



# Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church Men's Club Presents A Black History Month Program:

## "When We Were Young, Gifted & Black: An OURstoric Perspective of Peabody High School (1870 1970+)"

### Presenter

Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis  
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### Date & Time:

Sunday Afternoon, 4 February 2024,  
Program Arrival Time: 3:30 pm,  
Program Start Time: 4:00 pm,  
Program Duration Time: one hour,  
Program ~ End Time: 5:00 pm,  
Light refreshments will be served.

### Purpose:

Black History Month Program Hosted by the Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church Men's Club along with the Peabody Academic Learning and Development Center and the Peabody High School National Alumni Association.

### Description:

Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis, life-long member of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, life-long resident of the city of Petersburg and product of the Petersburg City Public School System is working with several non-profit community groups to save and repurpose the Peabody High School Building and Campus, located in the city on 13 acres of land. Dr. Lewis has made three previous presentations revealing historical facts about what he concludes is the oldest public black high school in the United States of America, including 1) the origin of the high school, 2) how other historically black high schools across Virginia and the United States have repurposed themselves, 3) significant alumni and faculty who attended and/or taught at Peabody High School and 4) it's connection to Virginia State University - the oldest public black college in the United States. This is one of several presentations that Dr. Lewis will make until there is enough interest generated to save the historic Peabody campus and use it for the public good.

### Physical Location:

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church Parish Hall (Rear - Right Side Entrance)  
228 Halifax Street  
Petersburg, VA, 23803 -- Phone Number: 804.733.6228

### Virtual Location:

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88902470463?pwd=SnpYTzdvaFY4aUR5aTVYekdHNm1ydz09>  
Meeting ID: 889 0247 0463  
Passcode: 902751

