The 160TH Session

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The MISSOURI ANNUAL CONFERENCE PASTOR'S REPORT 2013-2014



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Bishop T. Larry Kirkland Presiding Bishop

Rev. Spencer Lamar Booker

Rev. Edmond Lowe Presiding Elder

Mrs. Gail G. Booker First Lady

Steward Rosalie Bell Delegate Mrs. Mary L. Kirkland Episcopal Supervisor

Rev. Brenda Hayes Presiding Elder

Steward Louise Welch Alternate Delegate

Church Schedule

Sunday Radio Ministry (1600AM) 8:30a.m. Sunday Worship 9:00a.m. Sunday Church School/Roundtable 11:00a.m. Wednesday Worship & Praise 6:30p.m.

Wednesday W.O.W. 5:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.
Thursday Ministry of Music 6:30p.m.
Friday Sophia's Project 7:00p.m.

Saturday Intercessory Prayer Line 8:00a.m. (530) 881-1300 Access Code 762574#

Saturday St. Paul Saturdays

8:00a.m.



"The Church Networking to meet the needs of all people through Jesus Christ our Lord"

ST. PAUL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



To: Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Presiding Prelate; Mrs. Mary L. Kirkland, Episcopal Supervisor of the WMS; Host Presiding Elder Brenda Hayes; Co-Host Presiding Elder Edmund E. Lowe; Dr. Roger Richardson, Host Pastor, Clergy; Delegates; and all of my Father's children here for the 160th Session of the Missouri Annual Conference.

We, the members of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church family, the oldest A.M.E. Church west of the Mississippi River, under the dynamic and capable leadership of our preacher of the Gospel, the Reverend Spencer Lamar Booker, continue to "reach the masses" by lifting up our precious Savior. We lift Him up by witnessing through our lives and in our worship services in singing songs of praise, the preaching of the Word, studying the Bible, and supporting our church with our time, our talents, our love for each other, and our treasures.

We feel that God has sent to us to be our pastor and leader, the shepherd of our flock, the Reverend Spencer Lamar Booker. One of his goals is to win souls to Christ. He did this by preaching the "gospel" simple, full and free"-he proved that God's promise is true "if I be lifted up from the earth I'll draw all men unto Me". Seeing people coming down the aisles on Sundays, joining our church and seeing babies and adults being baptized were truly "a sight to behold".

We are "Networking to meet the needs of all people, with the help of the Lord by going throughout our community, led by Pastor Booker and Lady Gail, and telling others of God's grace and goodness and inviting them to join us in our Sunday worship services. St. Paul is in the midst of a community of people from Asia and Africa. We have had several walk-o-thons in the community, knocking on doors, leaving flyers containing information on St. Paul ministries, and as a result, we have had visitors to come and a few to join. We have also have gained members through our radio ministry. We held our Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Worship and Community Feed celebration week-end, led by the Our Redeemer Lives ministry, chaired by Evangelist Aileen Wynne.

The month of January we had many events. We were honored to have as our Chief Celebrant, the late Bishop Vinton Randolph Anderson at our New Year's Holy Eucharist celebration worship service. The Official Welcome celebration for our First Family was held at St. Paul and churches from all denominations, State and Local leaders and friends were invited to meet our First Family. The Martin Luther King's Ecumenical service with Manchester United Methodist Church service was held at the Manchester UMC., with Pastor Booker delivering the sermon. St. Paul's Leadership Retreat for members was also held.

St. Paul AMEC celebrated its 173rd Church Anniversary. Special guest Bishop C. Garnett Henning, former pastor of St. Paul, was our Speaker for the service and also speaker for the St. Paul Saturday Boys 30th Anniversary Banquet.

Sons and Daughters of St. Paul were invited to preach at our Holy Week celebration.

Lady Gail Booker presented the idea for a Crystal Luncheon and by this event, the Minnie Ross Simms WMS and the Y.P.D., conference budgets were paid in full. We are still rejoicing over our Crystal Luncheon, honoring our former Supervisor Mrs. Vivienne Anderson. It was a blessing. We thought it not robbery to show our love for Mrs. Anderson by letting her know how much we care for and appreciate her and that we still remember her capable leadership, wisdom and guidance she shared with us while serving as our First Lady at St Paul and as our Episcopal Supervisor. The Luncheon was held in our beautifully decorated Priscilla Baltimore Fellowship Hall and was very well attended by people from all walks of life. A beautiful Scroll was presented to her with the names of Bishops and their wives, connectional, district and local officers and friends inscribed on it. Supervisor Anderson and Bishop Anderson walked down a red carpet as they were escorted to the head table.

Come To Jesus, another one of our community outreach programs, was held on June 6-8. The community was invited to our Annual Tent Revival Camp meeting. We were blessed with spiritual and physical food, fellowship, and fun. Special rides were provided for our youth along with ice cones and cotton candy.

BISHOP VINTON R. ANDERSON'S Home-going service was held at St. Paul AMEC. AME Bishops, General Officers, Connectional Officers, Judicial Council members, Trustees, District and Local officers' clergy and friends were in attendance. The entire service was televised worldwide. We request your continued prayers for Former Supervisor Vivienne Anderson and Family. We thank God for the privilege of having known this fine Christian gentleman.

St. Paul's Men and Women of the past and the present was the theme of our celebration. Teams were named after some of our faithful, devoted deceased and living men and women of St. Paul. Pictures of the members were displayed on our "Wall of Honorees". We were overjoyed with the presence of our beloved Bishop T. Larry Kirkland who preached a soul stirring message at the Men's celebration at the 9:00 A.M. service. Supervisor Mary Kirkland was invited to speak at the Women's Day celebration at 4:00 p.m., however, due to her illness, she was unable to attend. Bishop T. Larry Kirkland blessed us with his presence at the service, delivered an encouraging message to the honorees, signed each of the certificates, and presented them to family members of our deceased members and to honorees who were present. We ask your continued prayers for Supervisor Mary Kirkland and Bishop T. Larry Kirkland.

There is more work to be done and we feel that with the help of God and Pastor Booker as our leader, we can accomplish much. We ask that you continue to pray for the entire Booker family as they go through the situation in Denver and that justice will be served in the murder of Marvin Louis Booker by five Denver Sheriffs.

Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that Pastor Spencer Lamar Booker along with Lady Gail and their two sons, Daeryl "Scooter" and Nicholas Lamar, are returned to St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in St. Louis, Missouri, for the coming 2014-2015 conference year.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Respectfully submitted,

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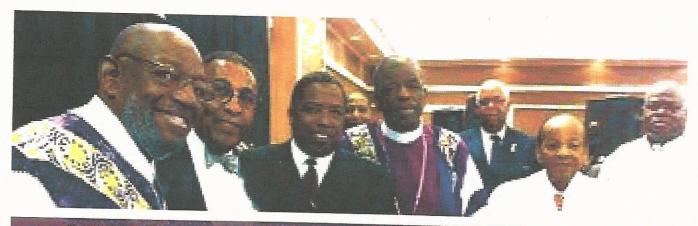




A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

BISHOP T. LARRY KIRKLAND

For Assigning Me To
The Cathedral @ St. Paul AME Church
& The Conspicuously Dedicated Members



DAY REV BOOKER WAS APPOINTED TO ST PAUL (OCTOBER 27, 2013)

Front left to right: Bishop C. Garnett Henning. Bishop Clement Fugh. Pastor Booker. Bishop T. Larry Kirkland (The Presiding Bishop of the 6th Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church who appointed Pastor Booker to the charge of St Paul). General Officer Hercules Miles. Rev. Presiding Elder Edmund P. Lowe: Back left to right. Rev. Harvey Vaughn. Rev. Con Davis

