

Fayetteville District Monthly Newsletter

Keeping You Informed and Inspired

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News, Events, and Inspiration

Welcome to This Month's Edition September 2026

We are thrilled to bring you this month's newsletter, packed with updates, insights, and inspiration to help you stay informed and connected. Whether you're here to catch up on the latest trends, uncover valuable tips, or simply enjoy a moment of reflection, we've got something special for everyone.

From the Presiding Elder:

Many thanks to the Members of the Fayetteville District for your steady unwavering support you provide to the District, Annual Conference and the A M E Zion Church as a whole. We are almost to the end of the Conference year and we are on target. To God be the Glory!!

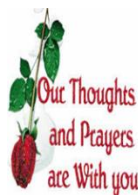
Please remember to give special shout outs to Christian Education and W H & O M Ministries during the month of September. Lives are touched in a special way by these departments. The denomination has set aside two days for recognition of Christian Education and Global Missions: September 20th Christian Education and September 27th for Global Missions.

In this issue there is a memo from Mrs. Kerri Tillett in reference to rehearsal dates for the District Christmas Concert. WOW!! I get excited just saying it. I hope those of you that like to sing will become a part of the District Choir.

Have an enjoyable Labor Day kick back and relax.

Peace!!

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SICK AND SHUT-IN

Mrs. Mary Wells.

Bereavement

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Venus Campbell. Venus' mother was funeralized August 29th.

Highlights of the Month of September

7th Labor Day Safely enjoy Summer's last holiday.

12th 10:00am -2:00pm Farmer's Market at Clarks Chapel, Tarheel, NC. Gather everyone you know and shop at the Farmer's Market.

19th 4:00pm Back-to-School Worship Service Evans Metropolitan Church. Children, Youth, and school personnel are asked to attend this worship experience.

20th 3:00pm Fayetteville District Conference at Evans Metropolitan Church Members of the District are asked to please attend to celebrate the year's accomplishments.

24th 7:00pm - 8:00pm Lay Council Hour of Prayer

26th 10:00am District Planning Meeting at Simon Temple We will be meeting in the Brian Thompson Fellowship Hall. District officers are expected to attend.

Other September Dates

Kingdomtide (Liturgical Color: Green)

August 30th – November 28

20th Christian Education Sunday

27th Global Missions Sunday

Feature Story: Spotlight on News past and present

The Chattanooga Five: The Women Who Survived a KKK Attack, Then Sued and Bankrupted the Klan

On the night of April 19, 1980, five ordinary Black women in Chattanooga, Tennessee, became targets of a hate crime simply because of the color of their skin.

They were not activists leading a protest. They were not confronting the Ku Klux Klan. Four of them were simply waiting for a taxi after leaving a neighborhood club. Another was nearby when the violence erupted. Within seconds, shotgun blasts ripped through the street as three Klansmen drove past and opened fire.

Four women were struck by shotgun pellets. The fifth was injured by shattered glass as the attackers continued shooting down the road. Miraculously, they all survived.

Those women, Viola Ellison, Lela Mae Evans, Katherine Johnson, Opal Jackson, and Fannie Mae Crumsey, would later become known as the Chattanooga Five. Their names are not as widely recognized as many figures from the Civil Rights Movement, yet their legal victory changed how America fought organized hate.

The attack happened during a period when the Ku Klux Klan was attempting to regain influence across parts of the United States. Cross burnings, intimidation, and racial violence had become increasingly common in the Chattanooga area. Earlier that evening, the Klansmen had reportedly been attempting to erect a burning cross before driving into a predominantly Black neighborhood, where they encountered the women and decided to attack them without provocation.

Police eventually arrested the three men responsible.

Community Voices

Your stories and feedback keep this newsletter alive. If something exciting is happening in your church share your story, and you might be featured in our next edition! Per approval of the Presiding Elder. Send your story to sandydog32@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events October 2026

Mark your calendar for these exciting events happening this month:

10th 10:00am – 2:00pm Farmer's Market at Mt. Hebrew

11th 4:00pm Presiding Elder's Appreciation at Simon Temple

17th 10:00am Pre-Annual Conference Meeting at Simon Temple

19th MSWF Meeting TBD

22nd 7:00pm – 8:00pm Lay Council Hour of Prayer

27th 6:00pm District Ushers' Meeting at Hood Memorial

From Our Team

Stay Connected

Don't miss a single update—follow us on our social media platforms and subscribe to receive our newsletter directly in your inbox. Together, let's make this a vibrant community of learning and growth.

If you know people that are members of our District and not getting the Monthly Reminder. Please send email addresses to sandydog32@hotmail.com.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Until next month, stay curious and be inspired!

Special Announcement

Fayetteville District Mass Choir Rehearsal Schedule!

We are excited to begin rehearsing for the Fayetteville District Mass Choir Christmas Concert! Please encourage all your choir members to participate! The concert will take place on Sunday, December 13, 2026, at 5pm at Simon Temple.

Rehearsals will also be at Simon Temple and will take place on the Saturdays listed below. Rehearsals will last only one hour from 1 pm - 2pm so please be on time. I recognize that this is a sacrifice, so I want to be mindful and respectful of your time.

October 24

October 31

November 14

November 21

December 5

December 12

Attire:

Ladies will wear red.

Men will wear black suits, white shirts with red ties.

If you have any questions, please contact Kerri Tillet at ladytillett@gmail.com or at 609-851-1158.

Thank you in advance for your support!

The Fayetteville District "Telling the Old Old Story to the 21st Century".

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Warm regards,

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