



MINUTES

Holsey Chapel C.M.E. Church
Ministry to Men & Local Lay Council
“Feed Your Faith and Doubt Will Starve To Death”
August 3, 2009

In Attendance & Dues Paid

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| Charles Coney (<i>Paid \$5</i>) | Daniel Harris (<i>Paid \$5</i>) |
| Clifford Blount (<i>Paid \$5</i>) | Willie Jackson (<i>Paid \$10</i>) |
| John Fletcher (<i>Paid \$5 – Absent</i>) | Jim Smith |
| Derrick Frazier | Tracy Smith (<i>Paid \$10</i>) |
| Roosevelt Freeman (<i>Paid \$5</i>) | William Stepherson (<i>Paid \$5</i>) |
| | Jim Turner (<i>Paid \$5</i>) |

Total Collected: \$55

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Turner at 6:15 p.m.

Chaplain William Stepherson led the members in singing “What A Friend We Have In Jesus;” following he gave the opening prayer. Assistant Chaplain Derrick Frazier welcomed everyone to the August Meeting.

Secretary Charles Coney circulated the minutes from the June 29th and July 6th meetings. After review, Willie Jackson offered a motion to accept with necessary corrections and Daniel Harris seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Treasurer presented the Financial Report (as of August 3rd):

Receipts

Amount Brought Forward to July 2009.....	\$ 170.00
Total Funds Collected July 6, 2009.....	<u>40.00</u>
Total Funds Available.....	\$ 210.00

Disbursements

Monthly Gift to Church on July 14, 2009 (July & July).....	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Balance Forward to August 2009.....	\$ 190.00

Dues Paid in July

Clifford Blount (\$5.00); Charles Coney (\$5.00); Derrick Frazier (\$5.00); John Fletcher (\$5.00); Roosevelt Freeman (\$5.00); Daniel Harris (\$5.00); William Stepherson (\$5.00); Jim Turner (\$5.00)

Motioned by Derrick Frazier and seconded by Daniel Harris to accept; motion passed unanimously by members.



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The Agenda was offered by the President. Motioned by Clifford Blount and seconded by Jim Smith to accept with revisions as noted; motion passed unanimously by members.

Old Business

MTM Patches—President informed the members that the Ministry-to-Men C.M.E. Patch sales are going well. In fact, all of the 100 have been disbursed. He reported \$80 in sales from the Central Georgia Annual Conference. Seven were given to MTM General Secretary Leo Pinkett during the Georgia North Annual Conference. Ten are with Moultrie-McRae-Brunswick Lay Leader Frank Cray. We are hopeful to receive all funds soon so that we might place another order. Motion by Clifford Blount and seconded by Roosevelt Freeman to return to Pastor Howard \$200 for his initial investment to purchase the original 100 patches; motion passed unanimously by members.

Additional Estimates for Insurance Company—An update was unavailable at this meeting. President Turner will follow-up with John Fletcher for status.

Charter School Update—Holsey Academy of Excellence Planning Committee Member Charles Coney personally thanked the men for their full attendance during the Ben Hill County Board of Education Meeting on August 21st to give a decision on the Charter School. Although the decision to deny was passed 4 to 2, he shared that we should be encouraged as they vote allowed the Charter School to deal directly with the State. As such, the Charter Plan was hand-delivered on Wednesday, August 29th to the Charter School Commission during their Board Meeting in Atlanta. Coney was able to socialize the plan with the Board Members as well as discuss next steps towards implementation. After the local board denial, several agencies, government leaders, and other entities have offered their support. He noted that several persons in the community were shocked by the professional dress of the MTM members and wondered where these “outstanding men” came from. In closing, he mentioned that as the school develops, continuous male presence will be needed to transition our boys to men.

Secure Tag for New Church Bus—President Turner shared that the bus tag information was sent to the church but he was unable to locate at the moment. It was suggested to have the information resent to Turner’s home address so that we might get the necessary tag for the bus as we are now one month late. President Turner to contact Pastor Howard to make arrangements.

Chores (Inside & Outside)—The Pest Service Team (Derrick Frazier, Jim Smith, and Jim Turner) will meet on tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. for full deployment in the facility. The Lawn Care Team headed by Willie Jackson will take care of the grounds on tomorrow.



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The Personal Relations Team headed by Jim Turner will change the Marquee on tomorrow highlighting the upcoming Ecumenical Conference Revival.

Sick Visitations—President Turner reminded the group that Sick Visitation is traditionally a job of the Class Leaders who provide updates to the Pastor. Our efforts should compliment what is already in place. Roosevelt Freeman shared his experience on Sunday while visiting a few of our sick members. During the meeting, the “Men of Holsey” received high praise for being recognized thoroughly the community and doing fine work. It was suggested that each month we have open updates to keep the membership informed. The Sick Visitation Team includes Jim Smith, Jim Turner, and Clifford Blount. Clifford Blount shared that Johnny Scott is now at the Life Care Nursing Home.

New Business

Annual Sixth Episcopal District MTM Retreat—President Turner gave an update that he is attempting to secure the Ocmulgee State Park (<http://littleocmulgee.com>) in Helena, Georgia as the site for the 2010 MTM Retreat. He is suggesting April 16th and 17th. He along with MMB Lay Leader Frank Cray will be touring the site soon.

Ecumenical Methodist Conference Revival—Coney solicited the MTM participation in supporting our hosting of the 2009 Annual Ecumenical Methodist Conference Year Kick-Off. Wednesday, August 5th is CME night and our Presiding Elder Robert Yarbrough will be the Guest Preacher. All men are asked to dress in MTM attire. Those not singing in the choir should work with President Turner as greeters and ushers. On Thursday evening, Jim Smith and Roosevelt Freeman will act as greeters. On Friday evening, Clifford Blount and Tracy Smith will act as greeters.

Male Only Sing Feast—President Turner shared his vision of having a Male Chorus Concert locally similar to what we participated in during the South Georgia Regional Annual Conference. The men agreed to set August 30th at 5:00 p.m. as the date and time. Chairpersons will be Clifford Blount, Willie Jackson, and Charles Coney.

Joint Meeting with other MTM Groups—As a follow-up from previous meetings, President Turner reiterated the desire of Everette Temple C.M.E. in Tifton to have a joint meeting. As the Sixth Episcopal MTM Coordinator, President Turner shared his vision of Holsey Chapel being a focal group to help model what the MTM program should look like in a local church. Charles Coney revisited the concept of having a Regional Meeting rather than just the two churches. It was agreed to tentatively set August 29th as the date with Everette Temple being the location.



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Churches to be invited are: Clifford Temple, Thomasville; Corinth, McRae; Holsey Chapel, Fitzgerald; and Everette Temple, Tifton. President Turner will spear-head and advise where assistance needed.

Minutes on Website—Secretary Charles Coney suggested to the members that our Meeting Minutes to made available on the church website (www.cmefitzgerald.org). The members agreed. The Ministry to Men section can be accessed by selecting “Ministries” on the left and then “Ministry to Men.”

Call Tree—It was agreed that Assistant Secretary Tracy Smith would call members to remind them of our meeting on the night before. All members are encouraged to ensure that the Secretary has the correct contact information.

Veteran’s Supplies—Chaplin Derrick Frazier informed the men that his father has made socks and underwear available for distribution. Frazier suggested that the items be given to Veterans first and then be shared with the Clothing Ministry. He will head this project.

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

President Jim Turner

Secretary Charles Coney