

This is a photograph of the Emanuel African Methodist Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

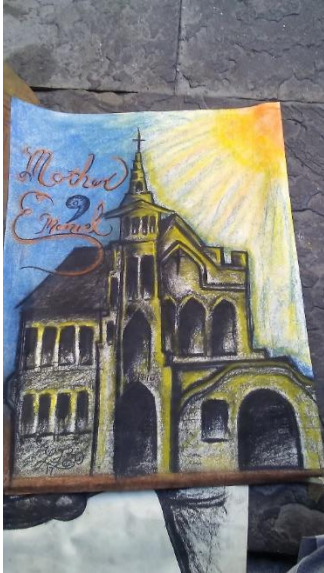


EMANUEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH – often referred to as **Mother**

Emanuel, is a church in Charleston, South Carolina. Founded in 1816, Emanuel AME is the oldest African Methodist Episcopal church in the Southern United States, with the first independent black denomination in the United States as well as one of the oldest black congregations south of Baltimore.

THE TRAGEDY –

On June 17, 2015, nine people were shot and killed inside the church. The victims included Clementa Pinckney, Cynthia Hurd, Depayne Middleton-Doctor, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Susie Jackson, Myra Thompson, Tywanza Sanders, Ethel Lance, and Daniel Simmons. A 21-year-old white male, was arrested shortly afterward and charged with nine counts of murder. The killings were investigated by law enforcement officials as a possible hate crime. Pinckney, as well as eight congregation members, were killed in the attack. According to the FBI, the shooter left a manifesto detailing his racist views before the shooting. The Rev. Dr. Norvel Goff, Sr. served as the interim pastor from June 17, 2015, until early 2016. On January 23, 2016, The Rev. Dr. Betty Deas Clark, was appointed pastor. She was the first woman to lead the congregation in its 200-year existence. In June of 2016, the Rev. Eric S.C. Manning became Pastor, and currently serves the people of Mother Emanuel.



This is a picture Lennon took of his drawing of the church. Lennon has been riding his bike around Charleston, his whole life. He has never left Charleston. His family had never left Charleston. Lennon Broomfield is African-American. That means most likely some fore-father and fore-mother came through that front door of slavery some time back, about ten miles from the church.

And there's Lennon—his entire line—living and dreaming right there in between chains and a church—for three hundred and ninety-eight years.

Let's help him get a move on.

Lennon Broomfield is an artist living with his wife and four children in Charleston, South Carolina.

Lennon and his family are homeless, a Motel 6 room for the night is luxury.

Sleep under the bridge, then get to school.

Your purchase of this beautifully framed photograph of Lennon's "The Church" will help fund his efforts to obtain for his family a home.

Please follow Lennon Broomfield's story at our website, www.carteblox.com