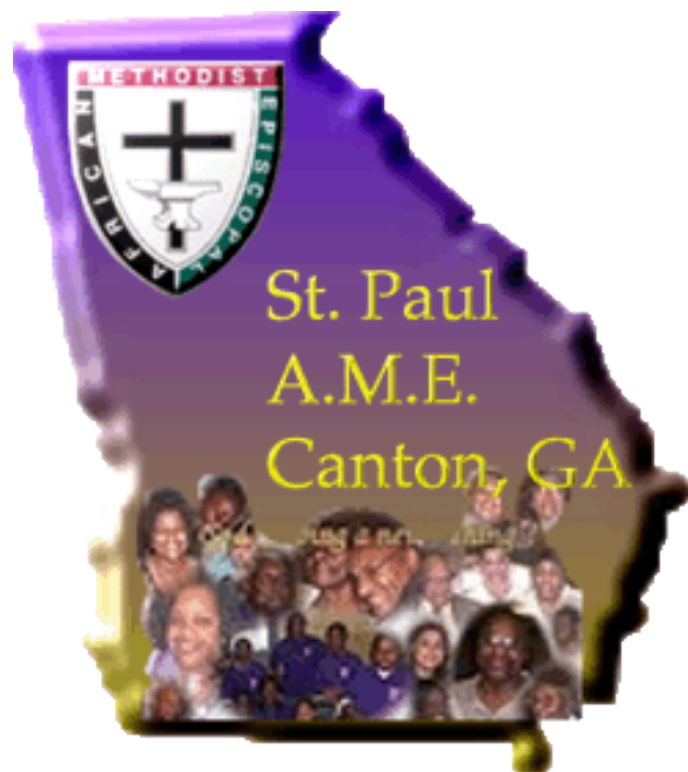


**137th Session of the Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference
PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

**St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
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Our Mission: Saving Souls and Building Stronger Christian Lives, One Person at a Time

**Bishop William P. DeVeaux, Presiding Prelate
Dr. Patricia A. Morris DeVeaux, Episcopal Supervisor
Rev. David B. Rhone, Jr., Presiding Elder
Rev. Lemora B. Dobbs, Pastor**

We began the conference year by **meeting individually with St. Paul officers and members** to listen their concerns and suggestions for moving the ministry forward.

Prayerfully, we followed the Lord's leadership in lifting up **two guiding biblical principles** that providing the grounding for the ministry at St. Paul during the conference year:

- **Excellence** (Colossians 3:23); and
- **Order** (I Corinthians 14:40).

We held **Vacation Bible School** with average attendance of 55 persons each evening and featuring classes for all age groups. Eight (8) children gave their lives to Christ.

We held **Summer Revival** with the Rev. Sherryl Powell, the Rev. Charles Ramsey, Jr., and the Rev. Leonard Daniels as Guest Preachers.

We organized a **Van/Transportation Ministry, an Intercessory Prayer Ministry, and a Pastor's Aid Ministry**. We created the positions of **Community Resource Specialist** and **Special Events Coordinator**; and **restructured our Kitchen Ministry**.

Held **Youth Basketball Camp** coordinated by our Youth Pastor Sis. Amy Roney and Rev. Eric Barnes during which we had an average attendance of 65 campers per day. Thirteen (13) young persons gave their lives to Christ.

Partnered with Allen Temple AME-Woodstock and donated filled back packs to **GAKAC** (Give a Kid a Chance), a project in Cherokee County that provides school supplies, hair cuts, dental exams, hearing exams, eye exams, and clothes to economically disadvantaged school age children in Cherokee County).

Held **Church Outside the Walls**, where we held our Sunday morning worship outside so we could be visible and inviting to the surrounding community followed by a time of fellowship, food and fun on the church grounds.

Celebrated **St. Paul's 113th Church Anniversary** with: (1) A one night *revival*; (2) a **Youth Worship Explosion** featuring gospel hip hop artist Junior Jubal, a youth comedian, spoken word artists, and liturgical dance and mime teams; and (3) **Chastain @ St. Paul**, a ticketed event tagged as "*An evening of Gospel Jazz and Inspiration*" featuring Mime Artist Unspeakable Anointin', Psalmists Rev. Harley G. Griffin and Rev. Jennifer H. Allen, and Recording Artist Alycia Levels. Eight (8) persons joined the church during the celebration, two of whom were new converts.

We **revamped the Women's Ministry** with new leadership in the person of **Rev. Juanita Burney**.

Celebrated **Men's Day** with a Sunday morning **Prayer Breakfast** and culminating with a worship service featuring **Rev. Dr. Tar-U-Way Richard Allen Bright** as Guest Preacher.

Celebrated **Women's Day** with a Saturday **Prayer Brunch** led by our Women's Ministry and WMS Ministry which culminated with a Sunday morning worship service featuring **Guest Preacher Rev. Jacqueline Smith, Presiding Elder** of the Albany/Valdosta District.

Held a **Music Workshop** facilitated by *Bro. Cord Franklin III* that culminated in a **Pre-Thanksgiving Musical** in November.

During the **Christmas Season**, we went **caroling throughout the community** to the homebound and residents of nursing homes and assisted living centers. We provided **food and gift certificates** to families in need; and we **participated in the Angel Tree project**. We also presented our **Annual Christmas Play**, written and co-directed by *Rev. Juanita Burney and Sis. Daphne Parker*, and featuring a multi-generational cast of St. Paul members and incorporating dramatic arts, music, mime, and liturgical dance.

Kicked off the 2011 calendar year with our **BSCL (*Building Stronger Christian Lives*) Series** which consisted of 5 seminars and workshops designed to provide opportunities for parishioners to grow spiritually:

- **Bible Bowl**, a three day study of the Word of God for all age groups.
- **Job Search Workshop** entitled *How to Get Out of Job Jail* featuring author and motivational speaker Audrey LeGrand.
- **Financial Seminar** facilitated by Independent Financial Advisor Larry Ailes.
- **Relationship Conference** for Single Adults and Married Couples entitled *Fireproofing Relationships* with Guest Facilitators Rev. Yolanda Davis, Rev. George Harkness, Jr. and Rev. Sondra Harkness.
- **Community Health Fair** entitled *Healthy and Whole: Physically, Mentally and Emotionally* with *Mock Boot Camp* facilitated by Personal Fitness Trainer Darren Thomas and seminar entitled *Finding My Sanity and Keeping It* by the Rev. Joyce C. Young, M.Div., BCC.

We also began **reading the bible through in a year** for the second consecutive time and continued our prayer conference calls each Wednesday from 6:30-7am. We end each Wednesday with an additional time of intercessory prayer from 6:30-7pm followed by Adult Bible Study. We also hold AWANA for our children and youth on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm.

We held **Officers and Members' Appreciation Day** to show gratitude to St. Paul's hardworking officers, members and ministry volunteers in March 2011.

Partnered with Seed Time Productions to present a ticketed stage play entitled *When Seasons Change* written, produced and directed by founder Minister Chantelle Pinkston to a packed audience in Spring 2011.

Partnered with **Papa's Pantry** headquartered in Woodstock, GA and **opened its first satellite location at St. Paul's Annex** with a Grand Opening on May 7th. Our first clients were served on May 10th.

Church Improvement Projects:

- **Purchased new tables and chairs** for the church fellowship hall
- **Repaired** worn sanctuary pews
- Installed **church's first onsite brick mailbox**
- **Redecorated the Pastor's Study**
- **Installed shelving at St. Paul's Annex** for use in our food pantry
- **Erected a reserved parking sign for the Pastor**



The Lord keeps on blessing us and being good to us so for this and much more we say, "To God be the Glory!"