

1924 – 2014

90<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary

Sunday, October 19, 2014 – 10:00 A.M.



300 West 13th



548 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street

**EASTERN STAR** MISSIONARY  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**

Psalms 126:3 KJV

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad"



548 East 15th Street / Port Arthur Texas 77640



I was glad when  
they said...Let us go into  
the house of the Lord.  
Psalm 122:1

*The momentum is growing as we strive to create a church experience where you can be comfortable enough to encounter God. Anticipating your coming for several weeks, our minds have been busy thinking and planning to that end, that your coming to us on this grand occasion would be one of your fondest and delightful visits.*

*Today, our hearts overflow with an inexpressible joy because you are here. Our Pastor, Officers and members support us in saying to you, "YOU ARE WELCOME" not because it is an age-old custom to say this; but because our every heartbeat is motivated and propelled by the Spirit of gratitude for your presence here on today.*

*~The Eastern Star Family*

# Happy Anniversary ESBC

## Let's Celebrate 90 Years of God's Faithfulness to our Church!

*Not to us, LORD, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness!" (Psalm 115:1, NIV)*



*It is my joy to serve as the pastor of Eastern Star during this very special time in our church's history. Today, we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Eastern Star.*

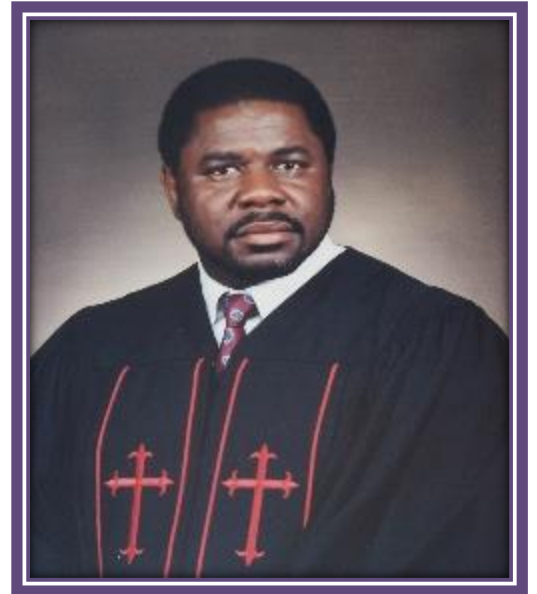
*However, in the midst of all of this, let us never forget the who and the why of our celebration as the word of the Psalmist remind us, we are not the ones deserving any applause. It is not our name that should be exalted or praised at the Anniversary celebration, but rather the name of the Lord through our church comprised of wonderful, loving, and godly people, we are not strong enough, smart enough, rich enough, or spiritual enough to have sustained a local church for 90 years. We acknowledge that, as human beings, we are flawed people who lack full commitment and faithfulness. Had the continued existence of our church depended on any one of us, we would have failed long ago! But thanks be to God that He is the one who has remained present in the midst of our church for all these years. He has guided us, sustained us, empowered us, and cared for us as His people. Without the Lord's preservation, this anniversary celebration would not be possible!*

*And so our celebration today should be more than just a meal, memories, and reminiscing; it should be a genuine act of worship directed to the God who birthed, grew, sustained, guided, and still lives in the midst of Eastern Star. Because it is His steadfast love and faithfulness that has brought us this far, we must direct all of our praise, thanksgiving, credit, honor, and glory directly to Him as we celebrate 90 years. To do any less would dishonor God.*

*So happy anniversary Eastern Star! And thank you Lord, for your faithfulness to our church! Thank you Lord, for the faithful, godly, loving, and supportive Christians to whom you have worked through the years to make this celebration possible, and may you continue to bless us and make disciples in our midst until Jesus returns!*

Honored to serve, Pastor & Sis. Scott

Rev. Leland Dandridge



*Spirit-filled teacher, great visionary, loving and dedicated pastor are all words that adequately describe this great man of God, Pastor Leland. G. Dandridge. Pastor Dandridge, because of his AGAPE love and compassion that he shows toward each member is the Pastor and founder of East Side Baptist church in Austin, TX. For God said in Jeremiah 3:15 I will give you pastors according to my heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. Pastor Dandridge has a heart for God and he committed to doing the will of God. Under the direction and leadership, East Side has grown spiritually, physically, and financially, touching the lives of our members and our community. Pastor Dandridge is extremely grateful to God for blessing this great union of pastor and church for over 17 years.*

*In 1991, God gave Pastor Dandridge a vision not just building a church, but a Complex of Hope, this started with a congregation of a faithful few that met in a room of the Fireman's Hall building. Each Sunday morning the room was transformed into a space for Sunday school and Morning Worship. In November 1992, as our membership grew we moved to 7109 Highway 290 East. In June 1997, we moved again to our current home at 2400 Northeast Drive .*

*There are three phases of development for the Complex of Hope: Spiritual Ministries, Capital Stewardship Campaign and Project Management. Pastor Dandridge has taught the key to any established church in fulfilling the Great Commission is Spiritual Ministries. We are commanded to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing...teaching them to observe all things" Matthew 28:18-19. Under the anointing of Pastor Dandridge we have established 38 ministries which offer excellent opportunities for God's work and will to flourish. Instrumental in achieving this commandment, we must rely on the resources of God. We are instructed in Malachi 3:10 that God promises to pour out for us, such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive, if we bring all the tithes and offerings to the storehouse. With this promise we are actively pursuing a Capital Stewardship Campaign. Finally a Project Management team is essential in assuring the building of the Complex of Hope is done decently and in order, 1Corinthians 14:40 "Let all things be done decently and in order.*

*Celebrating  
Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church  
90th Year Anniversary*

*October 19, 2014*

*10:00 a.m.*

**MASTER OF CEREMONY**

*Rev. Vester Thompson*

*Prelude*

*Music Ministry*

*Processional*

*Pastor Scott & Wife  
Associate Ministers & Wives  
Deacons & Deaconess  
Auxiliary Leader*

*Devotion*

*Deacons & Visiting Deacons*

*Celebration of Praise*

*Eastside B.C. Choir*

*Welcome*

*Minister Shelvin Jackson*

*Acceptance*

*Eastside Baptist Church*

*Celebration of Praise*

*Eastside B.C. Choir*

*Presentations*

*Sister Jessie Payne*

*Memorial*

*Pastor L.W. Scott Sr.*

*Celebration in Giving*

*Deacons/Visiting Deacons*

*(Benevolent, Tithes, Public Offering, Taxation)*

*Introduction of Speaker*

*Pastor L.W. Scott, Sr.*

*Celebration of Praise*

*Eastside B.C. Choir*

*Proclamation of the Word*

*Rev. Leland Dandridge  
(Eastside B.C., Austin TX)*



*Call to Discipleship*

*Benediction*

# Church History

## Eastern Star From The Beginning (86 Years Ago)

Eastern Star Baptist Church was organized under the leadership of the late Rev. Gilliams. The Church was located at 800 Houston Ave., then known as the "Red Quarters". The church later moved to Short Texas Ave., then to 15th St. After a terrible windstorm, the church relocated to Marion Anderson Ave.

1926

Rev. Roach was called Pastor and remained until 1928.

1928

Rev. S. M. Franklin was called to Pastor. Due to circumstances beyond his control, he resigned. Rev. Broxton served as acting Pastor until Rev. Franklin returned later on in the year.

1955

Rev. Collins was called to Pastor. Under his leadership the church was sold, and a new sanctuary was built at 300 W. 13th St. Rev. Collins served as Pastor until February 26, 1959.

1959

The Associate Minister, Rev. Elijah Williams served as Acting Pastor from February 26th, until Rev. Luther B. Wade was elected as Pastor on June 7th.

1964

Under the leadership of Rev. Wade, a sanctuary was purchased at 548 E. 15th St.. On July 26th, the congregation moved into their new building.

1979

Under the leadership of Rev. Wade, the vision to build a new Sanctuary was given to the congregation.

1988

After 31 years of faithful service, due to failing health, Rev. Wade retired on October 30th. The Associate Ministers; the late Rev. A.P. Thomas, Rev. Joseph Crook, Sr., the late Rev. Jessie Jones, and Rev. David Godley served faithfully!

1989

In June, Rev. Lloyd Wayne Scott, Sr., was called to Pastor. On Sunday, September 17th formal installation services were held.

1990

The vision that began under the leadership of Rev. Wade became a reality. On Sunday, November 18th a formal groundbreaking ceremony was held.

1991

On Sunday, September 29th, under the leadership of Pastor Scott, services were held in our new Sanctuary. Praise God it was debt free!!! A formal "Victory Celebration was observed during the week of October 20-27.

1992

In August, the old Sanctuary, which was located behind our present Sanctuary was demolished. Thus preparing the ground for Phase 2, the Educational Wing and Fellowship Hall. An informal ground breaking ceremony was held on Sunday, November 1, following our morning service. Construction began during that week.

1994

Phase 2 was completed. On November 20 (Homecoming/Dollar-A-Day Building Fund Program), Sunday School aw held in the new Educational Wing. Dinner was served for the first time in the Fellowship Hall. Once, debt free!! PRAISE GOD!

1995

The Parking Lot was completed in April. To quote Pastor Scott, "the women of the Church were especially glad, finally no more scuffed heels." The Church marquee was erected on September 21. Praise God, Debt Free!

1998

Two new Ford vans were purchased. A tape Ministry and The Men In Action were organized.

2000

During the summer, one lot adjacent to the Church was purchased. The property will be used to build a Family Life Center. Rev. Donald Tatmon was hired as The Youth Pastor. The first Boy Scout Troop and A Singles Ministry were organized.

2001

Two more lots adjacent to the Church were purchased. A Family Support Ministry was organized.

2002

More property adjacent to the Church was purchased.

2003

The Steadfast Teens Actively Raising The Standard (S.T.A.R.S), a Street Ministry, and Marriage Ministry were organized.

2004

More property adjacent to the Church was purchased. A Youth Mime Group were organized.

2005

This year found us still in the process of believing God for manifestation of finances for the FLC. But praise Him for His faithfulness! Hurricane Rita hit Port Arthur on September 24th. Due to an evacuation, we did not have service for three weeks. Upon arrival back at home, we found only a few missing shingles, toppled steeple and minor damages. Praise God for how he protected our Church family!!

2006

This year found us still in the process of believing God for manifestation of finances for the FLC. Due to fact that our Sister Church was destroyed during Hurricane Rita; Pastor Scott opened our doors for them to have service at 8 a.m. However, they preferred to worship with us during our regular 11 a.m. service. Little did we know what God had in store for the two churches. On Sunday, May 28th, Pastor Scott announced to the Eastern Star Family that under the leadership of Rev. Vester Thompson, the True Faith Family would consolidate with us. On Sunday, June 11th a formal consolidation was held. They are truly a blessing to The Eastern Star Family! As Pastor Scott, stated, "they did not come broke."

2007

Praise God for His faithfulness. We're getting closer to the manifestation of our FLC. Rev. Donald Tatmon resigned as Youth Pastor.

2008

Rev. Vester Thompson was hired as Youth Pastor. We had two mandatory evacuations this year; (Hurricane Ike and Gustav threatened Port Arthur) We didn't have service for three weeks. God protected our Church family. The church had a few minor damages.

2009

This year found us still in the process of believing God for manifestation of finances for the FLC.

2010

More property was purchased adjacent to the church. Thank God, we now own all of the property from Waco Ave to Austin Ave. The last lot was really a faith fight! But thank God, for his faithfulness!

2011

3-S Men Ministry (Parking Lot Attendants) was organized.

2012

ESBC Greeters were organized.



# Mission Statement

We, the members of the Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church, 548 E. 15th St. @ Austin Ave., Port Arthur, Texas,

As we seek to share in its entirety the good news of Jesus Christ.

We will Exalt The Savior with truthful and meaningful worship that is structured and spontaneous;

We will Equip The Saints by preparing believers in the Word of God, to do the work of God, by helping them to discover their God given gifts and talents;

We will Edify The Soul by ministering to the inner man by meeting emotional needs through Bible study, Prayer Service, Seminars, Revivals, Retreats and Bible School;

We will Enhance The Spirit's effectiveness by being obedient to leadership of the Holy Spirit as He leads us in the ways of God;

We will Encourage The Sufferer by providing a place where the lonely can find love, the helpless can find hope, the lost can find leadership and the guilty can find grace;

We will Enjoy The Society of people gathered together by way of fellowship that is filled with love, laughter, and living together in harmony;

We will Evangelize The Sinner by sharing the Gospel with the unsaved with every opportunity that is given, whether those contacts are family, friends, acquaintances, co-workers or neighbors.





# *Associate Ministers / Wives*



*Rev. Vester Thompson*



*Sis. Pamela Thompson*



*Minister Shelvin Jackson*



*Sis. Ada Jackson*



# *Deacons, Trustees and Wives*



# *Auxiliaries*

## **QUEEN ESTHER CIRCLE**



## **FREE WILL CIRCLE**



# *Auxiliaries*

## *CAROLYN REASON CIRCLE*



*Sanctuary Choir*



*MALE CHORUS*



*Music Ministry*



*JUNIOR USHERS*



*SENIOR USHERS*



## MARRIAGE MINISTRY



## GREETERS MINISTRY



*NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION*



*3 S MEN WITH GOD  
(PARKING AND SECURITY)*



*Transportation  
Ministry*





*DECORATING COMMITTEE*



*MEDIA MINISTRY*



# YOUTH WORKERS



*Youth*

*One  
in Worship*

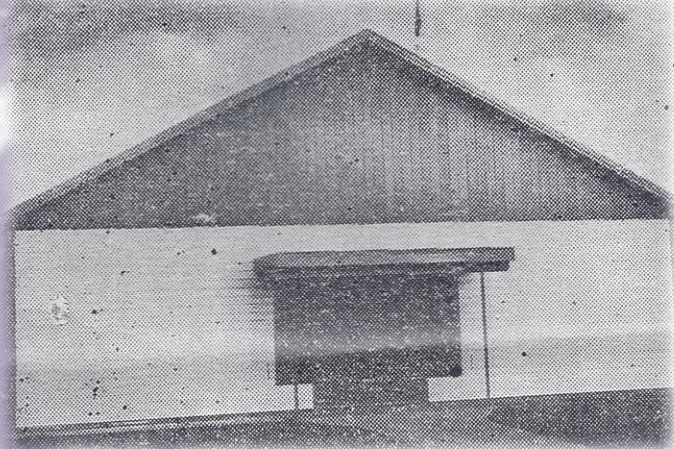


*Our Newest  
Star Members*



# CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

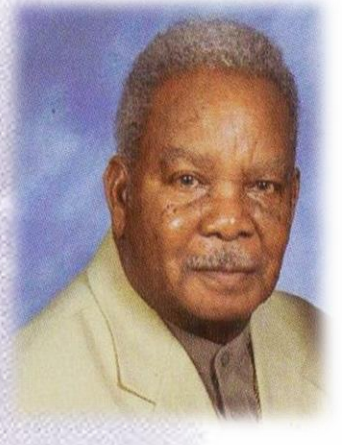
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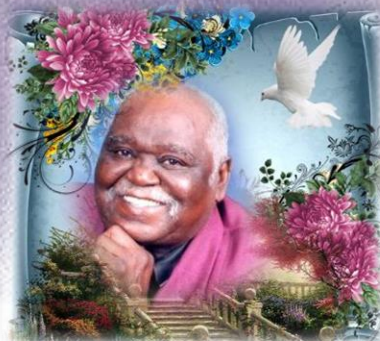
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# *Life Transition*



In Memory of



# *Our Leaders*

## Associate Ministers

Reverend Vester Thompson, Youth Minister  
Minister Shelvin Jackson  
Deacon Board, Willie Calcote, Chairman

Bro. James Miller  
Bro. Joseph Threats, Sr.  
Bro. Calburnia Jones  
Bro. Charles George  
Bro. Rudy Robertson  
Bro. Joseph Chretien

Bro. Alphonse Thomas  
Bro. Wilson Jones  
Bro. Joseph Threats, Jr.  
Bro. Phillip Scott  
Bro. Donald Joseph

Trustee Board, Joseph Threats, Chairman

Bro. Willie Calcote

Bro. Joseph Threats Sr.

Bro. John Williams

### *Administration/Financial Secretary*

Sis. Carolyn Guillory

### *Church Secretary*

Sis. Kathleen George

### *Announcing Clerk*

Sis. Dorothy B. Jackson

### *Custodian*

Bro. Palchin Darby Sr.

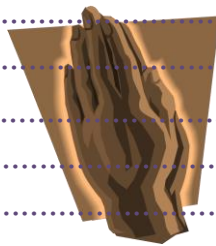
Bro. Ricky Jones.....Minister of Music  
Bro. Toney K. Jones..... Bass Guitar  
Bro. Phillip Paul.....Bongos  
Bro. Michael Scott.....Drummer  
Bro. Anthony Mitchell..... Lead Guitarist  
Bro. Vershaun Lee.....Organist

# *Committees*

Building Fund.....	Bro. Charles George, Chairman
Program.....	Sis. Jessie Payne, Chairperson
Hospitality.....	Sis. Bertha Jones, Chairperson
Beautification.....	Sis. Carolyn Alexander, Chairperson

## *Ministries President / Leaders*

Youth Director.....	Sis. Brenda Marks
Junior Usher Overseer.....	Bro. Dennis Johnson
Youth Choir.....	Sis. Montrae Chretien
Senior Ushers.....	Sis. Gretchen Moore
Free Will Circle.....	Sis. Mable Fuselier
Queen Esther Circle.....	Sis. Bertha Calcote
Carolyn Reason Circle.....	Sis. Ruby Scott
Sanctuary Choir.....	Sis. Dorothy B. Jackson
Male Chorus.....	Bro. Phillip Scott
Sunday school superintendent.....	Bro. John Williams Jr.
Brotherhood.....	Bro. Joseph Threats Sr.
Marriage Ministry.....	Bro. Richard & Sis. Iceola Aldaiz
Mime/Timbrel in Dance.....	Sis. LeShea Jones
Babes for Christ Dancers.....	Sis. Rochelle Rogers
Praise Team.....	Sis. Ada Jackson
Deaconess/Trustee Wives.....	Sis. Bertha Calcote
Adult Orientation.....	Sis. Dorothy B. Jackson
Youth Orientation.....	Sis. Brenda Marks
Audio/Website Ministry.....	Sis. Hope Scott
Media Ministry.....	Bro. Joseph Threats Jr.
Sound Technician.....	Sis. Joyce Elam
3-S Men with God.....	Bro. Arthur Robinson
Greeters .....	Sis. Alice F. Malveaux



# *A Note of Thanks*

*We, the Pastor, Officers and members of Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere and Heartfelt thanks to Reverend Leland Dandridge and Eastside Baptist Church, visitors and other brothers and sisters in Christ. We praise God For using you for his glory and honor. You were a blessing to us! May God Pour out his richest blessings on you.*

## *The Church Today*

*The church should be a lighthouse in the storm:  
A beacon flung against the blackened sky,  
A white, unfailing, steadfast light that shines  
For men to steer them by.*

*He church should be a home through these strange days  
Where the Bread of Life is served, and we can find  
The Father waiting there to soothe our ills,  
And give us peace of mind.*

*The church should be a school where we may learn  
The holy truth these hours before the dawn,  
That we may go equipped to meet the days  
And pass the learned truth on.*

*The church should be a church forevermore:  
A sure foundation and a true reward  
To all whose feet are planted on the rock  
Of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

*---Grace Noll Crowell*