

RECOGNITION OF THE 128-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT PAUL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL (A.M.E.) CHURCH

Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church's roots were planted in 1895, when tycoon, Henry Flagler provided lots along his railroad for a school and a church in Delray Beach. In 1897, twelve (12) African American settlers established Saint Paul AME Church, formally named Mount Tabor. Saint Paul A.M.E. Church is the second church founded in City of Delray Beach.

Pioneers who later settled in the area, originating from Florida's panhandle, Georgia, and the Bahamas, arrived in search of work and held their first service on November 19, 1897, at Fagan Henry's packing house in the town of Linton, seventeen (17) years before Linton would become incorporated as the City of Delray Beach.

Saint Paul A.M.E. Church shared a building with Mount Olive Baptist Church. In 1902, a church was built and renamed Saint Paul AME. St. Paul has an original church bell which rang on Sundays. It is now a monument that sits in front of the church. In 1958 the original building was constructed.

In 1897, the first minister of St. Paul was Reverend J. L. Moore. In 2025, the minister of St. Paul is also a Moore; Reverend Tamika Moore, our first female minister in our 128-year history. We are happy to have her serve as our Pastor.

Since 1897, Saint Paul A.M.E. Church, its Leaders and members have a long and loving history in Delray Beach.

On behalf of the City of Delray Beach, City Commission, we are honored to recognize the 128-year anniversary and dedicated community service of the Saint Paul A.M.E. Church.

Presented this 18th day of November 2025.

Thomas F. Carney, Jr.
Mayor