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We Celebrate Excellence



Mr. Roscoe Bond **McClennon**

We dedicate this issue to you, and we celebrate you for the work you have done and guidance you have given us.

Mr. Roscoe Bond McClennon was born in New York City at Bellevue Hospital on January 25, 1919 to Mr. Walter McClennon from Florence South Carolina and Mrs. Fannie Bond McClennon from Windsor, North Carolina. There were nine children in his family. He is the 2nd oldest. At an early age, his Father died and his Mother moved back to Windsor,

Mr. McClennon started school at the age of six (6). During that time, school opened in November and it was only open six (6) months for colored people. School closed on April first (1st). His first Elementary School was Saint Francis, next door to Saint Francis Church. His first teacher was Mrs. Sadie Bond (never went any further than 7th grade). Principal was Mrs. Mary Bond and her daughter was Mrs. Esther Allen, a teacher at W.S. Etheridge.

In the 4^{th} grade he moved "Down the Neck" where he had to walk 5 miles to get to school in rain and snow. In the 5^{th} , 6^{th} , and 7^{th} grades, he continued at the same school Down the Neck (Negro schools were shabby schools). He had to stay out of school for two years after grade because of the bus transportation. Buses did not appear until 1936. Buses transported to W.S. Etheridge High School. Graduation came as early as the 11th grade doing that

After the death of his Stepfather, he was not old enough to farm. So he moved to Atlantic City, New Jersey and worked so that he could go to College. He went to A & T and stayed there for 2 years. He transferred to South Carolina State and majored in Science and Agriculture. After graduating from South Carolina State, he applied to Indiana University. (He had to have a total of 30 hours to get a Masters Degree). At Indiana University, he switched his major to Guidance and Psychology.

His first job was with Paul Korean College, Waco, Texas teaching Psychology. After 2 years in Texas, he applied for a job at Jones High School in Orlando, Florida. He also applied at Bartow, Florida and worked there the beginning of the school term in August 1955. He remained there until he retired. Schools still weren't integrated at this time. After 3 years he continued the contract and retired in 1989. After retirement in 1989, he moved back to Windsor, North Carolina. Reunited with his church, Indian Woods Missionary Baptist Church. He enjoyed cooking for the Men's Prayer Breakfast every 4th Sunday morning.

Mr. McClennon, your Indian Woods Church Family misses you and look forward to seeing you sitting in your usual place soon.

Interview done by Ashley Bell

Pastor's Corner

It gives me great pleasure to be able to have this special time to say to our youth, "you are doing a good and great work for the Lord. Always keep Him first in your life and things will be added unto you." Remember I am here for you.

Pastor Moore

Pastor's Installation

On December 13, the morning Worship Service in honor of the Installation for Pastor David E. Moore will begin at 11:00 A.M. The speaker will be Rev. Devin Braxton Mercer of Greenville, NC. All Choirs and Ushers will be serving.

The Installation Service will begin at 3:00 P.M. This spirit-filled celebration will feature Reverend Ricky Banks, pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Pastor Banks is the 1st Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of Raleigh, NC. The West Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, along with Association Ministers, GBSC representatives, elected officials, members, family and friend of Indian Woods Missionary Baptist Church are excited about the Installation of the 11th pastor of our church. Put the date on your calendar - Plan to be here.

December 18, 2015

Youth Christmas Party 7:00 P.M. December 19, 2015
Youth breakfast 8 till 9:30 A.M. December 20, 2015

Christmas Program given by the Youth 3:00 P.M



Welcome Our New Members

There are as many as 12 candidates waiting to join us. At the completion of the New Members Class, we can receive our new candidates for baptism. We look forward to the additions to our church family.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverb 22:6 ESV)

The daughters of Muniza Ansara and Tyrie Outlaw were Dedicated to God in September—Ameera Mae Outlaw and Ameena Ansara Outlaw of Nashville, Tennessee

The daughter of Shedorah Renee Daughtry was Dedicated to God in November. Sadiya Lillian Daughtry of Williamston, NC

INDIAN WOODS YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The Youth Department gave a special gift and celebrated the 100th birthday of Mrs. Clara Louis Speller who was born on November 5, 1915. A reading was done by Deacon Cora King, and a special Happy Birthday song written by Minister of Music Churchill Thomas especially for her was sung by the youth and the congregation. In Ms. Clara own words, "I am happy, God has taken care of me, I love my church and I just love everybody."

Calling all Junior Usher — Anyone interested in becoming a Junior Usher can check us out on the 4^{th} Sunday. Then see our Ministry Leaders Sister Cathy Hyman and Missionary Barbara Corey for more information. Our President is Sister Asia Cooper.

The Youth Department will have a special tribute to the Gospel Oak Seed that they planted at the church three years ago in November 2013.

Minister Churchill Thomas

The Indian Woods Baptist Church welcomes our New Minister of Music, Elder Churchill Thomas and family to our church family. We are looking forward to making a joyful praise unto the Lord.

Young Adult Ministry

The Ministry of Young Adults will be doing the Angel Tree this December 2015. Please see them and become an Angel to someone.

Again this Thanksgiving, the Young Adults Ministry will bless a family with a Thanksgiving basket filled with all the goodies for a day. This is a project done by them each year

Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do.

- Maya Angelou