

THE CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
EAST CEDAR GROVE ASSOCIATION

*“Using All the Parts to Make the Whole” — Ephesians 4:11-16*

*Presents:*

25<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Spring Institute

April 22 -24, 2014

6 – 8 PM

Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church

**“Try Jesus, He’s Alright”**

***Text: John 14:6***

*King James Version (KJV)*

*“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”*

**Classes Offered on Tuesday & Wednesday**

**NEW THIS YEAR:**

**Floating Classes that You Do Not Have to Register for:**

Fostering African American Total Health Nutrition

Prayer and Spiritual Meditation

Blood Pressure Checks

**Thursday Night:**

Inspirational Speaker Rev. Dr. Herbert L. Dickerson, Senior Pastor

Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church • 505 East End Avenue • Durham, North Carolina

# “Try Jesus, He’s Alright!”

Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Opening Assembly • 6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)  
Classes 6:30 PM (Snacks after class)

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Classes 6 – 8 PM (Snacks after class)

Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Inspirational Speaker for All Classes (Sanctuary) • 6 – 7:15 PM  
Hotdogs, Cake and Ice Cream Fellowship • 7:15 – 8 PM

| CLASS  | TARGET AUDIENCE   | INSTRUCTOR  |
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| The Lord Loves a Willing Heart                                     | Ages 5-10   | Sis. Diane Thompson<br>Lees Chapel Missionary Baptist Church                                  |
| When God Says “Go”   | Ages 11-14  | Minister Stedman Davis<br>Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church                         |
| Defining an Infomercial and How It Relates to Each of Us and Jesus | Ages 15-17 (Teens)  | Sis. Stephanie Lenyear<br>Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church                           |
| With God All Things are Possible                                   | Ages 18-35  | Rev. Dorothy Evans, Associate Minister<br>Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church and Mt. Gilead |
| Called to Serve: Missionaries Needed                               | Age 36+   | Minister Annie Gibson<br>Cameron Grove Missionary Baptist Church                              |
| Why You Should Follow Jesus  | Deacons/Deaconess   | Rev. George Crews, III, Sr. Pastor<br>Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church             |
| Trustees On the Move   | Trustees  | Minister Shelton Harris<br>First Ledge Rock Missionary Baptist Church                         |
| In The Beginning: Sunday School                                    | All Teachers, Superintendents and Others Interested                 | Deacon Johnnie Pettiford<br>First Ledge Rock Missionary Baptist Church                        |
| Teaching in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century <b>(Tuesday Only)</b>     | Teachers, Pastors, Ministers, Associate Ministers                   | Rev. Dr. Terry Thomas, Pastor<br>West Durham Missionary Baptist Church                        |
| Church Finance <b>(Wednesday Only)</b>                             | Pastors, Deacons, Church Clerk and Financial Officers of the Church | Rev. Shawn T. Williams<br>King’s Park International Church                                    |
| Reflecting God’s Vision for Pastoral Ministry                      | Pastors, Ministers & Associate Ministers                            | Rev. Dr. Harold Trice, Senior Pastor<br>Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church                |

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## Rev. Tony Boss, Congress President

President for the Congress of Christian Education of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina is an Associate Minister at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church. As Superintendent of the Sunday School, he continues to promote growth for the youth, young adults and senior members. He provides up-to-date instructional materials which serves to enhance an atmosphere for learning. His leadership role in conjunction with the Christian Education Department offer workshops and seminars for spiritual growth and development.



## Judy S. Jacobs, Congress Dean

Judy S. Jacobs was born in Roxboro, NC, to the late Burnice Snipes and Sudie Beasley S. Wiley who currently lives in Hurdle Mills, N.C. She has been married to a wonderful husband, Deacon Leroy Jacobs, for 37 years. To this union they have two sons, three daughters, and six grandchildren. Judy has served faithfully at Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Hurdle Mills, NC for over thirty years, the past twelve of which were under the leadership of Pastor George Crews III.



Judy enjoys participating in foreign and home missions and has had the opportunity to serve in Belize, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Africa, New Orleans and Mississippi. She is a natural born leader, a woman of God, a woman of virtue and integrity, a woman with purpose and extraordinary talents, but most of all a woman of God. She has served on numerous auxiliaries in her church. Judy received her Associates of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice in 1977. She furthered her education with a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from Shaw University in 1993, and a Master's of Science (summa cum laude) in 2005. Judy initially served as interim chief of police at the Hillsborough Police Department after Nathaniel Eubanks retired. She retired after 30+ years of service as Police Captain. She will always be remembered for fairness and treating people with dignity. She has taught Sunday school for over fifteen years, and her greatest desire is to see God work in the lives of those to whom she ministers. Judy continues to aim toward and produce excellence in all of her ministry opportunities. She has a heart for people and is a committed prayer warrior.

Remember: When all else fails: Try Jesus

Paul wants us to remember his main point: Jesus is enough

*All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.*

If you would like to contact the Dean, kindly send e-mail to [jsjacobs56@yahoo.com](mailto:jsjacobs56@yahoo.com)

## Sister Diane Thompson

Diane S. Thompson resides in Efland, NC. She has one daughter, one son and four grandchildren. She has been working in the human service field for over 27 years. She enjoys working with young children and people with disabilities. She loves people and loves to help people because it is what makes her happy. Diane spends most of her free time involved with church, or spending time with friends and family, some of whom have lots of animals. She reads a lot of Science Fiction and Fantasy, but enjoys all kinds of books. She also loves to travel whenever she has the time and the money at the same moment.



Diane has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Corrections. She is a member of Lees Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Cedar Grove, NC. She serves under the leadership of her Pastor, Reverend T.E. Taylor. Diane has served in ministry in various capacities and has had a passion for teaching the youth how to apply the Word of God in their everyday lives. She is currently a Sunday School Teacher, member of the Hostess Committee, Director of the Christian Education Board, Director of Vacation Bible School, and the Second Vice President of the Senior Missionary Circle. Diane enjoys being of service to the Lord and to her church.

Diane will be teaching the children how God Loves a Willing Heart that is ready to serve the Lord in whatever way He might desire, who readily and cheerfully make themselves available to the Lord and are favorably disposed to the Lord's will and acts accordingly. This kind of heart must certainly be precious to the Lord. But there are also no age limits, no size requirement, and no special qualifications required, only a WILLING HEART.

*Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord.*  
—Exodus 35:5 (NKJV)

## Youth Minister Stedman Davis

Youth Minister Stedman Davis was born September 24th, 1989 to Deacon Arthur Davis Jr. and Joyce Chavis Davis. He is the oldest of four children, native of Roxboro NC. He matriculated through the Person County Schools system and graduated from Person High School in 2007. He recently graduated from Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC, majoring in Business Administration, May 2012.

He accepted Christ at a young age and was baptized by Pastor George Crews III of the Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church. He has served in various ministries in the church; Jr. Choir, Usher Board and Culinary ministry. He is a Sunday school and bible study teacher. He served as president of the Youth Missionary for many years until he began to play the organ. He has been the organist at Lattisville Grove for the past 11 years.



He accepted the calling of God to the gospel ministry on January 1, 2009. He preached his initial sermon May 16th, 2010 at Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Since his initial sermon, he has been granted opportunities to proclaim Gods word to his people. He passionately loves God, and His people. "I have heard the voice and call of God upon my life. I have answered, and stand as a vessel, a mouthpiece, instrument, and example of Him who has called and anointed me to do His will.

## Sister Stephanie Lenyear

Stephanie is a native of Durham, NC. She has accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Stephanie continual prayer is for God to use her according to His desires, not hers. She is a member of Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church and her pastor is Rev. Johnnie Bethea. She spoke at District 1 East Cedar Grove Association Youth Summit in 2012. Stephanie have a MS in Professional Writing from Chatham University in Pittsburgh, PA and a MS and BS in Animal Health Science from NC Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, NC. I currently work home-based at PPD, LLC.



## Minister Annie Gibson



Minister Annie Gibson was born and raised in Roxboro, N.C. but now resides in Durham, N.C. with her husband Herman Gibson of 25 years. She has been blessed with two children; Christopher Gibson and Natasha Gibson-Atkins and five grandchildren. She was educated through the Person County school system and graduated from Piedmont Community College with a degree in Business Administration. During this time she was a member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church. During this time of

her membership she worked diligently in her church singing in the youth choir, serving as the youth president of the junior missionary and on the usher board. As she became a young adult she still remained faithful to God and her church. She was a Girl Scout leader and attended many classes at Meredith College. She was a volunteer for the battered women's program in Person County for many years.

Throughout her life, Minister Gibson has always put God first. In 1987, she preached her initial sermon at the Cedar Grove Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Jesse R. Timberlake. She continued to seek knowledge in order to do God's work. She earned an associate degree in Christian Education from the United Christian College of Durham, N.C. Minister Gibson was ordained in 2000 at ECGA, where she has served in many leadership roles. Currently she is a member of Cameron Grove Baptist Church where she serves as the president of the senior missionary, assistant superintendent of Sunday school, and teacher for our children's church. She is the Fourth Vice President of Durham County Missionary Union, First Vice President of the Women Auxiliary of the East Cedar Grove Association and is also serving on the executive board of the Women Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.

*"And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."  
—Mark 16:15*

**WANTED ~ LABORERS**  
The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.  
Luke 10:2



## Rev. Dorothy M. Evans

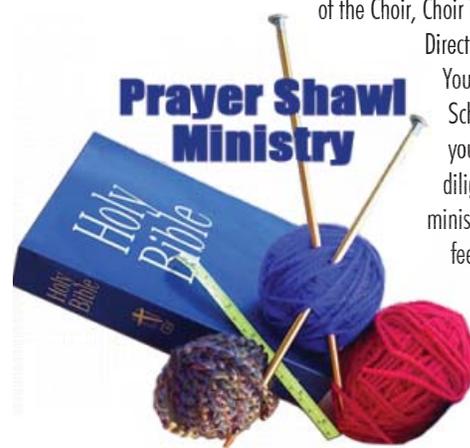
Rev. Dorothy Evans is a woman of God who loves the Lord. She is a native of Dallas, Texas and a mother of three adult children and two grandchildren. Rev. Evans has been a resident of North Carolina for 20 years and works at Murdoch Development Center as a Staff Development Specialist. She is currently a student at Shaw University and will be graduating in May 2014, with BA in Religion and Philosophy. She is an Associate Minister at Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in Creedmoor, NC and at Mount Gilead Missionary Baptist Church in Hillsborough, NC.



Rev. Evans was determined at an early age to know the Lord; she attended church faithfully and accepted Christ at an early age. She answered her call to preach the gospel in 2001. Her initial sermon was preached on September 21, 2001 at Rise and Shine Ministries. She participated in many acts of leadership, including President

of the Choir, Choir Treasurer, Assistant Choir Director, President of Pastor Aide,

Youth Minister, and Sunday School Teacher of adult and youth classes. She also worked diligently with the Nursing Home ministries, and as Overseer of feeding the homeless. Year after year her calling became more evident. In 2004, God changed her course and she united with Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in Creedmoor.



Rev. Evans was ordained in 2006 by the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association. She currently serves as Outreach and Missions Minister at Mount Vernon, which includes the Widow's Ministry. This ministry began in 2007 as a monthly outreach to widows as well as sick and shut-in members in nursing homes, and includes worship service at Rose Manor Nursing Home in Durham on the second Saturday each month. The Prayer Shawl Ministry was also established under this Ministry and has crocheted and distributed many shawls, blankets, and numerous items for newborns, cancer patients and others in need.

As the Associate Minister at Mount Gilead, Rev. Evans teaches Sunday school for teenagers and is the assistant teacher for the adult class. She also oversees the Outreach Ministry.

Rev. Evans' motto and divine faith is based upon the words of God. She has a passion for serving God's people which is radiated through her compassion, love, and warmth as a servant and a messenger of God. There is one scripture in particular that is the core of her faithfulness:

*"But be sure to fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you".*

*—1 Samuel 12:24*

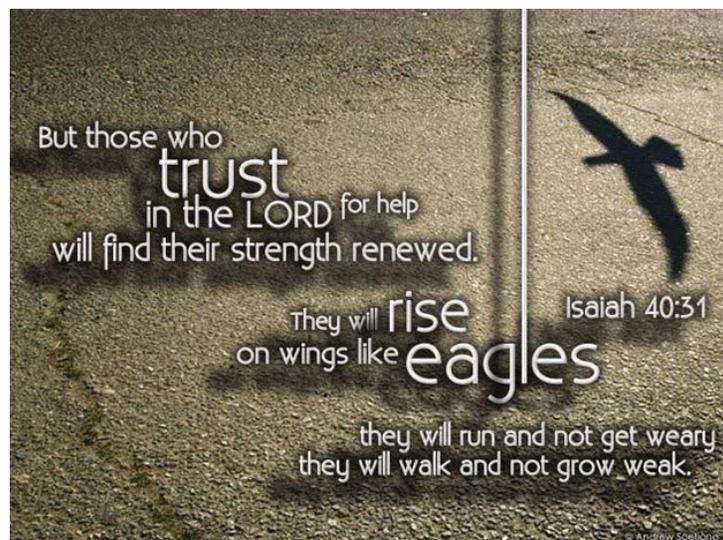
Rev. Evans is on a mission to bring the lost to Christ and encourage the faithful on their journey!

## Rev. George Crews, III

Pastor Crews was born on May 15, 1973 to the late George Crews, Jr. and Mary B. Crews of Durham, North Carolina. Pastor Crews is married to the former Yvette Reade of Durham, North Carolina. This union has been blessed with four children, Symone Paige, George Malcolm, IV, Jasmyne Taja' and Hezekiah Dallas.

After receiving his call from God, Pastor Crews preached his blazing sermon on December 17, 1995 in the pulpit of the illustrious Rev. Dr. William Hazel Height of Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church after which he also received his license to preach. Pastor Crews was thereafter ordained on July 25, 1999. Pastor Crews is a graduate of North Carolina Central University with a BA in Political Science with concentration in Public Administration. Additionally, he has also attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Currently he is attending Apex School of Theology to pursue his Master's Degree in Divinity. In addition to all of this, Pastor Crews has worked for the Durham Public School System. He was active in the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham, NC. He has served as Treasurer for the Ministers and Deacons of the New Home and Durham Association. Pastor Crews served as President and Director of the Alpha Delta Service Group Incorporated, located in Mebane, NC. Pastor Crews began his pastoral journey by serving as Pastor of Evans Grove Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC for over three years. Then on March 17, 2002 Rev. Crews was installed as Senior Pastor of the Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Hurdle Mills, North Carolina. He came with a vision of new ministries for the church family. In the short period of time that Pastor Crews has been here, God caused an increase to the church membership, which has grown from over 300 members up to 1,000 members. Along with that growth, the budget has increased significantly.

In 2003 and 2004 Pastor Crews and the Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church was awarded Pastor and Church of the Year by the Northern Orange County Branch of the NAACP. In 2008 Pastor Crews and some of his members went on a mission trip to Africa where they helped to build a school and distributed eye glasses and shoes. As with everything that he does, Pastor Crews preaches and teaches with the fiery passion for the Word thereby always evidencing the fact that no matter how old or young, any vessel is fit for God's use.



## Minister Shelton Harris

Minister Shelton Harris was baptized on July 24, 1988 at Whites Grove Christian church where God used him to serve on the Usher Board and as a Junior Deacon. He was later appointed to the Trustee Board. As he grew in the Lord, He was elevated to serve as Deacon and was ordained on September 30, 2000 with the help of the Lord, He began to grow in grace and spirit working with souls in the community and those confined to prison.

He moved to Durham, NC where he continued working in God's vineyard and attending various churches in the community. God finally led him to First Ledge Rock Baptist Church. The Holy Spirit began to move in his life and others began to see faithful and dedicated works being performed by this consecrated soldier which placed him in the following services: Assistant church clerk, Sunday school teacher, Bible study teacher; elected trustee board chairman of the ECGMBA; First Vice President of Congress Education, ECGMBA. He is now servicing on the following committees: Historical, Publicity and Leadership.

Minister Harris received a call by God to serve in the Chaplain ministry while giving volunteering services in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Assistant Living Facilities Homebound and Hospice.

He gets joy and inspiration from the smiles and encouraging words from those whom he visits and prays with in these facilities

Minister, First Ledge Rock Missionary Baptist Church (2010- PRESENT)

East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association

- First Vice President, Congress of Christian Education (2013-2017)
- Outreach Ministry Committee, District 1, Congress of Christian Education
- Served on the 2013 Spring Institute Committee, Congress of Christian Education

## Deacon Johnny Pettiford

Deacon Johnny Pettiford serves as Deacon at First Ledge Rock Missionary Baptist Church.

Other experiences:

- Senior Sunday School Teacher
- Past President, Hawley Alumni Association
- Past President, District One and Past President Congress Christian Education (12 Yrs)
- Secretary of Ministers/Deacons/Deaconesses Union (8 Yrs)
- Secretary of East Cedar Grove Association (12 Yrs)
- Served on Budget Committee, Nominating Committee, Advisory Council
- Oratorical Director
- Has taught the Following Classes in Spring Institute: Superintendents, Trustee Class, Officers of Sunday School, Relationship of the Pastor, Trustee and Deacons to the Sunday School
- Principal, Assistant Principal and Teacher in the Public Schools (40 Yrs, plus)
- President of Sough Granville Users Union (22 Yrs)
- Have received over 30 Awards-Trophies from various organizations and groups including "Man of the Year", "Teacher of the Year", "Outstanding Educator", and the "Pioneer Award from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity"
- Church Clerk
- Financial Secretary for Congress Christian Education
- Chair of the East Cedar Grove Graduation Celebration (June 2014)



## Rev. Dr. Terry Thomas

Rev. Dr. Terry Thomas is currently the pastor of the West Durham Baptist Church. He is a native of Hurtsboro, Alabama, number four of thirteen children born to the Rev. Benjamin Franklin Thomas and the late Naomi Thomas. He is married to the former Valerie Ann Robertson of Queens, New York. He previously served as pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin and the First Baptist Church, New Hill, North Carolina



Dr. Thomas holds the following academic degrees:

Doctor of Ministry from Sam Dewitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia; Master of Divinity from Shaw Divinity School, Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina; and Bachelor of Science in Math/Computer Science from Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Dr. Thomas' goal in life is to simply serve the present age as a fruit-bearing disciple of Jesus.

In addition to the pastorate, since 1998, Dr. Thomas serves as a doctoral mentor at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Within that capacity, he has mentored groups whose focus was Collaborative Leadership and is presently mentoring a group whose focus is Preaching Through Leadership in the African American Church. Dr. Thomas is an instructor for the Pastor's Conference of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and Union Bible College, Durham, North Carolina.

As a writer in process, Dr. Thomas has authored a book entitled, *Let Us Pray*, and *Becoming a Fruit-Bearing Disciple*. He was the Editor of the Baptist Informer, a publication produced by the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Through the *Baptist Informer*, Dr. Thomas has published numerous articles.

## Rev. Shawn T. Williams

Rev. Shawn T. Williams has served as a Financial Advisor since 2006. Prior to becoming an advisor, he taught high school and ultimately served as a principal. He earned a Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1994.



As a Financial Advisor, he educates and inspires ministry leaders, business owners and individual families to reach their hopes, goals and dreams by developing and implementing a comprehensive financial, investment and succession or estate plan strategy. It is his desire to use his life to help others and establish the kingdom of God in the earth.

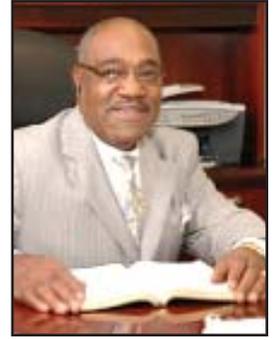
Rev. Williams specialties include Public Speaking to exhort and encourage; Church Succession Planning; and Business Legacy and Retirement Planning for individuals.

He is currently employed at Mechanics and Farmers Bank where he works to educate, equip and implement financial strategies that create, preserve and pass on wealth to future generations. He has also worked as a Financial Advisor at Kingdom Wealth Management and Navigon Financial Group where he specialized in helping Ministry Leaders and Business Owners create Succession Plans for their churches and businesses. He helped his clients develop and implement comprehensive financial, investment and succession plan strategies that helped them accomplish their hopes, goals and dreams with the highest probability of success.

Rev. Williams is a member of King's Park International Church and his pastor is Ron Lewis.

## Rev. Dr. Harold Trice

Harold Francis Trice, born February 16<sup>th</sup>, is one of nine children born to the late Reverend Norman Aaron Trice and the former Susie Speed. He is a native of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina and a product of the Wake County School System. In 1964 he enrolled in the Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina, where he majored in Elementary and Physical Education and graduated in 1968. In 1969 he attended the Sedalia Bible Institute, Newark, New Jersey.



The Trice family served many years in the First Baptist Church, Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina where his father Reverend Norman A. Trice served as pastor on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays (and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.)

On Sunday, October 10, 1971 Brother Trice gave his initial sermon, "A Vision Changed A Man", Isaiah 6:6 at the First Baptist Church. On Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1972 the Wake Baptist Association, under the Reverend James David Lockley, ordained him..

In 1974 he was called to pastor the Elevation Missionary Baptist Church, in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he served for five years. Because of the declining health of his father, in 1980 Reverend Trice began serving as the Assistant Pastor of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Butner, North Carolina where his father served faithfully for 49 years until his death, February 12, 1981.

With a membership of 90 and an annual budget of \$24,000, on April 12, 1981, Reverend Harold Trice was installed as the 5<sup>th</sup> pastor of the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Since that time, the membership has more than quadrupled and the church has consistently been recognized as one of the most progressive churches in Granville County.

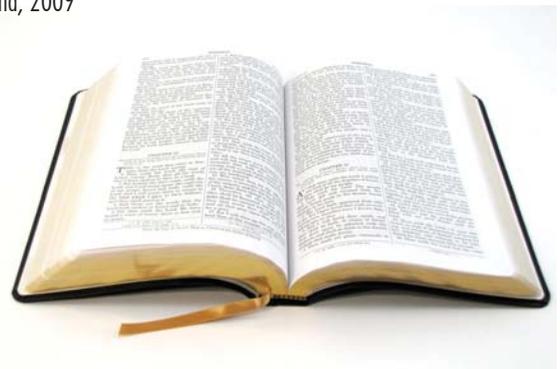
Currently, Pastor Trice serves and is the co-owner of the family business, Trice Funeral Home, Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. He is the father of two children, Harold Jr. and Krystal Trice and grandfather of two granddaughters, Amyah Brenae' and Brook Cecelia Trice.

The spirit of Pastor Harold Trice can be captured by this thought; "The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible."

—Arthur C. Clarke

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Life-time Member of NAACP
- Moderator East Cedar Grove Association (4 years)
- First Black recipient to receive the Key to City of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina
- Multiple Community Services Awards received from Senators and Congressmen
- Member of the Board of Adjustment, Wake County
- Keynote Speaker National Baptist Convention, Inc., Atlanta Georgia, 1992
- Recognition, Black Caucus, for MLK, 1981, Elizabeth, New Jersey
- Listed in the Heritage Registry, "Who's Who", Library of Congress 2007
- Keynote Speaker, Dr. MLK, Jr. Celebration, Raven Croft School, Raleigh, North Carolina, 2009

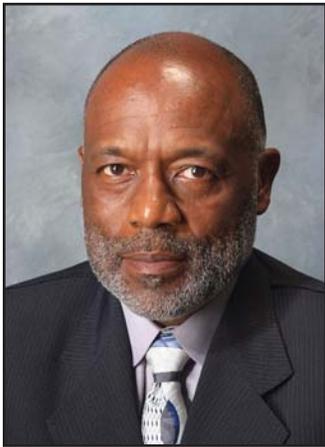




# INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER:

## Rev. Dr. Herbert L. Dickerson

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18-19*



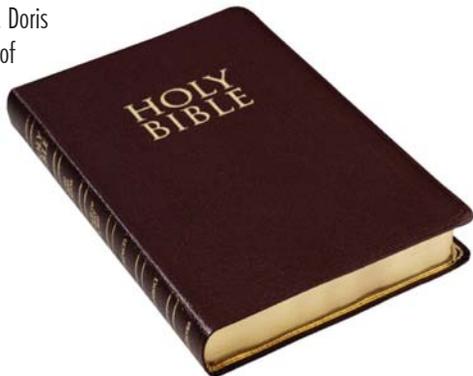
Herbert L. Dickerson is Senior Pastor of Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Durham, NC. After 26 years as Pastor of Vance Street Baptist Church in Danville, Virginia; Pastor Dickerson began the assignment of the Shepard of Orange Grove in April 2004. He is a true man of God who is anointed to preach the Word of God and to minister to the needs of the people of God. He does so with passion for the Word and compassion and love for the people.

H. L. Dickerson began his ministerial journey at Greater Triumph Baptist Church where he was licensed (1974) and ordained (1977) as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He holds a Bachelor of Theology from the Richmond Virginia Seminary. From the Jacksonville (Florida) Theological Seminary, he holds both a Master of Religious Arts in Theology and a Doctor of Theology degree.

Dr. Dickerson is a man of great vision and leadership. He has instituted various stages of educating the Orange Grove congregation through advanced bible study classes, increased religious training programs, life development and skills development programs and in September 2008 oversaw the completion of the Christian Education Facility at Orange Grove.

He is known locally and nationally as a dynamic preacher, who delivers a powerful, thought provoking, and practical message. He is a man whose spirit and character exhibit humility, yet who balances it with great wisdom and strength.

Pastor Dickerson is blessed with a beautiful, praying woman of God in First Lady, Doris Dickerson. He is the father of Cha'Coby Dickerson and "Papa" of Cha'quoyia.



## NEW THIS YEAR

### Floating Classes:

## Fostering African American Total Health Nutrition: How Can I Achieve Good Health

*Instructor: Ms. Deborah J. Taylor*

Family & Consumer Sciences, Extension Agent

NC Coop. Extension - Orange County Center, Hillsborough, NC

Many people think that it's the doctor's job "fix you up" when you get sick. They don't bother to find out how to prevent that sickness in the first place with some simple strategies. When you take responsibility to give your body the basic things it needs to work properly - the right fuel, treatment and environment - it will naturally move towards good health. This will boost your feeling of well-being and enjoyment of life, and will more than repay your efforts. Good health is actually quite simple.

Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunlight Balance, Air, and Rest. Devote some time each week to purposeful reflection and relaxation. This regular time period should provide opportunities for "reflective detachment", time out from the hard reality of life. This can be found in activities like walking, making music, religious worship, meditation, play and spending time with family, friends and pets.



## Ms. Deborah J. Taylor

Deborah J. Taylor currently serves as a Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent with the Orange County Center of North Carolina Cooperative Extension. Ms. Taylor has been with the Orange County Center since January, 1993. She began her career with Cooperative Extension in Vance County in September, 1982. She received the B.S. Degree in Family Life and Community Services from Hampton University in 1982, and the M.Ed. Degree in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1994. In her work as a Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, Ms. Taylor conducts educational programs in the areas of family resource management, human development, energy education, housing and home furnishings, nutrition education, food preservation, and food safety. She has a variety of hobbies and interests, and is actively involved in church and civic activities in the community.



# Prayer and Spiritual Meditation:

Manned By:

Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church Ministers & Prayer Team

Prayer is so powerful; it recharges, heals and revives us.

Most Christians would agree that prayer is a fundamental part of every healthy, growing church. Prayer is so powerful; it recharges, heals and revives us. Learn to pray by praying! Alone or with others, at home, in a prayer room or out on the streets, try talking to God in creative ways. Weave prayer into the fabric of your life, just like Jesus (Lk5:16). Explore the sections above and "pray in the Spirit, on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." (Eph6:18) Lords Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Most importantly, if your church has a prayer room, set this room apart for the presence of the Holy Spirit and you will find people making regular appointments to visit. The aim of any prayer ministry is to get more people, praying more. Not just for more answers to prayer, but so those praying can see that the incredible transforming power of God is flowing through them--which can cause their relationship with God to grow. Creating a dynamic prayer ministry causes people to experience God; his voice, his love, his gifts, his healing, his power and his Holy Spirit. And because prayer connects us with God, it is life-changing and it should never be boring. With careful planning we can make it creative, fun and enjoyable! Our job is to pray as Elijah did...with focus, faith, and obedience so that God will receive glory. The final result always rests in God's capable hands.

## A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Father, thank You for the grace to do exactly what You've called me to do. I choose to step out in faith; I choose to follow Your commands. I choose to be faithful because I know that You are faithful. I love You and bless You always in Jesus' name. Amen.



# Blood Pressure Checks

Manned By: Orange Grove Baptist Church First Aide Ministry

You should get your blood pressure checked regularly because high blood pressure is a silent killer. There are often no symptoms of this potentially deadly condition. So while you're going about your day, high blood pressure could be damaging your arteries, your heart, and other organs. The nasty consequences of leaving high blood pressure untreated include stroke, kidney damage, and even erectile dysfunction. Your risk of high blood pressure increases with age. If you smoke, are obese, are physically inactive, or have diabetes or high cholesterol, you may also be at an increased risk. The good news is that a blood pressure test is quick and painless and can be done at most any doctor's office, hospital, or clinic. You may also be a candidate for using a home monitoring device. Talk with your doctor about checking your blood pressure at home.

My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever. ~Psalm 73:26



## Controlling blood pressure

American Heart Association stands by BP recommendations

A new publication recommends changing blood pressure treatment, but the American Heart Association supports current practices.

FULL STORY --

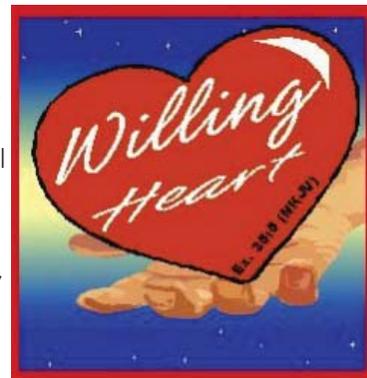
# YOUTH CLASSES

## The Lord Loves a Willing Heart:

Instructor: Sister Diane Thompson  
Lees Chapel Baptist Church, Cedar Grove

Ages 5-10

The good life is to have a willing heart that will obey God no matter what He tells ... Live like Him, pray like Him, love like Him, receive like Him, obey like Him. But there are also no age limits, no size requirement, and no special qualifications required. All that is needed is a heart willing to love as Jesus did. ... For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes ..... righteousness" (Matthew 5:6) and those who have tasted this earthly life and been left . Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord. Exodus 35:5 (NKJV) A Willing Heart is ready to serve the Lord in whatever way He might desire. It readily and cheerfully makes itself available to the Lord. It is favorably disposed to the Lord's will and acts accordingly. This kind of heart must certainly be precious to the Lord.

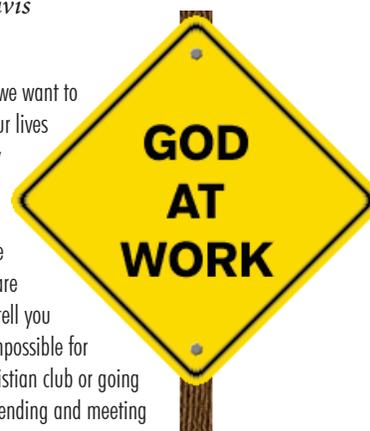


## When God Says "Go"

Instructor: Minister Stedman Davis  
Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Ages 11-14

We need to learn to faithfully listen to God if we want to become faithful servants of Him. In each of our lives there will come a time--and most likely many times--when the Lord will come to us and simply say, "Go." There are specific places God wants us to be at certain times so that He can use us--and even bless us--in ways that are specific to that particular location. God could tell you to go to one of countless places. Nothing is impossible for Him. It could be as simple as attending a Christian club or going to a school event you weren't planning on attending and meeting someone you wouldn't have otherwise met. It might be sitting in a certain seat on the school bus and getting to know someone who desperately needs Jesus. There are times, though, when the command to go is just a little bigger than that.



## Defining and Writing Infomercial and How It Relates to Each of Us and Jesus

Instructor: Sis. Stephanie Lenyear  
Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Ages 15-17



Title: The Best Infomercial is You

Byline: "The following is a paid program. The views expressed are solely those of the sponsor, which is exclusively responsible for its content."

Confirm the importance of godliness in daily living Help teens become comfortable with how to witness to other people verbally and living their life as an example. The experience of writing a spiritual infomercial will help them see what aspects they can comfortably share. The infomercials about something they like is an attention getter and serves the purpose to make everyone comfortable.

## ADULT CLASSES

### With God All Things are Possible

Age 18-35

*Instructor: Rev. Dorothy Evans,*

Associate Minister Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church and Mt. Gilead

“But Jesus beheld them and said unto them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Try Jesus, Everything is about Jesus. Think about what you can do for the Lord. The Bible says that everyone should thank and praise the Lord at all times. Remember one thing to do -- and that is:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make your paths straight.”(Proverbs 3:5)[2] “Strive to go in at the narrow gate... for narrow is the gate and straight is the way that leads to life, but few find it...” Isaiah 9:6-7;

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

“For to us a child is born” - This refers to the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The word birth signifies “humanity.” The promised Messiah had to be true humanity in order to bear the sins of the world. Therefore, the word “birth” refers to the perfect humanity of Jesus Christ.

### God Sent Us A Savior

If our greatest need had been information  
God would have sent us an educator.

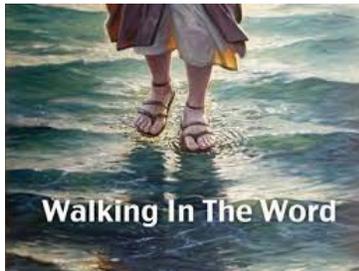
If our greatest need had been technology  
God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money  
God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure  
God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness  
So God sent us a Savior.

*Author Unknown*



### Called to Serve: Missionaries Needed:

Age 36 +

*Instructor: Minister Annie Gibson*

Cameron Grove Missionary Baptist Church

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? Jesus said to them again, ‘... As the Father has sent Me, I also send you’- Missionaries-Your purpose: Invite others to come unto Christ by helping them receive the restored gospel through faith in and His Atonement, repentance, receiving the gift of the, and enduring to the end. Many of them do not require technical skills, but do require a willing heart, a team spirit, and hands that love to serve. We still have a responsibility to carry the Gospel to those around us and to the rest of the world



### Why You Should Follow Jesus:

All Deacons/Deaconess

*Instructor: Rev. George Crews, III, Sr. Pastor*

Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Following Jesus is the greatest privilege and honor you or I will ever have. Nothing can compare with wearing the name of Christ and being His servant. The privilege of knowing the Lord is worth every sacrifice, every challenge, and every effort. I can’t imagine life without the Lord Jesus Christ. When we fall, He lifts us up! When we fail, He forgives! When we are weak, He is strong! When we are lost, He is the way! When we are afraid, He is our courage! When we stumble, He steadies us! When we hurt, He heals us! When we are broken, He mends us! When we are blind, He leads us! When we are hungry, He feeds us! When we face trials, He is with us! When we face death, He will carry us home.

We should follow Jesus because He is Lord, not just because of what He can do for us. I am not denying that Jesus can and will do much for us when we follow Him. But I am affirming that the main reason we must follow Jesus is because of who He is, not because of what He can do for us. We may get tortured and killed for our faith, but we still must follow Jesus if He is the Sovereign Lord of all. Luke’s narrative of the “Triumphal Entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem shows us five aspects of the Lordship of Jesus Christ which give us solid reasons to follow Him, even unto death.



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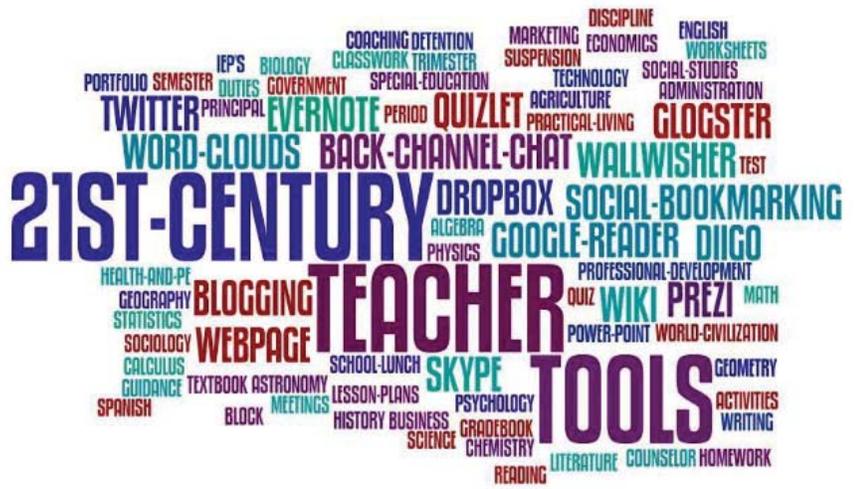
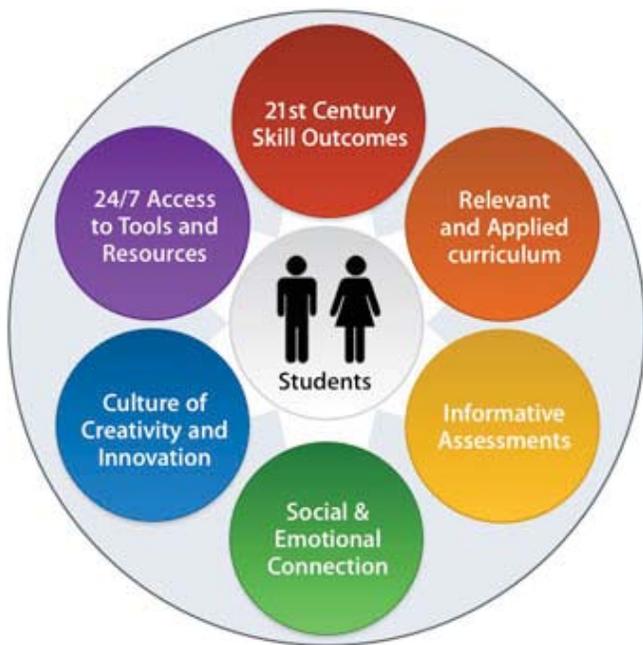
### Trustees On the Move

*Instructor: Minister Shelton Harris*

Associate Minister, First Ledge Missionary Rock Baptist Church

The importance of a progressive Trustee Ministry/Board as we serve God. Enhancing from the foundation of the Trustee Board to the 21st century. Discussing responsibilities of the Trustee including, Property Maintenance, Regular Attendance, Familiarization, Attend Meetings, Maintaining and Safeguarding, Support, Setting Policies.





**Teaching in the 21st Century:**

**Teachers, Pastors, Ministers & Associate Ministers**

*Instructor: Rev. Dr. Terry Thomas*

Things are changing. Do we need methods to help the never changing story?

**Reflecting God’s Vision for Pastoral Ministry:**

**Pastors, Ministers & Associate Ministers**

*Instructor: Rev. Dr. Harold Trice*

Senior Pastor, Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church



**In The Beginning: Sunday School:**

**Teachers**

*Instructor: Deacon Johnny Pettiford*

Deacon, First Ledge Rock Missionary Baptist Church

First, a teacher should be a born-again Christian. It is a crucial in Christian education to lead students to change their lives rather than to simply deliver the content of the Bible. In America, the first national Sunday School effort began in 1824; its stated purpose was to organize, evangelize and civilize. The focus was intentionally evangelical, and so within the next 100 years the Sunday School had become the primary outreach arm of the church.

Those who minister in the name of the Church are called to grow in the likeness of Jesus so that their ministry can more accurately reflect his life and communicate his message. St. Paul’s pastoral letter to the Ephesians describes this calling as a process of ongoing growth and development: “And he gave to some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God. . . . Living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ.” (Eph. 4:11-13,15)



**Church Finance:**

**Pastors, Deacons, Church Clerks & Financial Officers of the Church**

*Instructor: Rev. Shawn T. Williams*

Financial Advisor, Kingdom Wealth Management

Specialize in helping Ministry Leaders and Business Owners create Succession Plans for their churches and businesses.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOSS

### *2014 – We Celebrate 25 Years! What a milestone.*

Greetings!

It's hard to believe, but this year marks our Spring Institute's Silver Anniversary! As we approach the beginning of our 25<sup>th</sup> year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to each of you for serving (continuing) with us through the years.

We could not have done it without YOU! As a part of our continued ministry efforts, you are invited to help us celebrate another successful Spring Institute on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the service in the church fellowship hall.

We would like to hear from you! Because your comments and input are important, please take a moment to fill out our brief evaluation form to share your great ideas and suggestions with us. Your responses, based on your experience at this year's Spring Institute, will allow us to better serve you and work toward our goals in future Spring Institutes. "If we want a Spring Institute that is truly for everyone, then everyone must play a role in shaping its next 25 years."

I would like to thank the members of our Planning Committee, the different ministries of this great church, and Rev. Dr. Herbert L. Dickerson, Senior Pastor of Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church for hosting the Spring Institute not only this year but next year as well. Also, special thanks to Rev. Trish Halston, Executive to the Pastor for assisting with accommodations and collaborating with the planning committee.

We thank God for all that has been done — and we're declaring in faith that even better things lie ahead!

Warm Regards,

*Rev. Tony BOSS*, President

Congress of Christian Education

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

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**Sis. Diane S. Thompson**

**Sis. Linda B. Snipes**

*This is the day which the LORD  
hath made; we will rejoice  
and be glad in it.*

*Psalm 118:24*

*Robert Paul Supt*

**THANK YOU ALL  
FOR JOINING US  
AT THE  
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*God Bless You!*