From the Pastor’s Desk...

Dear Church Family,

Mrs. Hodges and I are elated to return to St. Paul for another conference year and await to see the great things God has in store for us!

As we move from church to ministry, I encourage you to remain actively involved in the many activities we have here at St. Paul. If you are not already involved in an auxiliary, I urge you to use your talents to serve our community as we continue to provide communion and fellowship beyond the walls of St. Paul. *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace (1Peter 4:10).* God has stationed each of you at this church because He has great things He wants us to accomplish. It’s exciting to serve God, step out in faith and do what He has called you to do.

Let’s begin this conference year journey by continuing to trust God and let the Holy Spirit lead us. I promise you, your life will not be the same! All you have to do is ask, believe, and receive! Remember to give your fears and worries to God and trust Him. *Philippians 4:13 tells us that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.* What a wonderful promise!

May God keep you in his warm and comforting embrace.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Robert L. Hodges, Sr.

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**Links:**

- St. Paul AME Church, Raleigh, NC  
  [www.stpaulamechurchraleighnc.org](http://www.stpaulamechurchraleighnc.org)
- Western North Carolina Lay Organization  
- Link to Sunday Sermons on church website

**AME Trivia...Did you Know??**

1. How many “conferences” are in the AME Church? ______________

2. Where will the General Conference be held in 2020?

See page 5 for answer!
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am thankful that God saw fit to return us to St. Paul. As we move forward in Christian stewardship let's continue to love one another. As people of God, we must forge ahead to serve and work for Him by being obedient and faithful to His word. By following this command, we will be an inspiration to all of God's people. By reading and studying His word we increase our faith and share our testimony.

Paul reminds us that every believer has a unique place and function in the body of Christ. Therefore, you are important to St. Paul. Without you and your dedication to this historic church we could not function nearly as well. God has already moved and blessed us spiritually. Let us use our gifts to glorify and honor God as we continue His kingdom building.

God Bless,
Delores Hodges

Lay Organization News
Click Here to get the latest issue of The Lay Express and stay informed on important event dates and empowering news for the National AME Lay Organization!

The St. Paul AME Lay Organization is comprised of the laity (non-clergy) of the church. It operates on all levels of the church: local church, conference, district and connectional levels. The local activities include A.M.E. training at monthly meetings, outreach projects of quarterly birthday parties at the Salvation Army Shelter for women and children and a quarterly food drive for the Alliance of AIDS/HIV Food Pantry.

Current St. Paul AME Lay President is Carol Davenport All members of St. Paul AME Church are encouraged to become Lay Organization Members. Annual Membership is just $10, Meetings are usually the 1st Monday of each month, September through June at 6:30 pm.

Highlights from the Women’s Missionary Society Brunch on June 29th, 2019

The Addie G. Stroud WMS hosted it’s first Women’s Empowerment Brunch, Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the Raleigh Convention Center. Keynote speaker, North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Beasley challenged the audience to “Transform Our Communities” by
partnering with judicial programs and promoting reading in schools.

St. Paul 2019 Inaugural Golf Tournament

On May 18th, 2019 the Board of Trustees of St. Paul AME Church located in Raleigh, NC hosted its 2019 Inaugural Golf Tournament.

The location was the pristine Reedy Creek Golf Course located in Four Oakes, NC.

It was a beautiful day for an inaugural event. Temperatures hovered around the 85-90-degree mark with a periodic slight breeze and an endless supply of sunshine.

With a few friends from Wake County and the surrounding counties, fun and fellowship was had by all and the event went off without a hitch.

The Board of Trustees wish to thank all our sponsors, friends and church family for their support, and our golf friends (old and new) for their participation. We couldn’t have done it without you!

To God Be the Glory for the Things He Has Done! See you next year…

Bro. Charles R. Williams – Tournament Committee

Rev. Robert L. Hodges, Pastor

Link to our Gallery page to view photos and video of the Golf Tournament! http://www.spgolftournament.org/gallery.html

Note: Many thanks to St. Paul AME youth member Kolby Caudle who took the pictures and video.

Coming Soon…St. Paul 1st Community Outreach App

Please complete our survey, online at https://bit.ly/2WIrvQ1 on complete the form in the church lobbies.

Your answers will help us create a FREE mobile app that will bless, Inform, and Empower our users, as we promote St. Paul’s mission, “moving from Church to Ministry - for the people worked with all their heart.” - Nehemiah 4:6

Upcoming Events

- July 20th – CPR Training, 12:00 noon – 4pm
- July 23rd – July 27th YPD Quadrennial Convention, Columbus Ohio, [find website.]
- July 27th – August 1st WMS Quadrennial Convention, Columbus, Ohio
- July 31st – St. Paul AME Quarterly Conference 6:00 pm
- August 5th - St. Paul Lay Meeting
• **August 10th** – Lay Conference Meeting -Mt. Sinai AME, Pittsboro, NC @ 10 a.m.
• **August 11th** – St. Paul 171st Church Anniversary.
• **September 14th** WNCC Lay Organization Prayer Breakfast @ 10 a.m.- Macedonia AME Church, Milton, NC
• **October 5th** – Annual Historic Church Walk From 9:00 – 12 noon. Downtown Raleigh, NC. St. Paul is one of the premier churches included in the walking tour.
• **October 13th** – St. Paul Annual Lay Day @ 11a.m. Guest Speaker - Mr. Dwight Patterson.
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Brown 1 pound of hamburger with 1 small (chopped) onion. (I usually add a little taco seasoning to the meat.) When browned, drain and let cool while getting the rest of ingredients ready.

1 ½ head lettuce, break in small pieces.
2 tomatoes, chopped
1 can red kidney beans, drained
1 green pepper, sliced or diced, to your preference.
1 pkg Doritos taco chips, crushed
Catalina salad dressing

Combine hamburger and other ingredients together but hold off on the Catalina dressing until a few minutes before serving, so chips don’t get soggy. Happy eating!

Trivia Question Answers:

1. Annual
   Church
   District
   General
   Quarterly
2. Orlando, Florida

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