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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION



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From
the desk
of...

Penny S. Oliver, President



A member of the WNCCLO Executive Board shared the following words of encouragement with me. This prayer has blessed me and I am sharing it with a double portion of God's love.

The title is, "You Saw Me Before I was Born. Ps 139:16; A Prayer for Knowing God's Will".

The psalmist wrote:

'You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God.' (Ps 139:16-17) If you want to know God's will for your life, pray this prayer: 'Lord, You knew me completely before I was born, and You shaped me and destined me for a purpose. Give me a clear vision of all You want to do in and through my life. I desperately need to understand what the "hope of my calling" (Eph 4:4) is, and "the exceeding greatness of His power" (Eph 1:19) to enable me to fulfill Your purpose (see 2 Cor 9:14). Show me the gifts You have put in me, and how I can develop and use them for Your glory (see Rom 12:6). Help me to think big and pray with boldness (see Eph 3:20). I want to be open and available for whatever You have for me, and not miss Your blessings by being unprepared to receive them. Help me not to hold on to things or relationships that are not of You. I want to do Your will with my whole heart (see Ps 40:8). Only You know what and who is right for me. Help me to hear Your voice, and give me the grace and courage to follow Your leading when I am afraid (see John 10:4). May the desires of Your heart become the desires of my heart. Enlarge my capacity to believe that You can take what I have and multiply it beyond what I can imagine. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.'

I encourage each of you to pray this prayer and to Move in the will of God as we accept His will and walk in His Will.

Local lay presidents, our Annual Prayer Breakfast Tickets have been mailed to the churches. If you have not received your tickets, please contact DOLA Jackie Kanipe. Also local lay presidents, don't forget the 17th SED Lay Convention is in Newport News, September 2018. This is an election year for the SEDLO. We can have seven delegates from the local church, so please register as many delegates as possible.

I look forward to seeing you on August 11, at St. Joseph, Durham, at 10:00 a.m. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

"Take Me To the Water", Art by Irene Tison

A CALL TO CONSCIOUS:



FORWARD TO ACTION

"Today the Black Church is called again, "to be the conscience of the nation." The conscience is an inner voice that speaks to the rightness or wrongness of a person, group, or nation's behavior."

"We believe the future of the nation, as well as Black and Brown citizens is at risk. Somebody not only needs to say something, somebody needs to do something. The church has a moral obligation to lead the charge for prophetic action in times like these."

"In a word, we are at war, "against spiritual wickedness in high places." We are at war against racism, we are at war against immigration efforts which deliberately seek to prevent immigrants of color from entering the country, in order to maintain the status quo and maintain white privilege, while separating children from parents, deporting "Dreamers", and accusing immigrants of color of being terrorist, murderers, rapists, evil people."

"We are at war against gun violence which is increasing across the nation, as the political leadership bows to the demands and threats of the gun lobby leaving no place safe from the sorrow and consequence of gun violence. We are at war against economic injustice which is exacerbated by laws and policies which benefit the wealthiest 10% while burdening and stagnating 90% of the population."

"We are at war against deliberate efforts to undermine our democracy by distorting the integrity and independence of the Justice Department, and freedom of the press, and we fight against the policies and actions of this administration and Congress which seek to turn back time and contradict God's Word."

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Washington, DC
Thursday, September 6, 2018, 9am



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SAVE THE DATE

July 8-15, 2020



REGISTRATION FEES

Observers:

\$115 - June 2019- December 31, 2019

\$120 - January 1, 2020 - March 31, 2020

\$125 - April 1, 2020 until start of Registration at 2020 General Conference

Note: AME member card is required for discount

Student with Valid ID:

\$50 - Increase to \$60 at site of the General Conference

Youth - (Age 5-18):

\$25 - Increases to \$35 at site of the General Conference

Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida

HOTEL INFORMATION FORTHCOMING





HOW TO COMPILE YOUR MIRRORING REPORT

Below is a suggested method to capture thoughts and opinions from the dialogues:

Read the responses

Give an objective rating based upon the dialogues (use table below)

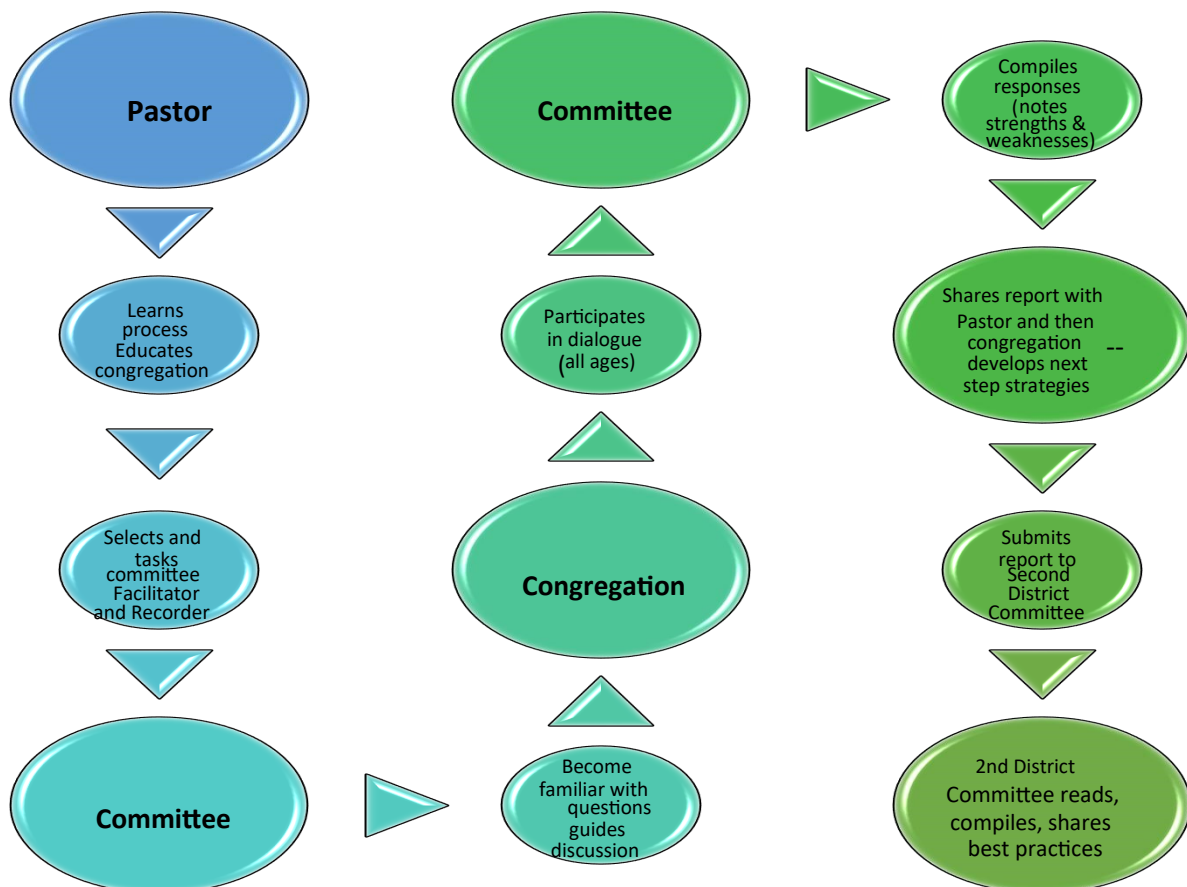
Provide written summary to support the ratings

Share findings with the congregation

Devise strategies for each area (evangelism, accessions, spiritual growth, financial, past – present – future)

Name of Assessment Area e.g.	5-Excellent	4- Good	3-Adequate	2-Critical	1-Life Support
Evangelism					

FLOW OF MIRRORING DATA COLLECTION



Get more tools to use in the implementation of the mirroring ministry in your local church at wncclay.org.

All Mirroring Assessments are DUE, September 1, 2018.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

**For more information contact Penny Oliver
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SAVE THE DATES

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2018
10 a.m.

Saint Joseph AME Church
2521 Fayetteville Road
Durham, NC, 27707

Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Owens,
Pastor
Sister Gerald Logan,
Lay President

ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST SATURDAY

September 8, 2018
10 a.m.



Saint Matthew AME Church
1136 Apple Street
Burlington, NC, 27217

Rev. Patrice Fields, Pastor
Sister Emma White, Lay President

SED LAY ORGANIZATION CONVENTION September 27-29, 2018

Newport News Marriot at Center City
Newport News, Virginia

Contact Sister Barbara Smith,
WNCC-LO Secretary

For Registration Information at:
barbarasmith@bellsouth.net



WNC CONFERENCE LAY INSTITUTE November 10, 2018



Mount Zion AME Church
1452 Huffine Mill Road
Greensboro, NC, 27405

Rev. Henry Davis, Pastor
Bro. Woodrow Wilson, Lay President

Dialogue with WNC Presiding Elders

- * Presiding Elder Conrad Pridgen, Western District
- * Presiding Elder Anita Thompson, Eastern District

Additional Topics of Interest

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“Three churches are responsible for forty percent of the growth experienced within the churches that comprise the Second Episcopal District.”

Bishop James Levert Davis

Second Episcopal District Planning Meeting

Your Miracle is Cloaked In Your Vulnerability:

Reflections on the 2018 Summit

By: Shontea L. Smith

The idea of whether God still performs miracles on earth is debatable in some Evangelical circles of Christianity. Defined in two ways, miracles, according to the *Cambridge Dictionary Online*, are “...unusual and mysterious event[s] that [are] thought to have been caused by God [and/or] surprising and unexpected event[s]” (dictionary.cambridge.org). The idea that a surprising or unexpected event can be attributed to something or someone other than God or the divine, by in large stems from debates about sacred versus secular. Whereas, matters that are considered secular are said to have no connection to religion; and therefore, they can have no connection to God. But, during this year’s Summer Summit, God helped me to recognize that there is nothing that is outside of the fullness of God. As such, I left this year’s Summit believing that the miracles of God are all around us; God is just waiting for us to be vulnerable enough to recognize them.

In Hampton, Virginia, those who attended the Summit experienced the miracle of hope, as we focused on the theme, “Jesus is our Hope in All Seasons”. For some attendees, the Summit was simply just



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another A.M.E. church meeting about our next meeting. But for others, the ability to attend the Summit was a miracle in and of itself. There were people at this year’s Summit who had been told by doctors that they might not live to get to July, and for them this year’s Summit was a miracle; there were those who attended the Summit whose personal finances said they did not have the money to make it to Virginia, and for them this year’s Summit was a miracle; and there were youth who attended the Summit who had never travelled to the State of Virginia, and for them this year’s Summit was a miracle. Now, if those examples are not enough to allow you to see the miracles that were ever present at the Summit, I will add that this year’s Summit was attended by, Mother Dorothy Steel, who played the Merchant Tribe Elder in the blockbuster film, *Black Panther*.

Mother Steel was vulnerable as she shared of her life experiences during the Summit’s mock-talk show, which provided an intergenerational learning opportunity. During the interview, Mother Steel stated she currently is 92 years old; however, the movie, *Black Panther*, was the first feature film she ever acted in. She shared with the attendees that she believed that her selection was a miracle because she was a Black American; but, the part required that she speak with an African accent. She further explained that to overcome this challenge she repeatedly had to watch videos on Youtube of Nelson Mandela speaking in order to perfect the dialect she used for her acting role. From the wisdom shared by Mother Steel, the attendees were able to ascertain that the only miracles that we are not able to receive from God are the ones that we are not willing to move out of our comfort zones to receive.

A theme that reoccurred throughout the Summit in relationship to the presence of miracles was the role vulnerability plays when we seek to build churches that minister holistically to the needs of people, particularly youth and young adult populations. As I reflected on the happenings of this year’s Summit, I was reminded of Brene Brown’s work on vulnerability. In *Daring Greatly*, Brown defines vulnerability as

“... the courage and the willingness to engage rather than sitting on the sidelines hurling judgement and advise” (Brown, *Daring Greatly*). According to her, vulnerability is required in order to lead effectively within a community. Through the analysis of her research, Brown maintains that those who lead what she calls “...whole-hearted lives...” regard “...vulnerability as the catalyst for courage, compassion, and connection” (*Daring Greatly*).

She warned that becoming pedantic, or overly concerned with unimportant rules and not enough about understanding or appreciating the essence of matters, inhibits our ability to maintain the presence of mind required to recognize miracles which may be easily explained away through sciences or natural law. She further states in an uncertain world we oftentimes feel the need to develop absolutes, because “...it is the human response to fear” (*Ibid.*). She goes on to say “[w]hen religious leaders leverage our fear and need for

more certainty by extracting vulnerability from spirituality, turning faith into compliance and consequences, rather than teaching and modeling how to wrestle with the unknown and how to embrace mystery, the entire concept of faith [and our discernment of God’s miracles] becomes bankrupt” (*Ibid.*). Brown posits that “...faith or spiritual connection is not built on compliance; it is the product of love, belonging, and vulnerability” (*Ibid.*).

During the opening worship service, Dr. Thema Bryant-Davis demonstrated the role vulnerability plays in helping us become recipients of the miracles and

blessing from God, as she preached her sermon titled, “Jesus Help Me Outlast This Season”. Dr. Bryant-Davis, through her personal vulnerability, showed us that a relationship with Jesus is the only way we will survive seasons of turbulence. She expressed that we must keep showing up no matter the season because the Holy Spirit imparts believers with a spirit of “...never give up” (Bryant-Davis). The key that unlocks miracles, according to Bryant-Davis, is clothing yourself with a garment of praise and worship in the midst of adverse situations. She stated we must start with truth and allow Jesus to see us broken because it is through this vulnerability God performs the miracles that are needed to carry us to the season God purposed and planned for us to possess pre-ordained miracles needed for us to live victorious lives.

In our vulnerability, we must be willing to do something different. Doing something different means we must cultivate new habits, if we truly want new results. The miracles God seeks to provide us are actualized in our willingness to change. God provided us the ability to change because things that do not change die. Our ability to see more miracles are tied to our receptivity to the inward workings of the Holy Spirit. We are the beginning of the change we want to see in the world. Therefore, we are also the beginning of the real change we want to see. We must cultivate an attitude of gratitude in the midst of turbulent times, while also *keeping it real*

During Rev. Dr. Nicole Martin’s sermon, “Unlearning Jesus”, she reiterated the role vulnerability plays in our ability to see that “Jesus is our Hope in All Seasons”. Dr. Martin declared that God cannot do a new thing in the lives of believers when we think we know all there is to know about God. In other words, God cannot do a new thing when we are too familiar with how we think God can perform a miracle in our lives. According to Martin, the miracles that God performs in the lives of believers, and unbelievers,

**2016-2020 Connectional Theme,
“The African Methodist Episcopal Church:
A Social Justice and Liberating Faith.”**

- Political Justice—2016
- Criminal Justice—2017
- Environmental Justice—2018
- Economic Justice—2019

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Sister Robin Porter-Smith
SED Christian Education Co-Director
Christian Education Workshop



WNCC 18 & Over Basketball Team, coached by Presiding Elder Conrad Pridgen, became the Summit tournament champions after they defeated the Baltimore Conference Team with a score of 54-14.

are present in the uncanny. As such, we must be willing to acknowledge that we do not know everything about God or the things of God. Community is a part of God’s plan; therefore we, as believers must be willing to leave the four walls of the church in our evangelism efforts. Our faith in the growth of our church will not occur through osmosis, our faith must be exercised by going into our communities.

Rev. Akil Dickens, in his sermon, “Get Ready to Crossover”, communicated through his vulnerability reiterated that we must be willing to operate differently. Moreover, we must be willing to use new methods in our worship services and as we witness to others. Rev. Dickens calls this, “...remixing the ministry, but not the message”. He expressed that change is

the only constant that is present for those who seek to lead victorious lives. Therefore, if our houses of worship hope to have youth, young adults, and/or the “unchurched” attend our Sunday morning worship services, we must begin to speak their language. Various aesthetics, mediums, and forms of media should be used to engage populations not well versed in traditional worship protocols. In addition, we must be open to switching the norms of the services to engage different learning styles. We cannot fear change if we seek to fulfill God’s call and have people of all walks of life engaged in service.

The Summit closed with Rev. Dr. Frederick Wright, Sr., reminding us that we are “God’s Masterpiece”. Dr. Wright emphasized through his vulnerability that we cannot allow our personal issues to impact our Kingdom building mission. When we do not lead with vulnerability we allow past issues to impact future goals, but this is not the will pre-ordained for the masterpieces of God.

This year’s Summit was packed with fun, as well as Spirit-filled worship experiences and learning opportunities in order to demonstrate that fun should be present in all aspects of our ministries. God has given us a mission to “Go” and personal stories to share of what we have overcome; therefore, we cannot allow fear of the unknown to hinder us from leading with vulnerability. Remember, Christ must center all we do inside the church, as well as outside of the church. We must learn to become intergenerational bridge-builders, if we want to receive the miracle of growth in our churches. The Holy Spirit was given to empower us to empower others, not to place limits on others; therefore, we cannot allow conversations regarding doctrines or traditions to prevent us from remembering and applying the principles taught in the Bible. Sharing our vulnerability is vital to the growth of our ministries.

What is ERT?

Economic Readiness Team is the Second Episcopal District Initiative to purchase a building to serve as the headquarters for the District. This location will have additional commercial space that will generate revenue for the District which will help to reduce the current rate of assessments paid by local churches.

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“The load is made lighter when everyone is trying to lift the load.”

“We have been empowered to solve our economic problems.”

“We have been given gifts and we must do well with our gifts.”

*— Bishop James Levert Davis
 Servant Bishop*

Congratulations

Reverend Kelvin Royster
Pastor of Macedonia A.M.E. Church



On July 7, 2018, Reverend Kelvin Royster's family and friends gathered to give him a surprise Retirement and Birthday Celebration!

He retired from Camp Chemical Inc. in Roxboro, NC after 41 years of employment. We also celebrated his Birthday which was on July 13th.

We the Macedonia A.M.E. Church family along with his family managed to keep it a surprise and what a surprise it was!

We celebrated with fellowship, music provided by Fully Committed Gospel Singers, words of reflection from family and friends, along with beautiful poems read to him by his granddaughters. Let's not forget there was plenty of food and fun!



Many congratulatory wishes to our beloved Pastor Reverend Kelvin Royster on your Retirement and Birthday Celebration!

May God continue to richly bless you!



History of Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

William Clendenin and wife Jeanne deeded one acre of land to Wyatt Outlaw, Edmund White, Martin VanBuren, Benjamin Paisley and Giles Bason –Trustees, a certain tract of land for a church lying on the west side of the road running north of Graham (taken from Deed Book 4, Page 45 Alamance County Register of Deeds).

This was the beginning of the Community Church of Graham. The church was organized in 1868. All the black churches came out of the AME Church.

A few farmers and slaves moved a blacksmith shop that was owned by Martin VanBuren. The building was used during the week as a school under the teaching of Mrs. Mary Allen. Later Mrs. Julia Freeland became Mrs. Allen's coworker. Mrs. Julia Freeland was the aunt of Mrs. C. L. Stephens. The Baptist used the AME Church and school for worship on the 4th Sunday of each month until they were able to get a place of their own.

The church split in 1876, out of the AME Church came the Christian Church and the AME Zion Church located over the railroad. The Church continued to grow. During the period of 1880-82, the members saw a need for a new building. Plans were made for a new building. The new building was built around the old log church because the white school wanted to expand. The city would not grant a permit for the church too. The logs were carried out at night and the church was completed in 1883 and was named Wayman Chapel, in honor of the Presiding Bishop at that time. The charter members were Martin VanBuren, Hempstead Hunter, Ambrose Teague, William and Susan McPherson, Mary Preyear Walker, Hope Ruffin, Robert Ruffin, Nancy Ruffin, Zeus Mayo, Riley and Margaret Shoffner, Sallie Harden, Pleasant and Sinia Harden and Mary Foust. A large number of people journeyed to the Company Shops and the present location of Wayman Chapel Church on August 30, 1883 to witness the laying of the cornerstones of both AME churches. The party was accompanied by two "Colored Brass Bands". The trustees of Wayman Chapel at that time were Wyatt Outlaw, Edmund White, Martin VanBuren, Giles Bason and Benjamin Paisley.

After the laying of the cornerstone the records were lost or destroyed. There is no record again until 1920. Reverend Wilson was the Pastor of Wayman Chapel from 1916-1921.

In 1921, Reverend Leigon became the minister for the Graham Circuit which included Wayman Chapel Church and Woods Chapel Church.

The first board meeting for the New Year was January 5, 1922. The meeting was called to order and the pastor saw a need for a new church and repairs on the church owned parsonage. The repairs on the parsonage began at once with the trustees being responsible for the project. The trustees were Riley Shoffner, Philip Walker and Joseph Albright. The pastor talked about building a new church. On March 16, 1922, at a church conference the members and pastor began plans to raise money for the new church. The Captains were as follows: Margurite Clay, Handy Senior, Sr., Rowenna Van Buren, Robert Ruffin, Margaret Shoffner, Richard MacAdoo and Reverend R. E. Leigon. Mrs Leigon and Miss Alice Freeland organized the Ocean Wave Club, a club composed of the younger members of the church to help raise money for the building of the new church. The members were Nina M. Shoffner, Lucille Stephens, Addie Thompson, Delois Miller, Nancy Taylor, Margurite Clay, Ruby Thompson and Mabel Harden.

The church construction was started on May 26, 1924. The church services were moved to the Coley Russell Building on South Main Street until the church building could be finished. The officers of the church that year were Alice Freeland, Secretary; Robert Ruffin, Richard MacAdoo, Gordon Rogers, General Dark, Lewis Worth, Thomas McPherson, Dr., Alice Dark and Bessie Tate—Trustees; Early Clay, Philip Walker, Billy Rogers, Leah Stephens, Laurel Isley, John Isley, Luther Covington—Stewards.

Sisters Margaret Shoffner, Candice Ruffin and Mary Walker were appointed stewardesses to look after the communion services.

Gus Isley, Lewis Worth and Robert Ruffin were members of the committee formed to clear the grounds for the new church. After the grounds were cleared the building of the church was turned over to the contractor.

The first ordained minister from Wayman Chapel was Reverend C. L. Stephens. He was ordained during the conference of November 22, 1927. The first marriage was between Mabel Harden and Thomas J. Poole, June 15, 1927.

The church was visited by the Right Reverend Bishop A. L. Gaines on February 9, 1929. Reverend D. Williams was the pastor. The conference sent to Wayman Chapel Reverends G. S. Gant, J. A. Hunter, John Reaves, Elijah Jefferson, J.S.T. Decker, Calvin A. Stroud and T. W. White. Bishop M.H. Davis visited the Graham circuit in 1932.



Bishop Hemmingway visited Graham circuit May 1952.

Reverend T.W. White ordained Reverend Benjamin F. Foust in 1956. Under the leadership of Reverend T. W. White, the fellowship hall was built by funds raised by a group of women called “The Gleaners Club” along with the other members of the church.

After Reverend White, these ministers were assigned to Wayman Chapel, J. C. Parker, Tyson Coble, Cleveland Hicks and William E. Diggs. Under Reverend Diggs’ leadership our church was remodeled. Currently, Wayman Chapel is pastored by Reverend Milton O. Battle.



In the
Spotlight

Hidden Figures

Lincolnvile



Lucille Evans Cotton was born the fourth of five children to James and Gertrude Evans in 1946. She was one of the first six African American girls to attend Cary High School in 1963.

It was the end of her junior year of high school at Berry O' Kelly High School when she was told by her mother that she would be attending the ALL white Cary High next year.

It was not easy by any means... I remember her saying how she would be teased and would come home upset a lot, but Grandma always told her that she was just as good as they are and that she could do anything that they could do... and she did.

In 1964, Lucille Evans (Cotton) was the **FIRST** African American to graduate from the new integrated Cary High School.



Does your church have members (living or deceased) who have done exemplary things in the community, or who are/were trailblazers in their profession(s)?

Well... the *Lay Express* want to know who they are, and what they did.

Each month the *Lay Express* will highlight a church in the Western North Carolina Conference and feature the church's "Hidden Figures"

Just send the individual's name (layperson or clergy), a picture (if available), and a very brief description of your church's "Hidden Figures".

You never know when your church will enter the spotlight, so **the SOONER** you submit your "Hidden Figure(s)" **the BETTER!**



365 DAYS OF BLACK HISTORY

The August Edition

August 1, 1879

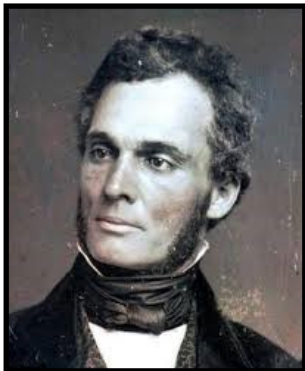
Mary Eliza Mahoney graduates from the New England Hospital for Women and Children, becoming the first black professional nurse in America.



Ms. Mary Eliza Mahoney

August 2, 1924

James Baldwin, author of *Go Tell It On The Mountain*, *The Fire Next Time*, and *Another Country*, born.



Mr. Robert Purvis

August 3, 1800

Gabriel Prosser leads slave revolt in Richmond, Va.

August 4, 1810

Abolitionist Robert Purvis born.

August 5, 1962

Nelson Mandela, South African freedom fighter, imprisoned. He was not released until 1990.

August 6, 1867

Actor Ira Aldridge dies and is buried in Lodz, Poland.

August 7, 1894

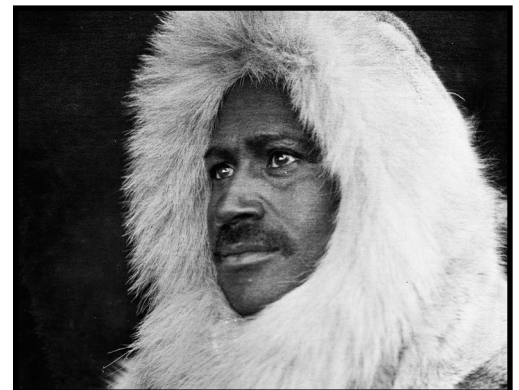
Joseph Lee patents kneading machine.

August 8, 1865

Polar explorer Matthew Henson born.

August 9, 1936

Jesse Owens wins fourth gold medal at Summer Olympics in Berlin.



Mr. Matthew Henson

August 10, 1989

General Colin Powell is nominated chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the first African American to hold the post.

August 11, 1921

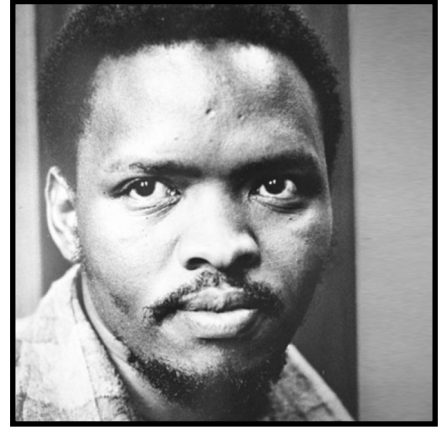
Alex Haley, author of *Roots*, born.

August 12, 1977

Steven Biko, leader of the Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa, arrested.

August 13, 1981

The Reagan Administration undertakes its review of 30 federal regulations, including rules of civil rights to prevent job discrimination.



Mr. Steven Biko

August 14, 1989

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company hosts the first National Black Theater Festival in Winston-Salem, NC.

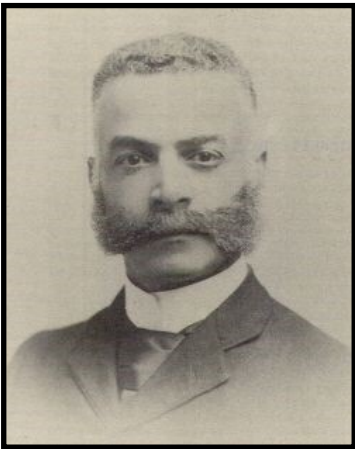
August 15, 1888

Granville T. Woods patents electromechanical brake.

August 16, 1922

Author Louis E. Lomax born.

August 17, 1849



Mr. Archibald Henry Grimké

Lawyer-activist Archibald Henry Grimké, who challenged the segregation policies of President Woodrow Wilson, born.

August 18, 1859

Harriet Wilson's *Our Nig* is first novel published by a black writer.

August 19, 1954

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche named undersecretary of the United Nations.

August 20, 1993

Dr. David Satcher named director of the Centers for Disease Control



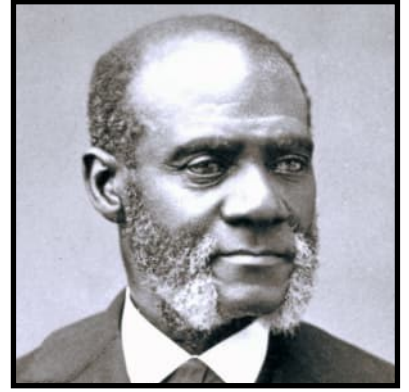
Ms. Harriet Wilson

August 21, 1831

Nat Turner leads slave revolt in Virginia.

August 22, 1843

Henry Highland Garnett calls for a general strike by slaves.



Rev. Henry Highland Garnett

August 23, 1926

Carter Woodson, historian, author, inaugurated Negro History Week and later produced the *Negro History Bulletin*.

August 24, 1950

Judge Edith Sampson named first black delegate to the United Nations.



Judge Edith Sampson

August 25, 1908

National Association of Colored Nurses founded.

August 26, 1920

19th Amendment to the Constitution ratified, giving women the right to vote.

August 27, 1935

Mary McLeod Bethune founds the National Council of Negro Women.

August 28, 1888

Granville T. Woods patents railway telegraphy.



Mr. Granville T. Woods

August 29, 1920

Saxophonist Charlie "Bird" Parker born.

August 30, 1983

Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford Jr. becomes the first African American astronaut in space.



Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford

August 31, 1836

Henry Blair patents cotton planter.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE CONNECTION



- August 11, 2018** **WNCC Lay Organization Meeting**
 St. Joseph A.M.E. Church, Durham, NC
 Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Owens, Pastor/ Sis. Gerald Logan, Lay President
- August 11, 2018**..... **Eastern District Planning Meeting**
 Hunter's Chapel A.M.E. Church, Mebane, NC
 Presiding Elder Anita Thompson/Rev. Vernon P. Burns, Host Pastor
- September 8, 2018**..... **WNCC Lay Organization Prayer Breakfast**
 St. Matthew A.M.E. Church, Burlington, NC
 Rev. Patrice Fields, Pastor / Sis. Emma White, Lay President
- September 13-15, 2018** **Western District Conference**
 St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Lenoir, NC
 Presiding Elder Conrad Pridgen/ Rev. Dr. Byron Grayson, Pastor
- September 21-23, 2018** **Eastern District Conference**
 Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Hillsborough, NC
 Presiding Elder Anita Thompson/ Rev. Dr. Steven Lyons, Pastor
- September 27-29, 2018**..... **SED Lay Organization Convention**
 Newport News Marriott at City Center, Newport News, Virginia
 Sis. Barbara Smith, WNCC Registrar
- November 10, 2018**..... **WNCC-LO Lay Institute**
 Mt. Zion A.M.E Church, Greensboro, NC
 Rev. Henry Davis, Pastor / Bro, Woodrow Winchester, Lay President
- December 8, 2018**..... **Christmas with the Bishop**
 TBA
- May 1-4, 2019**..... **127th Session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference**
 Location Forthcoming
- June 9, 2019**..... **2019 Pentecost**
 Baltimore, MD

UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars
EVENTS



Hunter's Chapel Homecoming	Hunter's Chapel AME Church Rev. Vernon P. Burns, Pastor 201 Buckhorn Rd., Mebane, NC	Sun., August 5, 2018, 2:30 p.m.
St. Matthew Homecoming	St. Matthew AME Church 5562 Swepsonville-Saxapahaw Rd, Graham, NC	Sun., August 5, 2018 For more information call: 336-376-9996
Hunter's Chapel Revival	Hunter's Chapel AME Church Rev. Vernon Burns, Pastor 2o1 Buckhorn Rd., Mebane, NC	August 6-8, 2018, 7:00 p.m. For more information contact: 919- 563-2878
St. John Revival	St. John AME Church Rev. Allen Warren, Pastor 3001 Tryon Rd, Raleigh, NC	August 8-10, 2018, 7:00 p.m. For more information contact: 919- 833-0224
St. Matthew Revival	St. Matthew AME Church Rev. Daisy Long, Pastor 5562 Swepsonville-Saxapahaw Rd, Graham, NC	August 8-10, 2018, 7:00 p.m. For more information contact: 336- 376-9996
WMS Annual Day	Oak Level AME Church Rev. Casmir Brown, Pastor 722 Snatchburg Rd, Milton, NC	August 12, 2018, 3:00 p.m. For more information contact: 336- 234-8257
Springdale Homecoming	Springdale AME Church Rev. Bridgette V. Gloster, Pastor 5554 South N.C. 62, Burlington, NC	August 12, 2018, 3:00 p.m. Revivalist Rev. Larry McDonald, Pas- tor of Allen's Chapel AMEC
White Cross AME Church Revival	White Cross AME Church Rev. Myraette McGibboney, Pastor 4604 Lebanon Rd., Efland, NC	August 12-18, 2018 For More Information, Contact Bro. Kenneth Woods, Sr. at: 336-263-1097 kwoods6@centurytel.net
Springdale Revival	Springdale AME Church Rev. Bridgette V. Gloster, Pastor 5554 South N.C. 62, Burlington, NC	August 13-15, 2018, 7:00 p.m. For More Information on Revivalists Contact: 336-570-1793
Back to School Community Fun Day Food, Fun and Games for Everyone School Supplies from Pre-K to College	White Cross AME Church Sponsored by Lay Organization Rev. Myraette McGibboney, Pastor 4604 Lebanon Rd., Efland, NC	Sat., August 25, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Back to School Bash	Elizabeth AME Church 8171 Old 421 Rd, Liberty, NC Rev. Patti Thompson-Frazier, Pastor	Sun., August 26, 2018 Event Begins Following 11am Wor- ship Service. For more information call: 336-622-6019

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