Moving from Good to Great;  
by the Renewal and Cleansing  
of the Holy Spirit  

June 7, 2009  
3:00 p.m.  

Hamlet Chapel C. M. E. Church  
2855 Hamlet Chapel Road  
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312  
Reverend Charles E. Robertson, Pastor
From the Pastor’s Pen...

Church Family,

What a wonderful time in the life of our church. We have reached a tremendous milestone for our church.

We are celebrating our anniversary of "143" years that our gracious Lord and Savior has blessed our church to stand. We all can say that the Lord has been truly mighty, mighty good to us as a church, by keeping our church for all these years, "Amen." Our theme for year is Moving from Good to Great; by the Renewal and Cleansing of the Holy Spirit.

Church Family, if we want to move from good to great, we all should take a lesson from the Psalmist David "Amen." In Psalms 51, I heard David say in verse 2 “wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sins.” Then verse 10 says “create in me a clean Heart, O God; and renew a right Spirit within me.” You see once we have been cleansed and renewed, then we are ready to be lead by the Holy Spirit. Acts 20:21 tells us these words: “The Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth necessary for faith and obedience.”

So if we want to move from good to great there are three things we must do: 1) Renew our commitment to God; 2) Cleanse ourselves from all our sins and 3) let the Holy Spirit lead us into all truth, then we will become not only a good church, but a great church in the presence of all mighty God. So let us be exceedingly glad and rejoice in what the Lord has done for 143 years.

"Happy Anniversary"

Your Pastor and First Lady,

Rev. Charles E. Robertson and Min. Dianne Robertson
“Please Enter the Sanctuary Reverently”

Order of Worship
Sunday, June 7, 2009
Morning Worship Service

PRELUDE
Brother Justin McKoy
Let the first tone of the piano be a call to reverence silence in which all may become aware of his presence.

CALL TO WORSHIP
Minister Timothy Harris
The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

OPENING HYMN
Senior Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles 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 rose 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 Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful father; for thy son our Lord, Jesus Christ’s sake. Forgive us all that is past and grant that we may hereafter serve and please thee in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

HYMN
Senior Choir

PRAYER OF PARDON
Minister: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE COLLECT
People: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy holy spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Isaiah 6:1-8 Minister Timothy Harris

GLORIA PATRI

New Testament Romans 8:12-17 Reverend Charles E. Robertson

PRAYER

Minister Dianne Robertson

PRAYER CHANT

The Lord’s Prayer

SANCTUS

Minister: It is very meek, right and our bounden duty that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify they glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying, “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of host, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High, Amen.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING Ushers

GENERAL TITHES/BUILDING FUND Stewards

OFFERATORY RESPONSE “All Things Come Of Thee”

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Minister: We do not presume to come to thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by his death and washed through his most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

SONG OF PREPARATION Senior Choir

SERMON Reverend Charles E. Robertson

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

DOXOLOGY/BENEDICTION Reverend Charles E. Robertson

Thank you for worshipping with us today!
Hug someone and tell them you love them with the Love of God!
THE LITURICAL SCRIPTURES
Psalter: Isaiah 6:1-8               Gospel: Romans 8: 12-17

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
June 14, 2009

Subject: Moses and Aaron Respond
Key Verse: Aaron spoke all the words that the Lord had spoken to Moses, and performed the signs in the sight of the people. Exodus 4:30

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Known sick and shut-in: Mr. Thomas Jack Alston, Mr. Charlie Baldwin, Ms. Flossie Barbee, Ms. Thelma Burnette, Mr. J. C. Burnette, Mr. Gladys Burnette, Mr. Howard Clark, Mr. Howard DeGraffenreid, Mr. Mallon (Joe Pink) Denny, Mrs. Annie Mae Burnette, Mr. Clarence Ray Farrington, Mrs. Nettie Nickerson and Ms. Cordie Penny

TODAY’S MESSAGE

TEXT: _______________________________________
SUBJECT: _______________________________________
NOTES: _______________________________________

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This afternoon, we will celebrate our 143rd Church Anniversary at 3:00 p.m. Reverend Drexel N. Mitchell, Sr., Pastor of Logan Chapel C.M.E. Church will be our guest speaker. All are encouraged to attend!

- **June 8** Missionary Society will meet at 7:00 p.m.
- **June 10** Praise & Dance Team will rehearse at 6:00 p.m.
  Bible Study will be held at 7:00 p.m.
- **June 11** Youth Choir Rehearsal will rehearse at 7:00 p.m.
- **June 12-13** District Stewardess Retreat will be held at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Asheville, NC.
- **June 14** Children’s Day will be observed during morning service. The 2009 theme is “It’s Not About Us.” Minister David Hutchinson will bring the morning message. Rev. Robertson will be the guest preacher at Brooke Haven Baptist Church in High Point, NC at 3:00 p.m. The Mass Choir will accompany the pastor.
- **June 16** Male Chorus will rehearse at 7:00 p.m.
- **June 17-19** Vacation Bible School will be held nightly from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- **June 20** Youth Choir Rehearsal will be held at 10:30 a.m.
- **June 21** Men’s Day and Father’s Day will be observed.
- **June 22** Rev. Robertson will be the guest preacher at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, NC for the opening of their revival at 7:00 p.m. The Male Chorus will accompany the pastor.
- **June 28** Pastor’s Appreciation will be observed. The speaker will be Reverend George Steele, Pastor of Hallelujah Baptist Church in High Point at 3:00 p.m.
Drexel Norman Mitchell, Sr. was born on November 22, 1960, to the late Luther and Dorothy Mitchell in Detroit, Michigan. He is the product of the public schools of that city and graduated from Park University, Parkville, Missouri. He holds a Bachelors of Science in Management/Human Resources and an Associates of Science in Office Management from Park University. Additionally, he has pursued studies at Philadelphia Biblical University and continuing education credits from Phillips School of Theology, ITC Atlanta, Georgia.

In July 1978, Reverend Mitchell answered the call to the Christian Ministry at Grace Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Detroit, Michigan under the pastorate of the late Reverend Dr. John T. Kellman.

He is currently serving in his second year as Pastor of the Logan Chapel C.M.E. Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. His previous pastorates include St. Paul C.M.E. Church, Chester, Pennsylvania, St. John C.M.E. Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Mt. Pisgah C.M.E. Church, Evington, Virginia and St. Stephens C.M.E. Church, Winchester, Virginia. Reverend Mitchell has additionally, served on the Ministerial staff of St. Paul C.M.E. Church, Norfolk, Virginia; Lane Memorial C.M.E. Church and Miles Memorial C.M.E. Church in the Nation’s Capitol.

Reverend Mitchell is a military veteran who served on active duty in the United States Navy from August 1978 to August 2003, retiring with the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9) after twenty-five years of honorable military service. During his naval career he traveled extensively around the globe, visiting the Holy Land, Italy, Turkey (Ephesus), Greece, Spain, England, France, Norway and Japan.

**-In Celebration of the-
143rd Church Anniversary**

Sunday, June 7, 2009
3:00 p.m.

*Moving from Good to Great; by the Renewal and Cleansing of the Holy Spirit*

Presiding: Sister Courtney Dowdy

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"Upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it". Jesus spoke these words to Peter when they arrived on the coast of Cesarea at Phillippi. The founders of Hamlet Chapel envisioned building on such a rock in 1866, when it was built on its present location. Prior to 1866, the colored members worshipped at Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church South with the whites.

Hamlet Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the oldest churches in the C.M.E. Conference. Its roots are deeply embedded throughout the community. Hamlet Chapel is the Mother Church of Staunton Memorial in Pittsboro, St. Joseph in Chapel Hill, and Faucette Memorial and Russell Memorial, both in Durham. Since 1866, forty pastors have worked fervently with the members, many of whom can trace their heritage to the founders. The visions of the founders and the support of the members led to the erection of the wooden structure in 1866. The newly organized church was called Hamlet Chapel, so named after the donors of the land, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Hamlet. The first Trustees were Benjamin Burnette, Murphy Burnette, Robert Cotten, Robert Bynum and James Neville.

The Hamlet Chapel of the past has earned our unreserved appreciation. The hope of the future is that Hamlet Chapel Church be strengthened beyond her fondest dreams by our faith, support and commitment.

“Go forth old church, go forth! Let us unite our hearts and efforts together in Christian love and pledge to God that, we the members of Hamlet Chapel will do our part in making conditions better by being true Christians.”

The first pastor was the Reverend Cane Blackman. During his seven-year tenure, from 1866 to 1873 with the men doing the labor and the women preparing the food, the structure was completed. They could truly say, “I Love My Church O God.” The wisdom and alertness of Reverend Blackman manifested in the organization of the church, realizing that spiritual and human needs are definitely related. In 1871, Hamlet Chapel became a part of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

Reverend Hollman succeeded Reverend Blackman. Under his administration, the building was completed and the first cornerstone laid. Next in succession were Reverend Welch and Reverend Cross. Each made contributions, increasing the membership and unifying the community.

About 1883, Reverend S. S. Buckman was the next minister. He served four years. The spiritual fever was high during this period. There were great revivals and many acknowledged the new birth and joined the church. Under this administration a new and larger structure was built.

A succession of pastors followed, each making a significant contribution to the spiritual and physical growth of this thriving church. They were Reverends Simms, McCrimmons, Richwine, Flax, Stuart Richardson, J. S. Miller, Juden Jones, Yarbow and L. L. Sinclaire.

Reverend J. C. Staunton served next as pastor. The achievements during his administration were many and the church flourished. New leaders came on the horizon. They were Abraham Burnette, Robert Perry, Peter Bell, Sr., Ed Cotten, Johnnie Foushee and Curney Bynum. These men had a great impact on the growth of the church and are fondly called “Our Later Founding Fathers.”


Reverend J. H. Thomas succeeded Reverend Washington in 1941 and served until 1948. During his administration, a new brick sanctuary was built, replacing the wooded structure. The new church was dedicated and the cornerstone laid. This was one of the greatest works of his pastorate. Ed Cotten was Chairman of the Steward Board during construction of the new sanctuary. He served as Chairman for twenty years, serving from 1925 to 1945.

Reverend C. R. White was the next assigned pastor in 1948 to 1953. The financial status of the church soared to new heights. The church interior was completed and all outstanding debts were paid. The Willing Workers Club was organized and Reverend Macon Clark preached his initial sermon under his administration.
Hamlet Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church History

Reverend J. H. Lightsey was our pastor from 1953 to 1958. The Male Chorus was organized under his leadership. In 1954, the General Conference changed the name of our denomination from Colored Methodist Episcopal Church to Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Under his administration Reverend James Cotten and Reverend Peter Bell, Jr. preached their initial sermon.

Reverend C. M. Savoy pastored Hamlet Chapel for five years from 1958 to 1963. The church annex was built during his tenure. The annex had upper and lower levels, including a kitchen and bathrooms. Rufus Fearrington, his sons and church members were responsible for this construction project. N. T. Cotten was Chairman of the Steward Board for twenty-seven years, serving in that capacity from 1945 to 1972.

Reverend W. W. Gary came to the pastorate in 1963 filled with vigor of youth and served until 1969. He enthusiastically initiated a standardized budget, giving each member a copy of the total financial program of the church for the conference year. Reverend Gary was instrumental in the organization of Stewardess Board #2 and the Joy Bells. Alease Burnette served as Stewardess Board #2 president until 1987.

Reverend David W. Reynolds succeeded Rev. W. W. Gary in 1969 until 1973. During his four year tenure, we were able to erect the church parsonage. The church parsonage land was donated by the descendants of the late Abraham and Wescott Burnette. Isaiah Burnette was Chairman of the Steward Board from 1972 until 1981 and was instrumental in overseeing this project. Reverend Reynolds, interested in the youth, organized a junior choir. A bus was purchased to assure transportation was available to all members who desired to attend. The C. R. White and Rebecca Baldwin Missionary Circle were named during his administration.

Reverend David S. Ray served faithfully from 1973 to 1979. It was under his leadership that the parsonage indebtedness was liquidated. He was also responsible for organizing a Young Adult Choir and Stewardess Board #3 in 1975. Under his administration, church renovation plans and renovation fund raising activities were initiated and Hamlet Chapel became a "station church."

Reverend James Ledbetter was assigned to Hamlet Chapel in July 1979 until 1983. A "Mortgage Burning" ceremony for the parsonage was held on March 23, 1980. Under Reverend Ledbetter’s guidance, the Morning Glory Choir was organized, a van was purchased and the Laymen’s Prayer Breakfast initiated. In 1980, Attorney Robert Epting executed the Articles of Incorporation documents. During his administration, Reverend Albert Williams began serving as an Associate Minister.

Reverend A. C. Crumbley, Jr. came to us from the Southwest Georgia Conference in 1983 until 1986. He established a radio and television ministry. Under his administration, we were able to raise sufficient funds to begin renovating our church. The renovations included a larger kitchen, bathrooms, office, pastor's study, and finance and stewardess rooms. The lights in the sanctuary were donated by Charlie and Louise Baldwin in honor of the late Thomas L. Fikes. The cornerstone was laid on April 12, 1986 by the Mt. Olive Lodge No. 36 of Chapel Hill. During Reverend Crumbley's tenure, the Young Adult Choir's name was changed to the Voices of Hope.
Hamlet Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church History

**Reverend W. F. Lowe** served from 1986 to 1994. He initiated many new programs including the food distribution program for the needy. He organized the Tot’s and Voices Unlimited Choirs, hosted a community Christmas dinner, retired the pulpit bible in 1988 and replaced it with a new bible, given by the Burnette Family in honor of Burkett and Carrie Burnette and Wilbert M. Burnette. A church van, piano, drums, and new parsonage furniture were purchased. The Cemetery Committee was formed. The first Family and Friends Day was organized and celebrated in September, 1990. A Mortgage Burning ceremony was held in March, 1993. Reverends Johnny Moore, John Wesley Johnson, and Henry Sanders served as Associate Ministers. Sisters Delores Perry, Ernestine Perry and Stephanie Moore preached their initial sermons.

During **Reverend Jeremiah Isaac**’s administration from 1994 to 2000, the church roof and heating and air condition units were replaced. Parsonage furniture, a copy machine and a computer were purchased. The church pews were padded and new carpet was installed. A series of workshops were held including officers and members’ classes. The church held its first Musical Extravaganza. The Voices of Hope name changed to the Gospel Choir. The Lay Council was reorganized and sponsored a “Love Is” Banquet. Sister Phyllis Cameron and Brothers Russell Burnette and Andre Allen preached their initial sermons. The Hosanna Praise and Worship Dance Team were organized in November 1999. The church accepted an invitation to participate in Partnership for an Active Pittsboro (PACT) project.

**Reverend James N. Howard** was our 39th pastor who served from 2000 to 2005. A series of educational sessions were held for the officers. The Health Ministry presented a series of health education classes beginning in November, 2000 and held its first Health Fair in May, 2001. The Hosanna Praise and Worship Dance Team held its first gala in November, 2000. In February, 2001, the Missionary Society had its first Annual Sweetheart Tea and the New Generation Joy Bells recognized the original Joy Bells. In conjunction with The Board of Christian Education, the church received a grant to purchase exercise equipment from the PACT project. Under his leadership, the kitchen stove and refrigerator were converted to conventional standards, concrete walkways around the church were laid, our parking area was paved, acrylic window coverings were installed to protect our stained glass windows and our first church pictorial directory was completed. In 2003, Reverend Phyllis Rhone was appointed pastor at Guilford Chapel and Reverend Delores Perry was appointed pastor at Chalk Level.

In **July, 2005**, **Reverend Charles E. Robertson** was appointed as our 40th pastor. Reverend Robertson is married to Dianne Robertson, who is also in the ministry and they have seven children. Rev. Robertson loves God’s people and loves serving God’s Church. Since his appointment, he has instituted Intercessory Prayer, a Radio Ministry, Tape Ministry, Christian Men’s Fellowship, Church Newsletter, New Member’s Class and a 140th Church Anniversary GALA. The Young Adult Council, Board of Evangelism, and the Acolytes have been reinstated. An electric piano was purchased, new furnishings were purchased for the pastor’s office and alter, lights and ceiling fans were installed in the annex, and ceiling fans were installed in the sanctuary. Also, Reverend Robertson was instrumental in getting our church webpage established.
On behalf of the Church Anniversary Committee, we want to thank everyone for your participation in making our 143rd Anniversary a SUCCESS.