Church Calendar

• Services at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

BUFFALO BAPTIST 3699 Hwy. 28 N.

- Jan. 20: Guest speaker will be the Rev. George Boyd.
- Jan. 27: VBS meeting following the worship service. Anyone interested in helping with VBS is asked to attend.

FIRST BETHANY BAPTIST

- Sunday school at 10 a.m. Sunday worship at 11 a.m.
- Second Sunday evening services: Forest View Manor (Callison Hwy.) at 4 p.m. Mission meeting (all ages) at 5 p.m. Finger food fellowship at
- Fifth Sundays: Fifth Sunday sing-
- ing and worship at 5 p.m. • Wednesday nights: Light supper (free) at 6 p.m. Class from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bible Buddies - birth to five years old. GA (Girls in Action) - first to fifth grade. RA (Royal Ambassadors) - first to fifth grade. EPIC Group (Youth) - Sixth to twelfth grade. Adult Bible study.

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE **OUTREACH MINISTRY**

• What are your needs? Let us pray. Call in prayer line every Wednes#622939.

LITTLE MILL BAPTIST

• Jan. 20: 151st church anniversary celebration at 2 p.m. The Rev. Roger Rivers will be the guest speaker. Dinner will be served after the program.

MOORES COMMUNITY 415, Rosa Hill St., Edgefield

• Jan. 20: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative service at 3 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. Robert Heflin Jr., pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Ninety Six. The theme is "The King in Me." For more information, call 864-942-0970. The Rev. Fred M. Armfield is pastor.

MT. ZION A.M.E.

185 Mt. Zion Church Rd. • Church school at 9 a.m. Worship service at 10:15 a.m. The Rev. Lebbie Ligon is pastor.

NEW MACEDONIA F.B.H. 209 Deason St.

 Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

PINE GROVE A.M.E. 317 Pine Grove Church Rd., Plum Branch

• Church school at 9 a.m. Morning

BORDEAUX WORSHIP CENTER day 5:30 a.m. 218-632-0999. Pin worship service at 10:15 a.m.

· HisKids children's ministry and PBBC youth meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

PLUM BRANCH BAPTIST

REPUBLICAN **UNITED METHODIST**

865 Chamberlain's Ferry Rd. • Sunday school 10 a.m. Church Service 11 a.m.

SOLOMON POOL CHURCH OF INTENSIVE CARE

- •Worship service Sundays at 11 a.m. Drug and Alcohol Addictions Class every second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- Bible study every second and fourth Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 15: Sweetheart Banquet at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for a single and \$35 for a couple. Call 864-554-3092 for more information. Peggy W. Zellars is pastor.

SPIRIT AND LIFE

- 615 Hwy. 378 West • Regular weekly order of service for January: Prayer and Sunday school 10:15-11:15 a.m.; worship experience 11:15 a.m. (Communion on the first Sunday); Nursing home ministry the third Saturday at 3 p.m. Call 864-337-0818 or 864-337-6415. Bishop Donn M. Lee is founder and
- Telephone Bible study on Wednesdays from 6-6:45 p.m. The call-in number is 712-451-0923, and the access code is 279337. Guest teachers are also being solicited.
- Jan. 20: Pack-the-Pews Service at 4 p.m. Sis. Cornelia Calhoun is the speaker. There is no special offering; attendees are encouraged to give what they can. Anyone who would like to sing should sign in with the usher at the door.

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST 301 Edgefield Rd., Plum Branch

• Sunday service at 9:45 a.m. Come as you are. Bible study at 9 a.m.

VILLAGE CHURCH **OF CHRIST**

• Village Church of Christ meets Sundays at 9 a.m. Contact Michael Kolb at 864-391-4543.

Mark Your Calendar

HAPPENINGS

COMMUNITY THREADS FOR JANUARY 2019

Thursday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Regular Open Sew Session in the Bordeaux room at Hickory Knob State Resort Park. Bring your project and supplies. The theme for our Fat Quarter Raffle will be announced prior to this gathering. Bring a fat quarter for the basket and fill out the ticket, and the lucky winner will take home the stash. Join us for lunch in the restaurant. Thursday, Jan. 31, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Regular Open Sew Session in the Bordeaux Room at Hickory Knob State Resort Park. Bring your project and supplies to enjoy a day of sewing and sharing. Join us for lunch in the restaurant. If

you are new to the area, or just want to

know more about Community Threads,

please contact Belinda at quiltingworkshops@gmail.com or call 843-860-5403. Community Threads is a program of the McCormick Arts Council at the Keturah (MACK), and all are welcome. No sewing experience necessary. "Come Stitch With Us!"

BLACK HISTORY DINNER AND SHOW

A black history dinner and show featuring the nationally known Geechee Gullah Ring Shouters will be held Feb. 2, 2019 at 5 p.m. at the Mims Community Center. Tickets are available now for \$20 per person. No tickets available at the door. Contact Sarah Moss at 391-2296 or Dorothy Rivers at 391-2095. The event is sponsored by Willington African American Cultural Center and the Mims Community Center.

Moving into a new season of usefulness

By Kittye Craig - Jackson

really hate (generally), it is change. always built in heights – they never was formed in They have their own comfort zones and love to stay in it. They will do anything and everything to stay where they are. They will give every excuse in the book to be able to stay where they are. But, the reality is that God works in seasons, in people, in families, in churches and in nations, and that involves a change.

There is a season to sow, there is a season to cry and then there is a season to reap.

When God says, "Son, daughter, it is time for this season to shift," we fight back because we do not like changes.

Of course, we do want God to use us. We pray all the time – Lord use me, and when the Lord says, "It is time" for the season to shift, we resist – we bring excuses. Some of us actually flee away in fright.

In order to move out of our past, we must shift. Without shifting, we will remain where we are. When we travel by plane or in a train, we sit on the seat that is assigned for us. But, there are times we are offered a better seating. No one can get to this better seat without getting up from where they have been and shifting to the new location. A shifting ensures that you get that which has been assigned for you. God must break our

nest for anything good to happen. Deuteronomy 32:11 — "Like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions."

An eagle applies a trick in order

to teach its little ones how to fly. He knew him If there is one thing that people Now, mind you, an eagle's nest is even before he make their nest close to the ground. The little eaglets become very comfy and refuse to learn how to fly. The mother eagle has a little trick that always works. She breaks the nest and, in turn, throws the eaglet in thin air.

> Oh what a heartless act – right? So it would seem, but as the baby is quickly hurtling toward the earth, flapping its wings, the mother eagle will swoop under it and carry it back to the heights.

> At times, shifting becomes so hard that God has to end up breaking our nests – our comfort zones. If it is God that has shifted or broken your comfort zones, please do not be afraid. He will not let your foot be dashed against the rocks. Nothing wrong is going to happen to you. God has this under control. Just submit and surrender to His will.

> Some churches are leaving an old season and shifting into a new season. When we are shifting into a new season, we will face doubts, fears and speculations. We might even end up giving lots of excuses just like Jeremiah did.

> Lord came to me, saying, 'before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.' 'Alas, Sovereign Lord,' I said, 'I do not know how to speak; I am too young.'

> Jeremiah had a very hard time shifting or accepting a new season of usefulness in his life. The Lord had to point out several truths in Jeremiah:

mother's womb: I have set you apart - you are special, I have appointed you as a prophet to the

nations. When God

was trying to take him into his next season, Jeremiah was only trying to figure out excuses: I am only a child, I am too young, Lord I am not an orator, I do not know how to speak. No more excuses! God under-

stands that you have fears and that the assignments that He has given you are not easy. But, you have been equipped with all you need to accomplish what God has appointed you to do.

Some Christians have been running away from the call of God. They have been making excuses. Some are saying, "I am only a child"; some are saying, "I do not have the eloquence"; some are saying, "I do not have enough Biblical knowledge."

When we look at our inadequa-Jeremiah 1:4-6 "The Word of the cies, God looks at our potential. We must train ourselves to see things through the eyes of God. If we could see the potential that He sees in us, we would see the "world changer" He sees in us. God wants to use you because He sees your potential to make a difference.

While I'm here on earth, I will always try to make a difference.

Tranquil A.M.E. Church gives 240 gift bags to nursing home residents



In the spirit of giving during the festive season, Tranquil A.M.E. Church, located in Bradley, along with the Rev. Harry Barnes, pastor, and his wife, Beverly, decided to bless the residents at Petra Nursing Home and the Ridge Nursing Home with 240 gift bags. The church considers this a part of their mission assignment, giving outside the four walls of the church.





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Reaching Out

Rev. C. Nels Ledwell.....Pastor Worship Services....8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Church School....9:45 a.m.

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Michelle Allen, Children & Youth Director

Michael Allen, Pastor

Evening Service 6:00 PM 6:00 PM Youth Program Children's Program 5:30 PM **Prayer Meeting** 6:00 PM

Sunday Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM

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> Hwy. 221 North, McCormick Father Robert Sayer

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