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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 Summer Season, graduations, celebrations for parents (Mother's Day and Father's Day), and Pentecost; we

have multiple reasons to celebrate. God is igniting something new and fresh within us.

In African American families, Mother's and Father's Day celebrations often extend beyond simply honoring the biological parents, recognizing the importance of various caregivers and community members who contribute to family life. These holidays serve as opportunities to celebrate the role of mothers and fathers in shaping individual lives and building strong communities. Mother's and Father's Days are celebrated with a strong sense of faith, community, and the values instilled by the Black Church. These celebrations honor the resilience, strength, and dedication of Black mothers and fathers, acknowledging their crucial roles in building families and communities, often in the face of adversity. The Black Church plays a central role in these celebrations, providing a space for spiritual reflection, community support, and the passing down of traditions. These are special moments in the life and ministry of Campbell Chapel to rejoice and celebrate our parents, living and deceased.

It is also graduation season, and I congratulate all our graduates! Education has long been a cornerstone for progress, empowerment, and hope in the Black community. From high school graduations to college commencements and graduate school achievements, the celebration of educational milestones is not only an acknowledgment of personal accomplishment but a shared triumph for families, communities, and generations past who fought to make such achievements possible. This sense of communal pride is deeply rooted in the understanding that education is more than just a personal endeavor—it is a collective pathway toward equity, leadership, and opportunity.

Lastly, we are celebrating Pentecost on Sunday, June 8, 2025, during our Sunday Morning Worship Service. Pentecost, a Christian holiday also known as Whitsunday or White Sunday, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the New Testament in Acts 2. This event is seen as the birth of the Church and the beginning of the Christian faith's mission to the world. Celebrating Pentecost, especially with themes of Black liberation, justice, revival, and empowerment for African Americans, can be seen to connect the spiritual power of the Holy Spirit with the struggle for social and cultural change. It can foster a sense of unity and empowerment within the Black community while also strengthening the Church and culture by affirming the power of the Holy Spirit in all aspects of life.

Just as Pentecost thrives from unity and empowerment of people, 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 designed.

Well-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
- Volunteer and Outreach
- Generosity and Stewardship
- Leadership Development
- Social Justice and Community Development



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 that reads "Fedrick A. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rev. Fedrick A. Wilson
Pastor

The Blessings of Financially Supporting Our Church

By Pastor Fedrick A. Wilson, M.Ed., M.Div.

Christian stewardship benefits followers of Jesus Christ by fostering a lifestyle of gratitude, humility, and trust in God, while also promoting the responsible use of God-given resources like time, talents, and finances for God's glory. Therefore, stewardship expresses our obedience regarding the administration of everything God has placed under our control, which is all encompassing. Stewardship involves dedicating oneself and one's possessions to God's service, acknowledging that we do not possess absolute control over our property or ourselves. Tithing, as a model of stewardship, encourages a proportional giving that reflects a heart of generosity and a recognition that all blessings come from God.

THE BENEFITS OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

1. Cultivates Gratitude and Humility

Stewardship encourages followers of Jesus to recognize that everything they have is a gift from God, leading to a deeper sense of gratitude and humility.

2. Promotes Responsible Resource Management

By understanding our role as stewards, followers of Jesus are motivated to use our resources wisely and intentionally, aligning our choices and priorities with God's principles.

3. Deepens Faith and Obedience

Stewardship encourages faithfulness and obedience to God's principles, ultimately bringing glory to God as we faithfully fulfill our roles and responsibilities.

4. Strengthens Relationship with God

Stewardship provides opportunities for believers to express our love for God and demonstrate our faith through generous giving and responsible management.

5. Supports God's Kingdom

Stewardship enables followers of Jesus to support the work of God's kingdom, provide for the needs of others, and be a blessing to those around us.

TITHING AS A MODEL OF STEWARDSHIP

1. Proportional Giving

Tithing, giving 10% of one's income, serves as a foundational example of proportional giving, encouraging followers of Jesus to recognize that all resources are God-given and to return a portion to God.

2. Demonstrates Faithfulness

Practicing tithing demonstrates faithfulness and obedience to God's principles, showing that we trust God to provide for our needs while we prioritize God's work.

3. Cultivates Generosity

Tithing can foster a heart of generosity, leading to a broader lifestyle of stewardship where resources are used wisely and intentionally to bless others.

4. Supports Church and Mission

Tithing can help support the church's ministries, missions, and other works of faith, contributing to the advancement of God's kingdom.

5. Living with Responsibility:

Stewardship calls us to be responsible and faithful in managing our time, talents, and treasures, aligning our lives with God's principles. Tithing, which involves giving a portion of one's income, serves as a spiritual discipline that helps us train our hearts to be generous and obedient to God.

6. Alignment with God's Will:

By tithing, we align our hearts with God's priorities and participate in God's work on earth, recognizing that we are stewards of God's resources.



Pentecost and Revival: A Perspective from Black Liberation Theology

Spiritual Empowerment and Social Justice in the African American Community

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Introduction

Pentecost marks a pivotal event in Christian theology, embodying the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the birth of the Church. Beyond its theological significance, Pentecost serves as a powerful metaphor for spiritual renewal, transformative action, and communal empowerment. For the African American community, the themes of Pentecost resonate deeply with narratives of resilience, revival, and liberation, forming a foundation for movements centered around social justice, community development, and spiritual empowerment. Black Liberation Theology provides a rich lens to explore Pentecost's implications, merging the spiritual with the socio-political to advance the cause of justice and equality.

Pentecost: A Brief Overview

Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter and commemorates the moment in the Book of Acts (Acts 2:1-4) where the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, enabling them to speak in diverse tongues and uniting people across cultural and linguistic barriers. Traditionally, Pentecost symbolizes the empowerment of believers to spread the gospel and to act as agents of God's transformative work on Earth. It signifies unity, diversity, and the breaking of barriers—a theme that deeply aligns with the African American experience of overcoming oppression and seeking justice.

Spiritual Revival in the African American Community

In the African American community, spiritual revival often transcends the purely religious and becomes a catalyst for social and personal transformation. Revival is not merely about renewing faith but about empowering individuals and communities to fight against systemic injustices

that disproportionately impact African Americans. Churches have historically acted as sanctuaries, rallying points, and centers for advocacy, where spiritual rejuvenation blends seamlessly with collective action.

Guided by the ethos of Pentecost, spiritual revival within this context embodies:

- **Empowerment through Faith:** The descent of the Holy Spirit is seen as an empowering force that equips individuals to confront societal challenges boldly.
- **Community Solidarity:** Pentecost's imagery of unity in diversity reinforces the importance of collective action and inclusivity within the African American struggle for justice.
- **Transformation:** Revival becomes a transformative experience, urging communities to reimagine their roles as agents of change and hope.

Social Revival: Justice and Community Development

Social revival in the African American community draws heavily from the principles of Pentecost. The breaking of barriers and the creation of unified, empowered communities align with ongoing struggles for racial and economic justice. Social revival incorporates:

- **Advocacy for Social Justice:** Faith drives activism, pushing communities to fight against systemic racism, poverty, and inequality.
- **Community Development:** Churches and faith-based organizations often lead initiatives such as education programs, affordable housing opportunities, and economic empowerment strategies.
- **Mentorship and Empowerment:** Promoting leadership and self-efficacy among African Americans is central to building sustainable communities.

Black Liberation Theology and Pentecost

Black Liberation Theology, founded by theologians such as James Cone, interprets the gospel through the lens of African American struggles, emphasizing liberation from oppression as central to God's work. Pentecost, within this framework, represents divine empowerment for resistance against injustice and the pursuit of liberation.

Key principles from Black Liberation Theology that align with Pentecost include:

- **God as Liberator:** The Holy Spirit's descent symbolizes God's active presence in liberating the oppressed.
- **Faith as Resistance:** Spiritual revival becomes a form of resistance against systems that marginalize African Americans.
- **Community as Sacred:** Liberation is not individualistic but communal, reflecting Pentecost's theme of unity and collaboration.



**BEAUFORT COUNTY
NEW POLL WORKER TRAINING**

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

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

***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 162nd 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 May

Holy Father, you are the Creator of the heavens and earth and you are faithful and worthy of all the glory and honor. Thank you for the blessing of a new month. I pray for joy, love, and laughter in abundance. Guide me daily to make wise decisions in May. Drawing near to me as I draw near to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.



DMV REMINDER
BEGINNING MAY 7, 2025,
YOUR SOUTH CAROLINA
DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
IDENTIFICATION CARD MUST
HAVE A GOLD STAR TO SHOW
IT'S A REAL ID IN ORDER TO
USE IT AS YOUR
IDENTIFICATION TO BOARD A
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL
FLIGHT, ENTER A SECURE
FEDERAL BUILDING, OR VISIT
A MILITARY INSTALLATION*.
PURCHASE YOURS TODAY AND
AVOID LONGER LINES IN THE
FUTURE



Support a Worthy Cause

We invite you to join Bluffton Eats Community Soup Kitchen in making a lasting impact on our community. Last year, the need for our services has grown by 14%, with over 19,000 meals served through June 2024. Your support is more crucial than ever. By supporting the Soup Kitchen, you can help us continue to provide hot, nutritious meals to those in need—restoring dignity and hope to the elderly, children, the sick, and the homeless in Bluffton. Whether you choose to make a one-time donation or become a recurring donor, every contribution makes a difference.

PRAYER FOR JUNE

Father, I ask for Your hand in guiding my personal growth and spiritual renewal this month. Help me to cultivate new skills and deepen my understanding, both professionally and in my knowledge of You. Stir in me a desire to seek You more earnestly, to study Your Word, and to grow in faith and love.

Inspire me to serve others and to share the hope of Your gospel. Let this month be a time of meaningful connections and fruitful engagements.

Amen

FOUR STEPS TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH A FRIEND.

PRAY



Write down the name of at least one person you know who needs Jesus and then pray each day for him or her. Ask God to open their heart and give you opportunities to share His love with them.

BRING



Bring your friend to the event. If he or she responds to Christ or shows an interest in the Gospel, they will need your ongoing encouragement.

SHARE



Spend time with your friend. It can deepen your friendship and create a chance to discuss Christ. Begin to talk to your friend about attending the event with you.

FOLLOW UP



Invite them to church with you. God can use you and your church to bring them into a deepening relationship with Jesus.

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 small church 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.

ATTENTION-ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH

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

PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF SONS OF ALLEN.
TO BE A PART OF OUR GREAT ORGANIZATION. OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS
ARE HELD ON ZOOM EVERY 3RD MONDAY AT 6 PM.

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AGAIN, WE WANT YOU!! WE NEED YOU!



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

Call on Your Telephone

1 253 215 8782 US

1 301 715 8592 US

and enter the

Meeting ID: 462 697 197

No password is required