

THE TRINITY TABLET

Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church
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Keep Fanning the Flame

BY REV. DR. C. MICHELE LANGSTON

There is a well-known proverb that says, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” It means that in the beginning of March, you can experience the harsh, frigid temperatures of winter, but by the end of month, you will feel like warmth and gentleness of spring. In the same way, many of us started our faith walks like a lion. We were on fire for the Lord. We were excited to discover and share our spiritual gifts and talents. We couldn’t wait to gather with other believers. However, something happened along the way. Life’s circumstances stole our thunder. Trials and tribulations like the pandemic robbed us of our joy and stirred up fear inside of us. However, just as Paul tells Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:6-7, we must do whatever it takes to rekindle or fan the flame that the Holy Spirit lit inside of us. We must not let our fires for God die out.

“For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.”

We have faced some major storms in the last few years. We’ve experienced the loss of loved ones, sickness, a pandemic, job loss, and others. However, God hasn’t given us a spirit of fear. We are anchored in the Lord. The waves may rage and the winds may roar, but if we remain in Jesus, we won’t be tossed back and forth and blown by every wind of teaching. We have work to do church. Rekindle the flame. Drop your anchor in Jesus, and watch God do a mighty work in and through us. ♦

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All are welcome!



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In-person Worship
Every Sunday at 11 AM

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

"Then afterward
I will pour out my
spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your
daughters shall
prophesy,
your old men shall
dream dreams,
and your young men
shall see visions."

JOEL 2:28 (NRSV)



Those Preaching Women

BY REV. LAUREN HARRIS

Despite the many scandals and controversies it's facing at this time, the Southern Baptist Convention decided to oust five churches from its denomination because they allowed women to pastor and serve in leadership positions, including Rick Warren's Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California. Women in leadership positions in the church has always caused division even though there are many examples of women taking charge and spreading the Gospel including Deborah, Anna, Mary Magdalene and so many others.

Thankfully, the African Methodist Episcopal Church recognizes God's call to women for pastoral ministry. Our branch of Zion made history when it elected and consecrated its first female bishop in 2000, the Rt. Rev. Vashti McKenzie. Bishop McKenzie is the 117th bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Since then, the A.M.E. Church has elected and consecrated three more women bishops in that of the Rt. Rev. Carolyn Tyler Guidry, the Rt. Rev. E. Anne Henning-Byfield, and the Rt. Rev. Francine A. Brookins.

However, did you know that before these amazing women blazed their trails, there was a woman named Jarena Lee who became the first African-American woman preacher in the nation? Jarena Lee heard Bishop Richard Allen preach after she moved to Philadelphia in 1807. She was so inspired by his preaching and teaching that she converted to Christianity and was baptized. Her Christian experience wasn't easy. She spent many years wrestling with her faith. However, in 1811 she married a Methodist Pastor, Joseph Lee, and served the local church in New Jersey with him. Her service to the church strengthened her faith, and she soon felt God's call on her life to preach.

Jarena Lee became a widow after seven years of marriage and returned to Philadelphia where she advocated for women in ministry. The A.M.E. Church did not permit women to preach at the time, so she preached the Gospel wherever she could. On one Sunday at Bishop Allen's church, the preacher was struggling with his sermon. Jarena Lee soon jumped in and started preaching. Bishop Allen was so impressed by her preaching that he fully endorsed her and soon ordained Jarena Lee as the first female preacher in the A.M.E. Church.

We are grateful for all of the powerful women who paved the way so that we may fulfill the call God has on our lives. ♦

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT!

Is your young person doing amazing things in school, church, at home, or in the community? We want to spotlight them in The Trinity Tablet.

To get your young person spotlighted, please email REVLAURELJ@GMAIL.COM.

Did you know? Lent

Among Christians, Lent was originally the period of prebaptismal preparation, later of public penance. Finally it became a forty-day devotional preparation for Easter traditionally based on Jesus' wilderness fast (Mark 1:13).

Source: Achtemeier, P. J., Harper & Row and Society of Biblical Literature. (1985). In Harper's Bible dictionary (1st ed., p. 555). San Francisco: Harper & Row.



PISGAH KIDZ!

NEW SCHEDULE FOR 1Q 2023:
PISGAH KIDZ WILL MEET VIA ZOOM ON THE 1ST, 3RD AND
5TH SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH
JOIN US AS WE TAKE SAIL ON A FAITH VOYAGE IN OUR
NEW "ANCHORED" SERIES!

STAY TUNED FOR OUR GRAND REOPENING ON-SITE IN APRIL 2023!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Cameron Ward	3/18 Spring George
3/3 Alonzo Lewis, Sr.	3/18 Rosalyn Sellman
3/4 Zipporah Harris-Bryant	3/18 Jediah Edem-Babanawo
3/4 Nneoma Achuko	3/19 Daniel Alston
3/4 Vianna Robbins	3/21 Rev. Gloria Bradley
3/5 Beverly Moore	3/22 Pastor C. Michele Langston
3/7 Joy Foster	3/22 Cynthia Fikes
3/8 Evelyn Miller	3/23 Kiara Cornelius
3/12 Lanetra Robinson	3/24 Steven Jackson
3/13 Jim Neal	3/25 Lizzie Smith
3/13 Ugonna Achuko	3/26 Mildred Mitchell
3/14 Pam Nieto	3/26 Rev. Veronica Beckley
3/15 Doris Morgan	3/27 Priscilla Brooks
3/15 Elaine Stancil	3/27 Keaton Kirkpatrick
3/15 Catina Evans	3/28 Sandra Kay
3/15 Mone' Lawless	3/29 Kent Jones
	3/31 Wanda MacLachlan



Church Announcements

- The Youth and Young adult choir is returning. If you are interested, please contact Bro. Rodney Coleman at rodcoleman0713@gmail.com or Sis. Cheryl Reed at chertony7@yahoo.com.
- The 2023 Pearl Foundation, Inc. Scholarship application is available now. They will award \$56,750 in scholarships and book awards. Please contact Sis. Colleen Ratliffe, cratliffe@aol.com, or the Pearl Foundation, pearlfoundationincscholarships@gmail.com, for the application and more details!
- Lenten Services every Wednesday at 7 PM via Zoom: Link information: 850 3784 4087 Passcode: 410730 March 1 thru - April.
- Please consider making a donation to the Donald L. Smedley Stipend. Write "Smedley Stipend" on your check's memo line. This annual stipend is awarded to the Mt. Pisgah graduating high school senior with the highest four year cumulative GPA.
- The Comfort and Care Ministry is presenting a 5-month series of grief-sharing get-togethers over Zoom on the third Sunday of each month from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Registration link is on the Mt. Pisgah website.
- The 4th Quarterly Conference is in-person on Saturday, March 11 at 2:30 P.M. The Reporting Period is Dec. 1, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023.



Happy Anniversary

3/17 Rev. Prince & Efia
Edem-Babanawo

3/19 John Jackson

3/22 Roger & Sheila Edmunds

May God bless you
with many more!

MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH
JOHN 10:10 (NIV)

March's Declaration

I receive and walk in the power of the kingdom of God.

Daily Scripture Reading

March 5, 2023	Psalms 25:4
March 12, 2023	1 Peter 5:6-7
March 19, 2023	Micah 7:7
March 26, 2023	Isaiah 30:18



Church Prayer for 2023: We are anchored in the Lord

Lord, thank You for life and for creating us in Your image (Genesis 1:27). Thank You for giving us mobility, health, strength, skill, intention, and the knowledge to know You from creation. We see Your glory in the sky, ocean, and all of nature; we see Your wondrous works (Psalm 19:1-2). We thank you, Lord. You created us and gave us Jesus Christ, who died on the cross and rose on the third day. We believe in His life, death, and resurrection and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior (Romans 10:9). Help us today, Lord, to remember and appreciate who we are in You. Lord, thank You for Your forgiveness because we are forgiven (Ephesians 1:6-8; Romans 8:1; 38-39). Lord, thank You for sending Jesus Christ to rescue us, for we have been rescued because Jesus paid the ransom for our lives with His own blood (Matt. 20:28; 1 Tim. 2:5-6). And because Jesus has won our case and paid our penalty, we are justified (Romans 3:23-26; 8:30) before God. Lord, we thank You because it feels so good to have been chosen (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 2:9), freed (John 8:32-35; Galatians 5:1), and made alive (Romans 6:11) because You loved us (Romans 5:5; 8:39), which is Your nature (1 John 4:8). Lord, because of Your grace and mercy, we receive Your care (Philippians 1:6; 4:19; John 6:37). The world may reject us, but we are grateful that You have accepted us (1 Peter 2:10). Because in Christ, we are sealed (2 Cor. 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30) and victorious (1 Cor. 15:57; Romans 8:37). As we move into this new year, we receive every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 2:6-7; 1:3) in heavenly places that You have for us. And we pray for strength and peaceful relationships with each of our family members, neighbors, acquaintances, and coworkers. We ask all this in Jesus' Name. Amen. ♦

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Vision: Empower, equip, and create an environment in which the Spirit of God changes lives.

Mission: To change lives by the Word of God.

Church Theme: Changing lives for the Kingdom by reaching up and out through the power of the Holy Spirit.



Have a blessed March!

Submissions

All submissions for The Trinity Tablet are due by 15th of each month. Please limit submissions to 1500 words or less. We prefer original content. We accept photo submissions. You must be the owner of the photos. All photos of children and youth must receive permission to publish from a parent or legal guardian.

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