision Choir's Annual Christmas concert on Sunday evening, December 10th. The concert was an evening of songs of the season and some new favorites, to include a rendition of "God Is with Us" and "Go Tell It On the Mountain". Also, Al and Lachion Wilson sang a beautiful duet of the "Christmas Hallelujah" which was very spirit filled. (Page 2)



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The concert featured a nativity by the YPD and the Ministry did not disappoint with a scrumptious meal return of Liberty Hill's Praise dancers.

On Thursday, December 14th, in collaboration with K&H Resource Center and Vision by Design, Inc., the Senior Citizens Dinner was held in the fellowship hall. The crowd of seniors were entertained by Christian comedian Akintunde from Columbia, SC who stopped by as he traveled across the country on his Healthy Laughter Tour.

Christmas celebrations continued on Saturday, December 16th, with the Grandparents' Ministry Pre-Christmas Banquet. As usual, the Grandparents' Ministry did not disappoint with a scrumptious meal and entertainment at their banquet.

On Christmas Eve, after a spirit-filled sermon from Rev. Hicks, the Hicks' gifted the congregation with beautiful personalized mugs with a picture of the church, and they provided gifts for all heads of ministries of the church.

The members are extremely thankful for the gifts from our first family; and we look forward to working with Rev. and Mrs. Hicks as we host the Central South Carolina Annual Conference, October 23-26, 2024.



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS QUARTER



Lisa Dyson (2nd)
Opal Dyson (4th)
Tracie E. Jones (7th)
Deon McFadden (9th)
Edna F. Walters (9th)
Debra Brailsford (15th)
Janaiya Ragin (17th)
Lateshia Ragin McFadden (19th)
Taylor Miller (19th)
Susan Ragin (21st)
Maureen J. Stewart (25th)
Betty Simon (26th)
Debra Ann Brailsford (15th)
Krsna Burgess (29th)
Aaron Jones (29th)
Jackson Stukes (31st)
Millie Robinson
Jarod Stukes
Julian Stukes

FEBRUARY

Benita R. Brailsford (2nd)
Buelah Gipson (4th)
Jacqueline Bennett (4th)
Joi Hill (5th)

Michaela Rutledge (7th)
Hattie Mae Blackwell (9th)
Shakemia Williams (10th)
Monica Watson (12th)
Naomi Bradley (13th)
Natalie Brown (16th)
Christopher Burgess, Jr. (13th)
Christian Paige Cooper (17th)
Sharon Madison (17th)
Reagan Madison Tindal (24th)
William Dallas (28th)
Asantewaa E. Dyson (28th)

MARCH

Fred Richburg (1st)
Norine Brown (3rd)
Dorothy House (4th)
Wendell Hilton (5th)
Catherine Jones (8th)
Ernest Oliver (14th)
Doris Dallas (15th)
Michelle Hill (21st)
Mildred Oliver (24th)
Roosevelt Mitchell (29th)
Bertha Lawson (30th)
Betty Bennett (30th)
Mary Foye (31st)

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

NEW MEMBERS/NEW BLESSINGS



Liberty Hill welcomed **Brother William E. Richburg** to the church family on November 12th. Then on December 7th, **William** and his wife, **Tyauna**, welcomed their twin daughters — **Tylah and Annari Richburg**. Congratulations to the Richburgs.

WATER FOUNTAIN MINISTRY



Sister Jacqueline Bennett continues with the Water Fountain Ministry, decorating the fountain for each holiday occasion. The above is a photo of the New Year's Day Celebration D@cor.



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.



Order of Worship — Sunday, January 7, 2024

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Brother Julius R. Ragin, III, Presiding

The Introit Hymn #30
“Lord, in the Morning Thou Shalt Hear”

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 #61
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

The Morning Prayer Brother Nathaniel Dyson

The Choral Response The Sanctuary Choir

The Worship through Music The Sanctuary Choir

The Liturgy of the Word Sister Sheryl Ragin
Philippians 1:21-27

The Introit to the Decalogue Hymn #69

The Full Decalogue Rev. George E. Hicks

The Gloria Patri Hymn #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 Rev. Hicks
Hymn #385 — “Savior, Lead Me Lest I Stray”

The Choral Response The Sanctuary Choir

The Sermonic Hymn Hymn #377
“When We Walk with the Lord”

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

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Hymn #317

“Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee”

The Communion Hymn Hymn #405
“What Can Wash Away my Sins”

—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

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 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 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

Trustees on Duty for the Month of January 2024

Sister Deloris Brown and
Sister Rhonda Thames

Wednesday, January 10th

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, January 11th

Youth and Sunbeam Choir Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 14th

ReadKidzz after Services

Monday, January 15th

MLK Day

Monthly Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 20th

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

Wednesday, January 24th

The Sanctuary Choir will be ministering in song at the Pocatigo River Health and Rehab in Manning.

The Church family is invited to join them in this outreach visit.



PASTOR& APPRECIATION CELEBRATION



Saturday, October 7th, was a day of celebration of our Pastor and First Lady. Liberty Hill honored Rev. and Mrs. Hicks with an appreciation banquet. The guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. Stanley Rivers, pastor of Williams Chapel AME Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Sister Sharon Madison was the Mistress of Ceremony and music was provided by Brothers Wesley Bennett, Bryant Dingle and Julius R. Ragin, III.

Rev. and Mrs. Hicks were showered with love tokens from ministries of the church.



GRANDPARENTSôMINISTRY ANNUAL VETERANSôRECOGNITION

On Sunday, November 12th, The GrandparentsôMinistry showed appreciation to our veterans in the congregation. Over 20 veterans were recognized and given a token of love.



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER...

Sister Kathleen L. Gibson and Brother Wardell Cooper recently earned their doctorate degrees.

Sister Gibson earned her Honorary Doctorate Degree from the Lighthouse School of the Great Commission.

Brother Cooper earned his Doctorate of Education from South Carolina State University.

Congratulations to Doctor Kathleen L. Gibson and Doctor Wardell Cooper. The two of them were celebrated by Pastor and Mrs. Hicks on Sunday, November 26th.



BIBLE READING PLAN

January

JANUARY 1	□ MATTHEW 1	JANUARY 16	□ PROVERBS 4
JANUARY 2	□ PSALMS 1-2	JANUARY 17	□ MATTHEW 11
JANUARY 3	□ PROVERBS 1-2	JANUARY 18	□ MATTHEW 12
JANUARY 4	□ MATTHEW 2	JANUARY 19	□ MATTHEW 13
JANUARY 5	□ MATTHEW 3	JANUARY 20	□ MATTHEW 14
JANUARY 6	□ MATTHEW 4	JANUARY 21	□ MATTHEW 15
JANUARY 7	□ PSALMS 3-5	JANUARY 22	□ PSALMS 8-9
JANUARY 8	□ PROVERBS 3	JANUARY 23	□ MATTHEW 16
JANUARY 9	□ MATTHEW 5	JANUARY 24	□ MATTHEW 17
JANUARY 10	□ MATTHEW 6	JANUARY 25	□ MATTHEW 18
JANUARY 11	□ MATTHEW 7	JANUARY 26	□ PSALMS 10-12
JANUARY 12	□ MATTHEW 8	JANUARY 27	□ PSALMS 13-15
JANUARY 13	□ MATTHEW 9	JANUARY 28	□ PROVERBS 5
JANUARY 14	□ MATTHEW 10	JANUARY 29	□ MATTHEW 19
JANUARY 15	□ PSALMS 6-7	JANUARY 30	□ MATTHEW 20
		JANUARY 31	□ MATTHEW 21

February

FEBRUARY 1	□ PSALMS 16 - 17	FEBRUARY 15	□ PROVERBS 6
FEBRUARY 2	□ PSALMS 18	FEBRUARY 16	□ PSALMS 27 - 29
FEBRUARY 3	□ PSALMS 19 - 20	FEBRUARY 17	□ ROMANS 6
FEBRUARY 4	□ MATTHEW 22	FEBRUARY 18	□ ROMANS 7
FEBRUARY 5	□ MATTHEW 23	FEBRUARY 19	□ ROMANS 8
FEBRUARY 6	□ MATTHEW 24	FEBRUARY 20	□ PSALMS 30 - 31
FEBRUARY 7	□ PSALMS 21 - 22	FEBRUARY 21	□ PSALMS 32 - 33
FEBRUARY 8	□ PSALMS 23 - 24	FEBRUARY 22	□ PSALMS 34
FEBRUARY 9	□ ROMANS 1	FEBRUARY 23	□ ROMANS 9
FEBRUARY 10	□ ROMANS 2	FEBRUARY 24	□ ROMANS 10
FEBRUARY 11	□ ROMANS 3	FEBRUARY 25	□ ROMANS 11
FEBRUARY 12	□ ROMANS 4	FEBRUARY 26	□ ROMANS 12
FEBRUARY 13	□ ROMANS 5	FEBRUARY 27	□ ROMANS 13
FEBRUARY 14	□ PSALMS 25 - 26	FEBRUARY 28	□ PSALMS 35 - 36

March

MARCH 1	□ PROVERBS 7	MARCH 16	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 8
MARCH 2	□ PSALMS 37 - 38	MARCH 17	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 9
MARCH 3	□ ROMANS 14	MARCH 18	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 10
MARCH 4	□ ROMANS 15	MARCH 19	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 11
MARCH 5	□ ROMANS 16	MARCH 20	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 12
MARCH 6	□ PSALMS 39 - 40	MARCH 21	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 13
MARCH 7	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 1	MARCH 22	□ PROVERBS 8
MARCH 8	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 2	MARCH 23	□ PSALMS 44 - 45
MARCH 9	□ PSALMS 41	MARCH 24	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 14
MARCH 10	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 3	MARCH 25	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 15
MARCH 11	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 4	MARCH 26	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 16
MARCH 12	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 5	MARCH 27	□ PSALMS 46 - 47
MARCH 13	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 6	MARCH 28	□ 2 CORINTHIANS 1
MARCH 14	□ PSALMS 42 - 43	MARCH 29	□ 2 CORINTHIANS 2
MARCH 15	□ 1 CORINTHIANS 7	MARCH 30	□ PSALMS 48
		MARCH 31	□ 2 CORINTHIANS 3

SEPTEMBER: MUSICAL CELEBRATION

On Sunday, September 24th, the choirs of Historic Liberty Hill A.M.E. Church and Summerton Presbyterian Church held a musical celebration featuring the hymns of the Christian faith and celebrating the 250th anniversary of “Amazing Grace.”

The event was planned by Bryant Dingle, Liberty Hill’s Minister of Music, Kim Fleming, choir director of Summerton Presbyterian, and Phyllis Lawson, choir director of Liberty Hill.

Liberty Hill’s First Lady, Felita Grady Hicks, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. She introduced the presentations with insights into the stories behind the hymns. Members of the Summerton Presbyterian Church choir (pastored by Reverend Vikki Brogdon) joined Liberty Hill’s Music Day Choir in arrangements of “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” and “To God Be the Glory.” There were guest artists (both vocal and instrumental) from various local churches.

All the artists shared their God-given talents in an excellent manner. Their demonstrated preparation, interest, and willing spirit reflected a sense of their love

of music. It was a musical celebration, a fellowship of many members of the community (old friends and new acquaintances) and, above all, a mountain-top experience and a spiritual union of hearts, minds, and voices. All praise and honor belong to God Our Father, The Great Composer of the Universe!

SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Lake Marion Nursing Home
Katherine Bennett

At Home

Geneva Bennett
Hattie M. Blackwell
Constance Brunson (Columbia)
Harold Brunson (Columbia)
Mae Pearl Caldwell
Gussie Cochran
Glenda Covington (Fayetteville)
Essie Mae Gaymon
Michelle Hill
Flora Lawson (Santee)
Sarah Matthews
Louise Ragin
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.

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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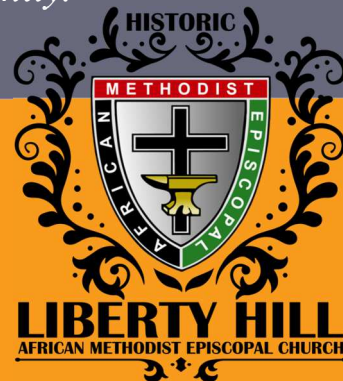
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Mrs. Felita Grady Hicks, First Lady
Rev. Aretha G. Johnson, Associate Minister