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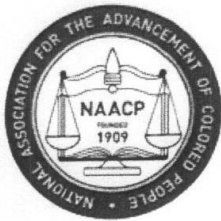
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VOTE!

Voting is a right that has been extended to us through the struggles of our forefathers and mothers. They fought long and hard, even to some losing their lives, for this privilege. Although focus has been placed on the presidential race, there are local elections that are just as important. **Please exercise your right this year and vote.** Also be aware that there have been some problems with the electronic voting machines, especially the touchscreen ones. Sometimes they will register the opposite party, so please check your ballot carefully before submitting it. <http://todaychristian.net/2016/10/23/voting-machine-chicago-switches-republican-votes-democratic-votes/>

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It's Our Time | It's Our Vote

Souls to the Polls Agreement Form



Join faith communities across NC in a special "Souls to the Polls" campaign to increase voter registration, education and turnout in 2016 and for years to come.

Check the appropriate boxes if you agree to participate

- ☐ **Voter Registration:** Yes, we will hold a registration drive within our congregation to ensure that all members are registered at their current address. We will encourage our members to volunteer with local efforts to register voters in the community.
- ☐ **Voter Education*:** Yes, we will educate our members about the new rules for voting and about events that inform voters about the importance of voting. (Please let us know about special events and workshops that our members may participate in.)
- ☐ **Voter Turnout:** Yes, we will promote voter participation by providing information about Early Voting locations and by offering rides or information for rides to the polls.

Hunter's Chapel A.M.E. Church History



Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Cheek donated land for the construction of *Hunter's Chapel A.M.E. Church* on February 23, 1878. After seven years of planning and hard work, the church was built in 1885. The first church was located on Washington Street Extension, which is currently known as the Hunter's Chapel A.M.E. Church Cemetery. Reverend George Hunter was our first pastor and the trustees and officers were:

Mr. Ned Stroud
Mr. Pleasant Holt
Mr. Albert Albright
Mr. Joe Morrow
Mr. Henry Oldham
Mr. George Mebane

Mr. Frank Oldham
Mr. W.S. Morrow
Mr. Jasper McDade
Mr. Benjamin Walker
Mr. Jasper White

The trustees purchased land from Mr. and Mrs. Ned (Jane) Stroud, December 12, 1911, in the amount of \$50.00 to construct a church on Buckhorn Road, which is our current location. As the church continued to grow, a second church was constructed in 1919, under the leadership of our then Pastor, Reverend G.S. Gant.

In 1967, under the leadership of Reverend S. G. Thompkins, we continued to uplift and glorify God's house with major renovations and the additions of rooms. In 2011, under the leadership of Reverend Vernell McAdoo, major renovations to the Sanctuary and roof of the church were constructed.

Ministers descending from the Hunter's Chapel AME Church from 1878-2005:

Rev. Anderson Stroud-Presiding Elder	Rev. Tyson Coble-Presiding Elder
Rev. J.W. Walker	Rev. J.D. Coble
Rev. K.C. Holt	Rev. C.A. Stroud
Rev. James Holt	Rev. Anita Thompson
Rev. Eugene Albright	Rev. Florissa Walker
Rev. C.S. Stroud	Rev. Patti Frazier
Brother G. I. Mebane-Local Pastor	

Ministers called to serve Hunter's Chapel A.M.E. Church from 1878-2016:

Rev. George Hunter	Rev. W. L. Yates
Rev. John Tate	Rev. Crowell
Rev. Dixon	Rev. R. C. Crutchfield
Rev. Reddick	Rev. David Williamson
Rev. A. White Sr.	Rev. J. Wright
J.P.S. Chalmes	Rev. S.G Thompkins
Rev. G.S. Gant	Rev. Clyde Long
Rev. Christmond	Rev. J.R. Bridges
Rev. Steele	Rev. J.R. Burton
Rev. George Purnell	Rev. N. Gaylord
Rev. P.O. Jones	Rev. H. Johnson
Rev. Roberson	Rev. Shelton T. Miles
Rev. Thomas	Rev. David P. Lowe
Rev. N. Rives	Rev. Vernell McAdoo
Rev. F.D. Morgan	Rev. Vernon P. Burns

CHURCH DIRECTORY APPEAL

I would like to produce a directory that will help us when we want to visit one of our sister churches. This booklet will give pertinent information that will help you know what time services are held, if they have Church School, what day and time they have Bible Study and other things of interest.

Most of the information I was able to secure about the churches from the directory that the Presiding Elders have printed each conference year, so I am only asking for items that I cannot obtain from their book (see below).

Please email me with the following information as soon as you can, but at least by November 18th. Once the directory is completed, it will be emailed to the Lay Presidents, the Elders and the Pastors. Anyone else wishing to receive one should contact me. It will be set up in .pdf format so that you can print it. I suggest each church print at least one copy to have in the church office.

I am also still looking for churches to spotlight, so please send me your church history. Deadline for articles for the newsletter is the **25th of the month** so it can be published by the 1st of each month.

Thank you for your assistance.

Bobbi Hague
Director of Public Relations
WNCCLO
704-957-7583

CHURCH NAME:

PHONE #:

FAX #:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS:

CHURCH WEBSITE:

WORSHIP SERVICE HOUR(S):

CHURCH SCHOOL TIME:

BIBLE STUDY DAY:

BIBLE STUDY TIME:

MISCELLANEOUS INFO:

(Such as: nursery available (age limit); AA/NA meeting days & times; transportation service; etc.)

Please Provide a Picture of the Church, if possible

Information can be emailed to me at: so-b-it1@hotmail.com

P.S. I have already received information from the churches that were in attendance at the last Lay meeting. Thank you so much.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 2-3 SED Convention - Portsmouth
Registration - \$150.00
- Nov 4-5 SED Mid-year Conference
Portsmouth Renaissance
425 Water Street - Portsmouth, VA
Room Rate = \$99.00 per night
757-673-3000
- Nov 6 Annual Steward Day & Veterans
Recognition - Hunters Chapel - 11AM
- Nov 8 **ELECTION DAY - PLEASE VOTE!**
- Nov 11 Western District Living Legacy 4th
Awards Banquet - Khalif Event Center
2000 E. Wendover Ave - Greensboro
Donation - \$50.00
- Nov 11 **HAPPY VETERANS DAY! We
appreciate your service.**
- Nov 24 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
- Dec 17 Bishop's & Supervisor's Christmas
St. Paul AMEC - Raleigh
- Dec 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS! Don't take
CHRIST out of Christmas. HE is the
reason for the season.**
- Jan 14 Western District Planning Meeting
Turner's Chapel AMEC - High Point
- Jan 14 WNCCLC Meeting - Union Bethel
1716 Richard Allen Lane
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

NOTICE: The Lay & Clergy Institute that was to be held on the 22nd of October has been rescheduled for the spring of 2017. More information to follow later.



A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you!

To God be the glory for the things he has done, as many of you may have known I have had the distinct pleasure of being in Duke University Hospital for 128 days for a lung transplant, God saw fit to walk with us thru the evaluation, consultation, decision, the acquisition of an appropriate Lung within 2 days after completion of pre rehab God is good. It was a difficult journey but with the help of God my wife Gertrude, prayers from all of my church family, friends and family including you. I am here in my temporary home in Durham where I am to begin my post rehab.

Many of you would be surprised to learn that I now weigh 140 lbs and I look like a young man 30 yrs ago. I hope to be home by Christmas if all continue to go well, I had promised the Drs. that since I had missed all of summer, special holidays even my (40th) anniversary that I would not be there on my birthday, I cannot thank Gertrude enough who was there all of the 128 days and I am eternally grateful to be blessed to share my life with such a wonderful woman. I only hope to repay her in some form as our time pass by together. Please feel free to give me a call anytime during the weekends or early evening during the week, I would love to talk with you.

Thank You All with Love
Lamont & Gertrude Upperman

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2016-2017 WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY

Dr. James C. Johnson Scholarship Winners

- Shertonia Daniels
Living Waters AME Church
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Allonia Holmes
College: **Voorhees College**
- Tachiana Nichols
Bethel AME Church
Pastor: Rev. Alphonso McGlen
College: **Western Carolina University**
- Erin Thompson
Mt. Zion AME Church
Pastor: Rev. Shelton Miles
College: **Winston-Salem State University**
- Ronnise Owens
St. Joseph AME Church
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ronald Owens
College: **Spelman College**

Davis/McKinney Scholarship Winners

- Matthew Rashaun Rapley
Mt. Zion AME Church
Pastor: Rev. Shelton T. Miles, Sr.
College: **North Carolina Central University**
- Channing C. Jones
Bethel AME Church
Pastor: Rev. Alphonso E. McGlen
College: **University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

Kittrell Allen Adams Scholarship Winners

- Kiah Carrothers
Greater Bethel AME Church
Pastor: Rev. Morris Reddon, Jr.
College: **New York University**
- Cierra Musungay
Living Waters AME Church
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Allonia Holmes
College: **East Carolina University**



Scholarship Committee 2016

- ❖ Niki Allen
- ❖ Adam Johnson
- ❖ Audrey McCain
- ❖ Lamont Upperman
- ❖ Betty Parker
- ❖ Sonia Barbre - Chair

The Second Episcopal District 16th Lay Convention

The Reverend James L. Davis
Supervisor Arellis B. Davis



Valerie Gary Bell
Second Episcopal District
Lay President



NOVEMBER 2-3, 2016

Registration Deadline Date

October 15, 2016 * \$150

Includes

Kit, Materials, Gala & Lunch

On Site * \$200

Meet and Greet
our
new
Episcopal Team

November 2, 2016

Registration 8 am

Noon Day Meditation
Congressman James Clyburn
Open to the Public

Business Session

Workshops

Lay Awards Gala \$50
7pm

November 3, 2016

Registration 8 am

Business Session
9 am

Workshops
Lunch provided
ends 3 pm

Registration Contacts

Baltimore Conference
Jean Wilson Ritchie
jritchie@bcc.edu

Washington Conference
Matthew Douglas
wcloppresident@gmail.com

Virginia Conference
Joan Wilson
jwame87@yahoo.com

North Carolina Conference
Edna Watson
ewatson45@nc.rr.com

Western North Carolina
Conference
Penny Oliver
penny.oliver52@yahoo.com

Convention Venue

Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel
425 Water Street, Portsmouth VA 23704. \$99

**additional hotels \cutoff 10/3/2016

Comfort Inn**
347 Effingham St.
Portsmouth, VA
\$99.99/night
.8 miles (5 mins)

Norfolk Waterside Marriott**
235 E. Main St.
Norfolk, VA
(757)397-7788
\$109.00/night [\$13-parking]
(757)627-4200
3 miles (10 mins)

Fairfield Inn & Suites**
(Marriott)
2122 Jolliff Rd.
Chesapeake, VA 23321
(757)966-2727
11.3 miles (16 mins)

YOUR CHURCH DOESN'T HAVE A WEBSITE? - NO PROBLEM!

There are sites on the internet that already have some of your church/business info on them. They are not complete because they can only enter data that is common knowledge. If you Google your church name, most of these sites will display and ask if this is your business. You can designate someone to complete this information so that people looking for a particular church or business can find you. Once you update the information, you should secure it with a password so that no one else can change it. Also, make sure there is a second person who knows where to find this password in the event something should happen and the designated person can no longer make the updates. I would suggest the church secretary, the head of Christian Education, the Steward Pro-Tem, the public relations chairperson or the Lay president. Hope this helps. Feel free to contact me if you need assistance with this.

www.yelp.com/biz

www.manta.com

www.churchangel.com

www.sharefaith.com/guide/church

www.churchfinder.com

www.yellowbook.com

www.faithstreet.com

www.local.com

www.netministries.org

www.usplaces.com

www.chamberofcommerce.com

www.yellowpages.com

www.finduslocal.com

www.yp.com (short form of yellow pages)

Springdale A.M.E. Church

5554 South N.C. 62 Hwy
Burlington, NC 27215
October 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Pastor and Members of Springdale AME Church, Burlington, NC are once again sponsoring our annual Fruit Sale Fundraiser. This year there are many new items to choose from, including clementines as well as New York Style Cheesecakes. We are also offering online purchasing through our eCommerce website. The link for the website is:

www.FreshFruitOrder.org/SpringdaleAMEFruitSale

*The deadline for placing an order online with a credit card is **Sunday, November 20, 2016**. The delivery date is tentatively scheduled for the week of **December 5**. For those who do not have internet access, please contact Brice to get printed information.*

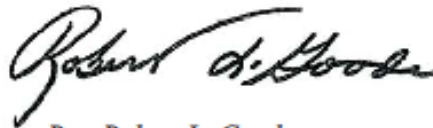
If there are any questions, please contact Brice Watkins, Jr. at 336-213-1208.

We would like to thank you in advance for your help in making our fundraiser a success!!

Yours in Christ,



*Brice G. Watkins, Jr.
Trustee Coordinator*



*Rev. Robert L. Goode
Pastor*

Rev. Robert L. Goode Pastor	Mrs. Margie Watkins Steward ProTem	Mr. Clarence Austin Trustee ProTem	Mr. Tracey Haith Treasurer	Ms. Laura Austin Financial Secretary	Mrs. Elenor Haith Recording Secretary	Ms. Caroline Austin Administrative Coordinator
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