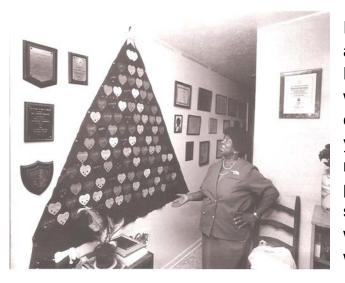
#### Selena Robinson



In 1997, Carl Hoffman, a free-lance writer, wrote an article about the life and career of Selena Robinson. Summarizing such a life as Selena's will always be an impossible task, because of the countless contributions she made throughout her years as a mother, an activist, an advocate, a mentor, a volunteer, and so much more. Now, perhaps more than ever, Selena Robinson serves as an example of what we all need to do, what we all need to be, whatever our race, whatever our gender, whatever our church.

Bethel A Baptist Church was Selena's, and she drew strength from her faith and shared it with her Sunday school students, including Frederick Gordon, who later became her pastor. The mother of fifteen children, one of whom died at birth, Selena Robinson always reached beyond her own family with her endless energy and efforts. She made cupcakes which one of her daughters sold on the school bus, and she had her finger in every community "pie." She understood the costs of segregated schooling, and she was an integral part of the founding and efforts of the Transylvania Citizens Improvement Organization (TCIO). The law suit brought by TCIO led to the integration of Brevard High School.

The granddaughter of a former slave, Selena Robinson knew history better than most, and she shared that knowledge with her usual generosity of spirit. Like most historians, Selena knew that understanding the past would guide us all to a better future. She also knew that knowledge always has to be coupled with action, and act she did. Whether it was supporting the Schenck Job Corps Center, giving thousands of hours as a volunteer or serving on countless boards and committees, Selena never shrank from what she viewed as her duties to her community and her God.

All of Robinson's achievements were memorable, but the part of her life she was most proud of is depicted in the picture of her family tree and its dozens of descendants. While the walls of her home exhibited countless awards, her heart was in that assembly of those she loved. Selena was able to combine so many pieces of work, family, church, and community in way that few can manage.

As Carl Hoffman quoted in his article, Selena believed "We need to leave this world in better shape than we found it in." It's a lesson well taught by the life of Selena Robinson, a lesson we all need to learn.

### In Loving Memories of



Charlie Mae Smith



**Qoving memories never die,** As the years roll on and the days pass by. In our hearts a memory is kept of the ones we loved and will never forget.

Rebecca Wynn's Family



Antonia "Jony" Wynn

James Wynn

### In Memory Of Our Loving Parents Melvin W. Mills and Johnsie S. Mills



#### In Loving Memories Ruth Duckett

#### Always There

It really has been a long time now since your leaving, and over the years I've treasured the memories of our times together. If by any chance you're not busy playing your harp right now, I would like to share this this moment with you. There were times when my life was thorny and filled with despair, and you were not there. There were days that I though would never end, and my troubles would not cease, and at that time you were not there. My heart became brittle, and my world fell apart, still you were not there. But you know, after all these years of being without you, I really was not alone. Even when my life was thorny and filled with despair, you were there because He was there. Even when my days were unending and troubles were at every turn, you were there because He was there. And when my heart broke into many pieces and my world fell apart, you were there because He was there. I want to thank you Momma for intrusting Me, your only daughter into the hands of a Great Man that will always love me and be there for me. I want to thank you God for giving me a Momma who loved me when she was here and will love me when I get there, Always.





In Loving Memory of our Mother Vinnie Gordon



God made a wonderful mother. A mother who never grew old.

He made her smile of sunshine, And HE molded her heart of pure gold.

In her eyes He placed bright shining stars, In her cheeks, fair roses you see.

God made that wonderful mother, And He gave that dear mother to all of us.

Kita, Jyron, Kelvin & Trent

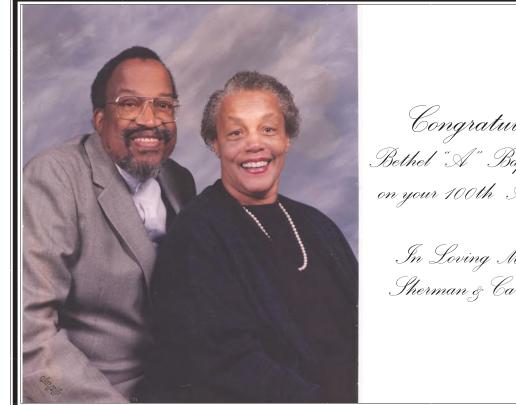
"Congratulations, With Blessings Bethel "H" Baptist Church On Your 100th Anniversary

In Loving Memories of Our Parents Deacon Eddie Sr. & Mrs. Margie Moss



For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building 1 Corinthians 3:9 KJV

Best Wishes on your next 100 years to come Eddie Moss Jr.



Congratulations Bethel "A" Baptist Church on your 100th Anniversary

In Loving Memories of Sherman & Carolyn Crite

**CONGRATULATIONS** Bethel "A" Baptist Church In Loving Memory



**Beaulina Whiteside** 





Winnona Whiteside

# In Memory of Our Parents

THOMAS AVERY BENJAMIN SR. & ELEANOR MOSS BENJAMIN Thomas Avery Benjamin Sr. was chairman of Bethel "A" Baptist Church's Deacon Board for many years.

CHILDREN

Margaret Towns Alice Williams Kathleen Gash Arnetta Molina Ethelstine Kennedy T. Avery Benjamin Gladys Laster Geraldine Landon

In Memory of

**Ulysses Clark Wynn** 

May 22, 1950

July 30, 2014

November 21, 2015

# In Memory of

### Cynthia Dianne Wynn-Boyd

September 21,1956

## "CONGRATULATIONS"

to

Bethel "A" Baptist Church

Celebrating 100 Years

And to our Cousin Edith Darity

May you be Blessed with many more years of Services!!

Love your Cousins,

Barbara J. Akins, Garlin Haines, Cherai M. Lewis

Monique M. Sloan, Marc & Krystal Akins

Cortney M. White & Alaysia M. Jackson

&

In Loving Memory of

Garfield (Pat) Patterson, Mable M. Whiteside-Patterson

Susan E. Patterson-Lewis, Juanita L. Elam



Lela Benjamin (Photo taken 1920)

Bethel A's history nugget says, "In 1919 Thomas Benjamin (picture not available) or as we referred to him as Daddy Tom, was one of the four deacons who became the founders of Bethel "A". I have no doubt that he prayed for his children and grandchildren. So I am extremely proud and very thankful that 100 year later Bethel "A" is still that Light on the Corner sharing God's amazing grace and love to the least, the last and the lost.

#### Happy Anniversary Bethel "A"

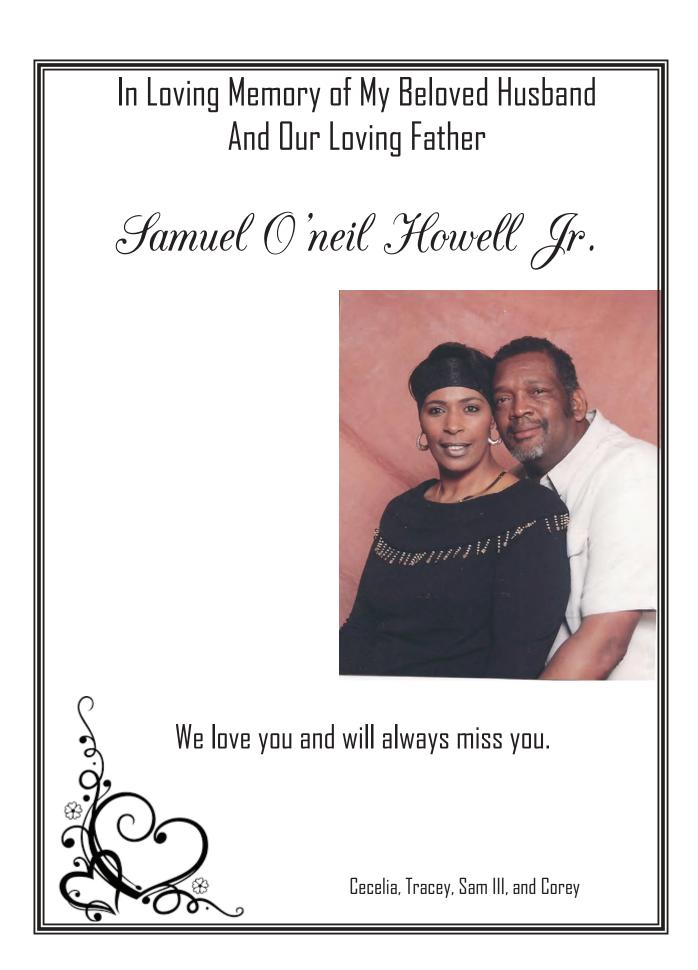
#### Cecelia Benjamin Howell



Esther And Elliott Benjamin



Sammy and Cecelia Howell



### CELEBRATING THE 100<sup>™</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF BETHEL "A" BAPTIST CHURCH

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the Crown of Life that the Lord has promised those who love him."

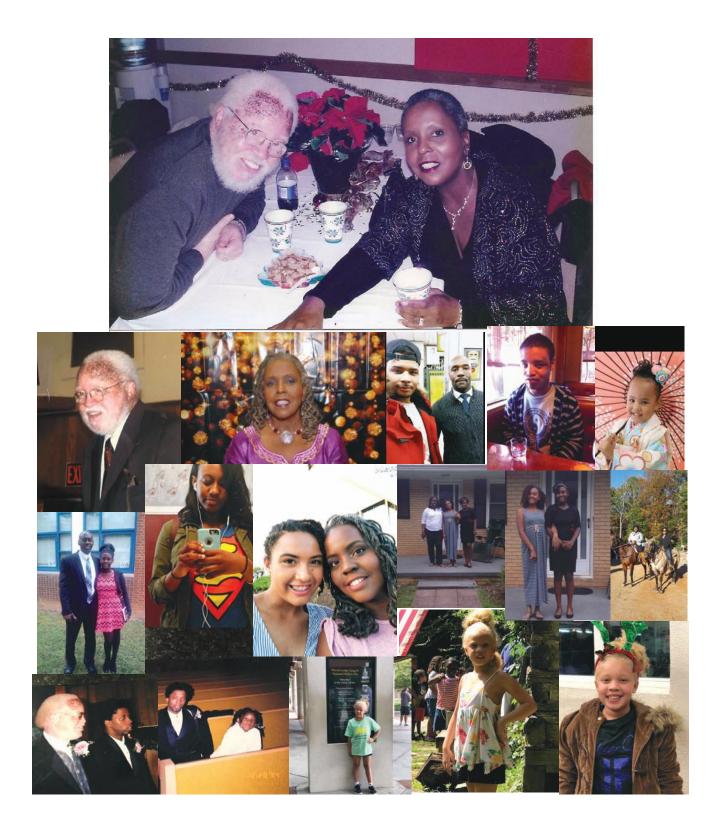
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In Loving Memory of

DEACON VICTOR B. BETSILL DEACONESS LUCINDA R. BETSILL DEACON LEWIS W. WHITE DEACONESS HATTIE A. WHITE RUTH B. JOHNSTONE WILHELMINA R. BETSILL STAMATIA B. ROBINSON

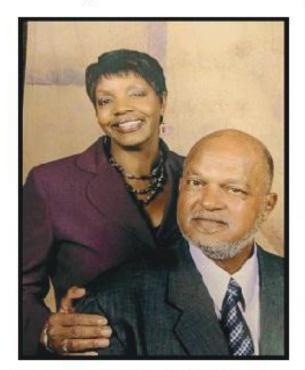
From the BETSILL & JOHNSTONE FAMILY

Congratulations Bethel "A" Baptist Church In Memory of Wincent Gordon From Altha Gordon & Family



# **Bethel "A" Baptist Church**

Congratulations on 100 years of faithful service



Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Matthew 5:14

Tommy & Gloria Williamson

In Memory Of

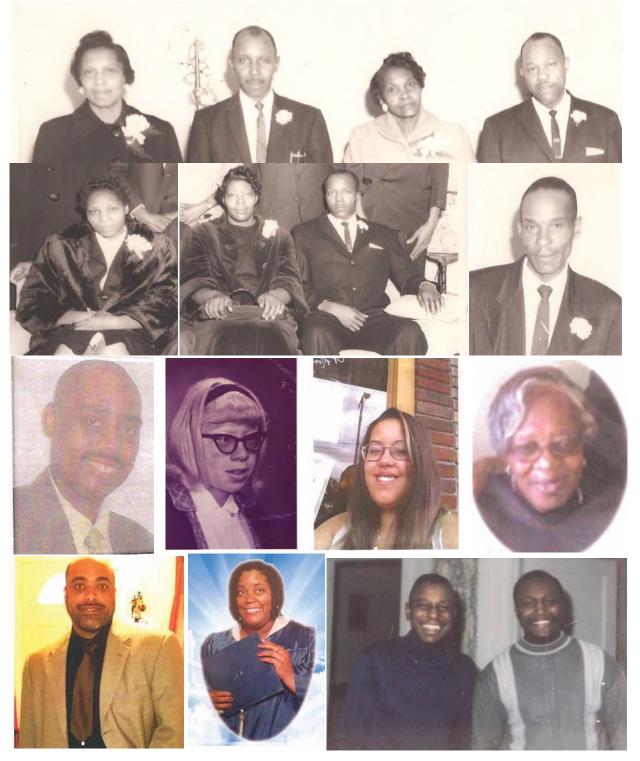
Sister Rosa L. Wilkes



Love,

Your Grandchildren

### Memorial Tribute To The Memory Of Our Loved Ones



You will always be in our hearts. Verdell Townsend & Family

### Congratulations On Your 100th Anniversary Earnest & Ada Smith Family



Earnest Smith Sr. 1899–1963

Ada Mooney Smith 1900-1982



Johnsie Lee 1924 - 1987



Earnest Smith Jr. 1926–1983



Josephine 1929 to Present



Beatrice 1932–1996



Robert (Bobby) 1935 –2016

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### Bethel "A" Baptist Church

Dedications



### Congratulations

### for

### 100 Years of Serving the Lord



CONGRATULATIONS TO BETHEL "A" BAPTIST CHURCH FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD AND THE COMMUNITY. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS OUR EFFORTS TO SERVE HIM AND THOSE WHO HE BRINGS INTO OUR PRESENCE IN A MORE EXCELLENT WAY.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE.

PASTOR REV. G. LARRY DAVIS FIRST LADY MRS. LORETTA DAVIS Mom and Dad, thank you for all the years of love, guidance, patience and nurturing you have given us. We've learned a lot and continuously learn from you, even now. The love and respect you

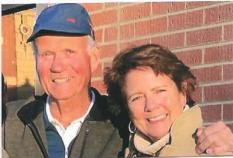


share and show us, has been so encouraging. You have shown what it means to love unconditionally. You have given of yourselves even when we dídn't deserve your giving. You are and have been the perfect example of what love is, not to just to us but others who cross your path. At ages 92 and 91 and almost 70 years of marríage, we celebrate you and the love,

compassion and happiness you have bestowed upon us. For this we are grateful to you and we love you. We are blessed to have you as parents.

The Children of Ulysses & Josephine Wynn

#### THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD STANDS FOREVER.



Isaiah 40:8

Dr. Fred and Mrs. Julie Bahnson are proud to be Bethel "A" Baptist Church members for 20 years. We continue to pray for the ongoing blessing of our Lord Jesus upon this fellowship of believers as the future unfolds. PRESS ON !

Congratulations Bethel "A" Baptist Church On your 100 Church Anniversary!

> When you look back to were the Lord has led us, we can only praise Him and say thank you Lord for your mercies and may your name be glorified now and forever more.

> > May God Continue to Bless You, Your Sister in Christ Linda Locks

God Bless You Bethel "A" Baptist Church on 100 Years

> Of Serving God! Barbara Cash





Congratulations Bethel "A" Baptist Church On Your100th Year Anniversary

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Congratulations  $\mathfrak{B}$  ethel "A"

In Memory of

Nathaniel Hall

&

Selena Robinson



Thank You! Bethel "A" Baptist Church For being our Corner Light House for 100 years!

Dianne Gardin

Congratulations, Bethel "A" Baptist Church On Your 100 Year Anniversary

The Bell Family



William (Bill) and Joan



The daughters Twinetta,, Drusilla & Rockell



The grandchildren Layla, Nicholas, Carter, Taylor and Noah

### Congratulations Bethel "A" Baptist Church !

Thank You For Your Support





Standing L-R: Coach Lewis Whiteside Sr., Tony Koone, Scotty Wynn, Lewis Whiteside Jr. James Wynn, Roger Duckett

Front row: Robert (Bob) Hutchinson Jr., Dana Norman, Antonia (Tony) Wynn, Kelvin Whitmire, Nicholas (Nick) Gardin

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

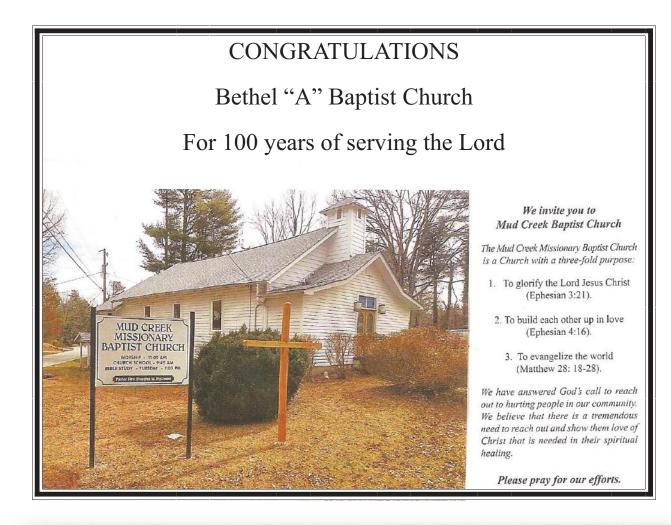
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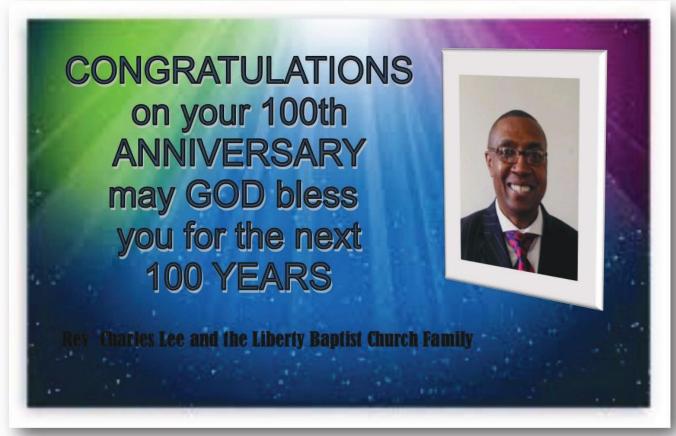
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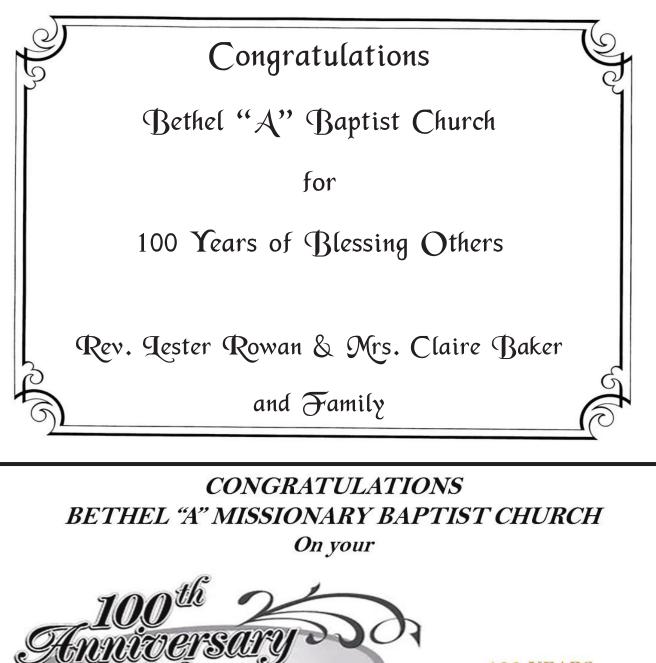
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100 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

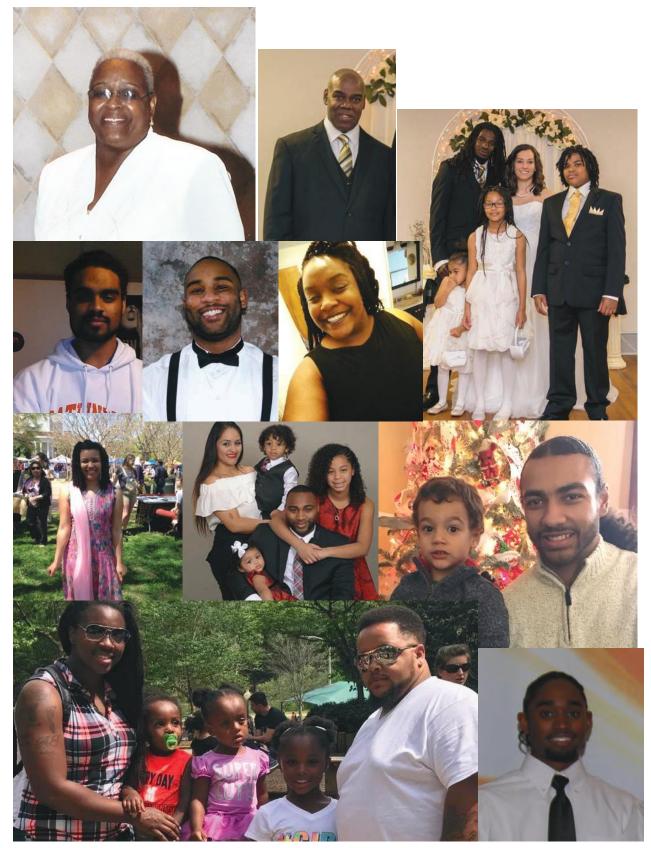
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### Congratulations for 100 years!!

#### Phratasia and Family



### Congratulations on 100 Amazing Years!



Rebecca Wynn's Family

# Congratulations Bethel "A" On your 100th Anniversary



Some of the true heroes that make the church strong are the ones you don't see—the ones who work behind the scenes to make sure that His work is done. We salute one of those heroes, our sister Rebecca Wynn, for her unsung contributions to Bethel "A".

We love you dearly!



Doris & Wendell Williams

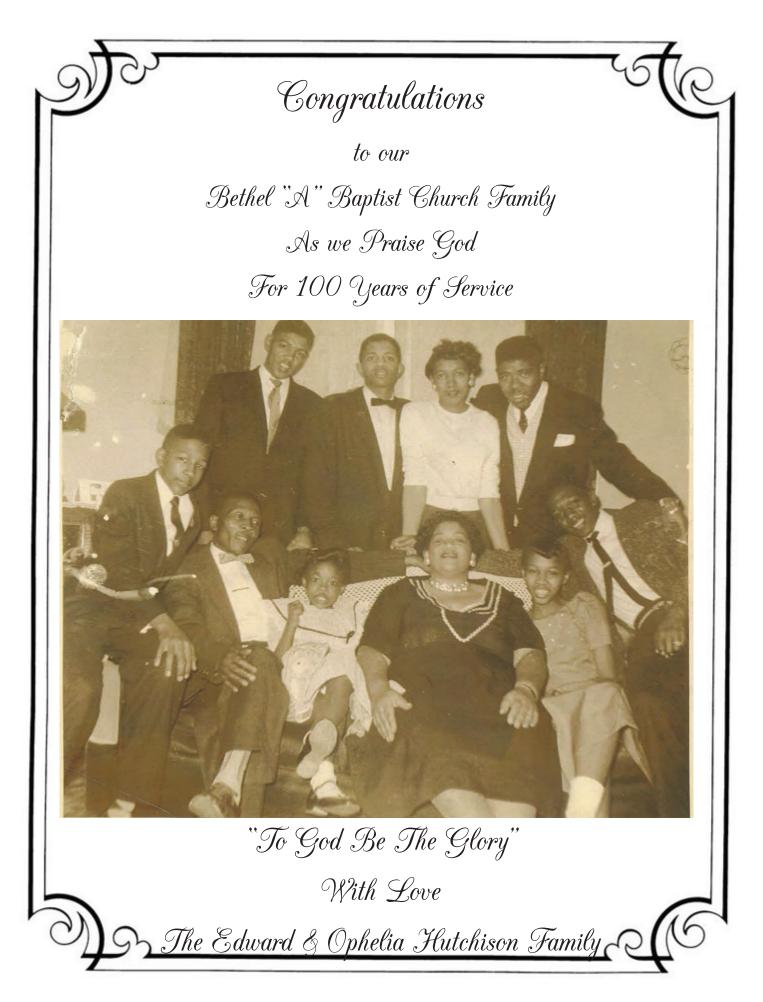




### Congratulations Bethel "A" Baptist Church On your 100th Anniversary

Sidney Jonathan Mills Outlaw American Baritone









#### **NEW FRENCH BROAD BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY CONGRATULATES**

#### **BETHEL "A" BAPTIST CHURCH**

#### FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

MATTHEW 5:14

Rev. Spencer L Jones, Pastor Rev. Gwen R. Jones, Assistant Pastor



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO BETHEL "A" BAPTIST CHURCH ON YOUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

#### THE SCHOLARS, STAFF, BOARD MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS OF NEIGHBORS IN MINISTRY / RISE & SHINE WANT TO THANK BETHEL "A" FOR PROVIDING A "HOME" FOR RISE & SHINE FOR THE PAST 23 YEARS.

#### THANK YOU!



# APPRECIATING YOU! Bethel "A" Baptist Church on your 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY from

First

Gentleman

John H Logan

Pastor Tami Forte Logan

Saved - June 1987, Baptized-Fall 1987 Director of Christian Education, 1993-2011 Called to Preach-Easter 2000, Intial Sermon/First Missionary Trip to Jamacia - June 2000 N.I.M. Program/Exective Director-1996-2009

and

Thank you for molding and shaping me!

Rev. Tami Forte Logan

# CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

## **BETHEL "A" BAPTIST CHURCH**

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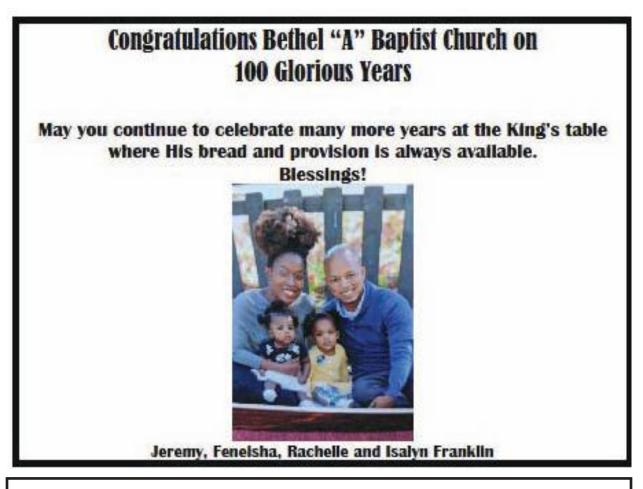
## on your 100th







Pastor David Suber & The Glade Creek Baptist Church Family



#### Congratulations Bethel "A" Baptist Church on your 100th Year Anniversary



Francine Mill's Family



## With Gratitude The Gardin Family

Grandchildren Erical Letee Wilkes Madelene Renee Wilkes Veronica Lynette Gardin Demitrius F. Gardin Shawn Denise Gardin Gerri LaMuriel Wilkes Gerarld Ansel Wilkes Sandreal D. Lynch Parker Bridgett Amanda Gardin Victoria L. Gardin Chapman Vernon LaSanders Gardin Jr. Darren Jerome Conley Jr.

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God has blessed Bethel "A" Baptist church for 100 years as it has spread the gospel of Jesus the Christ and open doors to all who wish to come in and be saved, may Bethel "A" be a beacon of faith, hope foe another 100 years.

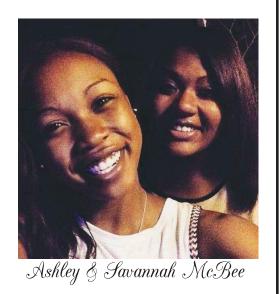
For I am confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will continue to perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. <Philippians 1:6>

The Family of Frank & Eleanor Kilgore

# Congratulations Bethel "A" Baptist Church on celebrating 100 Years of service to the Lord May God bless you with many more years. Minister B. Ruth Peters



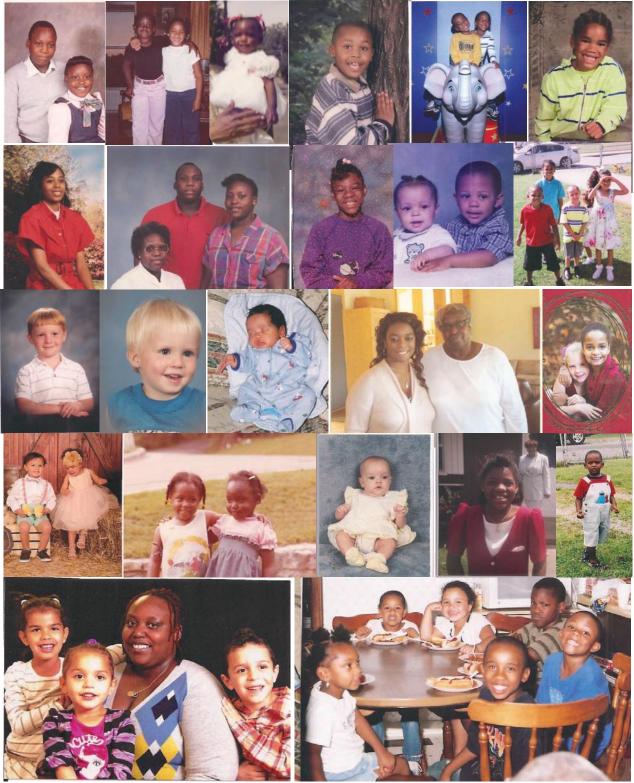
Shelia McBee Norman



#### Congratulations

#### On Your 100th Year Anniversary

#### Verdell Townsend's Family



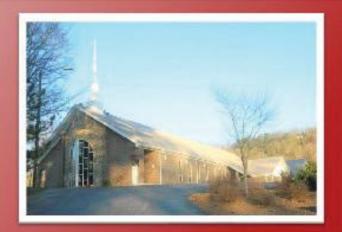
Counting Our Blessings

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#### MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS & KEEP YOU!



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#### **Missionary Baptist Church**

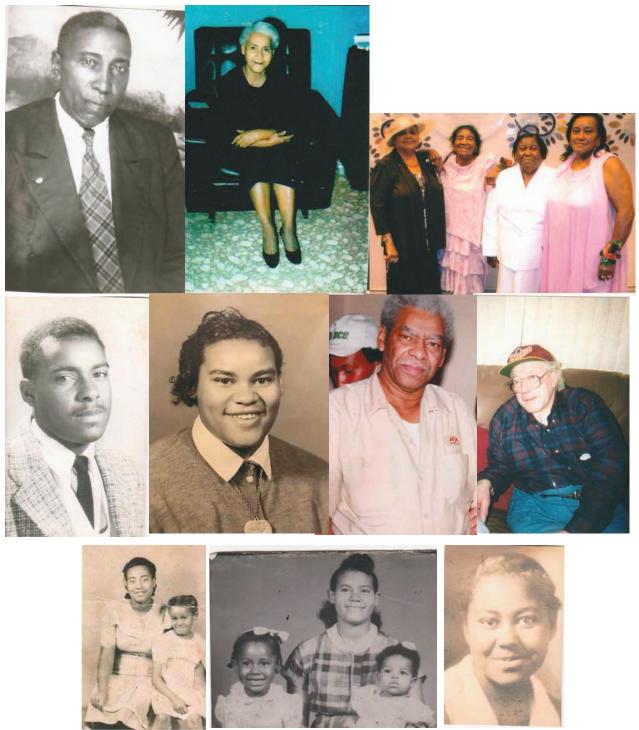
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#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

#### **BETHEL "A" BAPTIST CHURCH**



# THE MOORE FAMILY

# Congratulations Bethel "A" On Your 100 Year Anniversary Memories are a way of holding



Jove



#### Roberta William and Moss Family

Congratulations Bethel "A" Baptist Church On Your 100th Anniversary



If I can help somebody, as I travel along If I can help somebody, with a word or song If I can help somebody, from doing wrong No, my living shall not be in vain

The Cornelius Hunt Family

# In Loving Memory of our Mother Jessie May Rosemond Hunt



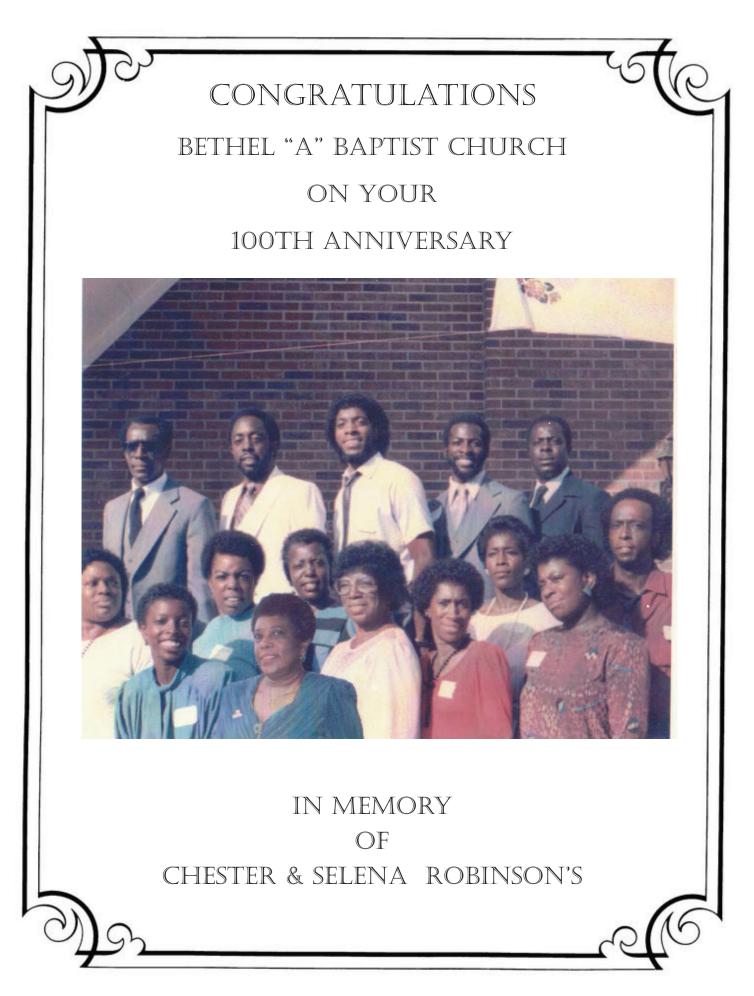
A rose once grew where all could see, Sheltered beside a garden wall, And, as the days passed swiftly by, It spread its branches, straight and tall.

On April 20, 1957, a beam of light shone through A crevice that had open wide The rose bent gently toward the warmth, Then passed to the other side.

Although, we deeply feel its loss, We know the rose blooms there. Her beauty even greater now, Nurture by God's own loving care.

Children: Cornelius Jr., Betty Jean, Margret, Charles And William (Bill) Hunt





#### WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH BETHEL "A" BAPTIST CHURCH

#### A HAPPY 100TH ANNIVERSARY

#### IN MEMORY OF

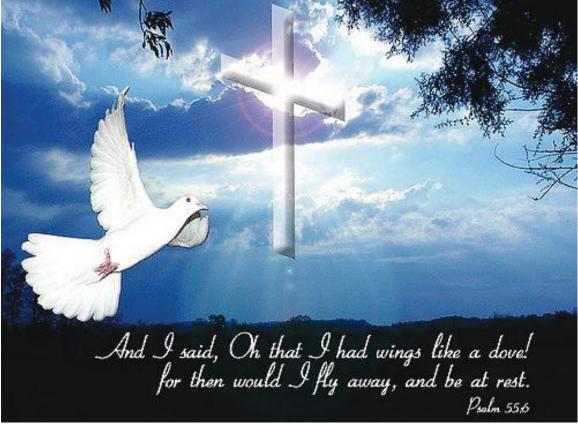
#### RUSSELL NORMAN & INDIANA CONLEY





#### THE NORMAN AND CONLEY FAMILY





### Mary C Jenkins Community Center



The Mary C. Jenkins Community Center: located right at the intersections of Oakdale Street, Mills Avenue and Cashiers Valley Road in Brevard, has been a vital part of the Rosenwald Community for more than 60 years, hosting everything from birthday parties, girl scout, boy scout, garden club meetings, wedding receptions, anniversary parties fashion and talent Shows, and scholarship awards banquets.

This was a positive place to come together for all ages and all races. The following pictures may be disturbing but, the ending of one era has to take place so a new one can began, like the *phoenix rising from the ashes*.

The Mary C. Jenkins Community Center Board and the citizens of the Rosenwald Community and surrounding areas are excited to embark on their greatest project ever, the MCJCC Revitalization project.



### Bethel "A" Baptist Church

Contributors & Supporters



### Congratulations for 100 Glorious Years



Transylvania NAACP

PO Box 303, Brevard, NC 28712 e-mail: transnaacp@gmail.com Phone: (828) 674-3643

Bethel "A" Baptist Church has been a beacon of light in this community for 100 years and it is with faith, hope and love God will bless the church and its membership with another 100 years.

The Transylvania branch of NAACP acknowledges your Christian foundation and commitment to winning souls to Christ.

Forward Together in Christ,

Executive Committee and Membership

Transylvania Branch NAACP

Congratulations Bethel "A" Baptist Church On Your 100th Anniversary



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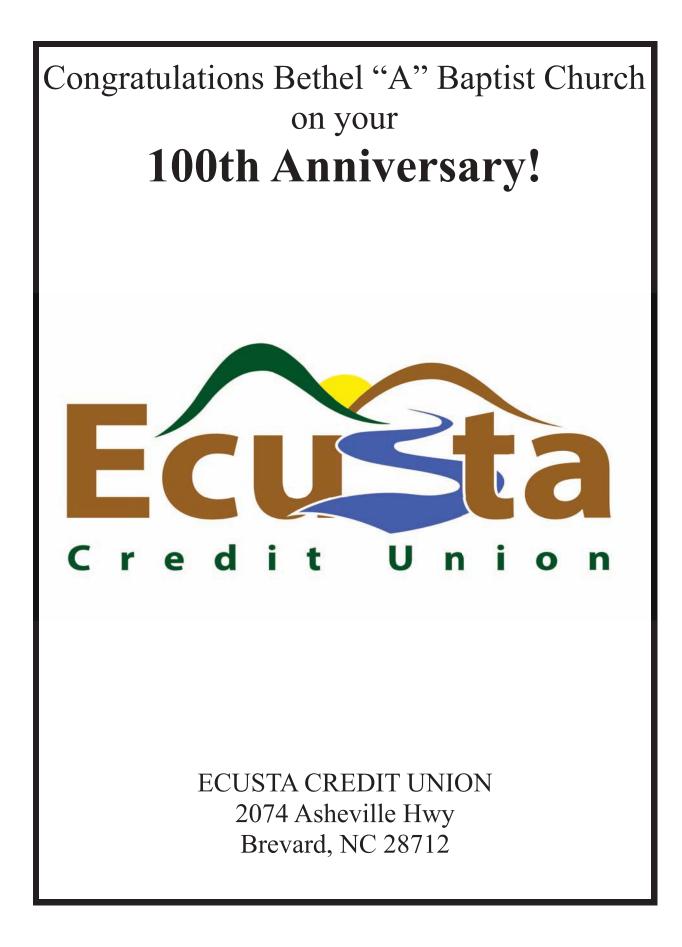
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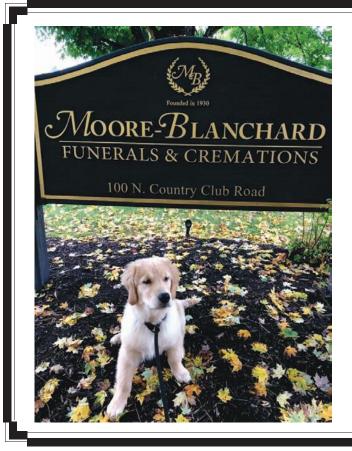
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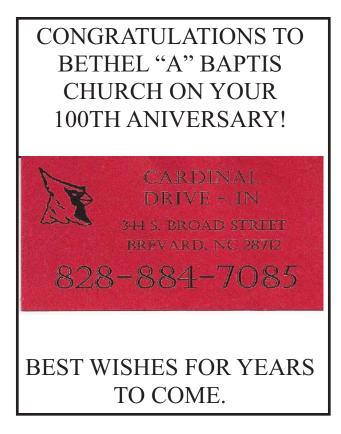




Congratulations to Bethel "A" Baptist Church Family On 100th years of Kingdom Building

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his we are his people, the sheep of his pasture .

Psalm 100:3



#### Bethel "A" Baptist Church 100th Year Anniversary Committee



Lady Loretta Davis, Pastor. G.L. Davis, Tommy Kilgore, Sheila Mooney, Edith Darity, Minister Ruth Peters,Gloria Williamson, and Judy Griffin.

We want to thank everyone who helped with this 100th Anniversary Souvenir Book. Weather you took pictures, wrote blurbs, or just putting up with our suggestions. We appreciate you patient with all it's chaos. This book could not have been completed with out everyone's help and support