



# MINUTES

**Holley Chapel C.M.E. Church**  
**Ministry to Men & Local Lay Council**  
**“Feed Your Faith and Doubt Will Starve To Death”**  
*June 29, 2009*

## **In Attendance**

Charles Coney	Daniel Harris
Clifford Blount	Tracy Smith
John Fletcher	William Stepherson
Roosevelt Freeman	Jim Turner

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Turner at 6:00 p.m.

William Stepherson gave a devotional singing “Feel Like Traveling On”. He followed with prayer.

The agenda was circulated by the President. It was motioned by Charles Coney and seconded by Roosevelt Freeman that the agenda be approved; vote passed unanimously.

Minutes from the previous meeting were unavailable.

As a note of record, the President advised that we have approximately \$100 in the treasury.

## **Old Business**

1. MTM Dress Coat, Slacks, and Patch—We have received several favorable comments regarding our uniform. All members are encouraged to take care of the financial obligations as soon as possible.
2. Reschedule Joint Meeting with Everett Temple C.M.E. in Tifton, Georgia—President advised that he is working on an alternative date to meet with the Everett Temple MTM. Charles Coney suggested that the meeting be expanded to be a South Georgia Regional Retreat. Members agreed—Coney & Turner to plan.
3. Response to South Georgia Regional Annual Conference Outing—President offered thanks to the men for the outstanding performance during the Lay Hour and the Thursday Evening Concert. We were proud to be represented by almost 20 men fully attired in the new uniform. We were also appreciative of Mr. Darrell Weathington who assisted.
4. Other



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### **New Business**

1. Men’s Day Involvement as a Group—President reminded us of the Annual Men’s Day Service to be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Clifford Blount is the Chairperson and solicited the men’s participation in the Worship Program. Rev. George Vereen will be the Guest Speaker.
2. Holsey Chapel’s “Man of the Year”—President opened the floor for discussions for the 2009 Man of the Year. It was motioned by John Fletcher and seconded by William Stepherson that Charles Coney be the Man of the Year; vote passed unanimously. Turner suggested that we give the Man of the Year a monetary gift along with the traditional plaque. Coney suggested that the honorarium be given to the honoree’s charity. The members accepted both by consensus.
3. Set Date for Election of Officers for 2009-2010—Members agreed that the election would be held in during the next meeting on July 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. The elected officers will be installed during the Men’s Day Celebration.
4. Discuss New Projects...Sale of CME Patches, etc.—President shared that the Pastor has asked the Men and Missionaries to be in charge of our new bus project. Coney suggested Paper Product Sales as a fund-raiser.
5. Increase Giving to Match Pastor Howard’s Tithing Thrust—President shared that we as men take the lead in Tithing. Also, he shared that our dues (\$5.00 per month) would be turned into the Church Treasury monthly.
6. Individual & Collective Duties—President shared his vision of the MTM Group assisting with projects around the church in an attempt to save costs. Items for attention are: (a) change air conditioner filters; (b) take photos of storm damage to sound room; (c) complete other storm damage estimates for insurance company
7. Set Date for Next Meeting—July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
8. Greeters—Coney suggested that we work in conjunction with the Pastor’s Greeters to show male presence and welcome guests to church. Members Charlie Jackson, Daniel Harris, and Carroll Bryant are official Greeters.
9. Charter School Update—Coney shared that the Charter Plan had been delivered to the Ben Hill County Board of Education. Everyone was asked to attend the July Meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> in support.
10. Van & Bus Support—President shared that a CDL License is necessary to drive the new bus. At present, Charlie Jackson, Jim Turner, and Pastor Howard are the only persons with this certification. We will be arranging classes to certify additional drivers.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

President Jim Turner

Secretary Charles Coney