

THE 171ST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

“LOOK WHAT GOD HAS DONE”



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I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Words: *Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911*

Thomas Williams, C.F.M., 1895-1919

1. I love to tell the story Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story, Because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.
2. I love to tell the story, More wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies, Of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, It did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.
3. I love to tell the story, 'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.
4. I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.

REFRAIN:

I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love

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Celebrating 171 Years as a Christian Community in Versailles, KY!

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP PRELUDE.....PIANIST/CHOIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL.....PASTOR/MINISTER/CHOIR

DOXOLOGY.....Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above each heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP.....(*Adaptation of Psalm 91*).....**Sis. Geraldine Brown**

One: You who sit down in the Most High God's presence, spend the night in the Almighty's shadow...
vs.1-2

Many: I say, "GOD, you are my refuge... I trust in you and I'm safe!"

One: Yes, because GOD's your refuge, the Most High God your very own home... Evil can't get close to you, harm can't get through the door...
vs.9-10

Many: I say, "GOD, you are my refuge... I trust in you and I'm safe!"

One: He ordered his angels to guard you wherever you go... If you stumble, they'll catch you; their job is to keep you from falling...
vs.11-12

Many: I say, "GOD, you are my refuge... I trust in you and I'm safe!"

One: You'll walk unharmed among lions and snakes, and kick young lions and serpents from the path... "If you'll hold on to me for dear life," says GOD, "I'll get you out of any trouble. I'll give you the best of care if you'll only get to know and trust me"...
vs.13-14

Many: I say, "GOD, you are my refuge... I trust in you and I'm safe!"

One: God says, "Call me and I'll answer, be at your side in bad times; I'll rescue you, then throw you a party... I'll give you a long life, give you a long drink of salvation!" ...
vs.15-16

Many: I say, "GOD, you are my refuge... I trust in you and I'm safe!"

THE MORNING HYMN # 217....."I Love to Tell the Story"

THE PRAYER.....**Bro. Zachary Dockies**

THE PRAYER RESPONSE....."HE IS LORD"

He is Lord, He is Lord. He has risen from the dead and He is Lord. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.

THE SCRIPTURE.....(Deuteronomy 26: 1-11).....**Sis. Stacey Granville**

¹ When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ² take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³ and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵ Then you shall declare before the LORD your

God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. ⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸ So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. ¹¹ Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Our Church Anniversary Litany.....Sis. Marilyn Collins

The Introit

Hymn #594

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

He has done great things, He has done great things, He has done great things, bless His holy name"

One: *The Versailles' Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church began in 1848, and with great struggle and many sacrifices, has continued to raise the banner of Christ's Kingdom!*

Many: We are the Saints of Saint Paul... Called to Be Disciples of Christ, Commissioned to make Disciples for Christ!

One: *The LORD took you and brought you out of the iron-smelting furnace, out of Egypt, to be the people of his inheritance, as you now are ...*
Deut. 4:20

Many: We are the Saints of Saint Paul... GOD IS OUR FATHER!

One: *And the LORD has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands ...*
Deut. 26:18

Many: We are the Saints of Saint Paul... CHRIST IS OUR REDEEMER!

One: *Therefore... stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain ...*
1 Cor. 15:58

Many: We are the Saints of Saint Paul... THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR COMFORTER!

One: *Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood ...*
Acts 20:28

Many: We are the Saints of Saint Paul... HUMANKIND IS OUR FAMILY!

One: *You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light ...*
1 Pet. 2:9

Many: We are the Saints of Saint Paul... SERVANTS OF THE MOST HIGH! Blessed with 171 Years of Ministry & Service, and God is not through with us yet!!!

THE GLORIA PATRI....."Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SELECTION.....MASS CHOIR

MISSIONARY/TITHES/OFFERING.....FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHILDREN’S MOMENT.....**Pastor Hale**
 (“Lent Lint”, What is it and why does it collect in our belly buttons???)

THE HISTORY OF ST. PAUL AME CHURCH (printed).....**Sis. Rochelle Owsley**

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....**Pastor Hale**

SERMONIC SELECTION.....MASS CHOIR

THE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE.....**Sis. Melissa George, Licentiate**
Embry Chapel AME Church, Elizabethtown, KY, Pastor Stephanie M. Raglin

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP.....**Pastor Hale**

INVITATIONAL SELECTION.....MASS CHOIR

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

DOXOLOGY.....BENEDICTION

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS —

TEACHING MOMENTS

Next Week’s Scripture Lessons:

Second Sunday in Lent: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3: 17-4:1; Luke 13: 31-35

Church School for ALL Ages – 9:30am *Every Sunday*

Pastor’s Bible Study – Every Wednesday @ 11:00am

MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Choir Rehearsal – EVERY Thursday @ 6:30pm
- Steward Board – Monday, March 11, 2019 @ 6pm
- Official Board – Monday, March 11, 2019 @ 6pm (*Minister’s Meeting to follow*)
- T Lay Organization – Sunday, March 17, 2019 *Following the Benediction*
- Class Leaders – Monday, March 18, 2019 @ 6pm
- Trustee Meeting – Wednesday, March 20, 12:00 Noon.
- YPD – Saturday, March 23,, 2019 @ 12:00 Noon
- Missionary Society – Sunday, March 24, 2019 *Following the Benediction*

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- Today is our 171st Church Anniversary. Taxation for the year will increase to \$171.00 and is payable throughout the year. To assist with our Mid-Year Conference assessment, those who can, are asked to please pay the full amount.
- Sunday, March 24, We travel to Saint Matthew, Midway for their 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. worship for their Church Anniversary.
- March 27-29, 13th District Mid-Year Convocation, Memphis, TN.
- March 29-31, 13th District WMS Retreat, Memphis TN.
- Sunday, March 31, Kentucky Conference Fifth Sunday Lay Cluster here at St. Paul.

REMINDERS

- 2018 Tax Receipts are available from the Ushers.
- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of \$171.00 is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as CA170.

- Conference Claims per member per month is \$15.00/\$180.00 per year. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.
- The Seed Sowers Project is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.
- Mass and Men's Choir: Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per member per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless notified otherwise.
- St. Paul's CD/DVD Ministry to the Sick and Shut-in: If you desire a CD or a DVD of the worship services, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.
- Need a ride to Church School or Church, please call Sis. Tanya Clark by Saturday at (859) 361-1426.
- Anyone interested in working with and learning about the DVD ministry, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.

• YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

- **Notice:** The Pastor and Trustees are asking if anyone has a **Key** to the Church, the Annex, or the Church Van, or any other key associated with Saint Paul's property, then please report that to Sis. Marilyn Collins. We're trying to compile an accurate record of key holders for our Trustee Records and for insurance purposes. Thank you!
- **Notice:** If at any time you see water in the basement, please inform Bro. Richard Kirtley. We know that when water is found, those who do so take the initiative and clean it up, and for that we thank you! And we hope that you'll continue to help us by doing so, but we're also trying to ensure that our efforts to keep the water out of the basement are working. So, if you find water, thank you for mopping it up, and thank you for letting Bro. Kirtley know so we can keep track. – Pastor



Our Known Sick and Shut-Ins

Charles Brown, Jr.	Renee Scott-Smith
Roslyn Collins	Russell Thornton
Phyllis Dockies	

Our Known Community Sick and Shut-Ins

Armenta Chase	Mildred Jones	Odes Nash
Lorie Dale	Richard Kirtley, Jr.	Rev. James E. Smith
Rev. Frederick Hale	Betty Moseley	Frances Walker
Corliss Howard	Barbara Nash	Anna Williams



Ellis Collins	March 3
Rickey Boatley	March 6
Phyllis Dockies	March 9
Candice Kirtley	March 16
LaMichelle Haddix	March 17
Yvonne Wilson	March 17
Charles Brown, Jr.	March 18
Myrtle Granville	March 23
Trumell Ikard	March 25
Domonique Kirtley	March 29

Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
Versailles, Kentucky
1848 - 2019

In 1848, Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church was initially established in a small building located on South Main Street, Versailles, Kentucky. In a deed, dated August 3, 1874, Mrs. Alice A. Newman conveyed to trustees of the church (namely Wilson Williams, Richard Dupee, and Ambrose Jeff), the Versailles African Methodist Episcopal Church and their successors in office, a lot of land, duly incorporated under the name of the church and laws of the State of Kentucky, as recommended by said discipline of the church, in order to invest said corporation with full and complete title of all said property in 1878 and a church was erected. The Rev. I. H. Welch, pastor in charge and official Chairman Pro-Tem of the Board and Trustees, James Buford, Solomon Perry, Lewis Banks, Willis Garrett, Richard Dupee, Thomas G. Brown, and Charley Turner did hereby alien and convey unto the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Versailles, this lot of land lying at the north end of Locust Street in the city of Versailles, an old building located on the property. The structure, in dire need of repair, was condemned, torn down, saving only the pulpit, pews, fixtures and books.

This present building was erected on that site between 1892 and 1898 using the foundation of the old building. During the building period, church services were held in U.B.F. Lodge Hall on South Main Street in Versailles. Rev. Julius Caldwell, pastor in charge at that time, held a church conference and organized programs to accomplish a mission that was unbelievable in those days. Having very dedicated Trustees, Stewards and Stewardess Boards, clubs and auxiliaries were formed all over town, and thus the church building program began. There was never a more devoted conscientious hard-working group of people than these Saint Paul members. Rev. Caldwell, a stone mason and brick layer, along with other members, namely Jim Henry McGill, John Carter, and Sandy Green did all the brick and stone work, giving untiring service believing to be about three or four years until the church was complete.

This church, built by these poor people with great faith, big hopes and grand dreams, they were the ones who made great sacrifices, using their extra change to build this monument to God for themselves and to history. They found a place where they could pray in peace and see a beauty that seldom touched their hard working lives. This church has endured, long after most of them have passed on long after their homes have decayed and fallen, long after some of their children and children's children had reached some affluence, move on and passed away. It was built solid, like their symbol of hope where they entrusted their faith.

During its 171 years of existence, there have been at least 27 pastors assigned to Saint Paul, some staying longer than others. Included among these pastors, all leaving their marks and contributions, are Rev. Leonard Harvey, Rev. L. S. Sanders, Rev. Henry L. Barnes, Rev. Horace Taylor, Rev. Willie K. Marshall, Rev. G. L. Walker, Rev. C. T. Buchanan (serving twice under separate appointments), Rev. Robert A. Strode (10 years), Rev. Thomas M. Walker, Rev. Frederick E. Hale (9 years), Rev. Kenneth J. Golphin (7 years) and our current pastor, Rev. James E. Smith (8 years), Rev. Dr. Robert A. Strode, serving two charges at St. Paul from October 2014 through October 2018, and our current pastor, assigned October 2018, Rev. William R. T. Hale (son of former pastor Rev. Frederick E. Hale). Under these pastoral administrations, faithful members, trustees, stewards, board and auxiliaries, this house of worship has undergone numerous renovations and expansions, purchased a new parsonage, and additional properties were deeded and conveyed to Saint Paul, as well as bequests (one particularly in excess of \$243,000) from its membership and friends, which have allowed the church to be "debt free", expand its parking area (parking lot on the right side of the building), and church offices and additional parking area (left side of the building). During Founder's Day Observance, in February 2000, through the initiative of Pastor Golphin, the membership of Saint Paul, and the Versailles City Council, the alley to the left side of the parking lot was dedicated and officially named

“Richard Allen Way” with local officials and dignitaries present. Most recently, structural repairs, window reinforcements, and painting of the church have occurred. With God being our helper, more work is to be done with special emphasis on the Seed Sower Project, now in its third year.

In addition to those who have pastored Saint Paul, Saint Paul has had five sons and three daughters who have and are serving the African Methodist Episcopal Church as pastors and local elders. They include Rev. Stephanie Raglin, the late Rev. Sarah Spalding and Evangelist Gayle Lang; Rev. William R. T. Hale, Rev. Jermaine L. Wilson, Rev. Joshua Clinton Hale and previously Rev. Willis O. Lang. In our most recent history, three daughters of the church have been called as an evangelist and/or as an exhorter, Sister Gayle Lang, Sister Tanya Clark, and Sister Charliese Brown-Lewis, respectively and two years ago, Brother Robert J. Lewis answered his call to preach and was licensed during the district conference in March 2016. Brother Lewis recently left the AME Church.

Our motto **“God is Good all the time, and All the time, God is Good”**, we praise God from whom all blessings flow and for the 27 or more pastors, their families, and this faithful congregation who continuously allow God to use them for the edification of this house of worship. And in the words of the citizens of this community who frequently worship with the Saint Paul family, we are best known as “the little church on the corner with the love and spirit of God that serves wonderfully delicious food to feed five thousand.”

About our Speaker



Minister Melissa George is a member of ministerial staff at her home church, Embury Chapel AME Church, where her pastor is Reverend Stephanie M. Raglin. Melissa obtained her MDiv from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2017. She is currently studying at Regent University obtaining her Master of Arts in Human Services. She is a chaplain candidate and 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force Reserves. Melissa believes that she is called to preach the kindness of God in an unkind word.