



The Anvil A Quarterly Publication
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Quarter 2021

*Moving from Church to Ministry -
"...for the people worked with all their heart."* –
Nehemiah 4:6



*Welcome
Back!*

Reverend and Mrs. Hodges

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Message from our First Lady, Sis. Delores Hodges

Precious Memories

“Precious Memories how they linger, how they ever Flood my soul; in the stillness of the midnight, Precious, sacred scenes will unfold.”

Whether happy or painful memories, we all have them. The attributes of summer are green grass, light, beauty and green trees. But we must learn to keep our memories in the summer. During this pandemic, we have been unable

to visit family, lost loved ones and these memories haunt us, but we must have the right attitude to control these memories.

Do not let these fears and cares of today rob us of the beautiful experiences we have had. We must pray, teach our hearts to forget the things we ought not to remember and to remember the things we ought not to forget.

” Lord keep my memory green”.

Sister Delores Hodges



Message from St. Paul AME Lay President Carol Davenport

Warmest Greetings to All God’s children. I greet you in the Precious Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! I pray all is well with you and you feel the precious love from our Lord and Savior and from your Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

I am so excited that God has blessed us to be here to celebrate the beginning of another Conference year. The Lay Organization celebrates the reassignment of Pastor Hodges to St. Paul for another year. We had our first meeting for the Conference year and elected officers. It is my pleasure to congratulate and present to you, The St. Paul AME Church Lay Organization Officers, for the 2021-2022 Conference Year:

President:	Sis. Carol Davenport
1 st . Vice President:	Sis. Florence Avery
2 nd . Vice President:	Sis. Lola Hager
Rec. Sec./Treasurer:	Bro. Thomas Scott
Asst. Rec. Secretary:	Sis. Pearla Alston
Corresponding Sec.:	Bro. Danny Hager
Chaplain:	Sis. Susan Montague
Historiographer:	Sis. Paulette Motley
Parliamentarian/DOLA:	Sis. Stephanie Moore
Anvil Editors:	Sis. Pamela Kelly
	Sis. Cecilia Johnson

Please pray for the new Lay officers that they be empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve our Church with love, knowledge, and power. May their efforts help encourage all of us to use our God-given abilities and skills to serve God and improve the lives of others.

You are encouraged to become active in your Lay Organization. Please join us every first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm for devotion, fellowship, and training.

Love and Blessings to All,

Sis. Carol Davenport, Lay President

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

THE LAY ORGANIZATION MONTHLY MEETINGS

WILL RESUME ON

AUGUST 2, 2021 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.

St. Paul AME Women's Ministry



At St Paul AME women comprise a significant membership on the roll and serve in every department of the church. Women's contributions are vital to the mission and success of the church. Pastor Robert Hodges believes that an active women's bible study and women's ministries in the local church can enhance the overall church program. The women's ministry has partnered with his vision and goals for St Paul AME 2020-21.

Women's ministries are about the ministry of the sister circle. We are "Just a Sister Away (JASA)" from experiencing life's trials, joys, struggles, successes, and bends in the road. Therefore, we bond together as sisters. We meet as sisters in Christ, accepting the responsibility this places upon us - to love one another as you have loved us. We welcome each other and we welcome you. You are invited to join us next year. Starting in October we meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM. Here's our prayer for you...

As you take your worship, praise, and prayer from service into your daily lives, may your lives be sustained through the love of our Heavenly Father. May you feel the presence of our Savior walking beside you and know the power of the Spirit in both your actions and your words.

*May the Father's hand keep you from stumbling,
the footprints of Jesus give you the confidence to follow,
and the fire of the Holy Spirit keep you warm and safe
in your walk with God this day. Amen*

Sis. Paulette Motley, Women's Ministry Leader

YPD

"Growing, Glowing and Going for Christ"

The YPD performs community service at the Food Bank and delivers food to Seniors. They meet on the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Upcoming youth training programs and opportunities for leadership experiences will be announced. Please contact Mrs. Lola Houston Hager, YPD Director for more information. She can be reached at 704.305.9101 or by email at lyhousto@yahoo.com



St. Paul YPD
Winners of the WNCC
Chromebooks



Daniel Hager 😊 Danielle Hager 😊 ZyMeah C. Johnson 😊 Mekhi Shaw

PARENTS...

**PLEASE SHARE THIS VIDEO WITH YOUR
CHILDREN**

**"GET HOME SAFELY... 10 Rules of
SURVIVAL"**

<https://youtu.be/wqJ-psD9vJw>



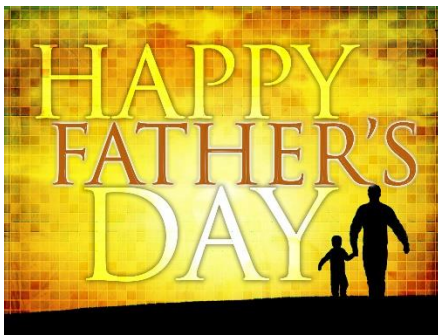
Get Home Safely: 10 Rules of Survival

Visit our [Community Billboard](#) often for updates on St. Paul AME events and other event of community interest.



Upcoming...

The inaugural **Capital City Juneteenth Celebration 2021** will be held on June 19, and June 20, 2021. The NC Museum of History will provide virtual programs about Juneteenth, beginning on Wednesday, June 16th, which will lead up to the kickoff for the celebration on Saturday morning, June 19th, at The State Capitol. The celebration will continue at Dorothea Dix Park on Saturday afternoon with musical performers, food vendors, and guest speakers. The celebration will conclude with a virtual worship service on Sunday, June 20th, at historic St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, the site of the Freedmen's Convention. Go to www.juneteenthraleigh.org for additional information.



We Celebrate St. Paul AME Fathers June 20, 2021

The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son[daughter] rejoices in him[her.]. -Proverbs 23:24:

Deadline for Father's Day Tributes is May 30th. Contact spamechurch@aol.com

BIBLE Knowledge contributed by Cecilia Johnson.

NOAH AND HIS ARK

1. In contrast to the wickedness of his generation, "Noah walked _____."
2. Who were the three sons of Noah?
3. After instructing Noah to build an ark, God established what covenant with him?
4. Noah was instructed to bring _____ of every living thing into the ark, both _____ and _____.
5. After Noah, his family, and the preserved animals were safely in the ark, rain fell for how many days and nights?
6. After 150 days, the ark rested upon what mountains?
7. A dove released by Noah returned with what in her mouth to indicate she had found dry land?
8. After Noah left the ark, what was his first recorded action?

9. What covenant did God establish with Noah after he left the ark?
10. Which son of Noah exposed his father’s nakedness, resulting in a curse upon his son?

Answers to Bible Knowledge on last page.

Featured Recipe

Sheet Pan Sausage and Summer Vegetables. This recipe combines your meat protein, vegetables, and starch in one easy to prepare “sheet-pan” dish. Enjoy!

- Cut your vegetables and sausage links into roughly the same size. Be sure to use a large sheet pan for this dish... If you don’t have a large sheet pan, you can separate the ingredients and roast them in two smaller pans...
- Timing is everything. Because the potatoes, onions, and whole garlic cloves will take longer to roast, give them a head start by popping them in the oven 10-15 minutes before adding the rest of the vegetables and the sausage. Also, if you’re using small, fine green beans like haricot vert, add them in the last 10 minutes of cooking so that they don’t become overcooked.



Courtesy MyHomeMadeRoots.com

Preparedness Pop Up!

	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 Safety and Extreme Heat Safety National Lightning Safety Awareness Week
	JULY	Fireworks Safety Extreme Heat Safety

As we enter the summer months be mindful of increased demand for gasoline, and especially electricity!

More and more utility companies across the nation are implementing scheduled “blackouts” to reduce wildfire dangers from high winds during hot weather. Climate change is also blamed for ever increasing severe storms that cause outages due to

fallen trees.

Fact: [The US has more power outages than any other developed country!](#) Be prepared!

Sign up for [FEMA Alerts](#) and [NC Emergency Alerts for your County](#).

Tips:

- During the summer months keep frozen foods to a minimum, to avoid food loss from power outages.
- Minimize grain products on your shelves to avoid drugstore beetle swarms.
- Always have sufficient cash on hand if ATMs become unavailable or store registers switch to cash only, temporarily or without notice.
- In every season, always have a [butane or propane stove](#) on hand! Use with ample ventilation. A "[solar oven](#)" is also a cooking alternative during summer power outages...if you have an outdoor sunny spot.

Remember! "Live by faith, for today. Prepare, by faith, for tomorrow." – Pam Kelly



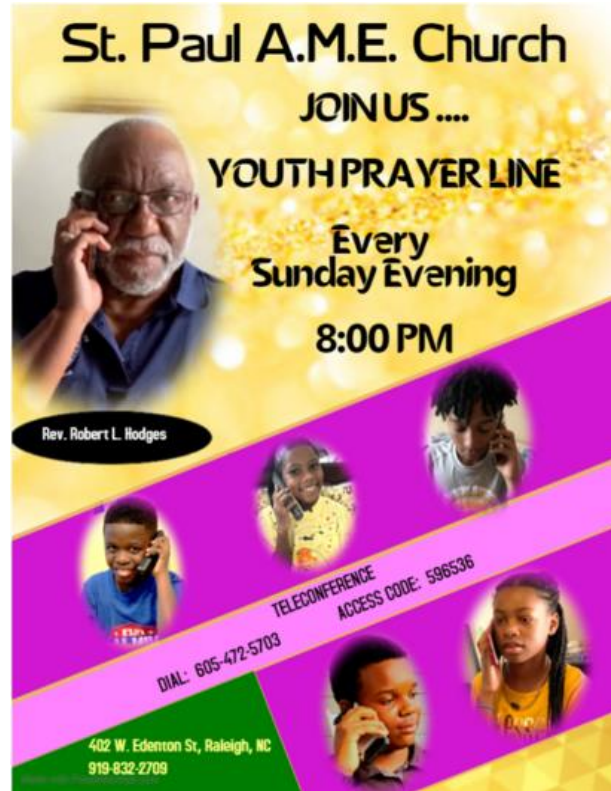
[CLICK HERE](#) for current testing locations.

Visit the [St. Paul AME COVID page](#) for important links to stay current on COVID testing & vaccinations.

A promotional graphic for Zoom Nightly Prayers at St. Paul AME Church, Raleigh. The background is dark blue. At the top, the text 'ST. PAUL AME CHURCH, Raleigh' is written in white. Below this, a smartphone displays the Zoom app interface with a silhouette of a person with arms raised in prayer. To the right of the phone, the text 'ZOOM NIGHTLY PRAYERS' is prominently displayed in large white and red letters. Below this, the time '8:00 P.M.' is shown in white on a yellow background. Further down, the website 'www.zoom.us' and phone number 'or call 929-205-6099' are listed. At the bottom, the meeting ID '9199190001' and code '518051' are provided. A red banner at the very bottom contains the text 'Join Us Every Night!' in white.

Answers to Bible Knowledge

1. With God. **Genesis 6:9**
2. Shem, Ham, Japheth. **Genesis 6:10**
3. Noah and his family could enter the ark. **Genesis 6:18**
4. Two, male, female. **Genesis 6:19**
5. Forty. **Genesis 7:12**
6. Ararat. **Genesis 8:3-4**
7. An olive leaf. **Genesis 8:11**
8. Noah built an altar to the Lord. **Genesis 8:20.**
9. No flood will destroy the earth again. **Genesis 9:11**
10. Ham. **Genesis 9:22, 25**



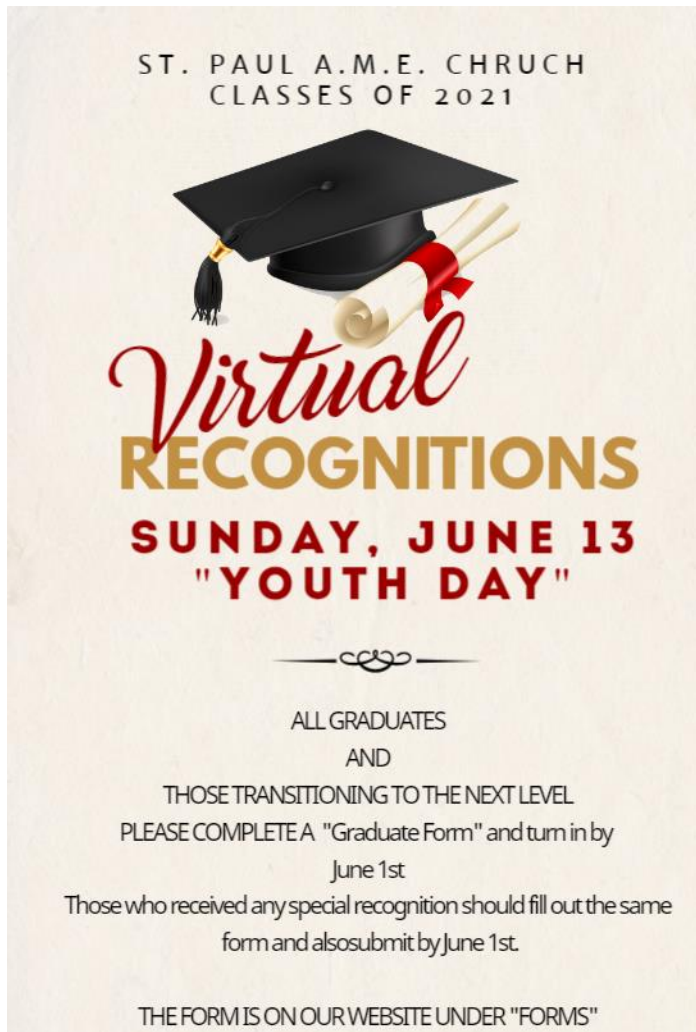
St. Paul A.M.E. Church
JOIN US
YOUTH PRAYER LINE
Every
Sunday Evening
8:00 PM

Rev. Robert L. Hodges

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ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH
CLASSES OF 2021

Virtual
RECOGNITIONS
SUNDAY, JUNE 13
"YOUTH DAY"

ALL GRADUATES
AND
THOSE TRANSITIONING TO THE NEXT LEVEL
PLEASE COMPLETE A "Graduate Form" and turn in by
June 1st
Those who received any special recognition should fill out the same
form and also submit by June 1st.

THE FORM IS ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER "FORMS"

Parents,

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



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Stay safe, well, and blessed! Our next issue is in August