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“Count your Blessings”

It is not what happens to us but what we do with it that counts.

Just a simple loaf of bread made of wheat grown in a field, ground in a mill, baked in an oven yet it becomes bread, feeding millions of hungry people. Something so simple yet we take our attention off of the simple things in life and place more emphasize on the bigger things.

Make an inventory of things you are grateful for. These things save us from any sad mood of remembered griefs. Look for good things, expect good things and you will be happy.
when you find what you were looking for. Remember we have the love of God in our hearts.

“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the spirit singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”  Colossians 3:16

Sister Delores Hodges

Message from St. Paul AME Lay President Carol Davenport

My Sisters and my Brothers, I bring you greetings on behalf of the St. Paul AME Church Lay Organization. As we end one Conference year and embark upon a new one, there is a feeling of joy, excitement, and commitment. The Bible says real joy comes from God and is ours forever. The joy that is found in God’s presence isn’t static; it transforms, regenerates, and energizes us.

As we think back on the past Conference year, we thank our Lord and Savior, for the love, successes and bringing us thus far. Sure, there may have been obstacles, heartaches, and even tragedies along the way. But the grace of God gives us new life, forgiveness and transformation, which results in the renewing of our mind and heart. We look forward to what God has in store for us in this new Conference year.

We want everyone to be encouraged by Philippians 3:13-14, “Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” As we go forward in our walk with Christ, let’s just take with us the good things God has given us; joy, success, love, mercy, and grace. We must leave behind the failures, heartaches, hurts, and tragedies; for thinking on those things might take our eyes off the goal of our upward call of God in Christ. May we always remember that no matter what, God will work it out in our favor! May we never forget that God’s plans for us are good, and that God’s got our back!  

Blessings and Love to You,

Carol Davenport, Lay President
Happy Birthday

to our Pastor

Robert L. Hodges, Sr.

April 29th, 2022

Lay Organization News

The St. Paul AME Lay Organization, of Raleigh, NC, 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, coordinating the local effort for AME-V Alert, which includes A.M.E Public Service Announcements, and sponsoring Voter Education Webinars.

THE LAY ORGANIZATION MONTHLY MEETINGS 1st Mondays at 6:30 P.M.

Via St. Paul’s Zoom Room  www.zoom.us or call 929-205-6099

ID: 9199190001 Access: 518051

Annual Dues are $20.

YPD  Young Peoples Division (YPD) of the AME Church is one of the Church’s most prized possessions. At our Church (St. Paul AME, Raleigh) and in the AME Church you can remain a member of the YPD until the age of 26. Throughout the conference year you may see requests or summaries of YPD activities. One of the things that the YPD does for every major holiday that centers around Jesus Christ is hold events to help children and young adults understand how they should honor Him at young ages. The latest event was held on Saturday, April 16, 2022, from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Church’s
parking lot. Highlights of the Easter event were as follows:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Games
- Food and Drinks
- Egg Decorating
- Fellowship with other youth

It takes a village to hold these events. Those on hand to assist included the YPD Director and Officers, members of the Trustee Board, Women’s Missionary Society Officers, Lay Organization Officers and Members, Youth Choir Members and Parents just to name a few. Also, many Church Members brought out their children and grandchildren, friends of their families, and community members to assist in making the event a huge success.

The YPD is appreciative of all the assistance it receives when holding events. It would not be possible without the support of the full church body. Next to close out the conference year, the YPD will be holding a summer food drive to assist in feeding seniors, those in shelters, and day programs in the surrounding area during the summer months. The event will be held April 22, 2022, to May 20, 2022. Stay tuned for more details and information on how you can support this effort.

You can contact Lola Hager for more information on how to remain an active member or join the YPD at lyhousto@yahoo.com or text or call at 704-305-9101.

Visit our Community Billboard often for updates on St. Paul AME events and other events of community interest.
ST. PAUL SCHOLARS  Because Track 4 has not received their report cards, our Scholars Recognition will be held on **Sunday, May 8th**.

ALL GRADUATES ON ALL LEVELS (Elementary, Middle, High, College, University) are reminded to identify yourself by turning in a Graduate Form to the church office along with a photo for **Graduate Day, June 12th**. [Click here for Graduate Form.]

Recent Events

St. Paul AME Women’s Day Celebration, was **Sunday April 24th, 2022**

Our Guest Speaker was Rev. Dr. Linda Mouzon of Fair Havens AME Church, Baltimore, MD, and her message "Almost, But Not Quite"

Rev. Dr. Linda Mouzon and our First Lady Delores Hodges

THE “GOOD NEWS” BROADCASTS: St. Paul AME Church, Raleigh, NC

The Last Seven Days of Jesus’ journey to the Cross featuring some of today’s young reports on location interviewing Biblical personalities to reports the events of Holy Week leading up to Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection.
2022 “Good News” LENT PRESENTATIONS: Facebook Links for each day are below.

DAY 1  https://www.facebook.com/stpaulamearaleigh/videos/514944073341195
DAY 2  https://www.facebook.com/stpaulamearaleigh/videos/4961905493875501
DAY 3  https://www.facebook.com/stpaulamearaleigh/videos/955208788522381
DAY 4  https://www.facebook.com/stpaulamearaleigh/videos/555922595798998
DAY 5  https://www.facebook.com/stpaulamearaleigh/videos/322383631218918
DAY 6  https://www.facebook.com/stpaulamearaleigh/videos/697579354725453
DAY 7  https://www.facebook.com/stpaulamearaleigh/videos/1038731520381502

Upcoming Events
May 8th  Mother’s Day
       Youth Led Worship
       Scholar’s Recognition
May 18th  Missionary Society Annual Day
19-20th  130th Session of the WNC Annual Conference
Our WNCC WMS Annual Day is fast approaching. The conference will be virtual again this year. If you registered for the WMS conference during the Early Bird period, the registration fee is $35.00. If you registered after April 1, 2022, the registration fee is $40.00. Please send your registration money to: Sister Carol Davenport Scott

**Special Event: May 17**th, 7pm Evening of Recognition and Executive Board

**JUNE12th**  Graduation Day Service  
Youth Led Worship

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The 2022 Capital City Juneteenth Celebration  
June 17**th**, 18**th**, and 19**th**, 2022  
“Preserving Our Heritage and Moving it Forward”  
For an outline of events go to:  
[www.juneteenthraleigh.org](http://www.juneteenthraleigh.org)

**JUNE 19**TH  Father’s Day Service
Parking Lot Quarrel

*Do not merely listen to the word . . . Do what it says.* [James 1:22]

Read James 1:19-27

The scene in the parking lot might have been funny if it wasn’t so tragic. Two drivers were arguing loudly over one of their cars that was blocking the passage of the other, and harsh words were being exchanged.

What made it especially painful to watch was that this quarrel was taking place in the parking lot of a church. The two men had possibly just heard a sermon about love, patience, or forgiveness, but it was all forgotten in the heat of the moment.

Passing by, I shook my head—then quickly realized I was no better. How many times had I read the Bible, only to fall into sin moments later with an uncharitable thought? How many times had I behaved like the person who “looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like” (James 1:23–24)?

James was calling on his readers not only to read and reflect on God’s instruction, but also to do what it says (v. 22). A complete faith, he noted, means both knowing Scripture and putting it into action.

Life’s circumstances can make it hard to apply what Scripture reveals. But if we ask the Father, He’ll surely help us obey His words and please Him with our actions.
**Featured Recipe**

**Vegan Meat Loaf ... by Jessica in the Kitchen**

“This Vegan Meatloaf makes a perfect main dish/entree! It takes only 15 minutes of prep time and has an incredible texture rated 5 stars by dozens. It is moist, flavorful and bound to be a showstopper at your next meal! Serve it with a side of vegan mashed potatoes and green bean casserole.” Due to length of recipe instructions, click here to download the PDF. Enjoy! For “meat-ers”, well...use meat!! 😊

[Here’s the link to Jessica In-the-Kitchen full how-to Video](#)

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**Parents & Youth**

Be sure to check out our [Scholarships & Internships](#) page on the St. Paul AME Website for opportunities for students and graduates.

**2022 – 2023 Lay Scholarships**

- [Kittrell-Allen-Adams Scholarship 2022](#)

2022-2023 [DavisMcKinney Scholarship Application](#)

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to Pam Kelly pamkellyrtpnc@gmail.com or Cecilia Johnson crj3227@gmail.com

All auxiliaries are welcome to submit content! Next issue will be published August 2022

Preparedness Pop Up!

Quotable…

BEGRUDGE no one their SUCCESS, if they earned it through honest labor and SELF-PREPAREDNESS. If they did not, TRUST God to be the judge of their final lot!

May
National Wildfire Awareness Month
National Building Safety Month
National Hurricane Preparedness Week
Don’t Fry Day
National Dam Safety Day

June
Pet Preparedness Month

Summer and Extreme Heat Safety
National Lightning Safety Awareness Week

June
Fireworks Safety
Extreme Heat Safety

June is Pet Preparedness Month! and extreme Heat Safety Month. Of course you love your pet, so be sure to have a “go bag” for your pet that includes ample supply of water, food, chewy (favorite toy), and meds, if needed, and your pet’s vaccination papers in waterproof pouch! If you have to shelter, your pet won’t be allowed, without proof of shots!

Click here for a downloadable FEMA Pet Preparedness Brochure

“Live by faith, today. Prepare, by faith, for tomorrow.” – Pam Kelly
ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays
6:30 p.m.

Zoom: www.zoom.us
Call In: 253-215-8782
ID: 84191580014
Code: 214306

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

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Women’s Ministry

LEARN FROM THE TRIALS, JOYS, AND THE TRIUMPHS OF WOMEN IN THE BIBLE!
WE’RE STARTING A NEW SERIES
- GET YOUR OWN OIL -
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US.

Every 1st & 3rd Thursdays.
06:30 PM - 07:30PM
ST PAUL Zoom
Meeting ID: 919 919 0001

Women’s Bible Study

SATURDAYS at 10:40 a.m.
TELECONFERENCE
712-775-7061 Code: 506451

Women’s Ministry Leader
SistertoSisterJASA@gmail.com
BIBLE KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Jochebed. (Numbers 26:59)
2. Pharaoh’s Daughter (Exodus 2:5-6)
3. Their mother (Exodus 2:7-8)
4. Because she drew him from the water (Exodus 2:10)
5. The Egyptian was abusing a Hebrew (Exodus 2:11-12)
6. Zipporah (Exodus 2:21)
7. Moses was not eloquent (Exodus 4:10, 14)
8. She rebelled against Moses’ leadership. (Numbers 12:1-2, 10)
9. He carved an idol/golden calf. (Exodus 32:3-7)
10. The crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 15:20-21)
North Carolina Primary, 
Tuesday May 17th, 2022. 

Early Voting Begins April 28th! 
Visit North Carolina State 
Board of Elections for sites.

Stay safe and well. 
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