

Shiloh A.M.E. Zion Church

1117 Old NC 27 Hwy ~ Mount Holly, NC

Red and White Love Tea

Sunday, February 22
3:00 PM



Guest Speaker

Reverend Sciandra Hush
Pleasant Ridge A.M.E. Zion Church
Gastonia, North Carolina

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quarterly Conference

Thursday
Feb 25, at 7:00pm

Reports due TODAY!

LIVE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

WORSHIP
AT THE
RIDGE

Pleasant Ridge AME Zion Church



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PLEASANT RIDGE AME ZION CHURCH

STILL
WE
RISE

A Black History Celebration

Pleasant Ridge

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Rev. Dr. Kay M. Gabriel, Pastor
Feb 22, 2026

Call to Worship...Rev. Sciandra Hush

Invocational Prayer

Hymn - Lift Every Voice and Sing

Apostles Creed

Black History Moment...Ms Lisa Wilson Bailey

Selection - OneVoice

Proclamation of the Word...Rev. Dr. Kay M. Gabriel

Worship Through Giving

Pastoral Greetings

Benediction

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

THEY SAVED LIVES. THEN WERE ERASED.

Freedom House Ambulance Service – 1967



AMERICA'S FIRST PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED PARAMEDICS – PITTSBURGH, 1967

Before 1967, most ambulance services in America were run by funeral homes.

There were no trained paramedics. No advanced life-saving care in the field.

Then came Freedom House.

A team of primarily Black men in Pittsburgh were trained in advanced emergency medicine under Dr. Peter Safar. They became the first professionally trained paramedics in the United States.

They brought the hospital to the people. Survival rates increased.

Emergency care transformed. America's modern paramedic system was born.

But as the program gained recognition, the city replaced the Freedom House team with a white-run EMS department.

The system remained. The pioneers were pushed out. Their names faded from textbooks.

*Every time a paramedic saves a life,
their legacy lives on.*

STILL WE RISE.

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

HER CELLS CHANGED THE WORLD. HER NAME WAS ALMOST LOST.

Henrietta Lacks (1920–1951)



HENRIETTA LACKS
(1920–1951)

In 1951, Henrietta Lacks, a Black woman from Virginia, was treated for cervical cancer at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Without her knowledge or consent, doctors took samples of her cancer cells.

Those cells did something no one had seen before.

They continued to live, and multiply outside the body.

They became known as HeLa cells.

Henrietta died at 31.

For decades, her family did not know her cells were being used in laboratories around the world.

*Millions have been saved because of Henrietta Lacks.
History now speaks her name.*

STILL WE RISE.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY
First Sunday in April
Finish Our Faith Seed Pledges

A graphic for Resurrection Sunday featuring a stone rolled away from a tomb entrance, with a bright light shining through. In the background, three crosses are visible on a hill under a sunset sky.

PLEASANT RIDGE AME ZION CHURCH
FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY
This Is Home.
COMING SOON
9:30 AM Worship Experience
910 Spencer Ave
Gastonia, NC
Immediately Following:
Food • Fellowship • Celebration

A colorful graphic for Family & Friends Day featuring a diverse group of smiling people of various ages. The background is filled with confetti. Logos for Pleasant Ridge AME Zion Church and ridgeAnation are present.

MEDIA MINISTRY
Where creativity meets calling.
We design the experience.
We shape the atmosphere.
We extend the reach beyond the room.
Cameras. Audio. Graphics. Lighting.
Live Stream. Creative Strategy.
JOIN THE MEDIA TEAM
Interest Meeting – Sunday, March 1
Immediately After Service
Connect with Reverend Hush

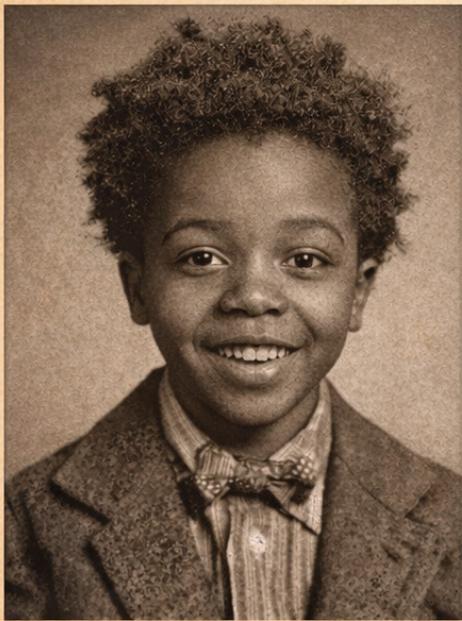
A graphic for Media Ministry featuring a dark background with a camera on the right and a control room with multiple monitors on the left. The text is white and yellow.

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

WILLIAM THOMAS JR.

(1921–1980)

Known to many as “Buckwheat” in *Our Gang*
/ *The Little Rascals*



William Thomas Jr. in *Our Gang*
(*The Little Rascals*), 1930s

- One of the first nationally known Black child actors
- Part of one of Hollywood’s earliest integrated casts
- Helped shift portrayals of Black children in film

HISTORY IS COMPLEX.
PROGRESS TAKES TIME.
STILL WE RISE.

Help the Homeless
Bring items to donate next Sunday

Socks Snacks Hand warmers Deodorant

NEW MEMBERS CLASS
Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30PM
This is where your journey continues

PLEASANT RIDGE AME ZION CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY
Resuming March 4

Wednesdays • 6:30 PM

Grow Deeper. Think Stronger. Live the Word.