



The Anvil

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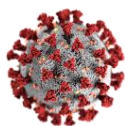
*Moving from Church to Ministry - "...for the
people worked with all their heart." -
Nehemiah 4:6*

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LINKS...

- St. Paul AME Church, Raleigh, NC
www.stpaulamechurchraleighnc.org
- St. Paul LIVE Stream Sunday Services
https://www.facebook.com/pg/stpaulamearaleigh/videos/?ref=page_internal
- Western North Carolina Lay Organization
<http://wncclay.org/>

We now have a COVID-19 AWARENESS
PAGE on the [St. Paul AME Website](http://www.stpaulamechurchraleighnc.org)



Info: <http://ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus>

For COVID-19 questions, dial 2-1-1 or 888-892-1162

Sign up for updates by texting COVIDNC to 898211

Twitter: [@ncdhhs](https://twitter.com/ncdhhs)

- [Centers for Disease Control - COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)
- [IRS Corona Virus Tax Relief Information](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus)
- COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE
<http://www.wakegov.com/humanservices/covid19/Pages/default.aspx>

Message from our First Lady Delores Hodges



"Learn to Listen"

I have discovered in my life that I never developed good listening skills. But I'm not too old to learn to listen. God gave us parents, family, teachers and friends to help us through this growing process. I've learned it takes much discipline to listen.

Now that I am older and experiencing some hearing loss and really know right from wrong, I must still learn to listen. First and foremost to God, and to the Holy Spirit. I must ask God for wisdom to know when to speak, what to speak or simply keep my mouth closed.

For "in the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise" Proverbs 10:19.

"Wherefore, my
beloved brethren, let
every man be swift to
hear, slow to speak,
and slow to wrath:"
James 1:19



Spring Quarter Thoughts from St. Paul AME Lay President Carol Davenport



Greetings my St. Paul A.M.E. Church Family. On behalf of your Lay Organization, I greet you in the Matchless name of Him who loves us best, Jesus the Christ. We pray you and your family are well and you are experiencing the beautiful and all-encompassing love of our Lord and Savior.

During these unprecedented times where we can't physically be with each other, it is so wonderful that Pastor Hodges planned it so we can have daily contact with our church family. Our evening prayer gatherings and our Sunday Church Services are truly a blessing. Thank you, Pastor Hodges!!! Thanks to those church members who are continuing to bless others in our church and community through their outpouring of love and support.

During these days of praying and reflecting on the goodness of God, the word HOPE is continually on my mind. Not the hope of man, but the HOPE I have by FAITH. I am reminded of God's promises in Jeremiah: 29:11.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "**plans** to prosper you and not to harm **you**, **plans** to give **you** **hope** and a future."

This scripture gives me the reassurance that God has already worked it out for my good. He knows the ending before the beginning, and He is right in the midst of all I walk through. I encourage you St. Paul to remember, God never leaves us, never abandons us and never gives up hope in us. We should NEVER give up HOPE in God.

Love, peace, and joy be yours,

Sister Carol Davenport

Lay Organization News

[Click Here](#) to get the latest issue of [The Lay Express](#) by the **National** AME Lay Organization, and stay informed on important event dates and empowering news!



Lay Organization Trivia

1. In 1819, who became the first woman authorized to preach in the AME Church?
2. Name the divisions of the YPD and give the age levels?

Answers on last page!

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. Upcoming youth training programs and opportunities for leadership experiences will resume once the COVID-19 “Stay at Home” policy is expired. **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**

YPD members & others assisting in COVID-19 Interfaith Food Bank Collection



St. Paul AME YPD was recently featured on ABC 11 news! - “While schools and organizations close amid coronavirus fears, one organization in Raleigh remains active to make sure kids who rely on free and reduced lunch at schools get the meals they need.

- <https://abc11.com/community-events/volunteers-pack-100+-meals-for-seniors-students-who-rely-on-school-lunch/6013183/>



Congratulations to our 2nd Quarter Scholars!!

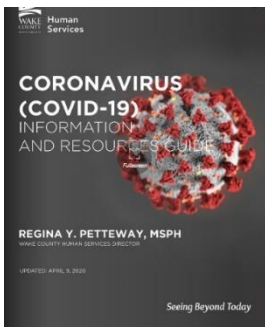
Student	Grade	Parent(s)
Zy'Meah Cofield	2nd	Cecilia Johnson
Danielle Hager	2nd	Danny & Lola Hager
Aaliyah Martin	4th	Tiffany Avery
Mekhai Shaw	5th	Brendan Shaw & Shanea Bunch
Kolby Caudle	7th	Dana & Jackie Caudle
Aniah V. Kelly	9th	Nigel Kelly & Shaina Hall



Lay Member Spotlight



St. Paul AME member Regina Petteway, MSPH, Wake County Human Services Director, and her staff have published a very informative guide for Wake County Residents – [The COVID-19 Information and Resource Guide](#)



Many thanks, Sis.
Petteway for your
COVID-19 community
information efforts!

Lay Members contribute to helping others during the COVID-19 Crisis

Goal was to make fabric masks to be donated to the health community and our



St. Paul seniors when they needed to go out to shop or doctor's

offices When we complete the project next week, we will have made 637 masks. So far, they have been donated to 75 of our senior members, 2 nursing homes in Raleigh, 2 facilities in Durham, a Unit at the VA hospital in Durham and for Wake County Senior Citizen Case Worker team. Over 425 have already been distributed and the remainder are in the works.

The team for this project included:

Bruce Anderson
Zena Anderson
Flo Avery
Dr. Debra Baskett



Rhonda Bridgers
Carol Dorsey
George Dorsey
Delores Hodges
Faye Hooker
Ernestine Johnson
Rosemary McCluney
Rev. Barbareta McGill
Stephanie Moore
Paulette Motley
Sandra Parker-Keck
Yvonne Pugh
Hope Saulter
Carol Scott
Thomas Scott
Denise Spaugh
Wiladean Thomas
Barbara Walker
Deborah Wilkins
Diana Jones Wilson
Rev. Jimmy Yarborough





COVID-19 Interfaith Food Shelter Collection. Volunteers are still needed for outreach projects. Contact church office at 919.832.2709



PREPAREDNESS POP-UP! - 7 Steps to Start a Family Preparedness Hub (PDF)



The current COVID-19 “stay at home” order is no holiday, yet there’s no better time to gather with immediate family

and talk about planning your “new normal” for the days ahead. We live in a time where having a safety and emergency preparedness plan, empowered of course by our faith and trust in God, will be essential. [Click here](#) to view and/or download a helpful guide to start the conversation.

“Live, by faith, today. Prepare, by faith, for tomorrow!” – Pam Kelly

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Trivia Question Answers:

1: Jerena Lee

2: Mother Sunbeams (2-6), Allen Stars (7-12), Youth Auxiliary (13-17), Young Adults (18-26)

Saturday Women’s and Men’s Bible Studies, and Sunday School s are still in progress!

Visit our [Announcements Page](#) each week for current study guide postings & downloads. <https://www.stpaulamechurchraleighnc.org/announcements.html>

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Pray With Us Every Night!

8 p.m. on Zoom

Computer/Tablet: www.zoom.us
ID: 9199190001 code: 518051
Mobile and Home Phone:
929-205-6099
Remember to 'Mute' your phone

Rev. Robert L. Hodges, Sr., Pastor
and Guest Clergy

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