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Don't forget Lay Witness Sunday, October 13, 2019. Lay Witness Sunday provides laypersons with the opportunity to witness about their faith in Jesus Christ and their commitment to fulfilling His mission in the world. This even was established for lay persons to carry out the morning worship services at their respective local church. Traditionally, Lay Witness Sunday recognized the work and mission of all laity, which takes place within and outside the walls of the AME Church

In [Romans 15:14](#) Paul writes, "I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another." Likewise, he exhorts the Colossians to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom" (3:16). The mirroring project has allowed our local churches to evaluate what we are doing and how we can do it better. Mirroring reports and ratings provided a visual picture that identified areas of strengths and weakness. Based upon the mirroring reports, together, Pastor and Laity, identified the best ways to implement mirroring recommendations, focus on what is most important, and change those things that we have the power to transform. Together we will see Acts 16:5 become a reality in the Second District: "So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers."

Now is the time for us to move forward – Pastor and Laity. We have attended both the Eastern and Western Districts ' District Conferences. We have instructed and admonished one another, we are equipped with tools, heard good preaching and received awesome hospitality from the Shiloh, Morganton and St. James, Winston-Salem congregations. **Now What?**

All AMEC share a common mission – to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Each local church must picture what living out the broader mission would look like for its community. Along with other church leaders, the lay leader helps to communicate shared vision and set goals for moving toward that vision. Once the church has established its vision and set goals, the lay leader works to invite, equip, and encourage people to participate in ministry.

Our responsibility (laity, you and I), is to work with the Pastor(s) to ensure that church ministries support the church's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are to meet regularly with the Pastor(s) to discuss the state of the church and the opportunities for ministries.

Now What – We are to build a relationship between laity and the Pastor(s) of the church. Become a partner in ministry with the pastor by praying, sharing and working together. Communicate regularly. An effective relationship begins with open minds and mutual respect. Both laity and pastor must recognize that the Church is God's Church. Egos and agendas must be put aside.

The laity and the Pastor(s) are a team and teaming means sharing responsibilities. Identify opportunities to share, such as leading special events, visiting the sick and homebound, inviting visitors to the church. This partnership will bless each of us as well as the church, if we give it chance.

Now What - We MUST work with the Pastor(s) to fulfill the mission and vision of the church. I encourage you to be a member of the Laity and Clergy team and make plans to attend the Lay and Clergy Workshop on November 9 at St. Matthew AME Church, Burlington, and to attend the WNCCLay Organization meeting on October 12th, 10:00 a.m., at Clapps Chapel in Whitsett.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

From
The
Desk of



Sister Penny S. Oliver, President





St. Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church

Expanding God's Kingdom by the W.O.R.D

Worship, Outreach, Relationship, Discipleship

Reverend Jonathan C. Augustine
Senior Pastor



St. Joseph AME Church cordially invites you to join us on Sunday, October 6th, as we proudly welcome the **Right Reverend James L. Davis**, Presiding Bishop of the Second Episcopal District, who will be our guest preacher and chief celebrant of Holy Communion at our 8am and 11am Worship Experiences.

Gerald Logan,

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The mirroring project

** PHASE THREE **

Thank you Presiding Elders, Pastors and Laity.

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We encourage both, Pastors and Laity, to continue the implementation of this project in their local churches minus the written reports to the Conference President. Together we will see Acts 16:5 become a reality in the Second District: “So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.”

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO DOCUMENT THE
PROCESS FOR YOUR CHURCH!**

***Note: DO NOT email/send written reports to
President Penny Oliver***



WNCC Lay Organization Prayer Breakfast

The WNCC - Lay Organization Prayer breakfast PLANNING Committee greatly appreciates Pastor Kelvin Royster, President Joan Brandon, the members of Macedonia, the male chorus and everyone who helped make this event a success. We appreciate the prayer warriors who extended prayers to give us the spiritual high. Thank you one and all for all that you did to make this an unforgettable experience.

May God continue to bless us with a true Spirit of Christianity.





**WNCC Lay Organization Prayer Breakfast
September 14, 2019**





The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization is conducting a survey to create a new proposal for the Young Adult Representative (YAR) event scheduled for April 2020.

*We need you! We need your creativity!
We need your feedback!*

Please take 3 minutes out of your day to complete the survey, via SurveyMonkey, as we plan and prepare activities and events to grow our church..

www.surveymonkey.com/r/KJ3VB2D.

Your participation is appreciated!

Sister Mary Royster Harris,
WNCC-LO Young Adult Representative





A TEACHABLE MOMENT



Local Church Leadership

An effective lay leader functions as the primary representative and role model of Christian discipleship and faith lived out in the church and in daily life. The lay leader works with the pastor(s) to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation.

Qualifications:

- This leader should be a growing Christian disciple who understands that everyone has spiritual gifts and experiences that are vital to the Body of Christ. As a leader, this person should seek to emulate the servant ministry of Jesus. This person benefits from having one or more of these spiritual gifts: **compassion, discernment, faith, helping, leadership, and servanthood.**
- This leader should be a living example of one who “loves God and loves neighbor.” It is important for a lay leader to listen well and communicate with people of all ages. This person should show evidence of working well with both clergy and laity and with various teams and task groups.
- This leader must have the ability to keep a broad view of the separate parts of the congregation and work with the pastor(s) to help align the entire ministry toward the mission of the church.
- This leader should model the outward focus of the church, connecting the congregation with the community and the world.

Responsibilities:

- Work with the pastor(s) to ensure that church ministries support the church’s mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The lay leader meets regularly with the pastor(s) to discuss the state of the church and the opportunities for ministry.
- Engage personally in spiritual practices that build a relationship of attentiveness to God’s will and direction. These include commitments made through the vows of church membership: prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
- Collaborate with other church leaders to envision, support, and celebrate ministries of laity within and beyond the local congregation.
- Encourage teamwork between the pastor(s) and lay leadership and work to strengthen the relationship between the pastor(s) and the congregation.
- Participate in district and conference-level training; model an attitude of continual learning.
- Connect with lay leaders from other congregations and the district lay leader to share ideas and provide mutual support.

What does the lay leader do?

The primary task of the lay leader in a local church is to connect the people of the church, the leadership of the church, and the local community. This connection is multi-directional. As a member of important church leadership teams, the lay leader represents the laity and provides crucial insight into the wider community’s needs. In the other direction, the lay leader helps to engage the people in the church’s ministries. Before a church can become fruitful, however, it must first establish direction.

In order to meet the needs at every level of the Connection and in every local church, the AME Church shall implement strategies to train all members in 1) Christian discipleship, 2) Christian leadership, 3) current teaching methods and materials, 4) the history and significance of the AME Church, 5) God’s biblical principles and 6) social development, all of which should be applied to daily kingdom living.



All African Methodist Episcopal churches share a common mission—to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. What this will look like in any particular context can vary a great deal. A local church must envision what living out the broader mission would look like in its community. Along with other church leaders, the lay leader helps to articulate a shared vision and set goals for moving toward that vision. Once the church has established its vision and set goals, the lay leader works to invite, equip, and encourage people to participate in ministry.

Like most worthwhile endeavors, the work of a lay leader isn't easy, but it should be fulfilling. To provide you with a clearer idea of how to proceed, the following sections offer some useful suggestions for fulfilling the responsibilities outlined in the job description.

Responsibility 1: *Work with the pastor(s) to ensure that church ministries support the church's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The lay leader meets regularly with the pastor(s) to discuss the state of the church and the opportunities for ministry.*

The relationship between you and the pastor(s) of your church is tremendously important and must be mutually supportive. Become a partner in ministry with your pastor by praying, sharing, and working together. Communicate regularly. An effective relationship begins with open minds and mutual respect. Above all, both must recognize that the Church is God's Church. It doesn't belong to the laity or the clergy. Egos and agendas must be put aside. Congregations respond in a positive way to pastor-lay leadership when they see that both are spirit-filled and working in harmony for effective ministry. This kind of partnership ministry, with the whole congregation involved, becomes very important when pastoral leadership changes.

We suggest thinking about three characteristics of a good partnership:

Roles: What is it that each of you does in fulfilling the ultimate mission? There are clearly things that only ordained clergy do, but ministry of a local church must be more than the work of the ordained clergy. The challenge is to determine those tasks that the lay leader does that no one else does. *Here are some examples:*

- ✓ Hold the "big picture" perspective of the ministry of the church
- ✓ Serve as confidant and sounding board for how ideas, vision, and plans of the clergy might be received by others
- ✓ Share things being said in the congregation in one-on-one settings
- ✓ Filter multiple messages from the congregation into those things that the pastor should hear to help her or him prioritize where to act
- ✓ Reinforce ideas and messages from the pastor in the congregation

Respect: You must respect each other as people as well as the importance of the roles you play. It becomes virtually impossible for two people to work together if you do not respect each other. You do not need to be best friends or buddies. If personal friendships develop (and they often will), that is a tremendous blessing. However, friendship is not a requirement to perform this ministry, mutual respect for one another as disciples working for Christ is.

Reciprocity: When partnerships flourish, members of the tandem feel as though they receive something valuable from the partnership. If either of you feels that the time together isn't helping to achieve the ultimate purpose of the partnership, you will devalue the time together. Go into the relationship expecting God to produce the synergy between the two of you.

You and your pastor are a team, and teaming means sharing responsibilities. Identify opportunities to share, such as leading special events, visiting the sick and homebound, or contacting visitors to your church. This partnership will bless each of you as well as the church in many unforeseen ways if you give it the chance.

Some things to pray about:

- ✓ The pastor as a person and as a leader. Ask God to strengthen and give your pastor a clear vision that reflects God's will. Ask God to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Pray for the well-being of your pastor's family and relationships, as well.
- ✓ Spiritual connection: Ask God to help you connect with the pastor around God's will for your shared ministry.
- ✓ The ministry of the church: Ultimately, the work the two of you do should bless others. Pray for that outcome.





Some things to think about:

- ✓ What does vital ministry look like in the life of your congregation and its neighbors? Along with the pastor and other leaders, you can help articulate your church's vision of how it will make disciples for the transformation of the world. You will help set goals to this end and ensure that the church invests its resources (staff, facilities, funding, etc.) toward achieving these goals.
- ✓ What am I offering the pastor? What knowledge and skills will I provide that will help her or his ministry thrive?
- ✓ What do I need from a pastor to make my ministry flourish? Clarifying what will help you makes it easier for the pastor to provide.
- ✓ How best do you work with others? Do you have a preferred communication format? (email, phone, face-to-face). How do you like to solve problems? Know these things and share them so that you can work well together.

Some things to try:

- ✓ Plan ahead: Everyone is busy. If your time is highly scheduled, then plan ahead so that you will have some time to meet face-to-face for extended conversation. You may even need to plan 5 phone calls. If you rely on spontaneity, the communications will almost never be sufficient for the partnership to reach its fullest potential.
- ✓ Meet with only prayer or fellowship as the purpose: Friendship is not required, but getting to know one another is. Meetings out of the regular location and format can go a long way in helping you get to know one another better. If the meetings are "all business," you'll miss out on many possible blessings.
- ✓ Listen to each other's stories: Stories reveal much more about people than isolated facts. When building an effective partnership, listening to each other's stories will help you know and understand each other. Ask questions that invite stories as a means of building your partnership: how did you become a African Methodist? What was your call to ministry like? What did you learn from a disappointment in ministry? How did you come to know Jesus as opposed to know about Jesus? What excites you about being here? These types of conversations build meaningful partnerships.

Second Episcopal District Of The African Methodist Episcopal Church, Stewards and Trustees Training Workshop Booklet from The Summer Summit, July 9, 2019.

**Sister Jacqueline C. Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities (DOLA)
Western North Carolina Conference**





Union Bethel

African Methodist Episcopal Church

Union Bethel AME Church, Cary, NC was organized and built by the Reverend James Addison Blake and his wife Mrs. Mintie H. Blake. Official records note that the church was founded in 1898 although some unofficial records indicate the church may have been founded in 1896.

The Blake family moved into this community on what is now called East Johnson Street. The area at that time was known as Blake Hill. At the time Union Bethel AMEC was formed there was a Colored Christian Church and a Baptist Church in the same community.

The Blakes decided to organize an AME church. Mrs. Blake suggested the name Union Bethel and the congregation adopted the name. Sunday school was held at 2:00 pm each Sunday. The first teacher was Miss Blanche Blake, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Blake. People in the area referred to Union Bethel as "the Blake church".

Union Bethel AME Church, Cary First Christian, and Mt. Zion Baptist Church formed a circuit. Each church held Sunday School every Sunday while worship services rotated between the three churches. Regardless of denominational differences. The community understood the need to support each other.

Today, Union Bethel AME Church is reconnecting with the larger faith community in Cary. At Union Bethel AME Church we believe the Scripture verse, Matthew 18:20 (NRSV) "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" describes our spirit in serving God. There is no limit to what God will do with and for those who walk boldly in their faith.

We believe a personal relationship with Jesus begins in the smallest encounters. Those encounters await us outside the walls of our church. Our vision is to provide a bridge to Jesus for forgotten and overlooked people so that lives are transformed through the love of God and the knowledge of the free gift of salvation through Christ Jesus.

514 N Academy St * Cary, North Carolina 27513
Pastor Gwendolyn M. Wise-Blackman, Ph.D., M.Div.





Arlene Sanders, a member of St. Matthew AME Church in Raleigh, NC happily reports on a TV show in which her daughter was a participant. Sgt. Major Christal Sanders Rheams appearing with quartet group Voices of Service were among the top 5 finalist in the Season 14 NBC "America's Got Talent Show". The Voices of Service group is a quartet of veteran and active duty military members. Voices of Service is affiliated with the Virginia based non-profit Center for American Military Music Opportunities (CAMMO), where she also volunteers as the Director of CAMMO Kids. She is a full time active duty Sgt. Major in the US Army Pershings Own as Group Leader, Producer with the U. S. Army Downrange Ensemble. She is a proud wife and mother of a 2019 high school graduate and a daughter in her junior year of college and also an avid Cross fit competitor.



Giving Back Instead of Giving Up!

By: Dr. Alice Garrett

According to the American Cancer Society, over 12 million people in the United States are living with or have been personally diagnosed with cancer. Every year 1.5 million more people receive a cancer diagnosis. This means that in a church of 200 people, approximately eight people are living with cancer and two more will be diagnosed with it every year.

(Journey of Hope Cancer Care Ministry)

This article is about the late Bobby F. Garrett who was a member of Saint Matthew AME Church in Raleigh, NC and served as a member of the Board of Trustees, Vice President of the Lay Organization and Assistant Sunday School Superintendent who lost his **journey with cancer. It is also an account of the family's proactive efforts to help find a cure.**



The Bobby F. Garrett Cancer Benefit (BFGCB) began out of the desire of the Garrett family to give back for the many acts of **kindness shown during their family member's journey with cancer.** Bobby Garrett was treated at the UNC Lineberger Cancer Center throughout his 11-year journey with cancer. Although **devastated after Bobby's transition, the family knew that had he** been provided the opportunity he would have reached out to help others through their experience with cancer. Through the services provided to Bobby, the family was able to understand every step of the journey, was provided first-class support when making decisions about his care, was given hope and every opportunity for his wellness and well-being and compassionately candid advice while navigating his **transition. Bobby's journey began in the fall of 1997. Even now after Bobby's transition, which** was in December of 2008, the UNC Lineberger Cancer Center has remained a significant **part of the family's life.**

As an expression of their gratitude for the love and services provided to Bobby, with the assistance of the UNC Lineberger Cancer Center in Chapel Hill, NC, Reverend Marion B. Robinson and the Saint Matthew AME Church family, the Garrett family hosted the first Bobby F. Garrett Gospel Concert in support of Head and Neck Cancer Research at the UNC Lineberger Cancer Center on the first Saturday in December 2009. Gospel groups from the surrounding area and Bethel Hall Baptist Church



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in Laurens, SC (Bobby's home church) helped to make the first benefit a success. All groups continue to return annually to participate in the benefit, including Anointed Vessels, a mime group from Poplar Grove AME Church in Greensboro, NC. The group also performs annually at the Western North Carolina District Church School Convention.

Funds raised during the annual benefit are used by the UNC Lineberger Cancer Center to purchase individual cancer tissue samples to help researchers learn more about the genetic makeup of cancers of the head and neck and how to best treat patients based on the information gathered. Funds have also supported the perpetual Bobby F. Garrett Research Fellowship in Head and Neck Cancer at the UNC Cancer Hospital in Chapel Hill. The benefit selects a family each year who has or is journeying with cancer to prayerfully award an empowerment plaque and the Garrett family's pledge of support. Not only has the benefit donated to the UNC Lineberger Cancer Center; the research is acknowledged in the 2015 *Journal of Clinical Oncology* article, "Genetic Landscape of Human Papillomavirus-Associated Head and Neck Cancer and Comparison to Tobacco-Related Tumors", coauthored by Dr. Neal Hayes, Bobby's oncologist.




To date, the BFGCB has raised more than \$115,000 for cancer research. Realizing the great expense for cancer patients and family members for co-payments, meals, and transportation to appointments, the BFGCB has now expanded its assistance to funds and gift cards to the Rex UNC Angel Fund and the Sampson County Oncology Rehabilitation Center in Clinton, NC. 2018 marked the ten-year anniversary of the Bobby F. Garrett Cancer Benefit. It also marked the establishment of the Bobby F. Garrett Cancer Benefit, Inc., a 501-C3 organization and the launch of the "Journey of Hope" Cancer Care Ministry at Saint Matthew AME Church in Raleigh, NC.

The BFGC Benefit celebrated its tenth anniversary in December 2018 with a luncheon meal for benefit participants and church and community supporters. The crowd was excited that the Word Tabernacle Mass Choir of Rocky Mount, NC was the featured guest, along with The Men of Faith, recording artist Juanita Williams MacDonald, Pleasant Union Church CC Male Choir, Anointed Vessels, Saint Matthew AME Church Mass Choir and the mentored group for Anointed Vessels. Plans are in the making for the 11th Annual Bobby F. Garrett Cancer Benefit, Inc. to be held at Saint Matthew AME Church on December 7, 2019 at 2:30pm. The family is thankful to all participants, Reverend Marion B. Robinson, and the Saint Matthew AME Church family who have assisted the benefit in every effort, Moses Watson's Family Dentistry, our first and continued business sponsor, and all contributors to the benefit. To God be the Glory! The family is excited about the path along which God is leading the BFGCB to be a blessing to others in their cancer journey.

With these milestones ushering the benefit into the 11th year of service, the family is proud to continue supporting cancer research at the UNC Lineberger Cancer Center and extend cancer care service to caregivers, cancer patients, and their families.



Follow us on  @ the Bobby F. Garrett Center Benefit

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Sister Penny Oliver, Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization President



2019 Lay Witness Sunday Church Schedules



CHURCH	PASTOR	LAY PRESIDENT	DATE/TIME PROGRAM	SPEAKER
Emmanuel AMEC Durham, NC	Rev. John Burton	Sis. Iris Hux	10/13 @ 10:00 AM	Sis. Mary Royster-Harris, WNCCLO YAR
Gaston Chapel AMEC, Morganton, NC	Re. Alphonso McGlen	Sis. Barbara Myers	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Barbara Myers, WNCCLO 3rd Vice President
Greater Bethel AMEC Charlotte, NC	Rev. Dr. Abdue L. Knox I	Sis. Whitney J. Brown	10/13 @ 10:00 AM	Rev. Sekinah Hamlin
Hunter's Chapel AMEC, Mebane, NC	Rev. Vernon P. Burns	Bro. Robert Jones	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Shontae Smith
Johnson Chapel AMEC, Mebane, NC	Rev. Timothy M. Boone	Sis. Margie Alston	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Starr Battle, CLO 3rd Vice Presi- dent
Joseph Temple AMEC, Laurinburg, NC	Rev. Brenda Prince	Sis. Lottie Campbell	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Bro. Robert L. Malloy
Living Waters AMEC, Raleigh, NC	Rev. Allonia Holmes		10/20 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Tiffany Utley
Macedonia AMEC Milton, NC	Rev. Kelvin Royster	Sis. Joan Brandon	11/10 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Lynell Royal
McElrath AMEC Morganton, NC	Rev. Milton O. Battle	Sis. Karen Dula	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Bettie Duell, WNCCLO Eastern Dist. Coordinator
Mt. Zion AMEC, Hillsborough, NC	Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons	Sis. Vivian Latta	10/13 @ 10:00 AM	Sis. Jacqueline C. Kanipe, WNCCLO Dir of Lay Activi- ties
Payne's Chapel AMEC, Hills- borough, NC	Rev. Allen Terrell	Sis. Hazeline Brooks	10/20 @ 2:30 PM	Sis. Beverly Hester- Stephens
Pearson Memorial AMEC, High Point, NC	Rev. Maye E. Riddick	Sis. Anna Marie Mackey	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Penny Oliver, WNCCLO President

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Shiloh AMEC Morganton, NC	Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Johnson, Sr.	Bro. Brandon Owens	10/13 @ 10:30 AM	Bro. Woodrow Win- chester, WNCCLLO Treasurer
Springdale AMEC Burlington, NC	Rev. Bridgette Gloster	Sis. Alison Parker	10/20 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Greta Foushee
St. James AMEC— Method, Raleigh, NC	Rev. Phyllis T. Royal	Bro. Howard Manning	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Chandra Walker
St. John AMEC, Gibsonville, NC	Rev. Dr. Byron J. Grayson, Sr.	Sis. Richetta Road	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Bro. Britton Foust
St. Joseph AMEC Durham, NC	Rev. Jonathan C. Augustine	Sis. Gerald Logan	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	The Honorable Anita Earls, Associ- ate Justice of NC Supreme Court
St. Paul AMEC Raleigh, NC	Rev. Robert L. Hodges, Sr.	Sis. Carol Davenport	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Bro. Dwight Patterson, Past SEDLO President
St. Paul AMEC Lenoir, NC	Rev. Kim Moss	Sis. Barbara Smith	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. LaDawna Dula, Lay Leader, New Covenant UMC, Lenoir, NC
White Cross AMEC Efland, NC	Rev. Myraette McGibony	Sis. Ghesia M. Yellock	10/13 @ 11:00 AM	Bro. Kenneth Woods, Sr., SEDLO Chaplain
Willow Tree AMEC Morganton, NC	Rev. Anthony Radcliff	Sis. Mary Mathies	11/10 @ 11:00 AM	Sis. Penny Oliver, WNCCLLO President



All WNCC-LO meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

October 12, 2019

Clapps Chapel, Whitsett, NC

WNCC-LO Meeting

October 13, 2019

**** LAY WITNESS SUNDAY ****

January 11, 2020

Persimmon Grove, Greensboro, NC

WNCC-LO Meeting

March 14, 2020

Bethel, Greensboro, NC

WNCC-LO Meeting

April 11, 2020

St. James, Winston-Salem, NC

WNCC-LO Meeting

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November 9, 2019

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

Reverend Patrice Fields
Host Pastor

Sister Bonita Brown
Host Lay President

Registration – \$10
Doors open @ 8:30am
Institute begins @ 9am

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Penny Oliver-President | Jackie Kanipe-DOLA | Mary Harris-YAR



Mark Your Calendars Upcoming Events Around the Connection



October 5, 2019.....\$12.....White Cross Carrie McAdoo Lay Organization Prayer Breakfast
4604 Lebanon Church Road, Efland, NC
Rev. Myraette McGibony, *Pastor*

October 6, 2019 Mt. Herman Revival
3737 Mt. Herman Church Road, Glen Alpine, NC
Rev. Mildred Conley, *Pastor*

October 13, 2019Little Rock Revival
5389 Daisy Place, Lenoir, NC
Rev. Dr. Angela Walker, *Pastor*

October 13, 20193PM.....Allen Chapel Homecoming
12201 Pankey Town Road, Laurinburg, NC
Rev. Willard Rogers, Jr., *Pastor*

October 13, 20194PM.....Living Water Leigh B. Nipper WMS Annual Day
3309 Cedar Springs Drive, Raleigh, NC
Rev. Allonia Holmes, *Pastor*
Speaker: Sis. Nikki W. Lyons, WNCC WMS President

October 19, 2019.....5PM...(\$25).....Mt. Zion 150th Church Ann. Dinner/Comedy Banquet
Comedian: Rod Allison
5124 Hwy 86 North, Hillsborough, , NC
Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons, *Pastor*
Tickets: call 919-732-5450 / email: mtzionameinfo@gmail.com

October 20, 201911AM & 3:30PM.....Gaston Chapel Homecoming
102 Bouchelle Street, Morganton, NC
Rev. Alphonso E. McGlen, *Pastor*
3PM Speaker: Rev. Dr. Abdul Knox, Pastor of Greater Bethel AMEC, Charlotte, NC

October 21–23, 20197PM.....Gaston Chapel Revival
102 Bouchelle Street, Morganton, NC
Rev. Alphonso E. McGlen, *Pastor*

October 21–23, 20197PM.....St. James Revival
1501 N. Patterson Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC
Rev. Shelton T. Miles, *Pastor*

October 25, 20197PM-8PM (must register).....Loss of a Loved One: Coping with Grief
RECUR, Inc & St. James AMEC, 520 Method Road, Raleigh, NC
Rev. Phyllis T. Royal, *Pastor*
Facilitator: Mrs. Jennifer Robinson, RN-Nurse Educator
To register, call 919.389-4452



Mark Your Calendars Upcoming Events Around the Connection



October 27, 20193PM.....Johnson Chapel 99th Church Anniversary
431 Woodlawn Road, Mebane, NC
Rev. Timothy M. Boone, *Pastor*
Speaker: Bishop Greg K. Hargrave, Pastor of Gospel Tabernacle UHC, Burlington, NC

October 27, 20193-6PM.....Living Water Fall Festival
3309 Cedar Springs Drive, Raleigh, NC
Rev. Allonia Holmes, *Pastor*
Tickets: call 919-272-0974 / email: lwamec@raleigh.twcbc.com
Pre-Admission & Food Pre-Order by October 20th

October 27, 2019.....**3PM.....(\$10).....Corpening Chapel Hats on Parade**
2961 Corpening Chapel Road, Morganton, NC
Rev. Renee Shade, *Pastor*

October 27, 20193PM.....Emmanuel 139th Church Anniversary
2018 Riddle Road, Durham, NC
Rev. John D. Burton, *Pastor*
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Wayne Beatty, Pastor of Lincolnville AMEC, Raleigh, NC

November 9, 2019.....9AM; doors open at 8:30AM.....WNCC-LO Lay/Clergy Institute
St. Matthew, Burlington, NC
Rev. Dr. Patrice Fields, *Pastor*
Sis. Bonita Brown, Lay President

November 10, 2019.....Mt. Zion 150th Church Anniversary Celebration
5124 Hwy 86 North, Hillsborough, NC
Rev. Dr. Steven L. Lyons, *Pastor*

November 16, 2019Starting at 5PM.....150th Anniversary Gala
St. Joseph's, Durham, NC ~ Rev. Dr. Jonathan Augustine, *Pastor*
Sheraton Imperial Hotel ~ 4700 Emperor Blvd, I-40, Exit 282, Durham, NC
Meet/Greet 5pm, Banquet 6pm, Gala 8pm ~ Admission \$50 ~ Attire "Semi -Formal"
Special Guests include Grammy Winning Artist Shirley Caesar and many more!

December 5-7, 2019**Connectional Lay Organization Executive Board Meeting**
Atlanta, GA

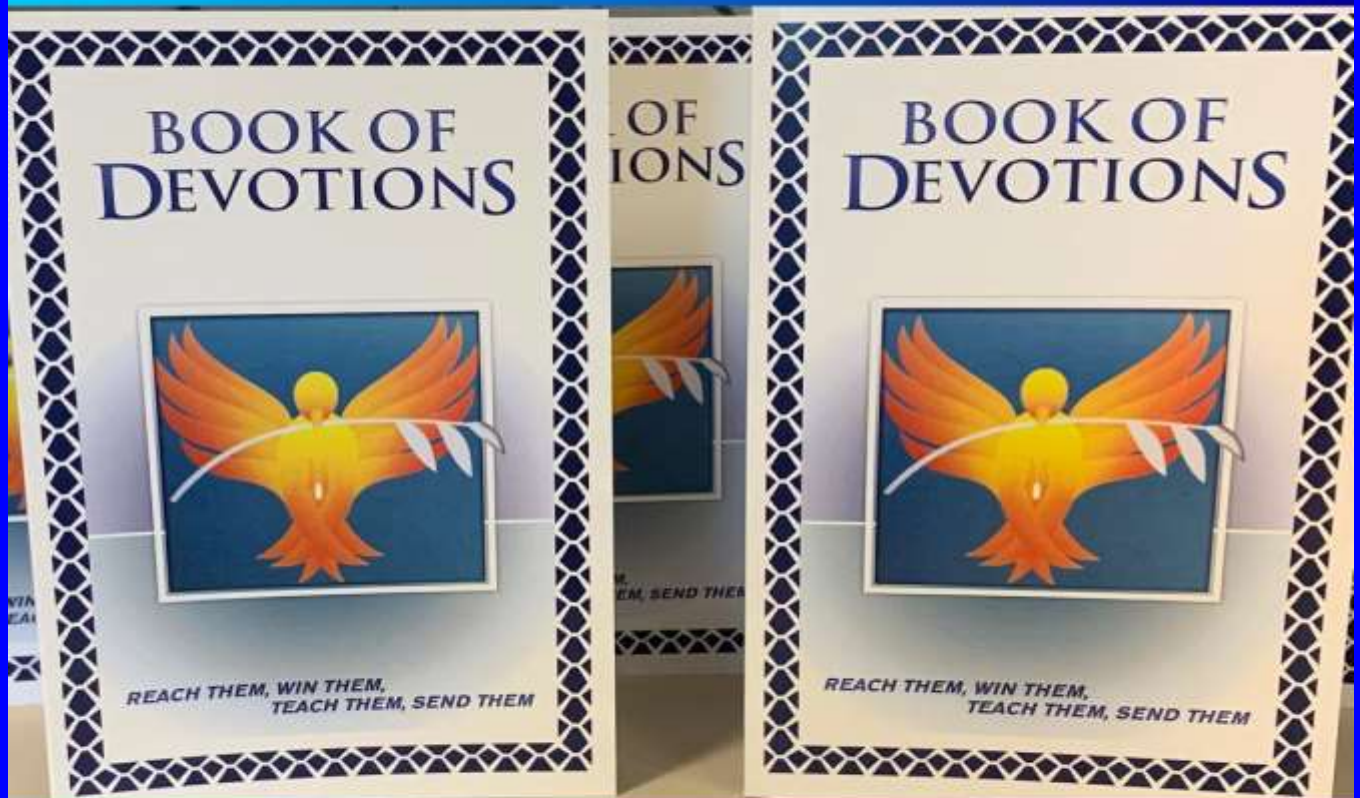
March 31, 2020 Lay Organization Evangelism Sunday

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