

# *Campbell Chapel A.M.E. Church Newsletter*

*Pastor, Reverend Fedrick A. Wilson*

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## ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***



*Dear Campbell Chapel,*

*God is doing exciting things at Campbell Chapel AME Church. As we prepare for the Lenten Season with the observance of Ash Wednesday on March 5, 2025, let us seek God in new and fresh ways. God is doing something new and fresh in our lives. It is igniting a spirit of progress and cooperation.*

*As we ignite our passion for Christ and say "I Will" to God's work at Campbell Chapel, embrace the movement of the Holy Spirit and the vision God has given to the church. That's why having a clear vision strategy is important to growing the church. There are four ways to accomplish this. First, we must know God and the Lord wholeheartedly. Second, we must find community; life is better together. Third, we must discover our purpose: Why are we here? What impact does God want us to make in the world? Finally, God calls us to make a difference—to influence numerous lives for God's glory.*

*Just as healthy bodies depend on functioning systems, thriving churches rely on robust outreach, discipleship, and communication structures interconnecting people to God's purposes. Together, we can move beyond surviving to thriving as God designWell-functioning systems, as highlighted by Nelson Searcy, are crucial for a thriving church. They transform and streamline operations, clarify expectations, and save you **Stress, Time, Energy, and Money** (SYSTEMS). They also yield tangible results. Healthy systems allow impactful groups, teams, and ministries to facilitate meaning, anchor relationships, and reveal a purpose worth committing to the following:*

- *Worship Experience*
- *Hospitality and Guest Services*
- *Creative and Digital Services*
- *Connections and Discipling New Members*
- *Children and Youth*
- *Ministries and Small Groups*



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

- *Volunteer and Outreach*
- *Generosity and Stewardship*
- *Leadership Development*

*Social Justice and Implementing God's vision for our congregation requires a collaborative approach between pastor and people. Successful transition requires a God-centered, thoughtful, and collaborative approach that engages officers, leaders, staff, members, volunteers, ministry leads, and key stakeholders. The goal is to implement God's vision for the greatest impact. It takes teamwork to make the dream work. We will do great things together and watch God work miracles through us working together!*

*Campbell Chapel AME Church is building a vibrant faith community where people can come as they are, meet Jesus, grow in their faith, and find a place to serve. Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ through love, service, community transformation, and global impact. I eagerly anticipate the blessings and growth that our collaboration together under my spiritual leadership will usher into our church family. In the words of our Presiding Bishop, the Right Reverend James L. Davis, let us "trust God and IGNITE our passion, our people, and our purpose from a small spark to a mighty flame!"*

*As we look to new building possibilities in ministry, may Jesus grace us, guide us, and bless us into the future which He has prepared*

*Blessings,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fedrick A. Wils". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Fedrick" and last name "Wils" clearly distinguishable.

*The Rev. Fedrick A. Wils*



## ***We Are Not Afraid***

### ***Jeremiah 29:11***

*For I know the plans I have for you; declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

*Do not worry about who won the Race, concentrate on how to win the Battle. Donald Trump is our 47th President of the United States of America. He won the election with 312 electoral votes and 49% of the popular vote in the United States. To win the Presidency a candidate must have 270 electoral votes to win. Congratulations, President Trump, you won the race; but, we the people are now preparing to win the battle.*

*To prepare for the battle victory, the Campbell Chapel Social Action Commissioners are requesting:*

- *Any unregistered voters, that are church members, to contact our President, Sister Claryce Gibbons-Allen. We are striving to have 100% of our church members registered to vote and ready to cast their ballot on Election Day. The Commissioners can make it so easy for you.*
- *If you recently relocated to Bluffton/Hilton Head/Okatie, please get your address changed at DMV and request to update/change your voting status.*
- *The commissioners will also be assisting in registering all 18 year olds at CCAME and talking with them about, "the power of one vote."*

*Our Commissioners will work to inform our church family of important proposed legislation and will familiarize our membership with government legislators in Beaufort/Jasper counties. We also want to connect with other Social Action Groups in our community to encourage unity and support for each other. We believe to win the*



*battle, we must agree and support a global cause. Community groups identified by our.*

*Commissioners to support: Beaufort A.M.E. District, LCAH, NAACP, League of Women Voters and THE Pan Hellenic Council.*

*Our Commissioners will plan community forums with our elective officials. We feel it is important to know our representatives and commence to hold them accountable to serve.*

*Our world is changing, so many things are happening at a rapid pace. Sometimes it seems like a “devilish attack.” Rest assured, Jesus is the light and He can illuminate all forms of darkness and evil.*

*The work we are planning to do as CCAME Commissioners, will start at Campbell and extend into our surrounding communities.*

*Announcements: Commissioner Angela Douglas now replaces Commissioner Hazel Rickenbacker on The Low Country Coalition Against Hate Board. Commissioner Douglas is also the Coordinator for the Employee Engagement Program for the Town of Bluffton.*

*Commissioner Rickenbacker served as a 2024 Christmas Parade Judge for the Town of Bluffton Christmas Parade.*

*President Claryce Gibbons-Allen should be contacted if you would like to become a Commissioner at 843-368-4208.*

*Submitted by Sister, Hazel A. Rickenbacker*



**BEAUFORT COUNTY  
NEW POLL WORKER TRAINING**

**2025 DATES  
(TRAINING HOURS: 9AM-1PM)**

<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>PLACE</u></b>
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>March 12</i></b>	<b><i>Beaufort</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday</i></b>	<b><i>March 22</i></b>	<b><i>Beaufort</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>April 23</i></b>	<b><i>Beaufort</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>May 14</i></b>	<b><i>Beaufort</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday</i></b>	<b><i>May 24</i></b>	<b><i>Beaufort</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>June 18</i></b>	<b><i>Beaufort</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>July 16</i></b>	<b><i>Beaufort</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday</i></b>	<b><i>July 26</i></b>	<b><i>Beaufort</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>August 20</i></b>	<b><i>Beaufort</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>September 17</i></b>	<b><i>Beaufort</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday</i></b>	<b><i>September 27</i></b>	<b><i>Beaufort</i></b>

***Training takes place at the Main Office -Board of Voter  
Registration and Elections Office, 15 John Galt Rd. Contact:  
Jean Felix, 843-255-6954***



# **“Radical Hospitality”**



**Campbell Chapel AME  
will be hosting  
the 162<sup>nd</sup> South Carolina  
Annual Conference  
September 17-20, 2025**

## **Join the Team**

**“Share your Gifts!”**

**Click on link or QR code to commit..**

<https://form.jotform.com/243464124314045>



# ***Prayer for March***

*Our Father,*

*Thank you for being our God, a humble God, a God who sits on high, a God who knows and sees all. And still, You loved us so much that You gave Your one and only Son, Our Lord & Savior, to pay for our sins, transgression, and iniquities. Thank you, Father. We humble ourselves before you, asking for forgiveness and our daily grace. Cleanse our hearts of all things not of You. Place us in Your Well, for there is no place. We ask that you give us the spirit discernment to guide our families, communities, and loved ones through these times. We are reminded that You did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. We also acknowledge that anger gives a foothold to the devil. Let us not conform to man but to You, the Holy & Righteous One. Lord, show us the path that pleases You, navigating these times, by doing Your will, saving the lost, feeding Your sheep. Teach us to place worldly distractions aside and be good workers for Your glory. So on that final day, we will hear you say, "Well done, My good and faithful servant."*

*Thank You, Father, Amen!*

*Submitted by Bro. Brian Hamilton*



# BLACK HISTORY FOR MARCH

**March 3, 1865** – Freeman's Bureau established by federal government to aid newly freed slaves.

**March 5, 1770** – Crispus Attucks becomes one of the first casualties of the American Revolution.

**March 7, 1965** – U.S. Supreme Court upholds key provisions of the [Voting Rights Act of 1965](#).

**March 8, 1977** – [Henry L. Marsh III](#) becomes first African American elected mayor of Richmond, Va.

**March 9, 1941** – [Amistad](#) mutineers freed by U.S. Supreme Court.

**March 10, 1913** – [Harriet Tubman](#) dies.

**March 13, 1773** – [Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable](#), black pioneer and explorer, founded Chicago.

**March 14, 1965** – [Montgomery bus boycott](#) ends when municipal bus service is desegregated.

**March 15, 1988** – [Eugene Antonio Marino](#), first Black archbishop, assigned to Atlanta.

**March 16, 1846** – Rebecca Cole, second Black female physician in America, born.

**March 20, 1883** – [Jan. E. Matzeliger](#) patents shoe-making machine 1912 – [Carter Woodson](#) receives doctorate from Harvard University.

**March 21, 1965** – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. leads march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., for voting rights.

**March 22, 1898** – J.W. Smith patents lawn sprinkler.

**March 23, 1873** – Slavery abolished in Puerto Rico.

**March 24, 1837** – Canada gives African American citizens the right to vote.

**March 26, 1872** – Thomas J. Martin patents fire extinguisher.

**March 27, 1930** – Of the 116,000 African Americans in professional positions, more than two-thirds were teachers or ministers.

**March 28, 1870** – Jonathan S. Wright becomes first Black state Supreme Court justice in South Carolina.

**March 30, 1870** – Fifteenth Amendment ratified, guaranteeing voting rights to African America

**ASH WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES**  
**(WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025)**

- . ASHES TO GO AT CAMPBELL CHAPEL AME CHURCH FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM. (*OUTSIDE DRIVE THRU AND WALK UP PRAYER & IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES*).
- . **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT QUEEN CHAPEL AME CHURCH OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, 7 PM.** PASTOR WILSON WILL BE PREACHING. THE CHOIR AND MUSICIANS ARE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE.

**IGNITE MOVIE NIGHT**, FEATURING THE MOVIE, JESUS REVOLUTION, WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025, AT 7:00 PM IN THE ISAAC WILBORN, JR., FELLOWSHIP HALL AT CAMPBELL CHAPEL AME CHURCH. BRING A FRIEND.

## **PRAYER FOR APRIL**

***LORD, WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THIS  
TIME OF CLEANSING AND REFRESHMENT  
AS WE ENTER INTO THIS MONTH OF APRIL.  
HELP US TO HAVE A HEART LIKE DAVID  
WHO PRAYED, "WASH ME THOROUGHLY  
FROM MINE INIQUITY, AND CLEANSE ME  
FROM MY SIN. " WE LAY THE SIN AND  
INIQUITY AT YOUR FEET AND THANK YOU  
FOR CLEANSING OUR HEARTS AND SOUL!  
IN JESUS NAME, AMEN***

***SUBMITTED BY SIS. JANNIE MIRANDA***

# BLACK HISTORY FOR APRIL

April 1, 1950 – Charles R. Drew, who developed techniques for processing and preserving blood, died.

April 2, 1984 – Georgetown coach John Thompson becomes first Black coach to win NCAA basketball tournament.

April 4, 1968 – Martin Luther King assassinated.

April 5, 1951 – Washington, D.C. Municipal Court of Appeals outlawed segregation in restaurants.

April 6, 1909 – Matthew A. Henson reaches the North Pole, 45 minutes before Commandeer Peary.

April 8, 1974 – Atlanta Braves slugger Hank Aaron hits 715<sup>th</sup> home run, surpassing Babe Ruth as the game's all-time home-run leader.

April 10, 1947 – Brooklyn Dodger Jackie Robinson becomes first African American to play major league baseball.

April 11, 1966 – Emmett Ashford becomes first Black umpire in the major leagues.

April 12, 1983 – Harold Washington becomes first African American mayor of Chicago..

April 15, 1964 – Sidney Poitier becomes first Black to win Academy Award for Best Actor for Lilies of the Field.

April 16, 1862 – Slavery abolished in the District of Columbia.

April 17, 1983 – Alice Walker wins Pulitzer Prize for fiction for The Color Purple.

April 18, 1864 – More than 200 Black Union troops massacred by Confederate forces at Ft. Pillow, Tennessee.

April 19, 1972 – Stationed in Germany, Major Gen. Frederic E. Davidson becomes first Black to lead an army division.

April 21, 1966 – Pct. Milton L. Olive III awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for valor in Vietnam.

April 26, 1888 – Sarah Boone patents ironing board.

April 27, 1968 – Vincent Porter becomes first African American certified in plastic surgery.

April 28, 1839 – Cinque leads mutiny off the coast of Long Island, NY.

April 30 1952 – Dr. Louis T. Wright honored by American Cancer Society for his contributions to cancer research.

**Campbell Chapel YPD Easter Picnic and Egg Hunt -  
Saturday, April 12, 2025.**

*More information is forthcoming.*

**Community Easter Egg Hunt and Festivities**

*Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Bluffton High School Hank Johnson Baseball Stadium from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM hosted by the Bluffton Area Community Association and Bluffton High School Baseball.*

**Holy Week Services**

***Maundy Thursday Worship Service*** at Campbell Chapel will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM with guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Barbara Ling-Terry, pastor of Queen Chapel AME Church of Hilton Head Island, SC. Holy Communion will be served.

***Good Friday Worship Service*** at Campbell Chapel will be held on Friday, April 18, 2025, at Noon with guest preacher, the Rev. Bennie Jenkins, Pastor of First Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Bluffton. Lunch will be served in the Isaac Wilborn, Jr., Fellowship Hall immediately after service.

***Easter Sunday Celebration at Campbell Chapel***

- 1. Sunrise Service at 6:00 AM*
- 2. Breakfast at 7:15 AM*
- 3. Easter Youth Presentation at 9:15 AM*
- 4. Resurrection Worship Celebration at 10:00 AM*

## **Special Notice to All**

The Campbell AME Church Newsletter, a bi-monthly publication, is designed to inform all church members of important information. Each issue of the newsletter is made available to the entire membership. Therefore, this notice serves as a request for articles to be published in our church newsletter. This would be a great place for church small groups and ministries to inform the membership of their respective activities. In addition, individuals are encouraged to submit articles that might be of general interest. Please submit articles to [sonsofallen75@yahoo.com](mailto:sonsofallen75@yahoo.com).

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## **ATTENTION-ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH**

WE WANT YOU!!!, WE NEED YOU!!!

PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF SONS OF ALLEN. WE ARE GETTING READY FOR A NEW CONFERENCE YEAR AND WANT YOU. TO BE A PART OF OUR GREAT ORGANIZATION. OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON ZOOM EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY AT 6 PM.

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AGAIN, WE WANT YOU!! WE NEED YOU!





Topic: Sons of Allen Monthly Meeting

Time: Jan 20, 2025 18:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**March 17, 2025**

**April 21, 2025**

**May 19, 2025**

Meeting ID: 898 9778 5914

Passcode: 168964

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Passcode: 168964

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kd9LcxrwU0>.



**Zoom is Still Available for Our Sick and**

**Shut-In Members**

**Wednesday, In-Person Bible Study continues at 6:30 PM. Thursday Prayer Service, and Administrative Meetings remain on Zoom.**

**Use Zoom on Your Smart Device:**

**<https://zoom.us/j/462697197>**

**Meeting ID: 462 697 197**

**or**

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**and enter the**

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**No password is required**