NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

MARCH 28, 2022

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Lenten Season



The Lenten season is a very important part of a Christian's life. Today, Lent is connected with the 40-day fast that Jesus undergoes (Mark 1:13; Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13). ... But it was only after Christians began to fast specifically prior to Easter, about 300 years after Jesus's death, that anyone looked to the Bible to find a source for the practice.

We have included in this edition the updated Lenten activities at St. Paul AME Worship Center that will take place over the next few weeks.



Forty Day Fast

Rev. Veal began the Saint Paul AME Worship Center 40 day fast on Wednesday March 2, 2022. The fast will end on the evening of Saturday, April 16th, 2022, before Easter Sunday. The fast is practiced on Mondays thru Saturdays. Sundays are a day of rest and members can eat as they please. On Mondays thru Saturdays, members should eat one meal a day, drinking water and juices but no sodas or coffee (no caffeine). If you have to take medications, eat a snack, and pick back up with your fast.



Saint Paul Worship Center will return to in-person worship in the sanctuary on the first Sunday in April, which is April 3, 2022. In addition to in-person worship we will continue virtual services via Facebook Live. We will continue to follow CDC, County, and A.M.E guidelines regarding social distances and other safety measures. A full list of the guidelines will be distributed to members via a Constant Contact message. Listed are a few items that will be in effect for Sunday worship services:

- ·All members and visitors entering the church must wear masks that cover their mouth and nose during the service.
- ·Those attending Sunday service WILL NOT be required to register to attend service
- ·Members are asked to minimize their movement during the service
- ·Members and visitors entering the sanctuary will be registered on site and have their temperatures taken ·All will enter the via the front door of the church, and exit following the clearly marked exit path (exit door near the library)
- ·Turn off or silence your phones upon entering the sanctuary, and do no access the church's WIFI during the service, as it interferes with the Facebook Livestream
- ·Attendees should leave the sanctuary immediately after the service has ended
- •The return to in-person service is restricted to Sunday worship services only. Meetings and other activities outside of Sunday service will be restricted until further notice

Updates will be posted on the church's social media pages. Please check them regularly to get the most recent information.

Palm Sunday April 10, 2022



Palm Sunday Service will be held on April 10, 2022 at 10:00 am, both In-person and on Facebook Live.

Easter Sunday April 17, 2022





SPWC Worship Center 4th Quarterly Conference Zoom

Tuesday, March 29th at 8PM Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting Link:
https://zoom.us/j/92101514268?
pwd=OWw3VC9oV2Y0ZzArR1NvQzBkN2
J0dz09

Meeting ID: 921 0151 4268

Passcode: 616507

Join by Telephone: US: +1 470 250 9358 or +1 470 381 2552 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833



Congratulations to Jordan Brown who collected over 300 pounds of canned and non-perisable food items in her community. Jordan donated these items to the Saint Paul "Harvest of Eden" Food Pantry. Jordan is a Senior at Chamblee High School.



Congratulations to Green Forest High School Boys Basketball Team and our very own - Kevin Harper Jr., on winning the GHSA State Championship in Macon, Georgia.





CORE Community Organized Relief Effort

In Partnership with the

Office of Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson are sponsoring a

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC Sunday, April 3, 2022 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. New Bethel AME Church 8350 Rockbridge Road Lithonia, GA 30058

00 Gift Cards will be provided to individuals who receive their COVID-19 Vaccinations (first come, first served)

Moderna, Johnson & Johnson & Pfizer vaccines available

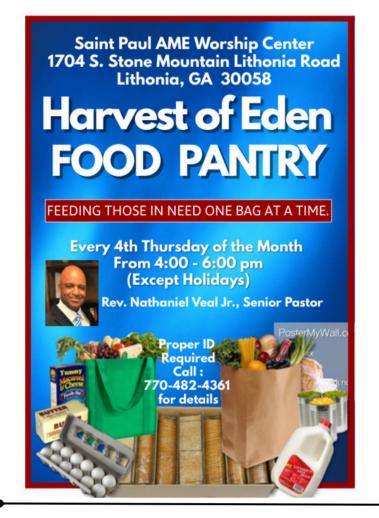
Please bring vaccine card/passport if this is not your initial dose

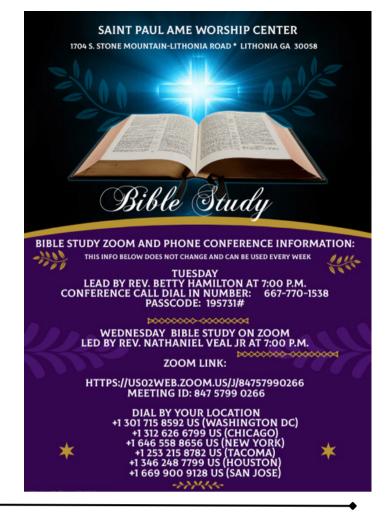
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Place Your Order for Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests

Residential households in the U.S. are eligible for #2 orders of #4 free at-home tests on USPS.com. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Limit of #2 orders per residential address
- Each order includes #4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free as tests are received from manufacturers
- Order at: https://special.usps.com/testkits







Our thoughts and prayers are with our sick and shut-in members and friends, as well as those who are experiencing bereavement, recovering from an illness, preparing or recovering from a procedure, or simply in need of prayer.

Please reach out to our members just to let them know that you are thinking about them. I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

Prayer of Manifester Healing:
Erica Bankhead
Tina Brayboy
Sandra Browner
Toni Burge
David Clark
Carleen Cumberbatch
Michelle Dukes
Paul Edwards
Wayne Fearrington
Ms. Karin Garcia and Family
Charles Geese
Janice Geese
Devon Grant
Cecilia Jackson

Ida & Walter Jackson
Pastor Chevienne Jones
Martha Jones
Ann & Walter Johnson
Frank Lineberger
The Father of Valerie Matthews
Maria Nyamaropa and Family
Noni & Preston Troupe
Eugene Washington
Merrian Washington

Prayer of Comfort Olivia Jameson & Family Rev. Roy and Carrol Williams and Family Joyce Reid and Family

Absentee Ballots

March 7, 2022 - First day to submit to an absentee ballot application for May Primary/Special Election

May 13, 2022 - Last day to submit an absentee ballot application for the May Primary/Special Election

***After submitting application, ballots will not begin going out to residents until April 5, 2022.

Voter Registration

April 25, 2022 – Last day to register to vote for General Primary/Special Election/Runoff

Early Voting (Voting locations TBA)

May 2, 2022 - First day of Early (in-person) Voting

Voting M-F (May 2nd - May 6th)

Voting M-F (May 9h - May 13h)

Voting M-F (May 16th - May 20th)

May 7, 2022 - Mandatory Saturday Early (in-person) voting

May 8, 2022 - Optional Sunday Voting (TBA)

May 14, 2022 - Mandatory Saturday Early (in-person) voting

May 15, 2022 - Optional Sunday Voting (TBA)

Primary Election/Special Election

May 24, 2022 - Voting at your designated precinct location

***Stonecrest Mayoral Race is a Special Election, voting will be May 24, 2022

**Questions: Call Board of Elections 404-298-4020





SPWC Church Calendar

MARCH 2022

3/ 29 Quarterly Conference w/ Presiding Elder Stegall

APRIL 2022

4/6-8 Georgia Annual Conference

Pleasant Grove AMEC, Hinesville, Ga

4/10 Palm Sunday 4/10-15 Holy Week 4/15 Good Friday

4/17 Resurrection Sunday

4/ 24 WOMEN'S DAY 2022 - Chairperson: Gwen Dixon

4/25-27 Augusta Annual Conference

Augusta Marriott & Convention Center

4/28-5/1 Macon Annual Conference

Macon Centre Complex



5/8 Mother's Day

5/18-20 Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference -

Turner Chapel AMEC, Marietta, Ga.

5/30 Memorial Day

JUNE 2022

6/1-3 Bishop's Planning meeting

6/17-18 Vacation Bible School

6/19 Father's Day

6/26 Graduation Sunday







Even Jesus who is the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. How much more we need to do the same with all our sinfulness and baggage's.

— Tamara Lane





AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides inperson and virtual tax assistance to anyone,
free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who
are over 50 and have low to moderate
income. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and
IRS-certified every year to make sure they
know about and understand the latest
changes and additions to the tax code.

Tax-Aide sites are currently open for the 2022 tax season and will run from February 1 - April 18, 2022. This year, tax assistance is available by appointment only. Our member, Barbara Johnson, has already made her appointment.

Toco Hill-Avis G Williams Library
Drop-off and in-person
1282 McConnell Dr.
Decatur, GA. 30033
Wednesdays and Fridays / 10:00 am - 1:00
pm

Stonecrest Library- Dropoff Only 3123 Klondike Rd Lithonia, Ga 30038 Tuesdays and Thursdays / 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Scott Candler Library
Drop off only
1917 Candler Road
Decatur. 30032
Tuesdays and Thursdays / 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Salem-Panola Library
Drop off only
5137 Salem Road
Lithonia, Ga. 30038-2749
Mondays and Wednesdays / 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Call the Branch or Make Online Reservations @ https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaid e/locations.html?cmp=FDN-LOCATOR-BTN-LINK-2022

l.Find the location you want 2. click on More Details 3. Click on Register at the link below https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_tax aide/locations.html?cmp=FDN-LOCATOR-BTN-LINK-2022

WHAT DOES LENT MEAN?



When you hear the word "Lent," it's common to think about Christians "giving things up," and Easter. After all, Lent is a purposeful 40-day period of sacrifice and spiritual discipline leading up to Easter Sunday's celebrations. But what is Lent really about? What does it actually entail?

Christians of numerous denominations observe Lent each year typically with the goals of truly remembering their great need for God, along with taking away a habit or guilty pleasure that they realize they've either come to rely on, have been enjoying, or prioritizing more than fellowship with God, or spend far too much of their time doing. It is common to replace the time and energy spent on those habits or addictions on spiritual practices instead—such as praying, fasting, studying the Bible, or helping others.