

Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

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Compliments to the Homecoming Committee for their efforts, commitment, dedication and very hard work that was well done.

Much gratitude and genuine appreciation to our beloved pastor, Deacon Board, Mother Board, Members of Atkinson Chapel, families, visitors and friends for their cooperation, participation, enthusiasm, faith and prayers. Together with the help of God this project was successful.

The Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Family wish to express our appreciation for all who celebrated with us on this joyous occasion.

A special thanks to the Omega Printing Company who is responsible for the typing and printing of our Homecoming Book. May God bless each of you.

Sincerely yours,
THE STEERING AND COMPLING COMMITTEE

Doris S. King
Dorothy Durham
~~Pauline B. Williams~~

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Theme:

Vision for the Future

Scripture:

And he sought God in the days of Zechariah who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.

II Chronicles 26:5

Meditations

Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he maketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, In those that hope in his mercy.

Praise the Lord O' Jerusalem, praise thy God, O' Zion.

For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word and melteth them he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He sheweth his word unto Jacob his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

He hath not death so with any nation: and as for his judgments they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalms 147:1—20





Rev. C. B. Chadwick, Pastor

From the Pastor's Desk



My fellow laborers in Christ Jesus, I greet you and congratulate you on this your one hundredth and tenth anniversary.

Through many dangerous toils and snares you have already come thus far by the grace of the Almighty God.

From a humble beginning the founders of this church set out on a voyage of a life of service to God; you, their descendants are on and must continue the voyage until you reach the city of peace.

One much wiser than I said, *"We are all caught up in a network of mutuality, wrapped in a single garment of destiny, and what affects one of us directly, affects all of us indirectly."*

Thus the challenge before us is to come together as never before in unity, that we may keep up the visions of our forefathers, we must not live by bread alone, but by the work of God and God's word says, *"Where there is no vision, the people perish."*

It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Harriet du Autermont has beautifully said:

*"No vision and you perish
No ideal, and you're lost
Your heart must ever cherish
Some faith at any cost
Some hope, some dream to cling to
Some rainbow in the sky
Some melody to sing to
Some service that is high
Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp
Or what's a heaven for*

Best Wishes,
Rev. C.B. Chadwick, Jr.

The Celebration of our 110th Anniversary and Homecoming

July 27, 1986

11:00 a.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Call to Worship.....	PASTOR CHADWICK
Opening Selection.....	CHOIR
Invocation.....	PASTOR CHADWICK
Chant.....	CHOIR
First Hymn.....	CHOIR
Responsive Reading.....	SISTER PAULINE B. WILLIAMS
Scripture Reading.....	REVEREND JAMES KING
Prayer.....	DEACON EDWARD RODGERS
Chant.....	CHOIR
Second Hymn.....	CHOIR
Mission Offering.....	USHERS

"All things come of thee O' Lord"

Announcements and Recognition of Guests.....	SISTER THELMA ISLER
Welcome.....	SISTER DOROTHY DURHAM
Response.....	SISTER EASTER HINSON MT. PLEASANT M.B. CHURCH
Selection.....	<i>"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"</i> CHOIR
Children's Meditation.....	DEACON JAMES RODGERS
Tithes and General Offerings..... DEACONS WILLIE T. BEST, AND SWINDELL ISLER AND TRUSTEE NYMPHES DURHAM

"All Things Come of Thee, O' Lord"

Selection.....	<i>"Nothing but the blood of Jesus"</i> CHOIR
Preparation for Holy Communion.....	DEACONS
Spiritual Selection.....	CHOIR
Sermon.....	PASTOR CHADWICK
Invitational Selection.....	CHOIR
Holy Communion.....	PASTOR CHADWICK
Communion Prayer.....	DEACON CLARENCE THOMPSON
Altar Prayer and Prayer for Sick.....	PASTOR CHADWICK
Doxology.....	CHOIR
Benediction.....	PASTOR CHADWICK

3:00 P.M. SERVICE CONDUCTED BY REVEREND EARL JONES AND CHOIR FROM MACEDONIA M.B. CHURCH, FARMVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 18, 1986

Reverend C. B. Chadwick
Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Route 11
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

Dear Reverend Chadwick:

On behalf of the Board of Aldermen and the City of Goldsboro, I am very pleased to express the City's congratulations to the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on its 110th anniversary.

There have been incredible changes since July 27, 1876, but for your congregation the church has and continues to be a source of stability and strength. An anniversary of 110 years is a long time but I know that the church is still vital, young and growing.

The true strength of a community does not grow from organizations or institutions, it is contained in the moral values and strength of its people. Therefore, the City of Goldsboro owes you and other area churches a deep debt of gratitude.

You can be very proud of your accomplishments during the past 110 years. But I ask that you will continue to serve the spiritual needs of our community. These are confusing and trying times and I know that your efforts will continue to be needed and appreciated.

I am very sorry that I will be unable to attend the anniversary celebration due to a prior commitment. I am sure that the celebration will be a fitting tribute to your service.

Again, congratulations and thank you for the 110 years of service to the community.

Yours truly,

Hal K. Plonk
Mayor



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Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

KENNETH H. BRINSON
Superintendent

June 24, 1986

Rev. C. B. Chadwick
Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Route 11
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

Dear Rev. Chadwick:

The Goldsboro City Board of Education and staff extend congratulations to the congregation of the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church as it celebrates the Church's 110th Anniversary. We recognize that the Church has had a glorious history and has made many contributions to its members and to this community. We wish you the very best as you continue to minister to the needs of the congregation and to the entire community.

If we ever may be of service to you, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth H. Brinson".

Kenneth H. Brinson
Superintendent

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cc: Ms. Pauline Williams



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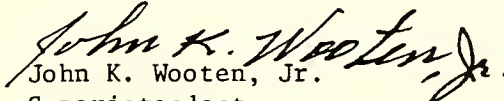
Dear Reverend Chadwick:

The opportunity of celebrating the 110th anniversary for any kind of an affair rarely comes in one's lifetime. We are fortunate that those of us now living can look with pride and admiration upon the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church as it celebrates its 110th anniversary. To keep active an organization for this period of time is an accomplishment that requires time, dedication, and effort. For the congregation and its membership over all these years, and in particular its present membership, commendations are in order and are so given to your entire constituency.

With people in your church of the caliber of Ms. Pauline Williams, there is little doubt but what this accomplishment has been made easier. Through her efforts and the efforts of other active participants, your church now enjoys a kind of distinction that rarely comes one's way. This distinction, of course, is polished and sophisticated by those persons like Ms. Williams who give of their time and talents toward making this our land a better place to live.

May God continue to share with each of you and your church the blessings of His goodness and may His winds of kindness ever blow to you good fortune.

Sincerely yours,


John K. Wooten, Jr.
Superintendent

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COMMITTEES FOR 110th ANNIVERSARY

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Floyd Sykes, Sr., Chairman

Deacon Swindell Isler, Sr.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Doris King, Chairman

Ida Kornegay

CENTENNIAL MEAL COMMITTEE

Mother Sadie Sykes, Chairman

Mary Isler

DECORATING COMMITTEE

Vernestine Moses, Chairman

Dorothy Durham

Doris King

HISTORIAN AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Pauline B. Williams, Chairman

Deacon Edward Rodgers

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Deacon Clarence Thompson, Chairman

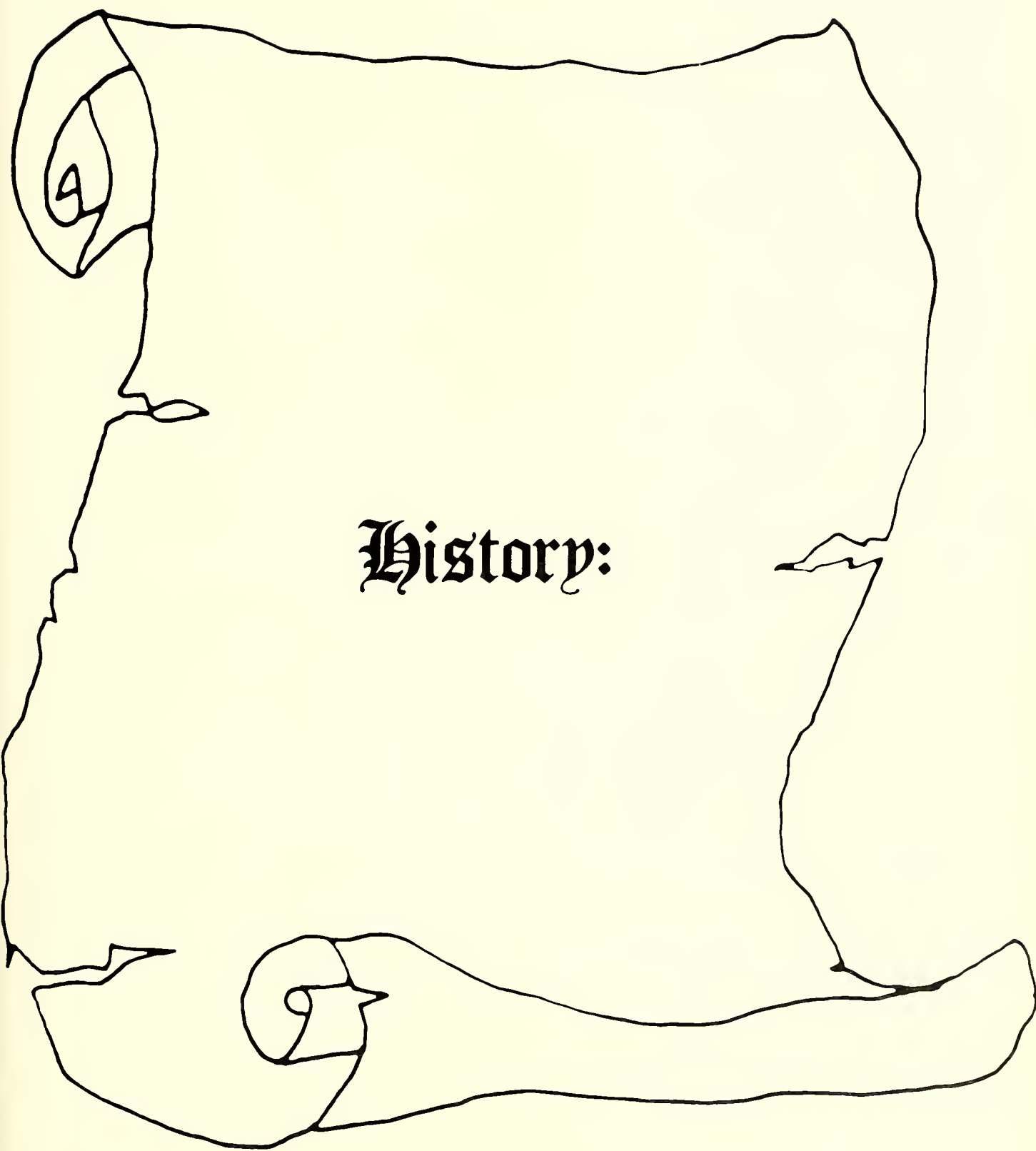
Eunice Durham

COMPILING, STEERING AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dorothy Durham

Doris King

Pauline B. Williams



History:

THE HISTORY OF ATKINSON CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE BEGINNING 1876-1986

There are no records as to when the church was organized, but according to the deed of trust, an indenture was made July 17, 1876 between Rufus Edmundson, Peter Faison, Jackson Person, and Kedar Faison, trustees and was called Atkinson Chapel Colored Baptist Church.

The church has been in the same location on the present site in the County of Wayne on a land formerly owned by H. Atkinson and adjoining the land of Ethrldene Herrings' heirs.

We do not have information available on the names of our forefathers who participated in the foundation of the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

OUR EARLY PASTORS, DEACONS, OTHER OFFICIALS AND WOMEN

Some of the early pastors were Reverend R.C. Carroll, who was the uncle of Deacon James White, Sr. in Goldsboro; Reverend Eugene Moye, Reverend Andrews, Reverend James, Reverend C. Pate, Reverend J.S. Lyons and Reverend W.C. Thompson.

Some of the Deacons were Edward White, Isaac Harper, Handy Carroll, Henry Draughorn, Charlie Rodgers, Sr., Johny Cox, William Sykes, Jack Thompson, Eugene Croom, Johnny Joseph Best, Poke Thompson and Leamon Sykes, Sr..

Other officials were, Willie J. Rodgers, Church Clerk and Sunday School Superintendent; Charlie Rodgers, Jr., Secretary of Sunday School Department; Huel J. Rodgers, Church Clerk, pianist and Sunday School Teacher; John Wilbert Sykes, trustee and treasurer of the choir and David Rodgers, pianist.

Emma Barnes Lyons worked diligently in the Sunday School, Missionary Circle, Mother's Board, in the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association, the Union and the Women's Auxiliary.

Delia Best Rodgers, Eliza Gertrude Thompson Best, Mary S. Cox, Lillie Harper, Helen D. Rodgers, Smithie Thompson and Mable Sykes were Mothers of the Church.

ATKINSON CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE MOVE

In 1956 Reverend S.J. Jones from Elm City, North Carolina was elected our pastor. Under his administration the interior of the church was replaced with sheet rock and painted.

The Holy Bible says in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 18 Verse 19 - *"again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven"*. So we were able to replace the coal burning stove with gas heaters.

1957 Reverend S.J. Jones asked that we begin an Altar call for prayer each Sunday morning after service. This practice is still a part of our worship service.

1963 our beautiful pulpit set was purchased. Sister Mable Sykes was elected Home Mission secretary.

January 26, 1963 Reverend S.J. Jones resigned as pastor of the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Later in the same year Reverend W.V. Prichett who came from Newport, North Carolina was voted on and accepted as our pastor.

1974 - The Sunday School Gospel Chorus was organized under the leadership of Reverend W.V. Prichett. The organizer & president was brother James King. The Chorus celebrated it's First Anniversary, 1975.

They sang on many occasions and added strength to our church through the Youth Department in the ministry of music.

Reverend Prichett was an outstanding and dedicated pastor who worked faithfully to perpetuate the great heritage.

In 1964 the church voted Deacon Edward Rodgers, superintendent of the Sunday School and Huel J. Rodgers, teacher.

In 1965, the floor was carpeted, also the church purchased a piano.

Deacon Edward Rodgers was appointed by the church to purchase (25) chairs and Deacon Leamon Sykes was appointed by church to purchase tables for the fellowship hall.

In 1967 the top on the church was replaced with shingles.

The idea for a regular prayer meeting was initiated by Deacon Willie T. Best for every Wednesday night. Revival was held in June.

We made great progress by the help of the almighty God under the leadership of Reverend Pritchett.

BUILDING PROGRAM 1971 THE PRESENT

Reverend Pritchett urged all members to support the building fund.

In 1971, the church was remodeled. It was bricked by Reverend Whitfield and our Deacons. The cornerstone laying was completed and was engraved on the cornerstone with the following name:

Pastor W.V. Pritchett, Deacon Clarence Thompson, Deacon Edward Rodgers, Deacon James Rodgers, Deacon Willie Best, and Deacon Swindell Isler, Trustee James King.

In 1972 new pews were purchased.

First Contestant from our Church for Goldsboro Wayne Branch for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people. Mother of the Year in 1974 was Sister Doris Sykes King.

Another contestant for several years was Mother Mary H. Battle.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

In 1977, the robes for choir was purchased by the church.

In 1977 these members were put on our Honor Roll: Sister Priscilla Best, Sister Bettie Braswell, both now deceased; Sister Beulah Ferrell and Deacon Willie T. Best.

A Baptismal pool was constructed in 1977. The first person to be baptized in the pool was Linwood Earl Exum.

In 1980 a kitchen and a fellowship hall were constructed and completely furnished. The church has two restrooms, a Pastor's study, a choir court, a corridor, vestibule, a communion table set, an office for staff and clerks, dressing room for choir members and utility room.

Dedication service for Atkinson Chapel M.B. Church was held September 28, 1980 with Reverend W.V. Pritchett as Pastor.

Rev. Pritchett preached his farewell sermon December 1980. The reason for his resignation was that his other churches wanted him to serve them twice a month.

Rev. A.M. Kelly of Grantsboro, North Carolina was elected pastor of this church in January 1981. Reverend Kelly was a faithful and spiritual leader.

His aim was to help our church to move forward. Reverend Kelly organized the first Bible Study class while pastoring at this church.

Reverend Kelly initiated the idea of helping the youth to grow through Children's Meditation. It has added spiritual endeavors to our youth. Our leader is Sister Doris S. King. She is doing an excellent job with the youth.

Reverend Kelly and the church gave Sister Pauline B. Williams the responsibility for printed church programs in 1983. This was another first for our church. He resigned in 1984.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1980'S

Reverend C.B. Chadwick was elected in May 1985, and is still our pastor.

Reverend Chadwick initiated the idea of a youth and young adult choir. He is a firm believer in *"train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it"*. Sister Vernestine Moses and Sister Thelma Isler have organized a youth choir and they are singing to the glory of God. They are doing a great job.

Sister Pauline B. Williams won the title for Goldsboro Wayne Branch for the NAACP Mother of the Year in 1985 for Atkinson Chapel M.B. Church.

Sister Doris Sykes King was Contestant for our Church in 1986 and was fourth runner up, for the Goldsboro-Wayne Branch For The National Association For The Advancement of Colored People.

Brother James King preached his initial sermon March 23, 1986.

The church pews were cushioned in February 1986 for the added comfort of the worshippers.

Rev. Chadwick is doing an excellent job as pastor. He is reaching out to strengthen the church. At present he has five deacons working with him and a membership of seventy for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom which was started in Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church by our dedicated pioneers many years ago.

Pioneers of Our Church

Reverend Joe Bowden
Deacon Edward White
Deacon Isaac Harper
Deacon Handy Carroll
Deacon Henry Draughorn
Deacon Charlie Rodgers, Sr.
Deacon John Cox
Deacon Jack Thompson
Deacon Eugene Croom
Deacon Joseph Best
Deacon Poke Thompson
Deacon Leamon Sykes
Brother Willie J. Rodgers
Brother Charlie Rodgers, Jr.
Brother Huel J. Rodgers
Brother John Wilbert Sykes, Sr.
Brother David Rodgers
Mother Emma Barnes Lyons
Mother Delia Best Rodgers
Mother Eliza Gertrude Thompson Best
Mother Mary S. Cox
Mother Lille Harper
Mother Helen D. Rodgers
Mother Smithie Thompson
Mother Mable Sykes
Brother Luby Cox
Brother Freddie Cox
Brother Leonard Best
Sister Lillie Williams
Sister Della Brown
Sister Beatrice Kornegay
Sister Priscilla Best
Brother James Kornegay
Brother William Austin
Sister Janice Carroll
Sister Sarah Carroll

Sister Pearlle Brown
Sister Eva Carroll
Sister Della Dickerson
Sister Emma Smith
Sister Annie Atkinson Caley Lewis
Sister Grace Leggett
Sister Odell Cox
Brother Ervin Brown
Brother Jasper Atkinson
Brother Kennon Rodgers
Brother Jasper Atkinson
Brother Shade Davis
Sister Louisa Davis
Sister Winnie Lassiter
Sister Melissa King
Sister Lillie Mae Cox
Sister Sara Mozzelle Cox
Sister Rebecca Austin
Sister Amy Austin
Sister Rosa Austin
Sister Dorres Austin
Brother Arthur Davis
Sister Martha Davis
Sister Mary Austin
Sister Mude Austin
Brother Herman Simmons
Brother Joseph Rodgers
Brother Kennon Rodgers
Brother Frank Bowden
Sister Sallie Leggett
Brother Milford Leggett
Sister Betty Braswell
Brother Preston Brown
Brother John Lee Cox

If there are names that are omitted please forgive us!

A decorative scroll with a black outline, featuring a rolled-up section at the top left and another at the bottom center. The word "Auxiliaries" is written in a black, gothic-style font in the center of the scroll.

Auxiliaries

Board of Deacons



Left to right: James Rodgers, Edward Rodgers, Willie Best, Pastor Chadwick, Swindell Isler, Clarence Thompson, Chairman

Mother Board



Left to right: Mary Baldwin, Beulah Ferrell, Sadie B. Sykes, (Chairman) Mary Battle

Clerks



Ida Kornegay, Eunice Durham, Pauline B. Williams

Homemission Circle



Officers: Sadie B. Sykes, Pres.; Eunice Durham, Vice Pres.; Doris S. King, Sec.; Pauline B. Williams, Treas.; (not pictured; Dorothy Durham)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



Officers: Swindell Isler, Supt.; Edward Rodgers, Asst. Supt.; James Rodgers, Treas.

Choir #1



Officers: Sadie B. Sykes, Pres.; Mary R. Durham, Vice Pres.; Pauline B. Williams, Sec.; Curley Isler, Treas.

CHOIR #2



Officers: Mary Isler, Pres.; Florence V. Exum, Vice Pres.; Thelma Isler, Sec.; John Isler, Treas.

Ushers



Officers: Clarence Thompson, Pres.; Donald Isler, Vice Pres.; Rosalena Barnes, Sec.; Eunice Durham, Treas.

Pastor Aide's Club



Officers: Pauline B. Williams, Pres.; Dorothy Durham, Vice Pres. (Not Pictured) Sadie B. Sykes, Sec.; Swindell Isler, Treas.

Children's Meditation



Leader: Doris S. King

Kitchen Committee



Chairman: Mary R. Durham

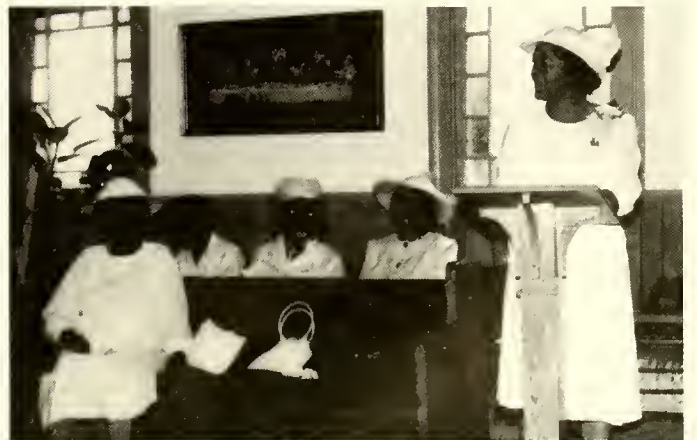
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In Memoriam

*A Good name is better than
precious ointment; and the day of
death than the day of one's birth.*

*It is better to go to the house
of mourning, than to go to the house
of feasting: for that is the end of all,
men; and the living will lay it to
his heart.*

Ecclesiastes 7:1-2



Mrs. Eliza Gertrude Thompson Best
March 1, 1898 — September 5, 1961

In loving memory of my wife and our Mother. She was a loving wife and devoted Mother - one who, put the welfare and well-being of her family ahead of everything else.

Her entire life was spent in Wayne County where she was well known and well loved for the fine example of Christian living she exemplified in her everyday life.

At an early age, she confessed Christ and joined Wood's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. A few years afterwards, she joined the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where she remained a dutiful member until the end. She served the church in various capacities but seemed more proud of her position as a "Mother" of the church than any other.

*Weep not for me, but be content,
I was not yours, but only lent,
Wipe off those tears, and weep no more,
I'm not dead, but just gone on before.*

Your Devoted Family
Husband Deacon Willie Troy Best
Children

*Leonard Best
Pauline B. Williams
Dorothy B. Lee
Katherine Best
Willie Mae B. Taylor
Velma B. Dockery

Alice B. Broadhurst
Hilda B. Brown
William Best
Burden Best
*Betty Best
Lola B. Bourne

By
William Best and Pauline B. Williams

"In Memory of"
JACK THOMPSON AND LILLIE JACOBS

It only takes a little space to tell you how much we miss you;
But it will take a whole life through to forget the day we lost you.

Until memory fades and life departs
you will live forever in our hearts.

Your Children

* Huel



Leora-Lee
Arleatha
Isadora
Jack-(Boat)
* Needham Roosevelt
Mary Ellen
Edna
Wendell

Delorease-Minnie
Clarence &
*Clara, twins
Esther
Nathan
Aaron
Miriam Adelaide

Loving Memories

*Our Father “**Robert Lee Royal**”*

He wished no one a last farewell,

Or even said good-bye.

He had gone before we knew it

And only God knows why.

Sincere and kind in heart and mind

What a beautiful memory he left behind.

Your Children

RACHEL

EASTER

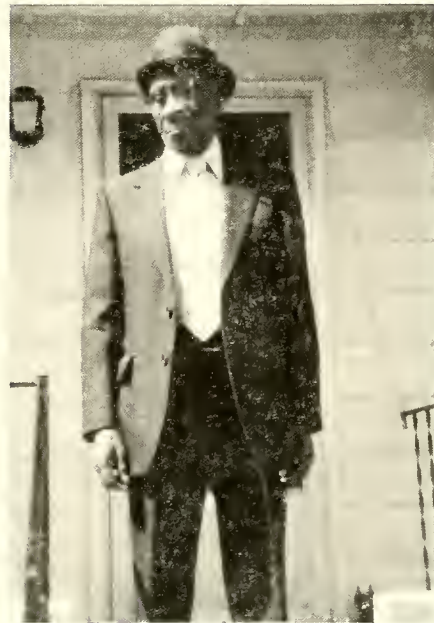
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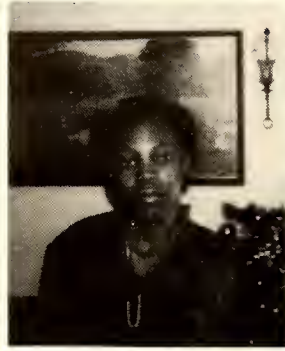
GEORGE

MACIE

DOCK

FRANK





MELISSA KING

August 21, 1968-August 10, 1981

In loving memory of our daughter and our sister whom we remember with graciousness and never ending love. We feel privileged to have had her for the short twelve years because she instilled within us cheer, comfort, hope and inspiration. She will always be remembered by that sunshine she had in her smile. She was even called smiley' by some. She loved her church dearly especially the "gospel chorus," and the Sunday School. She received a certificate for perfect attendance. With her smiles she made our day seem brighter and our burdens seemed lighter. She knew that time was not measured by the years that you live, but by the deeds that you do, and the joy that you give. She gave of herself away not one day, but every day because she knew that he who gives of himself will find, true joy of heart and peace of mind.

"This Too Will Pass Away"

*If I can endure for this minute
Whatever is happening to me,
No matter how heavy my heart is
or how dark the moment may be.
If I can remain calm and quiet
with all my world crashing about me,
Secure in the knowledge God loves me
When everyone else seem to doubt me.
If I can but keep on believing
What I know in my heart to be true,
That "darkness will fade with the morning"
And that this will pass away, too.*

*Then nothing in life can defeat me
For as long as this knowledge remains
I can suffer whatever is happening
For I know God will break "All the
Chains"
That are binding me tight in "The
Darkness"
And trying to fill me with fear
For there is no night without dawning
And I know that "My Morning" is near.*

James, Doris, Anthony, Teresa & Felicia

In Memory of **Needham Roosevelt Thompson**



In Memory of *Needham Roosevelt Thompson*

*In countless, gentle, kindly ways
He lived a sermon all his days
Believing in the folk he knew
And making friends his life time through.*

*Enjoying life work and fun
He sought the best in everyone.
Living his faith from day to day
He sowed good seeds along the way.*

*Now death has set his spirit free
In fields of immortality.*

*To claim a task of greater worth
Than any he had known on earth.*

Wife and Son
Doris Smith & Kelvin

Bro. John Wilbert Sykes, Sr.

Bro. John Wilbert Sykes, Sr.
November 2, 1918 - September 17, 1963



In loving memory of my husband and our father, whom we remember as an ordinary person, but very special, just another worker in God's Vineyard. He was very dedicated to his family and his church. No responsibilities were ever shunned. We will remember him as a gentle and calm person who could make anyone feel at home. His love was just like magic because with us it still remains.

God Knows Best:

*Our Father knows what's best for us
So why should we complain
We Always want the sunshine
But He knows there must be rain
We love the sound of laughter
And the Merriment of Cheer,
But our hearts would lose their tenderness
If we never shed a tear.
Our Father tests us often
With suffering and with sorrow,
He tests us, not to punish us,
But to help us meet tomorrow.
For growing trees are strengthened
When they withstand the storm
And the sharp cut of the chisel
Gives the marble grace and form.*



*God never hurts us needlessly,
And He never wastes our pain,
For every loss He sends to us
Is followed by rich gain
And when we count the blessings
That God has so freely sent,
We will find no cause for murmuring
And no time to lament.
For our Father loves His children
And to Him all things are plain,
So He never sends us pleasure
When the soul's deep need is pain.
So whenever we are troubled
And when everything goes wrong,
It is just God working in us
To make our spirit strong.*

*Elnora Sykes
Vernon F. Sykes, Sr.
Virginia S. Taylor
Doris S. King
Floyd M. Sykes, Sr.
Florence S. Cole Exum
Catherlene S. Linton

Mother Sadie Bell Brown Sykes
and Children

John W. Sykes, Jr.
Alberta S. Barnes
*Joseph Sykes
Jerry M. Sykes
*Deceased

*In
Memory
of*



Mrs. Lyons worked diligently in Sunday School, Missionary Circle, Mother's Board and the church as long as health permitted her. She served as church treasurer and announcer for many years. She was a loving friend, mother and grandmother.

MRS. EMMA RODGERS BARNES LYONS

1895-1970

Rose Lyons Smith, daughter and
Melvyn & Deirdre Smith, grandchildren

*In
Memory
of*



HUEL JAMES RODGERS

1918-1966

Huel James Rodgers was a faithful member of Atkinson Chapel Church from early childhood until he died. He served such capacities as, Sunday School teacher, church pianist, and church clerk.

He was a genuine brother and friend.

by
Rose Lyons Smith, sister

In Loving Memory and Dedication

MRS. HELEN D. RODGERS

"A faithful Christian, Wife and Mother"



June 2, 1913-Sept. 21, 1976

At an early age, Helen professed Christ and became a Christian. She joined the Atkinson Missionary Baptist Church and spent many years serving as a Mother of the Church, in the Sunday School, Bear Creek Missionary Unions and the Home Missionary Circle. She gave most freely her time to talk with and counsel those who were in need of help and advice.

*You left a beautiful memory, a sorrow too great to be told
But to us who loved and lost you, your memory will never grow old.
Some day we'll meet again, our love one gone before,
Some day we'll reach that happy land where parting is no more.*

Your Devoted Family

(Husband) Edward (Buster) Rodgers

(Mother of) Linwood E. Rodgers

Nathan L. Rodgers

Rosalena F. Barnes

Willie E. Rodgers

Helen A. Rodgers

Clynethia Smith

Poem— We Must Carry On

*This church was built 100 years and more
We were not there, History tells us so
Our forefathers work from Sunday to Sunday
They started the task and wanted it done
Some were called to heaven by our Almighty God
From their cares and toiling, to get their reward
We must keep working until the day is done
The battle is not over until the victory is won
We thank you Lord everyday
For having a Church to sing and pray
“Dedicated to You Lord”*

Composed by - MARY R. DURHAM
Husband - THEODORE DURHAM
Son and Wife - MILTON AND CLORETHA DURHAM
Daughter and Husband- MARY C. AND LARRY STEWART
Grandchildren - ANTOINE' AND ALICIA DURHAM

In Memory of Our Mother

Clara Thompson Jones

We loved you even though you did not stay with
us a long time.

Your Children

Ralpheal

Peggy Ann



Clara (twin to) Deacon Clarence Thompson

Your Sisters & Brothers

*In Loving Memory
Of My Husband and Daddy*

James Haywood Hinson

Haywood you have been missed so very much.

Your quiet smile, and gentle touch.

We never said we loved you as often as we should.

*We shared our love, "Then" long, long, ago before this day.
So all that is left is Mama and me, But don't worry about her,
Because we will be as close to each other as you were to us.*

We loved you.

*Your wife Easter R. Hinson and
daughter Estelle (Sister) Grigsby*



PA PA

Pa Pa was a good man
Tall, handsome, strong and true
But God saw fit to take you home
And there was nothing we could do.
But just now we are satisfied,
With the decision that God made
Because Pa Pa is in heaven above
And his debts has been paid.

Your Grandchildren

Monty

Sandra

Kanita

Whilhemina

Your Great grands too: Jerome & Prince

Tribute for **JOHNNY M. BRYANT**



*Johnny you will end with the end of this day
You never again will pass this way,
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide
Why build a bridge to span the tide
The man lifted his head,
Looked his speaker straight in the eye
and then said
Others must cross this bridge in the twilight dim,
Good friends, I am building this bridge
for him and them.*

Wife

RACHEL R. BRYANT

**In memory of Father,*
Issac Harper Sr.,

Mother Lille Atkinson Harper,
Granddaughter, Tonya Paulette Isler



Esther Harper Isler,
Daughter and Grandmother

Husband: John Wesley Isler, Sr.

Children: John Wesley Isler, Jr.

Curley Lee Isler

Esther Mae Isler Johnson

Larry Eugene Isler

Marie Isler

Elvis Ray Isler

Randolph Isler

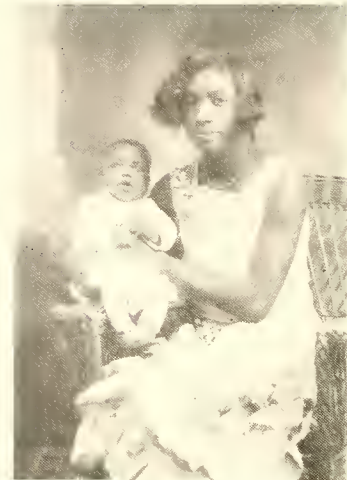
Swindell Isler

Charles Thadeus Isler

In memory of my brother, aunt and uncles



Brother Major James Cox



**Aunt — Odell Cox Harrison & son
Uncles Freddie Cox and Luby Cox**

I keep in mind when day is done
and birds are gone to rest
The pleasant and lovely things
by which my life is blessed.

And ere I close my eyes in sleep
I say a little prayer
of thanks to God for all his love
and for His loving care.

GERALDINE COX ATKINSON

Tribute

To our Father **William Austin** and Mother **Mary Austin**

*Lillie

*Theodore

*Mariam

Beulah

*Fred Howard

*Willie James (Pete)

*Luby

Addie

Hezikiah

*Pauline



Submitted by Mrs. Beulah Ferrell

*Deceased

In Loving Memory of Our Mother

Mrs. Lou Pearl Cox Brown

was born November 19th, 1888 and departed this life May 1957.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Len Cox and the wife of Mr. Preston Brown.

She was called (Mrs. Pearlie) by the members of the Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Pealie was a member of Atkinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Choir until her health failed.

She was the mother of ten (10) children: Five (5) daughters — Five (5) sons.

Mrs. Mable B. Johnson

* Ervin Brown

Mrs. Geneva B. Broadhurst

Edward Brown

Mrs. Sadie B. Sykes

*Eddie Brown

* Mrs. Naomi B. Buckrham

James Brown

Mrs. Mamie B. Exum

Melford Brown

Our love and memories of her will always be cherished.

Submitted by Mrs. Mamie B. Exum

*Deceased

In Loving Memory of Our Mother and Grandmother

Mrs. Ida Armstrong Best

She was a Sunday School teacher, and worked in the Missionary Circle in Atkinson Chapel, M.B. Church. She was also a Minister.

By

Reverend Juanita Simmons

Mrs. Minnie Best

Mrs. L.L. Davis

and

Grandchildren

“In My Father’s House Are Many Mansions”

St. John 14:2

In Memory of My Beloved Husband

DAVID RODGERS



**David served as a pianist for the church.
He was a faithful Member.
By His Devoted Wife Nebraska Rodgers**

In Remembrance of



**Lillie Bell Draughorn and Samuel Jones
Eddie B. Uzzell, Rosalie Williams**

**Emma Ruth Jones Uzzell
& Family = Marjorie Dozier, Thera Uzzell and Marilyn Givens**

In Loving Memory of My Father and Mother



December 18-1888
November 6 - 1964

MR. CHARLIE RODGERS, SR.

Mr. Charlie Rodgers, Sr. was a faithful and loving Christian. He was a Deacon in Atkinson Chapel M.B. Church.



October 28-1890
November 16-1947

MRS. DELIA BEST RODGERS

Mrs. Delia Best Rodgers was a dutiful and dedicated Christian. She was a Mother in Atkinson Chapel M.B. Church.

By Deacon James Rodgers

In Loving Memory of My Beloved Father and Mother

MR. ISSAC HARPER

Mr. Isaac Harper was a dedicated Deacon in Atkinson's Chapel M.B. Church.



MRS. LILLE B. ATKINSON HARPER

Mrs. Lillie B. Atkinson Harper was a devoted Mother in Atkinson Chapel M.B. Church.

February 12, 1886
November 10, 1972



August 24-1882
August 14-1969

By your Daughter Mother Mary H. Battle
Son-in-law Mr. Nathan Battle, Sr.
Granddaughter Mrs. Lillie B. Bryant
Grandson Mr. Nathaniel Battle, Jr.

Granddaughter Daughter-in-law Mrs. Margaret G. Battle
Grandson-in-law Mr. Samuel Bryant

In Memory of our Daddy, Brother and Uncle

James Best, Jr

*Only Good Nite beloved - not farewell
A little while and all His saints shall dwell.
In Hollowed Union indivisible Good Nite
Until we meet again before His throne,
Clothed in spotless robe He gives His own.
Until we know even as we are known
Good Nite, Good Nite, Good Nite*

Children
Melody & Peronza

Sister Elouise & Rufus Young



Brother John & Edna Best

Rufus Young, III Uncle
Tia
Terrance

John Jr.
Chadwick
Jennifer

Gregory

*In Loving Memory
of our
Father, Mother, and Brothers*

Joseph Isaac Best

February 29, 1892

January 26, 1956

He served as a Deacon in the church.

Hattie Thompson Best

November 5, 1895

January 16, 1951

Walter Best

December 21, 1917

March 27, 1980

Joseph Paul Best

April 28, 1932

January 3, 1976



*“The Lord is my Shepherd
I shall not want”*

Mary B. Baldwin — daughter and sister
Peter Best — son and brother
Hattie B. Thompson — daughter and sister
Isaac Best — son and brother
Clara Searcy — daughter and sister
Claude Best — son and brother

*In Loving Memory
of
Our Brother and Sister*



Leonard Best

April 20, 1920
September 22, 1978

Betty Best

October 3, 1938
April 3, 1939

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Pauline B. Williams
Dorothy B. Lee
Katherine Best
Willie Mae B. Taylor
Alice B. Broadhurst

Hilda B. Brown
William Best
Burden Best
Velma B. Dockery
Lola B. Bourne

“Gone, but not forgotten”

by

Burden Best and Dorothy B. Lee

Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of Our Mother

Mrs. Priscilla T. Best

March 22, 1882-July 12, 1982

Mrs. Mildred Smith

Mrs. Canarie Spruill

Mr. Jerome Best

Mrs. Mary Lee Woodard

*There's an open gate at the end of the road
Through which each must go alone
And there in a light we cannot see
Our Father claims his own.
Beyond the gate your loved one
Finds happiness and rest;
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.*



DEACON JAMES RODGER'S FAMILY AND SISTER



DEACON JAMES RODGERS AND WIFE
MOTHER PENNIA RODGERS

CHILDREN

MY SISTER



DONNELL RODGERS



MRS. EULA R. LEWIS



MARGARET RODGERS BEST

By Deacon James Rodgers

The Battle Family



1916
MOTHER MARY BATTLE

Mrs. Mary Battle. She is a
Mother in the Church

Mr. Nathan Battle is a hard
working man with a big heart.



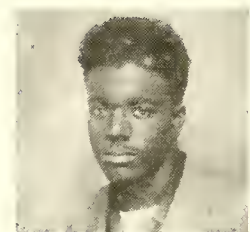
1939
MRS. MARGARET BATTLE
DAUGHTER-IN-LAW



1913
MR. NATHAN BATTLE
HUSBAND



1935
MRS. LILLIE BRYANT
DAUGHTER



1931
MR. SAMUEL BRYANT
SON-IN-LAW



1938
MR. NATHANIEL BATTLE
SON

In memory of my Mother, and Grandmother
Mary Susan Cox and Lubertha Cox



MAMA BERTHA & MOTHER MARY

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

St. John 14:1

By Essie Mae Cox,
Children, Grandchildren, & Daughters-in-laws
John Harrison and Carolyn
Jerry Wynn and Ann
Grandchildren: T'Nita, Terry, and Marcus

In memory of my Mother, Father, Sister and Brother.

**John Harrison Cox (Johnny), Father Major James Cox (Bud), Brother
Mozella Cox, Sister**



**MARY SUSAN BREWINGTON COX,
Mother**

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou
art with me; thy rod and thy staff they com-
fort me.*

Psalms 23:4

by

Eunice Cox Durham, Daughter
Family - Nymphes Durham, Husband
Children - Lester, Carver, Mary, Vernell and
D'Agata, and Sons-in-laws, Daughters-in-laws,
and Grandchildren.

A decorative scroll with a black outline, featuring a rolled-up top-left corner and a curled bottom edge. The word "Congratulations" is written in a bold, black, gothic-style font in the center of the scroll.

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Croom, Elwood
Dixon, Raphael
Dozier, Bobby
Gregory, W.L.
Kornegay, John
Lane, Sylvester, Jr.
Lawson, Thomas
Leathers, Charles
McLean, Booker

McLean, Howard
Meadows Curtis
Murphy Ozzie
Raynor, Charles
Singleton, James
Smith, Raymond
Smith, William
Truitt, Paul
Whitfield, Paul
Wooten, Herbert
Young, James

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110 Years

OF HOLDING HIGH
THE CHRISTIAN BANNER

Deacon John H. Wooten

Deaconess Ernestine Wooten

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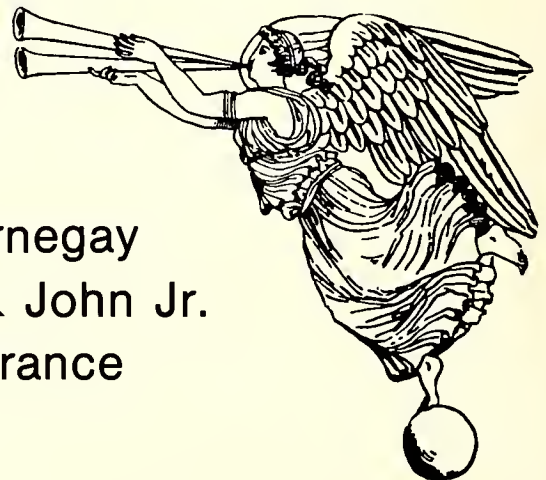
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Sister Olivia Durham
Sister Fannie Ward
Sister Joanna Durham
Sister Margaret Body
Sister Henrietta Best
Sister Edna Battle

Sister Carol B. Bell
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Sister Mary Baldwin
Sister Leora Best
Sister Addie Leggett
Brother Clifton Durham

*So Happy To Be A Part Of Our
110th Anniversary*



John & Ida Kornegay
Children: Merlin & John Jr.
Grandson: Terrance



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on your **110th Anniversary**

From the Kornegay Family
in memory of our beloved ones:

***Jim Kornegay**
***Jo Ann Kornegay**
***James Lee Kornegay**
***William Paul Kornegay**
Submitted by: **Mary C. Kornegay**
Ann K. Gregory

Bertha K. Edwards
John E. Kornegay
Carolyn Kornegay
Mathelle K. Lee
Marquitta K. Whaley
Cheryl Kornegay

*Deceased

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**Remembering My
Parents
On This Special
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Lindsay W. and Norma Geneva Haraway
by
Dorothy Haraway Durham

*Best Wishes on
Our Church 110th
Anniversary*

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Broadhurst
and family
Our Sons and Daughter-in-law
and Granddaughter

*Greetings and
Congratulations*

on our Church's 110th Anniversary
by
DEACON WILLIE T. BEST and
WIFE: MRS. THELMA B. BEST

**Congratulations
on our 110th Anniversary**

JOHN WESLEY, JR., LINDA,
MICHELLE, MONICA ISLER
AND
NEPHEWS

**Best Wishes on your
110th Anniversary**
Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Peterson

*Congratulations
The Cogdell's
James, Mary,
Maurice & Jere*

Greetings from the
DURHAM FAMILY and
from MILLER'S CHAPEL
AME ZION CHURCH.
Nymphes & Eunice Durham Family

In Honor of my FATHER
DEACON WILLIE T. BEST
*God Bless You "Dad" On
Our 110th Anniversary*

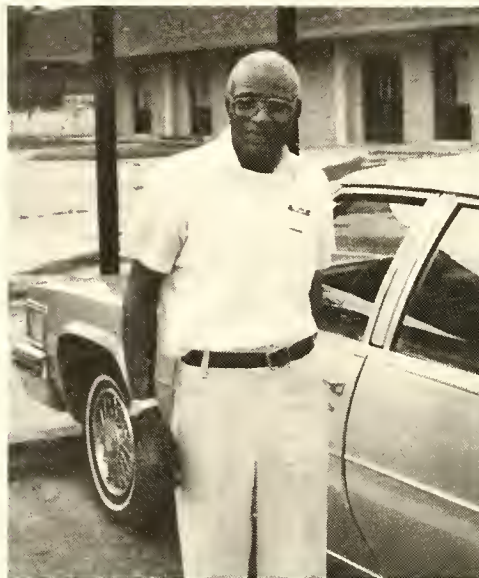
Your Daughter and Son-in-law
PAULINE B. WILLIAMS AND
JOHN EARL (Sweet) WILLIAMS

"Best Wishes"

I "Clarence" greet you in this message to say how beautiful God's Garden of Life is, and if we trust in him there is much, much more beauty to behold.

I pray that my family is making preparation for a glorious celebration in Heaven.

So I will be able to clap my hands to my children and family and praise the Lord. And say to them: We made it.



Lillie
Louise
Paulette
Reginald

Billy
Clarence, Jr.
Betty Jean

*Congratulations on our 110th
Anniversary*

DEACON SWINDELL ISLER AND FAMILY



Left - Deacon Swindell Isler
Right - Sister Mary D. Isler

Children: SP-4 Jonathan C. Isler (Picture in background)
 Sharon I. Richard
 C. Donald Isler (in back)
 Swindell Isler, Jr.
Grandson: Quintin M. Isler

**Congratulations to Atkinson Chapel
Missionary Baptist Church on your
110th Anniversary.**

*"Climb Til Your Dream Comes
True"*

*Oftentimes your tasks will be many and
more than you think you can do*

*Oftentimes the road will be rugged and
the hills insurmountable, too*

*But always remember the hills
ahead are never as steep as they seem
and with Faith in your heart start up-
ward and climb til you reach your
dream.*

Cleo Bowden, President of The Woman's Home and
Foreign Missionary Auxiliary of The Bear Creek
Association

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*Congratulations on Your 110th
Church's Anniversary*

*Reverend and Mrs. Edward Rudolph
and Daughter*

*In Loving Memory of My
Father,*

**EDWARD WHITE and uncle,
REVEREND RUFFIN CARROLL
JAMES G. WHITE, SR.**

In Loving Memory

Of our Brothers and Sisters
**CHARLIE RODGERS, JR. AND
KENNON RODGERS
MRS. MABLE SYKES AND
MRS. EMMA SMITH**



Submitted by
Mrs. Mary Rodgers Durham

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