

St. Paul A.M.E. Church

408 Lovill Street
Mt. Airy, NC 27030

100th Anniversary Program

Monday, November 30, 1998 - Sunday, December 6, 1998

1898 - 1998

The Right Reverend Vinton R. Anderson, Presiding Bishop
The Reverend Benjamin S. Foust, Presiding Elder
The Reverend Thomas I. Burt, Pastor
The Reverend M. B. "Bonnie" Hines, Guest Minister

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the
mountain of His holiness."

Psalms 48:1

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

ST. PAUL A M E CHURCH

100 YEARS
OLD

THE HISTORY OF ST. PAUL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA

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, North Carolina.

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 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 were 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 were 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 1984 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.

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, presiding.

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

Rev Carl Manuel, Jr., served for two and one-half years and we realized our goal of having paid for the remodeling of our Sanctuary. Rev. Manuel also started an Afro-American Male Mentoring Program, and received his Doctor of Divinity Degree while pastoring here.

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

We are thankful to God for sending us a Great Shepherd. Much has already been accomplished under his leadership, including this Anniversary, and we look forward to doing greater things in the future. Rev. Burt is a great Preacher and a man of wisdom, foresight, and vision.

To God be the glory and honour for all that we have done.....

OUR SONG: "We've Come this Far by Faith."

OUR PRAYER: Lord, Continue to Lead and Guide us for
another 100 Years. Amen.

OUR SCRIPTURES: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God, in the mountain of
his holiness.

For this God is our God for ever and
ever: He will be our guide even unto
death.

Psalms 48: 1, 14

WESTERN DISTRICT - WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

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Rev. Benjamin S. Foust, Presiding Elder

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November 22, 1998

It is my distinct pleasure and honor to extend congratulations and best wishes to Pastor Burt and the dedicated members of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church as you celebrate one hundred years of christian witness in the city of Mount Airy.

As your Presiding Elder, I share the excitement that you must necessarily feel at this time of celebration. I also join you in grateful praise to the God, who has sustained you through these years.

Mrs. Foust and I offer you our prayers and encouragement as you look forward to committed service to God and man in the years ahead. May His blessings remain with you.

Sincerely,

Benjamin S. Foust, Presiding Elder



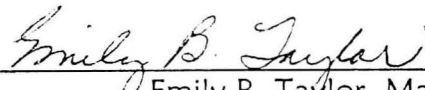
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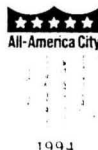
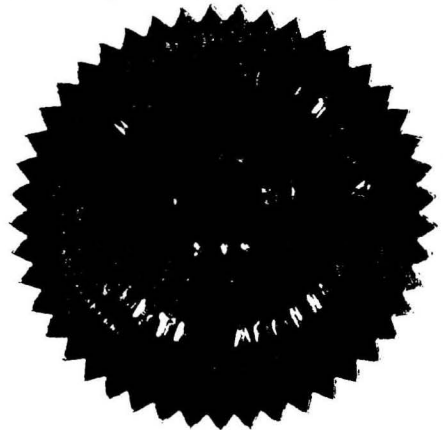
Dear Fellow Church Members,

I am so sorry that I had a conflict and could not be here to celebrate with you, but I offer my sincere heartfelt congratulations in the **100th** anniversary of your church. You must be a very proud group and rightfully so. No doubt that all of you church members may have seen some rocky years, and this celebration has a special meaning to each of you.

It takes many years of dedicated members and hard work to be in a position of celebrating such a journey. You have a beautiful facility in which you can be proud. Those of you who have been long time members have certainly reached a milestone.

Again, I want to congratulate each of you and recognize each devout and beloved member in this special service. Congratulations!


Emily B. Taylor, Mayor



CONGRATULATIONS

THE SURRY COUNTY NAACP WOULD LIKE TO
CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR ONE-HUNDREDETH
YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

WE APPRECIATE
THE LOYALTY EXHIBITED BY ST PAUL AME
CHURCH OVER THE YEARS.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO
BLESS EACH OF YOU!

The Surry County NAACP
1998

ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH BOARDS AND AUXILIARIES

**We recognize our Pastor, Rev. Thomas I. Burt,
as the Head of each Board and Auxiliary in our
Church.**

Steward Board

Sister Jo Ann Hines, Chairperson
Pro Tem
Sister Shelby King, Secretary
Brother Samuel Gwyn, Treasurer
Sister Celia Gwyn
Sister Mary Ellen Hines
Brother Walter Norman
Sister Louise Hines
Sister Irene Shuff
Sister Jo Ann Snow
Sister Martha Ann Hughes

Board of Trustees

Sister Rosalind Moore, Chairperson
Pro Tem
Sister Nica Rawley, Secretary
Sister Mary Moore, Treasurer
Sister Marisa Brown, Financial Secretary
Brother Roscoe Hines
Sister Brenda Soanes
Sister Alfreda Gaines

USHER BOARD

Sister Jo Ann Snow, President
Sister Mary Ellen Hines, Secretary
Brother Walter Norman
Sister Marisa Brown
Sister Alfreda Gaines
Sister Robin France
Brother Cephus Dalton
Sister Nica Rawley
Sister Willie Mae McLeod

CLASS LEADERS

Sister Shelby King
Brother Walter Norman
Sister Nica Rawley
Brother Buster Jones

JUNIOR USHERS

Sister TaKetra Snow
Sister Tamara Brown
Brother Nicholas Gwyn

STEWARDESSES BOARD

Sister Celia Gwyn, President
Sister Mary Ellen Hines, Treasurer
Sister Rosalind Moore, Secretary

All Women of the Church are members of the Stewardesses Board.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Sister Louise Hines, President
Sister Mary Moore, Vice-President-Program Chairperson
Sister Mary Ellen Hines, Treasurer
Sister Brenda Soanes, Secretary
Sister Jo Ann Snow, Worship Leader
Sister Celia Gwyn, Historiographer

All Women of the Church are members of the Women's Missionary Society

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT (YPD)

Sister Nica Rawley Director

All Young People who are members of the Church are members of the YPD

THE PASTOR'S AID

Sister Brenda Soanes, President
Sister Ernestine East, Vice-President
Sister Nica Rawley, Secretary
Sister Debbie Shuff, Treasurer

Senior Choir

Brother Samuel Gwyn, Musician
Sister Louise Hines, President
Sister Irene Shuff, Treasurer
Sister Mary Moore, Secretary
Sister Jo Ann Hines
Brother Roscoe Hines
Brother Walter Norman
Brother Ernest Fulton
Sister Shelby King
Sister Brenda Soanes
Sister Nica Rawley

Youth Choir

Sister Nica Rawley, Co-Director
Sister Alfreda Gaines, Co-Director
Sister Jamie Gwyn, President
Sister TaKetra Snow, Vice President
Sister Helena Shuff, Secretary
Sister Tamara Brown, Treasurer
Sister Gwendolyn Burt
Sister Tamara Gaines
Sister Veronica Burt
Sister Jasmin Gwyn
Sister Kai Cee Snow
Brother Nicholas Gwyn

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sister Celia Gwy, Superintendent/Adult Teacher
Sister Marisa Brown, Secretary

Rev. Thomas Burt
Sister Mary Ellen Hines
Brother Samuel Gwyn
Sister Jo Ann Hines
Brother Roscoe Hines
Brother Ernest Fulton
Sister Jo Ann Snow
Sister Rosalind Moore
Sister Shana Moore
Brother Walter Norman
Sister Maxine Rivera
Sister Louise Hines
Brother Anthony Jackson
Sister Martha Ann Hughes
Sister Lola Flippen

Sister Mary Moore, Primary Teacher
Phillip Gwyn
Kai Cee Snow

Sister Nica Rawley, Intermediate Teacher
Nicholas Gwyn
TaKetra Snow
Tamara Brown
Veronica Burt
Gwendolyn Burt

ST. PAUL AME CHURCH
Sunday, December 6, 1998
100th Anniversary Program - Morning Service

The Prelude..... Brother 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
The Call to Worship..... Rev. Thomas Burt
The Hymn of Praise No. 221 Lift Him Up
The Invocation.....Rev. Thomas Burt
Hymn No. 619 - Spirit of the Living God
The Hymn No. 457 My Jesus I Love Thee
The Scripture.....Old and New Testament.....Rev. Burt
The Decalogue..... Congregation Standing
The Gloria 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 without end. Amen
The Apostle's Creed Congregation Standing
The Announcements..... Sister Jo Ann Snow
The Pastor's Word..... Rev. Thomas Burt
Missionary Offering/Tithes and Offerings..... Usher Board and Officers
You Can't Beat God Giving
The Offeratory Sentence: "We give thee but thine own, what-e-'er gift may be: All that we have is thine a-lone A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen
The Advent Service..... Sister Rosalind Moore
Intercessory Prayer.....Hymn No. 307.....Sweet Hour of Prayer
The Sermonic Hymn When It Rains, It Pours
The Anniversary Sermon..... Rev. Thomas Burt
Pastor
The Lord's Prayer..... Chanted by the Choir
The Invitation to Disciplineship..... Over My Head
Communion
The Extinguishing of Candles..... Acolytes
Benediction and Blessing of the Food.....Pastor Burt
Moment of Silent Meditation..... Congregation Seated
Recessional

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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 courts 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 APOSTLE'S CREED

"What do we believe..."

"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.

THE DECALOGUE

I

Minister: And God spoke all these words, saying: I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

II

Minister: Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

III

Minister: Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold them guiltless that taketh this name in vain.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

IV

Minister: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made Heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Hymn: My soul be on thy guard,
Ten thousand foes arise:
And hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies.

V

Minister: Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

VI

Minister: Thou shalt not kill.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

VII

Minister: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

VIII

Minister: Thou shalt not steal.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

IX

Minister: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thou neighbor.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

X

Minister: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and write these laws upon our hearts.

Hymn: Nearer my God, to thee!
Nearer to thee, E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.

Minister: Hear what Christ our Saviour saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul 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.

Glori Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.
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Sunday, December 6, 1998
100th Anniversary Program - Evening Service
4:00 p.m.
Rev. Thomas J. Burt, Pastor, Presiding

Prelude

Call to Worship..... Rev. Thomas Burt

Processional..... Choir

The Hymn of Praise.....No. 519.....The Church's One Foundation

The Evening Prayer.....Brother Walter Norman

The Scripture.....Responsive Reading No. 754.....Rev. Thomas Burt

Song..... St. Peter's Choir

The Occasion..... Sister Nica Rawley

Presentation of County Commissioner-Elect York..... Brother Roscoe Hines

Greetings..... Mr. Gary York
Surry County Commissioner-Elect

Offering..... Brother Roscoe Hines
Offeratory

Song..... St. Peter's Choir

Introduction of Speaker..... Sister Jo Ann Snow

Sermonic Hymn..... St. Peter's Choir

The Anniversary Message..... Rev. M. B. "Bonnie" Hines, Pastor
St. Peter's AME Zion Church
Gastonia, North Carolina

Invitation to Disciplineship

Recognition of Visitors..... Sister Celia Gwyn

Remarks.....Pulpit Guest
Rev. Thomas Burt

Closing Remarks, Doxology, and Benediction Rev. Hines

RESPONSIVE READING NO. 754

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his Holiness.

People: Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

Leader: We have thought of Your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Your temple.

People: According to your name, O God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth: Your right hand is full of righteousness.

Leader: Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of your judgments.

People: Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Leader: Mark you well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that you may tell it to the generations following.

People: For this God is our God forever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death.

Leader: The Mighty God, even the Lord, has spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shined. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people.

Leader: Gather my Saints together to Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.

People: And the heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself.

Leader: Hear, O My people, and I will speak: O Israel, and I will testify against you: I am God, even your God.

People: I will not reprove you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings which have been continually before me.

Leader: I will take no bullock out of your house, nor he goats out of your folds; for every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

People: I know all the birds of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you; for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

Leader: Offer to God thanksgiving: and pay your vows to the Most High: and call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you and you shall glorify Me.

People: Whoso offers praise glorifies Me; and to him that orders his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.

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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER:

THE REVEREND M. B. "BONNIE" HINES

One of the things that make our 100 Anniversary Program "extra special" today is our speaker - the Reverend M. B. "Bonnie" Hines. She is one of ours!! Rev. Hines was born, grew up, and was nurtured here in St. Paul AME Church.

She participated in all of the activities of the Church, including the Sunday School, the YPD, the Junior Choir (which was directed at that time by her Aunt Sarah Clarestine Fulton). As she grew up, she also participated in the Missionary Society, the Senior Choir, sang with the Gwyn Family Singers, and a group formed by one of our former Pastors, Rev. W. H. Morrison, known at the "Morrison Singers".

Rev. Hines attended the public schools of Surry County and graduated from North Surry High School.

She attended the required classes and was ordained as a Missionary and an Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. During this time, she also became a Buyer for Belk's Department Store in Asheboro, NC.

She moved to Charlotte, NC, and became the Minister of Christian Education and Youth for Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, later becoming the Pastor of Waddell Chapel AME Zion Church in Shelby, NC.

She is currently the Pastor of St. Peter's AME Zion Church in Gastonia, NC.

There is a quotation regarding our children which says "As you are, they will be also". This is a tribute to Rev. Hines' parents - Roscoe and Jo Ann Hines. She was raised in a Christian home and from an early age her parents nurtured, encouraged, and supported her dreams so that (as her cousin Nica Rawley says) she could become a "dream maker" and not a "dream chaser".

In addition to her parents, she has four sisters, a neice, a nephew (who has the honor of being the first male born in this immediate family), and aunts, uncles, and cousins too numerous to mention.

A famous orator once said "If you think you can, or if you think you can't, you're right". Our speaker today has always been one who said "I Can" and with God's help, she has.

When asked about her long range goals, she strongly and confidently stated: "I want to be the first female Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church".

As we welcome you home, "Bonnie", we wish you God's speed in your future endeavors.

DEDICATION

We dedicate this 100th Anniversary Program not only to the founders of the great African Methodist Episcopal Church, Richard and Sarah Allen, but to our foreparents who saw the need to start an AME Church here in Mount Airy.

A special dedication to those that we were able to walk with, talk with, and to know their dreams for this Church - the St. Paul AME Church, Mount Airy, NC.

We know and realize that as we look back, we also look forward! The day is swiftly approaching when we, like our foreparents, must "*Pass the Torch*" to our children.

As we usher in the next millennium, we pray that God will continue to bless us and that we will "*Go Forward*" in "*Peace with Him!*".

Submitted by:

Steward Board Chairperson, Sister Jo Ann Hines
Anniversary Co-Chairperson, Sister Celia Gwyn
Pastor, Rev. Thomas Burt

GRATITUDE

We, the St. Paul AME Church Family, would like to thank each of you for your presence here today. You have made this 100th Anniversary especially memorable by your attendance.

Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 2:30 p.m.