

# Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization



## LAY EXPRESS

Volume III

January 2017

Issue 1

### CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH BISHOP & SUPERVISOR DAVIS

The Lay Organization was well represented.

As the season of Christmas blankets across the world, joy, peace, and good will welcomed everyone to the Bishop's Christmas Celebration at Saint Paul AME Church in Raleigh, Pastor Rev. Gregory Edmond.

It was the week before Christmas around the noon hour, where Laity, Presiding Elders, Pastors, Officers, and Friends gathered to bring Christmas cheer to our new presiding Prelate of the Second Episcopal District, Bishop James Levert Davis and Supervisor Arelis B. Davis.

The tables were set in sparkling colors that filled the room with visions of sugar plums dancing in your head. The carols were sung by the "Edenton Street Singers" whose voices harmonized in, "Jesus, Jesus, Oh what a wonderful child...Glory, Glory, Glory to the new born King".

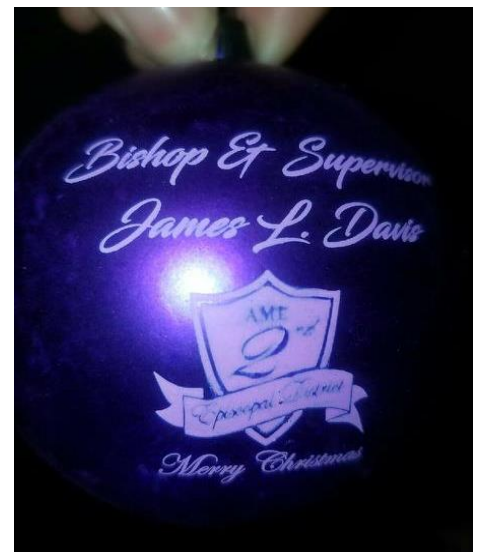
The Family enjoyed good food, music, fellowship, and gifts of love as presentations were made to the Presiding Elders and the Episcopal family. Santa's helpers, (Rev. Kim Moss, Mrs. Mary Edmund, and Mrs. Shirley Shears) distributed Christmas ornaments from Bishop and Supervisor Davis.

Remember **JESUS** is the **REASON** for the season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

by President Penny Oliver

#### TABLE OF CONTENTS

1-2	Bishop's Christmas Party Highlights
3-4	Church Spotlight
5-7	Educational Heritage Tour Info
8	White Cross AMEC Lay Day
9	Calendar * 2017 Biennial Info
10	Concerns * Goodsearch Update
11-12	Spring Break Educational Tour





Photos:  
Courtesy of  
Reverend  
Kim Moss



# Macedonia A.M.E. Church

~Honoring the Past – Building the Future~



The Macedonia A.M.E. Church was founded on May 18, 1884 by Mr. Alfred Royal. The initial church was located near Highway # 57. From the first revival, thirty members were added. However, Bro. Royal could not baptize the members because he had not obtained his license. The church membership continued to grow until the idea was conceived to build a larger church. Rev. J.W. Dalton was the pastor at that time. Although the members were not prosperous, they had a mind to work together. The church was built in 1914 in its current location, 4164 Yarborough's Mill Road, Milton, NC, by a contractor named Venshaw from Halifax, Virginia.

The second church served its members well from June 19, 1914 through December 1970. During that time the church experienced growth under the leadership of our pastors: Rev. J.C. Wright, Rev. I. Gray, Rev. Macken, Rev. Grady, Rev. Crumton, Rev. Hargess, Rev. Smith, Rev. Wallace, Rev. C. A. Holt, Rev. Delouche, and Rev. Treadwell. We continued to grow during the fifties and sixties under our pastors, who were Rev. Dilworth, Rev. Pickett, Rev. T. L. Coble and Rev. C. W. Parker.

Because of our continued growth, in 1966 some were saying "let's remodel", but God inspired Mrs. Kate Hope to say "let's build". It was through God's grace and prayers that she was able to be strong and continued to work. She roamed the state sides looking for a church by which to pattern and was finally asked by her brother, Clarence Jeffreys to go to Danville, Virginia to see the Fairview Methodist Church.

After several meetings and discussions under the leadership of Pastor J.H. Torian, the members were ready to venture into the building of a more modern church.

On Sunday, December 12, 1970, songs and praises were given for the last time in the old church. The members marched from the old church to the new and we had our first service in this building.

The real history of the church is not just one of the buildings, but more specifically, a place to worship God. The true church lies in the hearts of men and women. Our dream was of a modern church to accommodate members and visitors in our worship experience. We continued to expand and grow under the leadership of several pastors: Rev. J. Paulding, Rev W. Christopher, Rev. C. Lambert, Rev. L. Miller, Rev. R. P. Lynch and Rev. J. W. Gwynn.

In 1989, Rev. Clyde Long, Sr., became our pastor. Under his leadership we renovated parts of our church, paved the parking lot, install new stained glass windows and carpet, purchased chairs, put padding on pews, replaced the church roof and purchased a church van. Rev. Gladys Garland was called by God into the ministry and became the associate minister here. We also experience a tremendous spiritual growth, expanded our membership roll and added more outreach programs. Rev. Long was the pastor of Macedonia A.M.E. Church for 18 years until his retirement in May 2008.

Our current pastor is Rev. Kelvin Royster along with First Lady Barbara Royster. Under Pastor Royster's leadership, he brings "A Pathway of Love and Unity." Starting in 2009 he dedicated the second Sunday in each month to the youth to carry out the worship service. Pastor Royster continues to work diligently with all auxiliaries in the church. Under him, we renovated parts of our church, improved our physical facilities, replaced our heating and air condition unit, and purchased a new church bulletin. On October 27th, 2013, Pastor Royster conducted the ground breaking ceremony for the building of our new Fellowship Hall. Almost a year later on October 19, 2014, we were blessed by God to have the Dedication Ceremony for the new Fellowship Hall for the Macedonia Church Family! We are blessed to have him as our Shepherd.

We thank God for His blessings throughout the years and pray that He continues to allow us to prosper and grow in His love and grace.





# Eastern District

*Presiding Elder J. Bernard Wilder*

## Educational Heritage Tour

**June 29-July 1, 2017**

Departing from Hillsborough, Greensboro & Charlotte  
(Times TBA)

**REVISED**

### SITES & ATTRACTIONS

**\*\*Atlanta, Georgia\*\***

Sweet Auburn Avenue  
King National Historic Site  
Ebenezer Baptist Church/Grave Site & Family Home

**\*\*Tuskegee, Alabama\*\***

Tuskegee University (Training Airfield for Tuskegee Airmen)

**\*\*Montgomery, Alabama\*\***

Civil Rights Memorial Museum  
Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church  
Rosa Parks Museum  
Alabama State University

**\*\*Selma, Alabama\*\***

The Edmund Pettis Bridge  
Brown Chapel AME Church

**\*\*Birmingham, Alabama\*\***

The Civil Rights Institute

# Eastern District

## Educational Heritage Tour 2017

June 29-July 1, 2017

### REGISTRATION FORM

Room Type:       Single       Double       Triple       Quad  
                         \$75 Deposit      \$75 Deposit      \$50 Deposit      \$50 Deposit

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F Age\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F Age\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F Age\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F Age\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Required, If Under 18 Years of Age

Rooms will be assigned based on this form.      Total Deposit Paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE\*\*\*  
(Substitutions may be allowed)**

**Make Cashier's Check/Money Order payable to:  
EASTERN DISTRICT  
(Heritage Tour in Memo Line)**

**All monies will be receipted. No personal checks!**

**Please mail to:  
Beverly Hester-Stephens  
901 Kenion Road  
Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278**

<b>Payment Dates:</b>	<b>1st Payment</b>	<b>2nd Payment</b>	<b>3rd Payment</b>	<b>Final Payment</b>
<b>Deposit</b>				
Nov. 30, 2016	Jan. 31, 2017	Feb. 28, 2017	Mar. 31, 2017	April 30, 2017

**Church Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**All youth under age 18 must have a chaperone from local church. Presiding Elder requests 1:6 ratio. Please indicate chaperone info below, if different from contact person.**

**Chaperone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Each participant under the age of 18 must have "Liability Waiver" and "Medical Authorization" forms completed by Parent/Guardian and attached to this registration form upon submission.**



## **INVITATION**

**WHITE CROSS A.M.E. CHURCH**  
4604 Lebanon Road  
Efland, NC 27243

**Lay Organization Annual Day**  
Date: January 15, 2017  
Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
Time: 3:00pm

**“Laity Fulfilling the Great Commission”**  
Matthew 28: 18-20

### **Speaker**

## **Sister Mary Royster Harris**

Macedonia A.M.E. Church Milton, NC  
B.A. Sociology North Carolina State University  
Second District YPD President-Past  
Western North Carolina Conference YPD President-Past  
Western North Carolina Conference Director YPD  
Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization Young Adult Representative

### **Music**

Macedonia A.M.E. Church Male Chorus

## **The Rev. Myraette McGibboney, Pastor**

Kenneth Woods, Sr., President  
336-263-1097—email: [kwoods6@centurytel.net](mailto:kwoods6@centurytel.net)



## Upcoming Events



Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 14	WNCCLLO Meeting - Union Bethel 1716 Richard Allen Lane Winston-Salem, NC 27105 - 10AM
Jan 16	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Feb 9-11	SED Founder's Day Celebration

**Sheraton 4 Seasons  
Greensboro  
Phone: 336-292-9161  
\$122.00 Basic Room Rate  
Mention AME Founder's Day**

Feb 12	<b>FOUNDER'S DAY OBSERVED</b>
Feb 14	Happy Valentine's Day
Feb 14	Happy Birthday, Richard Allen
Feb 20	Presidents' Day

## Preliminary Biennial Information

Greetings Presidents,

I have just returned from the Connectional Lay Organization Fall Executive Board meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Although the Biennial Budget has not be finalized, the Registration Committee feels safe in estimating that the **Registration will remain at \$250.00, which again will include a subscription to "We Speak". The Deadline for Registration to get to the CLO Registration team will remain at March 31, 2017.**

The hotels that will be used are the **Hilton** and the **Hyatt** in Columbus, Ohio.

An Agenda, (draft) not final, that was shared with Dates for the Biennial is as follows:

**Saturday, August 5, 2017** Time: TBD  
Service of Appreciation for Dr. Willie Glover

**Monday, August 7, 2017** Opening of the Biennial  
**Morning Business Session**

**Monday, August 7, 2017** Election Time: TBD

**Monday, August 7, 2017** CLO Biennial Worship  
Service - 7pm

**Tuesday, August 8, 2017 - 7pm**  
Black Tie Soiree Fundraiser for AME Universities  
**(\$100.00 - not included in Registration)**

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017 - 7pm**  
Outstanding Lay Awards and Scholarship Banquet  
Included in Registration fee

**Thursday, August 10, 2017** Time: TBD  
Installation of Officers and Closing of the  
Biennial

Additional information will be provided as available.

**Mrs. Valerie Bell - SEDLO President**

**NOTE: For back issues of the newsletter, go to the website: [www.wncclay.org](http://www.wncclay.org) and click on the link that says "Minutes", then scroll to the bottom of the page and you will see "Newsletters".**

# CONCERNS

## Continued Prayers for:

- Elder J. Bernard Wilder
- Brother Lamont Upperman
- Reverend Willis Camp
- Brother Dwight Patterson
- Banks & Smith Families
- Sister Aisha Lide
- Sister Barbara Smith & Family
- Sister Niki Allen & Family



### GOODSEARCH/GOODSHOP LIFETIME AMOUNT RAISED - RECAP

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! **\$267.44** (for 10 years - Started September 2007)

Year	Goodsearch	Goodshop	Other	Total
2016	\$20.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.16
2015	\$20.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.79
2014	\$4.59	\$4.93	\$3.08	\$12.60
2013	\$17.45	\$7.50	\$6.34	\$31.29
2012	\$11.00	\$5.42	\$0.00	\$16.42
2011	\$18.76	\$1.06	\$0.00	\$19.82
2010	\$14.05	\$44.48	\$0.00	\$58.53
2009	\$30.06	\$2.45	\$0.00	\$32.51
2008	\$36.05	\$5.32	\$0.00	\$41.37
2007	\$13.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.95

# ***Come Travel With Us On An Educational Tour***

**April 11 - 15, 2017**

**Trip Originating in Charlotte from Concord Mills Mall near AMC Theater**

**Sponsored by:**

**Carolina Cardinals Optimist Club**

## **~ SITES & ATTRACTIONS ~**

### **Tuesday - Philadelphia, PA**

- \* Mother Bethel AME Church (final resting place of Richard and Sarah Allen)
- \* The Liberty Bell      \* The US Mint

### **Wednesday - Baltimore, MD**

- \* Blacks in Wax Museum      \* Morgan State University
- \* Hampton Plantation
- \* Fort McHenry (home of the Star Spangled Banner-Nat'l Anthem)

### **Thursday - Washington, DC**

- \* National Museum of African American History and Culture  
(Upon Availability of Tickets)

### **Friday - Washington, DC**

- \* Martin Luther King Memorial      \* White House
- \* Capitol and Other Monuments in the Area

### **Saturday Morning - We Depart for North Carolina**

Trip, Hotel & Admissions - **\$857.00** per person (Single)

All trip money must be paid by **April 1, 2017**.

Embassy Suites Rooms are **\$159.00** nightly plus tax

You will be charged a one-night deposit!

**[www.embassysuitesbaltimore.com](http://www.embassysuitesbaltimore.com)**

- \* Free Hot, Made to Order Breakfast
- Complimentary evening reception featuring snacks, beer, and wine
  - \* Free Wi-Fi      \* 24-hour Fitness Center

### **Room Type:**

- \* Double sleeps 4      \* Suite sleeps 6
- All rooms have a microwave and refrigerator

## APPLICATION FORM

<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	

**\$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due by January 15<sup>th</sup> with no refunds after March 15<sup>th</sup>. Substitutions will be allowed.**

**Please Indicate Your Room Selection by Circling It!**

### Payment Schedule

Deposit 1 <sup>st</sup> Payment	2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment	4 <sup>th</sup> Payment	
Jan. 15, 2017	Feb. 1, 2017	Mar. 1, 2017	Apr. 1, 2017	
	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3	Payment 4
<b>Single</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$269.00</b>	<b>\$269.00</b>	<b>\$269.00</b>
<b>2 in room</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$156.00</b>	<b>\$156.00</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>
<b>3 in room</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$118.00</b>	<b>\$118.00</b>	<b>\$118.00</b>
<b>4 in room</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$99.00</b>	<b>\$99.00</b>	<b>\$99.00</b>
<b>6 in room</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	<b>\$81.00</b>

**If multiple persons will be sharing a room, please list roommates on the back of the application!**

**Betty Parker: 704-491-7979**

**Bobbi Hague: 704-957-7583**