



## COMING SOON

February - Black History Month. Please see Sis. Shirley Currence if you would like to participate in the month's Christian Education plans.

## March 23 - Family and Friends Day at PRC!

April 20 - Resurrection Sunday and Seed Offering Sacrificial Celebration. We encourage those who have not pledged to do so. It takes all of us as a team and family. Please Give a sacrificial offering above and beyond your tithes and what your natural eye can see, then watch God give the increase in 2025!





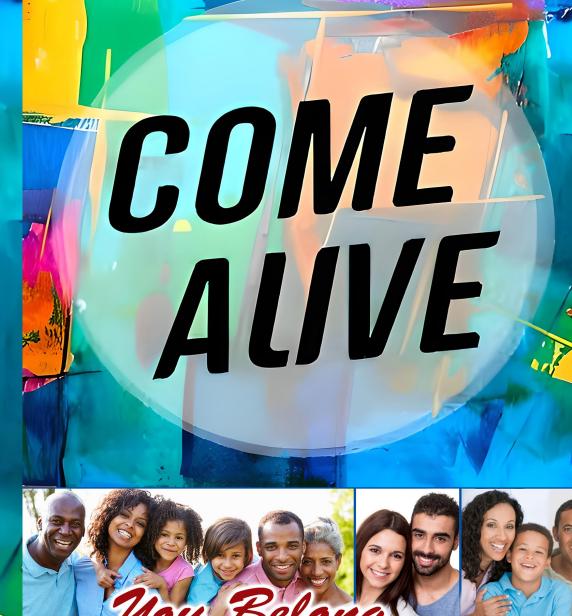








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**Pleasant Ridge AME Zion Church** 910 Spencer Ave., Gastonia, NC Rev. Dr. Kay M. Gabriel, Pastor



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Presiding......Rev. Sciandra Hush

Praise and Worship....OneVoice

**Call to Worship** 

**Invocational Prayer** 

Hymn....."We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

**Apostles' Creed** 

**Pastoral Greetings** 

Selection.....OneVoice

Preached Word.....Rev. Wanda Howell

**Call to Christian Discipleship** 

**Worship through Giving** 

Benediction.....Rev. Sciandra Hush



How wonderful and glorious are the works of the Almighty God. For every season, He calls and fashions preachers in a very special manner. From heaven, a call was made for someone to rise to the occasion and declare the word of God. This warrior was none other than Pastor Wanda L. Howell, who proclaims with grace the message of deliverance and love.

Pastor Howell is the daughter of the late Reverend William J. Howell Sr. and the late Catherine A. Martin Howell. She was born in Welch, West Virginia.

Pastor Howell received her education in the Wilkes County School System. She attended Caldwell Community College in Hudson, NC, majoring in Elementary Education. She also majored in Journalism and Public Communications at Wilkes Community College in Wilkesboro, NC. In addition, she attended Hood's Theological Seminary in Salisbury, NC, and Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC. Reverend Howell received a BA in Religion and Philosophy from Shaw University in Raleigh, NC, and she is currently pursuing further education.

Reverend Howell was ordained as a minister in the FBA Church for eight years. In 1989, she became a member of Shiloh AME Church in Morganton, NC. She received her local preacher's license in 1991 and was later admitted to the Board of Examiners. In October 1991, she received her first appointment to pastor Friendship AME Church in Ramseur, NC. In May 1992, she was appointed to pastor Adams Metropolitan AME Church in Charlotte, NC. She was ordained as an Itinerant Deacon in the AME Church under Bishop H. Hartford Brookins in 1993 and received her Itinerant Elder's Orders under Bishop Frederick Calhoun James in 1994. She has served under the leadership of Bishop Vinton R. Anderson, Bishop Adams J. Richardson, and Bishop William P. DeVeaux Sr., and currently serves under the leadership of Bishop James Levert Davis.

Rev. Howell has served several congregations in the Western District of the Western North Carolina Conference. She has pastored Saint James AME Church in Asheville, NC, and served as the first female pastor in the 113-year history of the church. She has also served as Vice President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. In recognition of her leadership and courage in digging through the myths, fears, and prejudices surrounding HIV/AIDS in Western N.C., she was awarded the Golden Shovel Award by WNC Community Health Services, Inc. Rev. Howell started the "Save the Seed" outreach youth program and leads an outreach ministry to help women who are victims of domestic violence, recovering from substance abuse, and dealing with general issues of poor self-esteem in their lives. The annual "You and Me" Breakfast held on the Saturday before Mother's Day is sponsored by her leadership and aims to empower and enrich women.

Rev. Howell has published several devotional pamphlets, including "What is Your Valley?" and "A Glimpse of the Road to Overcome." She has also published the quarterly pamphlet "Walk with Wanda" on various topics. Pastor Howell's recording is entitled "Standing on the Promises." She has hosted renowned recording artists such as Luther Barnes, The Clarke Sisters, The Winans, Donald Lawrence, Everyreadys, Truthetts, The Clouds of Joy, and The Sons of Glory. She has preached on land and at sea.

