

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 Ame Worship Center

WE ARE BACK!



In-Person
and on
Facebook Live

Beginning Sunday, April 3, 2022
at 10:00 am

Rev. Nathaniel Veal Jr.,
Senior Pastor
1704 S. Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road,
Lithonia, GA 30058
WebPage: <https://www.stpaul-ame.org/>

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?](https://zoom.us/j/92101514268?pwd=OWw3VC9oV2Y0ZzArR1NvQzBkN2J0dz09)
pwd=OWw3VC9oV2Y0ZzArR1NvQzBkN2
J0dz09

Meeting ID: 921 0151 4268

Passcode: 616507

Join by Telephone:
US: +1 470 250 9358 or +1 470 381 2552
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Saint Paul AME Worship Center

Drive ~ Thru

APRIL COMMUNION PICK-UP

Come by the church between 12:00-2:00 pm to pick up your communion supplies the Saturday before the 1st Sunday of each month.

Saturday, April 2, 2022

YOU CAN ALSO DROP OFF YOUR OFFERING AT THIS TIME.

MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED.

Remember that there will be In-person Worship as well as streaming on FaceBook Live



Congratulations to Jordan Brown who collected over 300 pounds of canned and non-perishable 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

*100 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>

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Harvest of Eden FOOD PANTRY

FEEDING THOSE IN NEED ONE BAG AT A TIME.

Every 4th Thursday of the Month
From 4:00 - 6:00 pm
(Except Holidays)




Rev. Nathaniel Veal Jr., Senior Pastor

Proper ID Required
Call : 770-482-4361
for details



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Bible Study

BIBLE STUDY ZOOM AND PHONE CONFERENCE INFORMATION:
THIS INFO BELOW DOES NOT CHANGE AND CAN BE USED EVERY WEEK

TUESDAY
LEAD BY REV. BETTY HAMILTON AT 7:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE CALL DIAL IN NUMBER: 667-770-1538
PASSCODE: 195731#

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM
LED BY REV. NATHANIEL VEAL JR AT 7:00 P.M.

ZOOM LINK:
[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84757990266](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84757990266)
MEETING ID: 847 5799 0266

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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 Manifest Healing:

- Erica Bankhead
- Tina Brayboy
- Sandra Browner
- Toni Burge
- David Clark
- Carleen Cumberbatch
- Michelle Dukes
- Paul Edwards
- Wayne Fearington
- Ms. Karin Garcia and Family
- Charles Geese
- Janice Geese
- Devon Grant
- Cecilia Jackson

Ida & Walter Jackson

- Pastor Cheviene 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

Key Dates to Remember for 2022 Elections

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
Election

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 9th – May 13th)

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



18th Annual Prom Dress Giveaway

Girls in middle-high school may "shop" for dresses and accessories on
April 9th, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Submit a brief essay with your registration to be considered for a special
Enchanting Makeovers

Register at
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022ecpromdressgiveaway>

Eligibility:

- Must register and select an appointment time
- Bring school ID or most recent report card to show grade level
- Be present to try on dresses
- Follow the shopping rules
- Bring a \$10 processing fee to your appointment

Girls will be assisted by Fairy Godmothers:

- Personal shoppers
- Accessories coordinators
- Makeup and beauty consultants

Over 2000 dresses and shoes are available

Sponsors:
Bella Bridesmaids- Atlanta
Birdy Grey
Impression Bridal - Atlanta
Pia Michi-London
Paradox-London
RJR Preps
Sparkle and Sass by Stacie

Each eligible girl will receive a dress, shoes, jewelry, and free or discounted hair and makeup services or products while supplies last.

Over 8000 girls outfitted since 2003

Contact us at 404-221-3498 or outreach@enchantedcloset.org

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Top 10 Volunteer Opportunities in Atlanta

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



MAY 2022

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



Have a wonderful
day and fabulous year.

Happy Birthday!

March
Members



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 in-person 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_taxaide/locations.html?cmp=FDN-LOCATOR-BTN-LINK-2022

1. 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_taxaide/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.