

ST. PAUL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
321 NORTH SOUTH STREET
MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA 27030

**St. Paul African
Methodist
Episcopal Church
107th Anniversary**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2005
11:00 A.M. & 3:00 P.M.

RT. REV. ADAM J. RICHARDSON, PRESIDING BISHOP
REV. JASPER BERNARD WILDER, PRESIDING ELDER
REV. LULA WILLIAMS, PASTOR
BISHOP CLAUDE TURNER
PASTOR OF CALVARY HILL CHURCH OF GREATER
DELIVERANCE, WINSTON SALEM, NC
GUEST

From the Desk of Pastor Williams

December 4, 2005

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul AME Church:

Here we stand today celebrating 107 years of the existence of our Church – **THE ST. PAUL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MOUNT AIRY, NC.**

We are truly blessed and, in many ways, more than blessed. God has truly smiled on us for these many years.

As we go through this day of celebrating our Anniversary let us, each and every one, pause and say "Thank You" to God above. For it is only through and by his grace and mercy that we have survived and thrived as a Church with a rich history that we should be so proud of.

As we go into our 108th year, the Church will face many challenges. So let us prepare ourselves to face them and help our children to prepare themselves for the future. One of the ways that we can do this is to help them to understand the past of St. Paul. Tell them of the their ancestors and of the rich history of our Church.

I am very proud to be part of this celebration and to be a part of each of you.

Your Pastor

Rev. Lula Williams

ORDER OF SERVICE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2005

The Prelude.....Bro. Samuel Gwyn, Musician

The Lighting of Candles.....Acolytes

The Proclamation: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple, Let all the
earth keep silence before Him"

The Doxology.....Congregation Standing/Hands Joined

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all Creatures
here below: Praise Him above, Ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost".

The Call to Worship.....Rev. Lula Williams

LEADER: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House
of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O
Jerusalem.

PEOPLE: For a day in thy court is better than a thousand, I had
rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell
in the tents of wickedness.

LEADER: Because of the House of the Lord our God, I will seek thy
good.

PEOPLE: Those that be planted in the House of the Lord, shall
flourish in the courts of our God.

LEADER: Blessed are they that dwell in thy House, Lord, I have loved
thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

PEOPLE: For the Lord is in His Holy Temple. Let all the earth keep
silence before Him.

LEADER: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

ALL: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous
things! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth
sing praises!

The Hymn No.5.....All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

The Morning Meditation.....Rev. Lula Williams
There's Room at the Cross

The Hymn No.120..... Joy to the World

Scripture.....Old and New Testament.....Rev. Lula Williams

The Decalogue: From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's
praise arise: Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land, by
every tongue.

A SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE

Pastor: Hear what Christ our Saviour saith, Thou shalt love the Lord
thy God with all thy soul, and with all thy heart, and with all thy
mind. This is the first and great commandment, and the second is like
unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two
commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

THE GLORI PATRI: (All) Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world with out end.

AMEN.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(All) I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth,
and In Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot,
was crucified, dead and buried. The third day He arose from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the
father almighty: from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the
communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the
body and life everlasting. AMEN.

The Announcements.....Sister Jo Ann Larkins

The Advent Service.....Nicholas Gwyn
Jahlil Rawley

The Pastor's Word.....Rev. Lula Williams

Missionary Offering/Tithes/Offerings.....Usher Board and Officers

Victory Is Mine

The Offeratory Sentence: "We give Thee but thine own, what-e'er gift
may be: All that we have is thine alone A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
AMEN.

Altar Meditation.....Hymn No. 362.....Learning to Lean

The Sermonic Hymn.....The Lord is My Light

The Sermon.....Rev. Lula Williams
Pastor

The Lord's Prayer.....Chanted by the Choir

Invitation to Disciplineship.....There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood

Communion

The Extinguishing of Candles.....Acolytes

The Benediction.....Rev. Williams

The Recessional

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 107th Anniversary of the St. Paul AME Church. This afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Claude Turner, Pastor of the Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance will be our guest, along with his choir and congregation. Dinner will be served after the morning service. We are asking all members to pay \$107.

St. Paul will have Prayer Service and Bible Study on Wednesday Night at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. We are now studying in the Book of Job

We are still accepting Conference Claims for the 1st half of the new Conference Year of \$50 per member. We are asking all members to please pay your conference claims.

The Lay Organization will meet on the 1st Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. All members are requested to attend. Please bring your Lay Book. Membership is \$6.00 and dues are \$2.00.

The Stewardesses are working on a Project to replenish our Pantry downstairs. We have posted a list in the back Fellowship Hall. If you bring an item, please check it off so that we will know that we have it. Your cooperation is needed and will be appreciated.

The Stewardesses and Sisters Club together will have their Christmas Party on next Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. During this "season of giving", we are asking everyone to bring a gift for a child to give to Wings of Courage to distribute to needy children.

Believe it or not, we are now working on our 2006 Church Calendar. Please submit your activities, Programs, etc. as soon as possible to Jo Ann Larkins.

OUR THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, BE THANKFUL

"Jesus is the reason for the Season"

ST. PAUL AME CHURCH SICK AND SHUT IN LIST AND SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Williams' Brother	Marisa Brown	Special Prayer
Rev. Lula Williams	Jo Ann Hines	K. C. Dalton
Jacqueline Scott	Roscoe Hines	Kai Cee Snow
Doris Joyce		Tiffany Moore
Louise Hines		Dr. Tracey Muhammed
Irene Shuff		Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Posey, Sr.
Marie Letts		Benje Gwyn
Darlene Rudisill		Jazmine Green
Jesse J. Gwyn		
Eugene Heath		
Norma J. Gwyn		
Betty Scales		
Brittany Boone		
Donna Ann Leake		
Junior Smith		
Opal Watson		
Mary Frances Hargraves		
Fances Staples		
Frances Brim		
Dot Martin		
Melanie Cook		
Cary Clay		
Gloria King		
Priscilla Duncan		
Shirley Roberts		
Danny Beamer		
Mary Hayes	Sick and Shut in	
Tim Atkins	Lavania Gilliam	
Tracey Atkins	Gilda Pruitt	
Chester Parrish	Lola Flippen	
Norma Parrish	John Turley	

ST. PAUL AME CHURCH'S 107TH ANNIVERSARY
SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE
DECEMBER 4, 2005
3:00 p.m.

Rev. Lula Williams, Pastor, Mistress of Ceremony

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Call to Worship..... Rev. Lula Williams

Hymn No. 525..... What A Fellowship

Prayer Guest Minister

Scripture..... Guest Minister

Selection..... Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Choir

Welcome and the Occasion..... Sister Jasmin Gwyn

Offering..... Stewards and Trustees

Offeratory

Selection..... Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Church Choir

Introduction of Speaker..... Rev. Lula Williams

Selection(s)..... Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance Church Choir

Sermon..... Bishop Claude Turner, Pastor
Calvary Hill Church of Greater Deliverance
Winston Salem, NC

Invitation to Disciplineship

Acknowledgement of Guest

Remarks..... Sister Shelby King

Closing Remarks..... Rev. Lula Williams

Closing Remarks and Benediction..... Bishop Claude Turner

OUR HISTORY

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
321 North South Street
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

In 1898, Wayman's Chapel AME Church was organized under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Walker and a few dedicated members who expressed the need for a place of worship in Mount Airy.

Great stories have been told of how God so richly blessed our ancestors as they praised God in the "Old Chapel Church" as it was affectionately known. The Church was located on the south end of South Street.

Later, Rev. Clifton Hodges was assigned as our Pastor and a new Church was erected on North South Street and the name was changed to St. Paul AME Church.

Several Ministers served after Rev. Hodges and in the transition much of our history was lost. In 1955, Rev. J. T. DeLoatch was assigned as our Pastor and served St. Paul for nineteen (19) years and guided the Congregation through the redevelopment era. The Church was sold and property across the street was purchased and the present Sanctuary and Parsonage was built.

In 1972, Rev. W. H. Morrison was sent to St. Paul and served for eleven (11) years.

Under Rev. Morrison's leadership God truly blessed us spiritually and we began to see many things materialize. The Church and Parsonage was dedicated in 1973, an addition to the Church was made, and we had our parking lot paved. During this time, Rev. Morrison and the Congregation opened the doors of the Church to the local Head Start Program and the YVEDDI operated a Head Start Center here for 35 children until building code regulations forced the Program to move out of the basement.

In June 1993, Rev. A. M. Hall served as Pastor for one year and in 1994, Rev. A. A. Simmons served for one year. For the first time in our History, under Rev. Simmons' leadership, we had our Bishop of the Second Episcopal District, the Rt. Rev. John H. Adams, to deliver our Anniversary Message. This was a joyous and memorable occasion for all of us.

Rev. J. R. Bridges was sent to St. Paul in 1985 and under his leadership we were able to have our Mortgage Burning Service with the Rt. Rev. John Hurst Adams, Bishop of the Second Episcopal District, presiding.

We remember Rev. Bridges, until this day, as a Great Bible Teacher.

Rev. Lillian B. Rainey served as Pastor of St. Paul for three years and, under her leadership, the Congregation decided to give the Sanctuary a new look.

Following Rev. Rainey, Rev. Carl Manuel Jr., served for two and one-half years and we realized the goal of having paid for the remodeling of our Sanctuary. Rev. Manuel also started an Afro-American Male Mentoring Program. This was a good Program and inspired several of the young men in our area.

Rev. Manuel also received his Doctorate of Divinity Degree while pastoring here.

Rev. Mattie Ruth Smith was assigned as our Pastor in January of 1998 and served for seven and one-half months. Following Rev. Smith, Rev. Thomas I. Burt was assigned in August 1998.

Much was accomplished under the leadership of Rev. Burt, including the 103rd Anniversary. He was instrumental in helping us to get some office equipment and furniture.

Rev. Burt served as Pastor of St. Paul AME Church until March 2002, at which time Rev. H. B. Williams was assigned as our Pastor.

Early in the year of 2002, it became apparent that we were probably facing a change in our Pastoral leadership. Some of our members began to pray for the kind of leader and Pastor that we needed. In addition to the spiritual aspect, we prayed for love and compassion.

God answers Prayer! Rev. H. B. Williams, his wife Ruby, and granddaughter Tiffany came in March 2002. Rev. Williams is a God sent man, gifted with wisdom and insight and the love that we prayed for.

We were more than blessed in that for more than half of the year we had the assistance of Rev. Brenda Revel, who is a member and local Preacher of Union Bethel AME Church in Winston Salem, NC.

Prior to the Annual Conference, we knew that Rev. H. B. Williams would retire. At the Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC in June, 2004, Rev. Williams asked to be "supernumerated" and was granted retirement by the Bishop.

It was praying time again. This time we had the opportunity to go to Conference not knowing who our next Pastor would be. At that Annual Conference, we looked around, we watched, we listened, and we prayed.

Our new Pastor was no other than Rev. Lula Williams. We call her our Pastor, but she is a Pastor and more, much more. Since Rev. Williams has been here, our Church has grown spiritually and financially. Rev. Williams is truly a called "Woman of God", and sent to St. Paul by God.

She is an encourager, a motivator, a prayer warrior, believing to the utmost that "Prayer changes things".

This is our tribute to Rev. Williams:

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies". Proverbs 31:10

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed: her husband also, and he praiseth her".
Proverbs 31:28

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised". Proverbs 31:30

To God be the Glory.....

St. Paul pays
tribute to
Brother Buster
Jones, who is
gone, but not
forgotten.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me . . .

When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your
eyes

All filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without
me,

Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my
name,

And took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye,
For all my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for,
So much yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible,
That I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.

If I could relieve yesterday,
Just even for a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you

And maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized,
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories,
Would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things,
I might miss come tomorrow.
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's
gates,

I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at
me,

From His great golden throne,
He said, "This is eternity, and all
I've promised you.

For today life on earth is past,
But here it starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last.
And sincere each day's the same
day

There's no longing for the past.
But you have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true.

Though there were times you did
some things,

You knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free.
So won't you take my hand
And share your life with me?

So when tomorrow starts without
me,

Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.

DONATIONS TO THE ST. PAUL AME CHURCH'S 107th ANNIVERSARY

PWA Cropps, Inc.	\$25.00			
Brannock and Hiatt, Inc.	\$25.00			
Moody's Funeral Home	\$50.00			
Hutchens' Laundry	\$25.00			
Harrell Funeral Home	\$25.00			
Thank you very much!				