

Bethel “A” Youth Ushers



Aliaya Bussey, Shawn Gardin and Shaikee Macon

MISSION



TAKE IT TO THE STREET/ PLAYGROUND MINISTRY



Golden Circle

December 8, 2007

Committee Members



Committee Chair Vincent (Flash) Gordon



L-R Edith Darity, Elizabeth Baker, Barbra Cash, Vincent Gordon, Altha Gordon, Wanda Benjamin, Jacqueline Wynn, Gloria & Tommy Williamson.



L-R Vincent Gordon, Ruth Peters, Lindsey, Frankie & Shawn Gordon,



Rev. Larry & Mrs. Linda Mays



Shirley & Guy Payne



Pauline & Kenneth Wynn (son)



Alfred & Clara Smith



Brenda & Morris Young



Carolyn Crite & Valeria Gardin



Barbara Cash



Selena Roberson



Dorothy Drake



Robert & Audrey Hutchinson



Elizabeth Baker



Donta Butler



Frances Creasman & Indiana Conley



Nellie Robinson



Janice Norman



James Avery



Lucile Avery

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Judy Griffin



Loretta Knox



Claude & Edith Darity



Wanda Benjamin & Jacqueline Wynn



Samuel Howell



L. C. Betsill



Maxine Benjamin & Mary Baptist



Dianne Moore



Josephine & Ulysses Wynn



Nancy & Charles Whitmire



Brenda Hunt



William & Joan Bell



Rebecca Wynn & Fay Walker



Carolyn Robinson & Dwain Norman



Sonya Holmes & Martha Whitmire



Agnes Wilson



Georgia Gardin & Frances Creasman



Rev. May & Tyrone



Joan Bell, Ulysses Wynn, Altha Gordon



L. C. Betsill, Fay Walker, Rebecca Wynn



Albertus, Gloria & Tommy Williamson



Vincent & Altha Gordon



Tina Conley, Lou McCall & Clara Smith,



Rev. Fredrick Gordon

Men's Fellowship



Women's Crown Day



Josephine Wynn



Selena Robinson



Cecilia Howell



Valeria Gardin & Carolyn Crite



Wilma Lewis & Roseland Gordon



Diane Moore



Josephine Wynn & Altha Gordon



Back row L to R Sherry Edington, Edith Darity,
Altha Gordon, Gloria Williamson
Front row L to R Ella Jones, Dorothy Drake, Rebecca Wynn

Women's Retreat at Eagle Lake (home of Fay Walker)



On the road to Tennessee for week-end women's retreat 2005



Annual Mother's Day Tea

May 2017







Reverend G. Larry Davis
Pastorate 2014 to Present

VIII. 2016 to Present

Pastorate of Reverend George Larry Davis

Reverend George Larry Davis is the son of Mrs. Audrey S. Davis and the late Mr. Marion Davis. He is one of five children. Reverend Davis is married to Mrs. Loretta Young Davis, and they are the proud parents of four children and the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren.

Reverend Davis was saved at the age of 19. After answering the call of God at the age of 20, Reverend Davis was licensed to preach the Gospel by Reverend Clark Wynn and the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Church.

From 1978 to 1990, Reverend Davis followed God's calling and served as the Pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Fletcher, NC. After leaving St. John, Reverend Davis became a member and Associate Pastor of Bethel "A" Baptist Church. He served in this position until the death of Pastor Frederick Gordon in May of 2014.

Bethel "A" then called on Reverend Davis to become Interim Pastor while the church went through the process of looking for and interviewing candidates for the office of Pastor. Reverend Davis called on Reverend T. Richard Pea, former Moderator of the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association, to advise the church on the direction it should take in filling this office. A pulpit search committee was formed. Those who served on this committee were Mrs. Ella Jones, Minister B. Ruth Peters, Mr. Tommy Williamson, and Mr. Fred Bahnson. Later on Mrs. Angie Whiteside and Mrs. Altha Gordon were added to the committee. There were several candidates interviewed for this position. After much prayer, the church voted to offer the position to Reverend Davis, and on August 16, 2016, he was installed as the Pastor of Bethel "A" Baptist Church.

Pastor Davis came to us with a Bachelor of Religion Degree from Mid-Atlantic Bible College and an Associate's Degree from Fruitland Bible Institute. He also has several Certificates of Completion of different studies from Dallas Theological Seminary and South Eastern Theological Seminary.

A congregation member raised the issue of having deacons in the church. Reverend Davis began a series of trainings for the church on the office of deacons on Sunday evenings. He had Deacon Amanda Eddings come in and do a two-day training on the office and expectations of what a deacon is to the church. Reverend T. Richard Pea also taught several sessions on the expectations and duties of a deacon.

In 2017 the church voted to have three deacons. Those selected were Mrs. Ella Jones, Mrs. Altha Gordon, and Mr. Lewis Whiteside, Jr. They were installed by Pastor Davis in 2017. Later, with the recommendation of Pastor Davis, a fourth deacon was voted on, and in 2018 Mr. Tyrone Gordon was installed into the office of Deacon.

Over the course of Pastor Davis's ministry, he has had the opportunity to minister to people of different ages, backgrounds, and races. He addresses each situation with Biblical principles. Pastor Davis encourages members that no matter what the situation looks like, our God is more than able to sustain us, and we should trust and believe that the Lord will keep us moving forward.

To ensure that the saints are equipped for life's challenges and piggybacking on what Pastor Gordon began, Biblical instruction is available seven days a week through daily scriptures, Sunday School, Wednesday Night Bible Study, and Sunday Morning and Evening Worship Services. Also, there is Thursday evening teacher training and monthly deacon training. If a member is unable to attend church, the weekly scriptures and Sunday morning sermons are available on Bethel "A" Baptist's website and Facebook page.

Seeing the need, Pastor Davis began teaching a new Wednesday Night Beginners' Bible Study Class for adults. He also began a new convert class on Mondays that was taught by Deacon Tyrone Gordon. He has since taken over teaching that class.

Pastor Davis serves as a member of the Executive Board and Ordination Council of the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association. He is the head of the Nomination Committee and serves on the Christian Education Committee.

During his tenure, the church voted to put a new roof on the sanctuary as it was leaking down the walls and the parsonage was damaged during a hail storm. A loan was taken out to repair damages that were not covered by insurance using the parsonage as collateral. In 2016 the church voted to sell the parsonage. At the completion of the sale in 2018, the loan was paid off. The Fellowship Hall was renovated. New windows were installed, the ceiling was lowered, air conditioning was installed throughout the building as well as new lighting. The walls throughout the building and the breezeway were painted.

As improvement continued, new wood tile flooring was installed. New handrails were installed for the classrooms upstairs as well as the back hallways. The tutors from NIM/Rise & Shine After School Program raised money, and new carpet was installed in the upstairs classrooms and in the hallway leading into the Fellowship Hall. The choir loft was renovated and extended because of concerns for the safety of those who used it. New carpet and hand rails were installed and new chairs were purchased. New carpet was installed in the sanctuary, as well as a new sound system.

In 2019 Pastor Davis shut down and reorganized the Hospitality Ministry. Those who serve in this ministry will choose a month they wish to serve. That person will then prepare food for all occasions within that month. This includes Wednesday nights, Fifth Sunday fellowship meals, Funerals, and other events. There is no one person in charge of this ministry except for that person whose month it is. That person chooses their team to assist them. Everyone reports to the Pastor. They are to turn in a monthly report as to how many persons are served within their month. Also, in 2015 Pastor Davis started the Bethel "A" Family Christmas Dinner.

Pastor Davis believes wholeheartedly in Romans 8:28 that says, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." He finds the greatest joy in seeing souls saved and lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. New souls added to the church through baptism are Travon Whitmire, Avonta Jones, Jordan and Nichelle Stanton, Diamond Sharp Sanders. He also baptized his two grandsons, Isiah and Gabriel O'Hannon, all because of God's Grace.

We thank God for Pastor Davis's humble, committed, and faithful leadership for these last five years that he has led the members of Bethel "A" Baptist Church. To God Be the Glory.

Rev. G. Larry Davis Installation Service

August 16, 2015







Reverend & Mrs. G. Larry Davis

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will.



Pastor's Family



Mrs. Audrey S. Davis (Mother) Pastor G. Larry Davis

Michael (Brother) Pastor G. Larry Davis



Matthew (son) Pastor Davis Larissa O'Hannon (daughter)

Kamari Kymiah Jayda



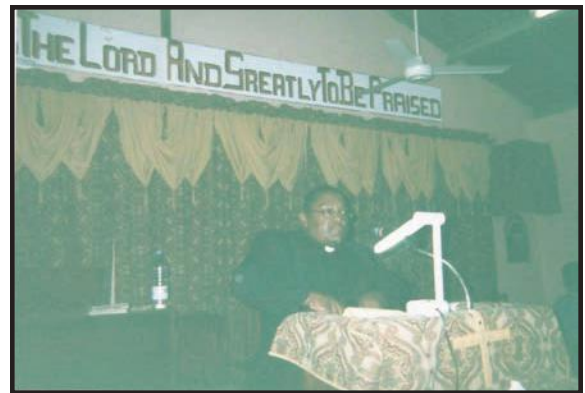
Pastor Davis, Josh, Matthew & Kennedy



Isaiah, Pastor Davis & Gabriel



Back Row: Natasha, Loretta, Pastor Davis, Ella Jones & Jayda
Front: Kymiah, & Kamari



Pastor Davis in Jamaica with George Core Mission Team from 1984-1987



Installation Service of Deacons

Altha Gordon, Ella Jones & Lewis Whitesides
April 2, 2017



Installation Service of Deacon

Tyrone Gordon
April 15, 2018



It's all the Little moments that make Life a Big Adventure



Pastor Davis & the Wings of Praise group



Pastor Davis & Ranch Allen



Dianne Moore & Pastor Davis



Pastor Davis & Mrs. Ida Ellens



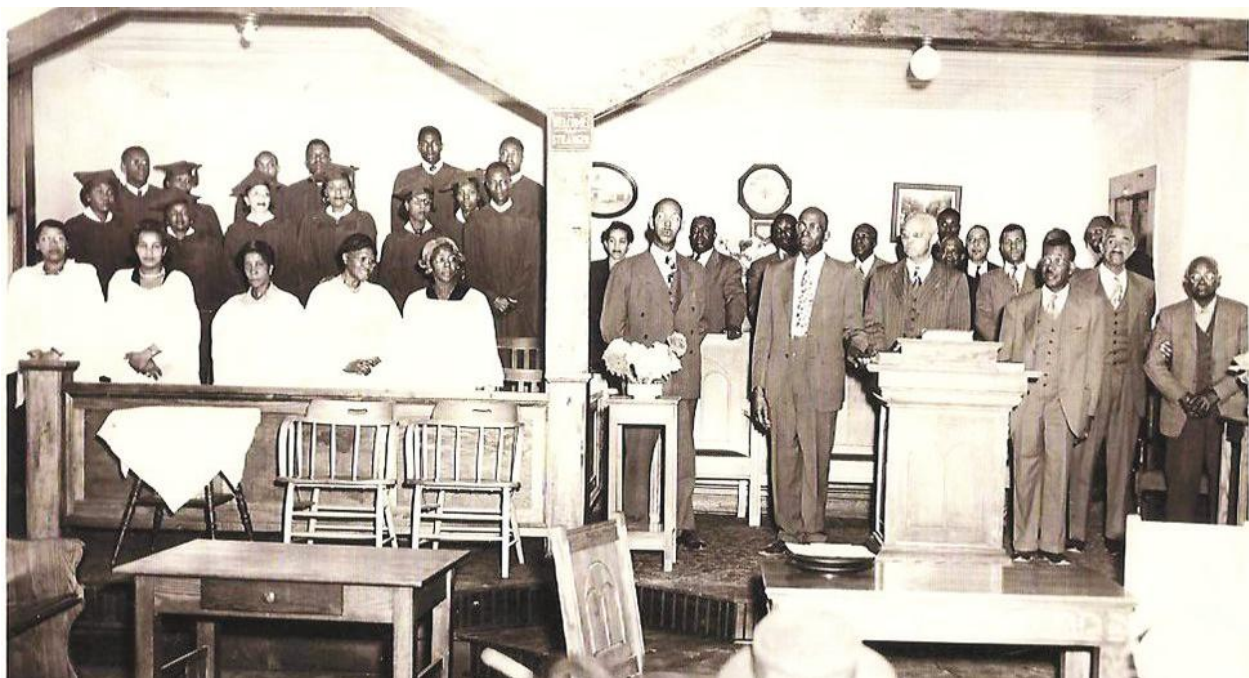
Pastor Davis & Rev. Jeremy Franklin

Celebrating 100 Years of Worshipping God Through Music



I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the LORD.

Psalm 104: 33-34





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Joan Mills Bell, Josephine Wynn and
Johnsie Lee Mills during a live
performance at WPNF in 1950

Below

Members of Bethel "A's" #2 choir on
the lawn in front of the WPNF radio
station.









Celebrating Ninety Years of Worshipping God through Music



Bethel "A" Baptist Church

290 Oakdale Street
Brevard, NC 28712

Frederick L. Gordon, *Pastor*





Johnsie L. Mills



The Johnsie L. Mills Memorial Mass Choir

The Johnsie L. Mills Memorial Mass Choir was founded in March 1987. Prior to the mass choir name change, the choir was named The Combined Community Mass Choir. After the passing of Johnsie Lee Mills, the choir was renamed in her honor, for the work and dedication that she had demonstrated over the many years as the pianist and director of the Bethel “A” Baptist Church Choir and Flat Rock Baptist Church.

Celebrating 100 Years of Worshipping God through Music

Bethel “A” Baptist Church Choir 2018



Row 1: Jay Hemphill, Valeria Smith, Edith Darity, Charles Whitmire,
William Mills (choir director), Sherry Edington, Gloria Williamson,
Ella Jones, Tyron Gordon

Row 2: Verdell Townsend, Tommy Williamson, Randy Lytle, Bruce Blackwell,
Francis Creasman, Altha Gordon, William Bell

Bethel “A” Baptist Church Members of the Golden Years



Aging is not loss youth. It's a new stage of strength and opportunity.

May God bless you as you grow older and wiser.

May God bless you as you become confident and assured.

May God bless you as you age gracefully.

Bethel “A” Baptist Church Members of the Golden Years



ULYSSES & JOSEPHINE WYNN MARRIED 70 YEARS



CHARLES & NAN WHITMIRE MARRIED 59 YEARS

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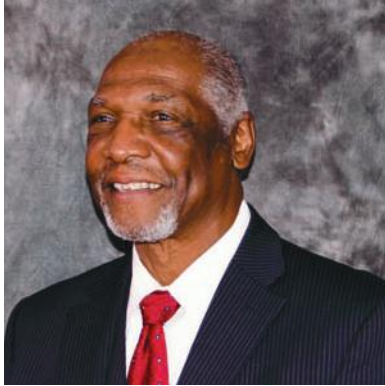
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Elizabeth Baker



William (Bill) Bell



Ida Ellens



Robert (Bob) Hutchinson



Marva Lytle



Sudie Moore



Ora Parham



Hattie Sanders

F R E E C O N C E R T

Live Instrumental Music
Silversteen Memorial Play Ground



Saturday, July 20, 2019

1 PM to 5 PM

Hillview Circle, Brevard, NC

Bring Chairs and Blankets

Come and enjoy the tunes, enjoy the playground and
fellowship with some neighbors

Some refreshments provided

Bethel "A" Baptist Church, Celebrating 100 Years!



100th Church Anniversary

**Open House.
Friday, July 26, 2019
6 p.m. to 8: P.M.**



upon this rock I will build my church;

Matthew 16:18

Come and discover our history in pictures, videos,
and displays.

290 Oakdale Street- Brevard-North Carolina 28712
(Phone) 828-883-2035, (e-mail) babc@bethela.org, (Web Site) bethela.org

OPEN HOUSE JULY 26, 2019



This was a time to come together meet old friends, make new friends and reflect on the past.

OPEN HOUSE JULY 26, 2019



Bethel "A" Baptist Church

100th Anniversary

Banquet

Saturday, July 27, 2019

6: P.M.



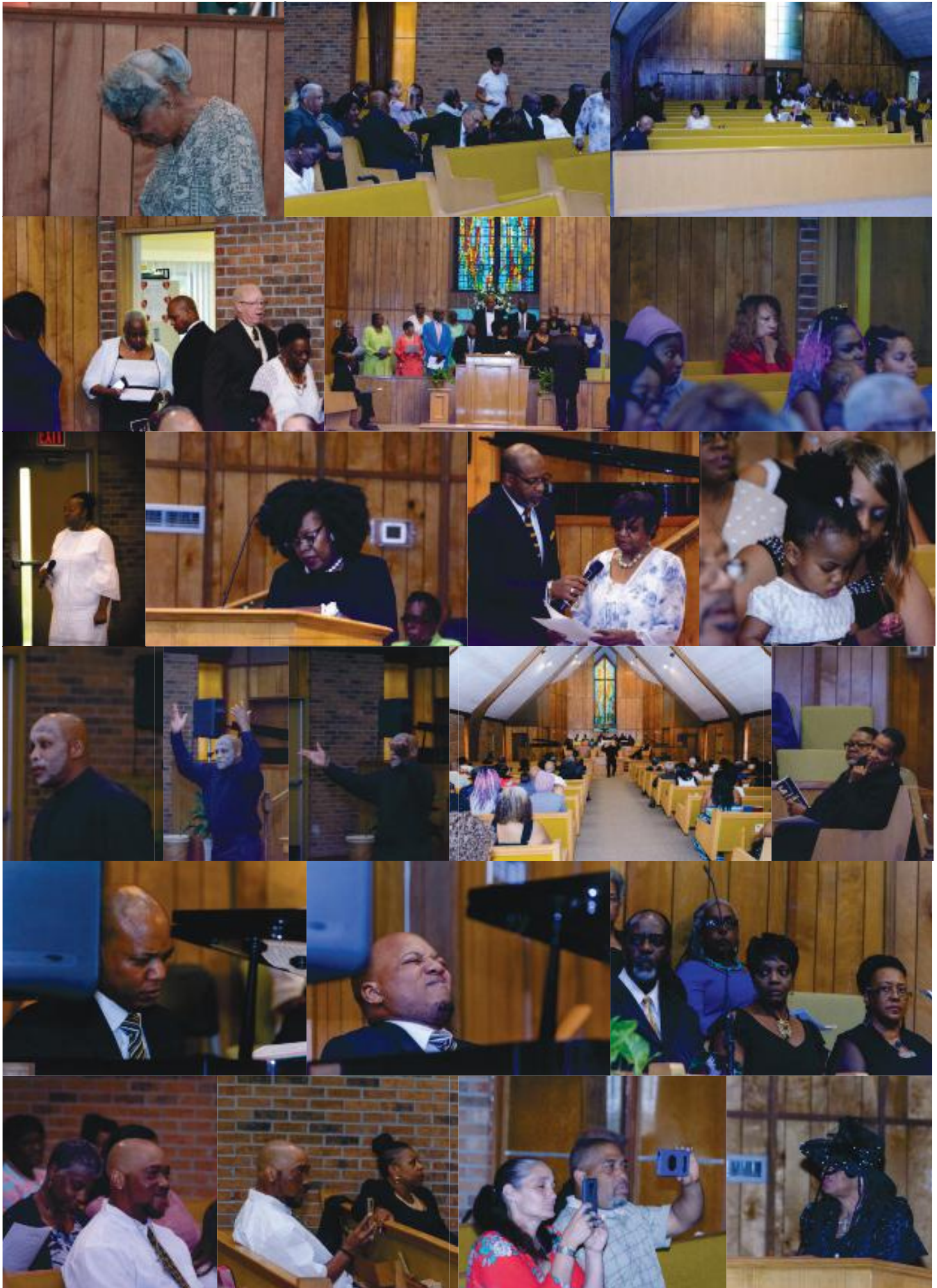
Guest Speaker

Pastor Tami Forte Logon

Pharr Chapel AME Zion
Old Fort, NC

Rev G. Larry Davis, Pastor
290 Oakdale Street
Brevard, NC

Bethel "A" Baptist Church 100th Anniversary Banquet Program



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“ENBRACE YOUR IDENTITY AND KEEP THE CHARGE!”

Luke 4: 23-30

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Bethel "A" Baptist Church 100th Anniversary Banquet Program



Rev. Larry & Mrs. Loretta Davis



Rev Tami & Mr. John Logon



Rev. Spencer & Rev. Gwen Jones



Stephanie Crite



Tommy & Gloria Williamson



Tommy, Gloria & Jeremy



Michell & Tariah



Tariah



Min. Victor & Wanda Foster



Robert & Valeria Smith



Valeria Smith



Wilma Lewis



Marva & Wilma



Randy & Marva Lytel



Heather Smith & Randy Lytel



Randy Lytel



Janice Fritts



Lola Green & Janice



Jay Hemphill



Bonita Goldsmith Douglas



Gloria, Bonita, Alma, Michelle



Michelle, Alma, Gloria



Alma



Sherry & Alma

Bethel "A" Baptist Church 100th Anniversary Banquet Program



Steve Wynn



Min. Ruth Peters



Edith and Karen Darity



Carmila Norman



Carl & Shelia Mooney



Ella Jones



Charles & Nan Whitmire



Phrattasia Macon



Jordan, Temetris, Nichelle
Verdell & Aria



Verdell & Nichelle



Verdell & Jordan



Verdell & Aria



Nichelle



Aria



Jordan



Temetris



Temetris, Jordan, Nichelle



Temetris Verdell



Mazetta Wynn



Mazetta & Temetris



Mazetta, Temetris & Jordon



Jacqueline & Mazetta



Altha



Altha, Jordan & Temetris

Bethel "A" Baptist Church 100th Anniversary Banquet Program



Cecelia Howell

Rebecca Wynn &
Doris Williams

James & Rebecca Wynn

James & Rebecca Wynn
Wendell & Doris Williams



Wendell & Doris Williams

Wendell & Doris Williams
Jacqueline Wynn

Tyron Gordon

Stephanie Crite &
Kim Howell



Mazetta & Lynette Wynn

Lynette Wynn

Rev. Gwen Jones

Rev. Spencer Jones



Rev. Larry Davis



First Lady Loretta Davis



Donna



Mikala, Michael, Donna



Quandra, Mikala, Darnell, Tajakica, Michael
Donna

Bethel "A" Baptist 100th Anniversary Morning Service



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*Bethel "A" Baptist Church
100th Year Anniversary Morning Service*

Guest Speaker



*Former Pastor
Rev. F.H. Goldsmith
Mauldin, SC*

The Family of Rev. Goldsmith



Bethel "A" Baptist 100th Anniversary Morning Service



Bethel "A" Baptist 100th Anniversary Morning Service

Reverend F.H. Goldsmith



“A Prescription for a Sick World”

¹²And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

¹³ If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:12-14

*Bethel "A" Baptist 100th Anniversary Brunch
July 27, 2019*



Bethel "A" Baptist 100th Anniversary Brunch

July 27, 2019



Bethel “A” Baptist Church

Memorials



According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4: 15-16

In Loving Memory of those who already won the victory!



Lucendia Betsill



Ada Smith



Hattie A. White



Tom Wynn



Jimelle Hall



Arthur & Ressie Madison



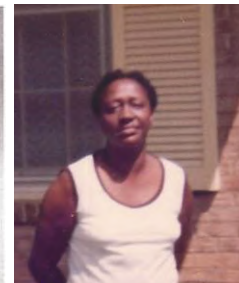
Bridget Brooks



Bill & Brenda Hunt



Ethel K. Mills



Luvenia Riley



Katherine Gash



William Young



Nellie Young



Bertha Moore



Indiana Conley



Wilkie Robinson



Fannye Harris



Robert & Martha Whitmire



Cornelia Howell



Samuel Howell Sr.



Evon Whieside



Marie Hailey



Ruffus Norman



Cordie Hefner



Arthur Hefner



Harry Joe Moore



Charles Townsend



Beatrice Blocker



James Outlaw



Johnnie Mae Hemphill



Elizabeth Wynn



Dorothy Drake



Nathaniel Hall



Emma Moss



Maggie Scruggs



Leroy Wynn



Margie Moss



Mattie Pierce



Ferre' LaShawn Gordon



Ruth Johnstone



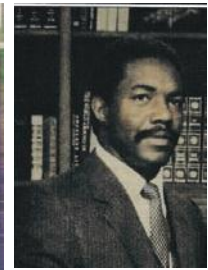
Mildred Lytle



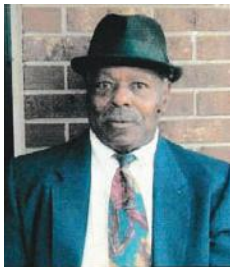
Anna Sharp

Marie Whiteside

Mable E. Sharp



Vernon Gardin SR

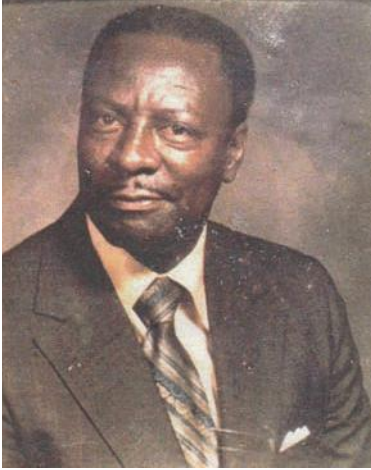


Joseph Norman



Vivian Moss

Cornelius Hunt



Born in 1919, to the parents of James and Emily Smith Hunt, in Transylvania county. The grandson of slaves attended the Rosenwald School in the 30s and was a major force in the struggle for civil rights and an active participant in civic life in Brevard throughout his life.

Hunt fought for voters' rights for African Americans and strove to change the many sources of discrimination within our community. In spite of the potential dangers this civil rights activist faced, Cornelius Hunt never wavered in his efforts for equality for all.

One of his early public service positions was on the Hendersonville School Board's Advisory Board. (Some of you may not know that, in the late 50s, Brevard was still busing their black high school students to Hendersonville so that Brevard High School could remain segregated.)

Cornelius Hunt was the first president of the Transylvania Citizens Improvement Organization, a group he helped found. Hunt's leadership in integrating the public schools, equalizing services at the local hospital, and desegregating events at the Ecusta plant.

Fearless and determined, Cornelius Hunt was respected by blacks and whites for his willingness to stand up for those who couldn't and lead those who could. He knew early on that it was imperative to be in the public eye, and so he ran for City Council in 1973 and later served as Mayor Pro-Tem until his death in 1990. His history was filled with service: Habitat for Humanity, the American Cancer Society, the Red Cross, and the Mary C. Jenkins Center among others.

Cornelius Hunt was a life long member of Bethel "A" Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and was the Sunday School Superintendent for thirty-five years. He was the father of three sons and two daughters.

The Cornelius Hunt Memorial Endowment was created in 1992 in honor of this most valuable citizen of our community and our state. His memory lives on in the achievements of the students who receive awards in his name and in the educational civic events that the Endowment supports.

On November 24, 2015, the City Council of the City of Brevard North Carolina honored his Life and Memory of former Mayor Pro-Team Cornelius Hunt for his many years of service to the City of Brevard and his innumerable contributions to family, church, and community by naming the City of Brevard Public Works Operations Center located at 400 Cashiers as the "Cornelius Hunt Building".