

*Using All the Parts to Make the Whole*

— Ephesians 4:11-16

*Working Together Piece by Piece*

— Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)



The Congress of Christian Education  
East Cedar Grove Association

**2015 Spring Institute**

April 7-9, 2015 ~ 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 505 East End Avenue, Durham, NC 27703

# "USING ALL THE PARTS TO MAKE THE WHOLE" (Eph. 4:1-7)

## Working Together Piece by Piece

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

**Tuesday, April 7**

**Opening Assembly • 6 PM (Sanctuary)**  
**Classes 6:30 PM**

**Wednesday, April 8**

**Classes 6 - 8 PM**

**Thursday, April 9**

**Inspirational Speaker for All Classes (Sanctuary) 6:30 - 7:30 PM**  
**Hot Dogs, Cake and Ice Cream Fellowship from 7:30 - 8 PM**

### Class Name

### Target Audience

### Instructors

From Head 2 Toe - Jesus is All Over Me

Ages 5-10

Sis. Diane Thompson  
 Lee's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Pieces that Matter...My part of the Whole

Ages 11-14

Minister Stedman Davis  
 Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Help, Where Do I Fit In With Jesus?

Ages 15-17

Minister Jay Harris  
 First Ledge Rock Missionary Baptist Church

What's My Piece?

Ages 18 and Over

Rev. Trish Harleston  
 Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Utilizing the Pieces That Are In My Hands

Missionaries & Others Interested

Rev. Joyce D. Clayton  
 New Red Mountain Missionary Baptist Church

Understanding and Working with all the Pieces

Deacons/Deaconess

Rev. Dr. William Richardson  
 First Community Missionary Baptist Church

Understanding the Pieces to the Puzzle

Trustees

Rev. George Crews III  
 Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School-Relating to Their Peers

Teachers, Superintendents  
 and Others Interested

Deacon Johnnie Pettiford  
 First Ledge Rock Missionary Baptist Church

Reaching Out Beyond the Church Walls

Associate Ministers

Rev. Dr. James Smith  
 Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

Pastoral Involvement Within the Church

Pastors

Rev. Dr. Langston Logan, Sr.  
 Lawson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

THE CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF THE EAST CEDAR GROVE ASSOCIATION

SPRING INSTITUTE

“USING ALL THE PARTS TO MAKE THE WHOLE” (Eph. 4:1-7)

Working Together Piece by Piece Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

TUESDAY

Presiding..... Sis Judy Jacobs, Dean and Sis Sandra Wilkerson, Assistant Dean, Congress of Christian Ed.

Song.....New Creation, Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Scripture .....Rev. Harper, West Durham Missionary Baptist Church

Prayer .....Min. Elliott Tatum, Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Greetings ..... Rev. Dr. Herbert L. Dickerson, Senior Pastor, Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. J. Eric Morgan, III, Pastor, Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Tony Boss, President, Congress of Christian Education

Introduction of Instructors and Directives..... Min. Jay Harris, Committee Member

Report to Class

WEDNESDAY

Report to Class

THURSDAY

Report to Class for Close out - Report to Sanctuary for Inspirational Speaker at 6:45

Presiding..... Sis Judy Jacobs, Dean and Sis Sandra Wilkerson, Assistant Dean

Scripture .....Min. Annie Gibson, Cameron Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Prayer .....Rev. Dr. L. Herbert L. Dickerson, Senior Pastor, Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Introduction of Speaker ..... Cheryl Isaac, Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Song.....Orange Grove Unity Choir, Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Inspirational Speaker.....Rev. James Isaac III, Pastor, New Hope Granville Missionary Baptist Church

Song.....Orange Grove Unity Choir, Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Certificates/Evaluations

Special Presentations

Attendance Report

Closing Remarks

Benediction

Blessing of the Food



## REV. TONY BOSS, CONGRESS PRESIDENT

**Rev. Tony Boss** is the President of the Congress of Christian Education of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association of NC and Associate Minister at Pine Grove. 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 serve 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.



## SIS. 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 38 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. If you would like to contact the Dean, kindly send e-mail to [jsjacobs56@yahoo.com](mailto:jsjacobs56@yahoo.com).

## SIS. 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 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.

## MIN. 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.

Davis 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.

#### MIN. JAY HARRIS

Minister **Jay 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 servon the following committees: Historical, Publicity and Leadership.

Minister Harris received a call by God to serve in the Chaplain ministry whilegiving 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.



#### REV. TRISH HARLESTON

Rev. **Trish Harleston**, Associate Minister of Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Dr. Herbert L. Dickerson, is employed full time as Executive Pastor of the church. She was licensed by Orange Grove in June 2002; and ordained by the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association in October 2007. Rev. Harleston was recognized as the 2013 Unsung Woman of the Year at Orange Grove.



She is a graduate of Clinton High School in Clinton, NC; she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Management from Shaw University, and a Master of Christian Counseling from Apex School of Theology. Trish is a member of the Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Professionally, Rev. Harleston served many years as a management professional specializing in staff development, organizational leadership and administration for companies such as Time Warner Cable and The RDU Airport Authority. For several years, she was sole proprietor for People Investments, a training and leadership consulting firm. She has been certified as a trainer and seminar leader with Fred Pryor/Career Track Seminars.

Trish is the author of two publications. Her first book, Monti's Story: Love Lifted Me is a story of depression, grief, homosexuality, and the family dynamics involved in dealing with these issues. The second publication, A Devotional and Prayer Journal entitled Weekly Word for your Daily Walk was birthed from her weekly inspirational internet blog which she has been sharing for over 4 years. Volume Two of the Weekly Word for your Daily Walk is currently in production and is set to be released by the summer of 2015. In addition, Trish Harleston hosted her first Women's Conference in November 2014 in Raleigh, NC, with another conference scheduled for later this year. Rev. Harleston is regularly requested as a preacher or speaker for worship services, revivals and conferences throughout the region.

She cherishes spending time with her husband, Deacon Charles Harleston, two adult children, Evin and Nikki (husband-Bryant), but most importantly, she loves the time she gets to spoil her two adorable grandchildren, Bryson and Skylar.

Rev. Harleston stands on the scripture in 1 Corinthians 15: 10 "I am what I am by the grace of God". It is her desire that God's grace for her life does not prove to be in vain but that He will daily be glorified through her.

## REV. JOYCE D. CLAYTON

Reverend **Joyce Daye Clayton**, Assistant Pastor at New Red Mountain Missionary Baptist Church in Rougemont, North Carolina, under the leadership of Pastor, Rev. Dr. Percy High, preached her initial sermon March 31, 2009 and was ordained on May 29, 2011. She currently serves in the following ministries at New Red Mountain: The Missionary Circle, Personnel, Evangelism and Bible Study. Joyce also serves East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association in the following capacities: Secretary to the Woman's Auxiliary and Pastor's Fellowship Luncheon, Chairperson of the ECGMBA Advisory and the History and Archives Committees, archivist and editor of the Association newsletter. Additionally, she is a New St. James Baptist Church helper. Joyce describes herself as a humble servant of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Joyce attended the Northern Piedmont Bible Institute in Roxboro, North Carolina, Seminary Extension, and received a Diploma in Ministries/Pastoral Education in May, 2014. She received both, B.A. and M.A. Degrees in History from North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina. She continued studies beyond the Master's degree at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in History.

Having retired in 2005, Joyce spent 35 years of her professional career serving high school and college aged youth. Specifically she served as a high school teacher and Chairperson of the History Department at the Chapel Hill Carrboro Schools in Chapel Hill, NC; and at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill she served as an Assistant Dean of the General College and the College of Arts and Sciences and Lecturer/Director of the Upward Bound Program.

Joyce's civic and professional affiliations include: serving as president of state and regional associations (NCCEOP and SAEOPP), serving as a member of the Carolina Friends School Board and the Council of Educational Opportunity Programs Board of Directors. She is a former member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mu Omicron Omega Chapter and The Ebonnettes Service Club Inc.

Over the years, Joyce received various recognitions, service and leadership awards, for example; an Appreciation for Dynamic Leadership In East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association Plaque, 2013, a Recognition and Appreciation Award for Outstanding Hard Work, Dedication, and Service in Ministry, New Red Mountain Missionary Baptist Church, 2011; a Certificate of Achievement, Pastoral Care Class,

North Piedmont Bible Institute, Roxboro, NC, 2011; The Dare to Make a Difference Award, The Ebonnettes Service Club, Inc. 2011, a Certificate of Appreciation, Upward Bound Program, July, 1995; and the Outstanding Faculty Member, Black Student Movement Award, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1982.

Joyce, married to Burley McCoy Clayton for 47 years, is the mother of one son, Lucious Alvin Clayton. She is the daughter of the late George Clifton and Alberta Parker Daye of Rougemont, NC and the sister of William C. Daye. She is a workshop presenter and motivational speaker. Joyce enjoys writing poetry, singing hymns and lending a helping hand. She holds fast to Psalm 27:14. "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."

## REV. DR. WILLIAM RICHARDSON

Rev. William Richardson, a native of Durham, NC, received his education in the Durham City Schools and received a B.A. Degree from Shaw University, an Associate Degree in Religion and a Master of Divinity Degree from Southeastern Theological Seminary. In May 2000, he was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters Honorary Degree by the Apex School of Theology.



Rev. Richardson is the Pastor of First Community Missionary Baptist Church, Hillsborough, where he has served for 25 years.

Active in religious, civic and community affairs, he is the Catechizer in the East Cedar Grove Association, a Sponsor in the Community Volunteer Program for the Division of Prisons, and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Apex School of Theology. He is also a member of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity, Secretary of the Trustee Board of the Apex School of Theology, Chairman of the Executive Board of the East Cedar Grove Association and member of the Orange County Ministerial Alliance.

Some of his past positions include: Chairman Fairview Task Force United Against Crime, Orange County Medical Foundation, Board of Independent Living for Young Women, Co-Chair Committee on Religion – The Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, President – Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity, Moderator – East Cedar Grove Association, Chaplain – Orange County Sheriff Department, Member – Orange Congregations in Mission, and President – Northern Orange Black Voter Alliance.

## 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.

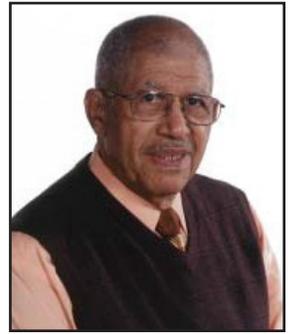


After receiving his call from God, Pastor Crews preached his blazing sermon on December 17, 1995 in the pulpit of the illustrious Rev. Dr. William Hazel Height of Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church after which he also received his license to preach. Pastor Crews was thereafter ordained on July 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.

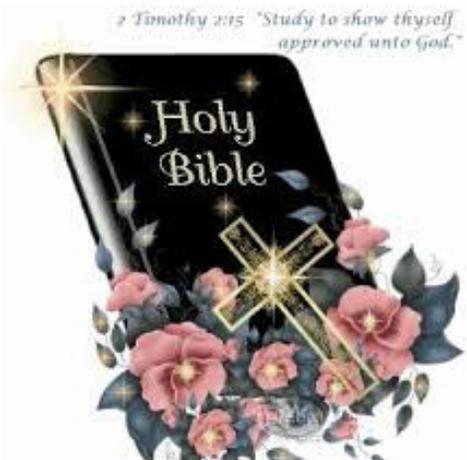
In 2003 and 2004 Pastor Crews and the Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church was awarded Pastor and Church of the Year by the Northern Orange County Branch of the NAACP. In 2008 Pastor Crews and some of his members went on a mission trip to Africa where they helped to build a school and distributed 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.

## DEACON JOHNNIE PETTIFORD

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

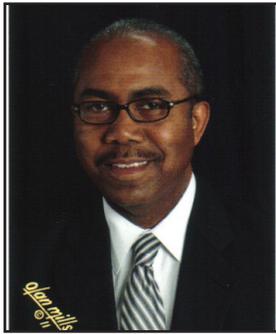


- Senior Sunday School Teacher
- Past President, Hawley Alumni Association
- Past President, District One and Past President Congress Christian Education (12 Yrs)
- Secretary of Ministers/Deacons/Deaconesses Union (8 Yrs)
- Secretary of East Cedar Grove Association (12 Yrs)
- Served on Budget Committee, 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 South 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. JAMES SMITH

**Dr. James W. Smith** was born and reared in Louisburg (Franklin County) North Carolina where he attended the public schools. He graduated from the former Perry's High School and later attended North Carolina Central University and NCCU Law School where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Commerce and a Juris Doctorate Degree. Dr. Smith



earned Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry Degrees at Andersonville Theological Seminary, Camilla, Georgia. He has done further studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC and Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, NC.

Dr. Smith is a former teacher, practicing attorney and administrator. He has served as Vice Moderator at Large and Moderator of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association, Inc., Moderator of Moderators for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. and President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity (IMA).

Presently, Dr. Smith serves on the United Negro College Fund Steering Committee, Durham, North Carolina, the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Trustee Board of Apex School of Theology, Durham, NC and Executive Committee of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity. In addition to his pastorate, he is a North Carolina State Bar approved sponsor of Continuing Legal Education, a Church Consultant, and an Inspirational/Motivational Speaker. He is the author of two published books, "Deal By Me" and "Come, Let Us Reason Together." <http://www.dealbyme.com> Dr. Smith is a weekly volunteer at the Federal Correctional Institution, Butner, NC where he teaches from his book, "Deal By Me", a course on "Self Evaluation."

As the spiritual leader of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church since March, 1991, he has led the church in many accomplishments including: full worship services, weekly noonday Bible Study Class, additional choirs and an organist to enhance worship services, and a scholarship program for the benefit of the youth. Dr. Smith is known as a Teacher/Student/Pastor because he believes that studying to show oneself approved is an integral part of the church's ministry.

Physical improvements under his leadership include carpeting and painting of the Sanctuary, installation of a handicap ramp, paving of the parking area, installing a new roof, purchasing a church van, and a complete renovation of the Education Building which included improvements to

classrooms and the Pastor's Study. Under his leadership the church budget has more than tripled. The church continues to be blessed with the addition of new members. Dr. Smith is now leading the church in the renovation of the Sanctuary and an addition to the front of church.

Rev. Smith and his wife, Barbara Wess Smith, a retired teacher with the Durham Public Schools reside in Creedmoor, North Carolina. They have two adult children, Kendra and Joshua, and two granddaughters, Skyy and Londyn.

## REV. DR. LANGSTON LOGAN SR.

**Langston D. Logan, Sr.** is a native of Gretna, Virginia and is a product of the school system there. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and a Masters of Divinity Degree from Virginia Seminary and College, now known as Virginia University, Lynchburg, Virginia. Rev. Logan did further study at Episcopal Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia.



He received his Doctor of Theology Degree from Florida International. His Dissertation was entitled "The Effects of Martin Luther on the Church, Religion, and the World."

Dr. Logan began his ministry over 30 years ago and first served as Pastor at Sunflower Baptist Church in Halifax County, Virginia for 10 years after which he was called to pastor Lawson Chapel Baptist Church of Roxboro, North Carolina where he has served for the past 25 years.

He has conducted workshops in Virginia and North Carolina on such topics as: Church Leadership, Church Membership, Pastoral Leadership, Calling the Pastor, Deacon's Leadership, and Resolving Conflict in the Church, etc. Dr. Logan has served as president of the Roxboro/Person County Ministerial Association and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. He continues to serve as a mentor to many pastors and ministers in Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

He currently serves as president and adjunct professor of the Northern Piedmont Bible Institute which serves as a Seminary Extension Center for Shaw University Divinity School and the Southern Baptist Seminaries. He and his wife, Joyce Martin Logan, who is a retired educator, reside in Roxboro, North Carolina. Together they have four children and three grandchildren.

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER  
REV. JAMES ISAAC III



The Reverend James Isaac, III, is a native of Durham, NC. He is the son of Mr. James Isaac, Jr. and the late Mrs. Annie B. Isaac. He was licensed to preach the Gospel and ordained by the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Durham.

Pastor Isaac was educated in the Durham Public Schools System. He is a graduate of North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, NC, with a BS Degree in Computer Science. Reverend Isaac has furthered his studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Shaw University Divinity School.

He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Christian Student Leadership Consultation and the Association of Christian Student Leaders. He served as Second Vice-- Moderator and Executive Board Member of the Wake Missionary Baptist Association. He served on the Board of Directors of Method Day Care Center, Inc. Reverend Isaac served as a member of the Minister's Council of the General Baptist State Convention of NC and the Special Assistant to the National Director of the National Baptist Student Union.

Currently Pastor Isaac serves as the First Vice Moderator and Executive Board Member of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association.

He is the former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chinquapin, NC and the Oberlin Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC. Reverend Isaac currently serves as pastor of the New Hope Granville Missionary Baptist Church in the Berea Community, Oxford, NC.

Pastor Isaac is married to the former Cheryal Blount. They are the proud parents of three children, Jasmine Renee, James, IV, and Jessica Irene.

## 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

*Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
In His great mercy  
He has given us a new birth  
to a living hope through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ from the dead  
and to an inheritance  
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.  
It is reserved in heaven for you,  
who because of your faith in God  
are being protected by His power  
until the salvation  
that is ready to  
be revealed at the end of time.*

## YOUTH CLASSES

### **From Head 2 Toe - Jesus is All Over Me**

**Ages 5-10**

Sister Diane Thompson

Lees Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Cedar Grove

Matthew 19:14, "Jesus answered, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'." NIV. The goals of this class are to show love to our kids, share the gospel with them and encourage their growth with Christ. We want our Kids to grow in their faith each year they attend the Spring Institute and make a difference in the lives of their families, communities and schools. We want all of our youngest kids to go home confident that God loves them and wants a relationship with them. We will do this by focusing the Bible curriculum on basic spiritual truths that God loves them, Jesus died for them and God wants them to trust in Him. Each teacher gets the opportunity to show love to our kids, share the gospel with them and encourage their growth in Christ.

### **Pieces that Matter: My Part of the Whole**

**Ages 11-14**

Youth Minister Stedman Davis

Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Hurdle Mills

This class will venture to break the big picture of church and ministry to a youthful perspective to understand how youth also play a major role in the life and success of the church/ministry. Youth will glean how all the parts, as various as they may be, play a major part to the work and benefit of the kingdom of God. Youth will realize that they matter, that they have a voice and how vital it is for them to be active and involved in their local churches. Also to explore ways as youth to contribute and support the vision and goals of the church. Everyone Matters!

### **Help, Where Do I Fit In With Jesus?**

**Age 15-17**

Minister Jay Harris

First Ledge Rock Missionary Baptist Church

What is missing? We will be discussing the importance of the pieces of the puzzle that are missing. As well as keeping the puzzles fixed with the missing piece...at the end of the lesson plan we will add the missing piece to the puzzle. When you hear the words "the body of Christ" what comes to mind? The Teens will answer and then add these to their list. -Christ Himself and His physical body -the Church -followers of Christ -those who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior All are correct...however, we will be looking at the "body of Christ" in the terms of the Church and us being a part/or a piece of the body of Christ through our acceptance of Him as our personal Savior. BIBLE VERSES: UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST: : I Corinthians 12:12-27

## ADULT CLASSES

### **What's My Piece?**

**18 and Over**

Rev. Trish Harleston

Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Every believer holds a piece of the puzzle. This class will help participants identify and understand their individual "piece" through completion of a Spiritual Gifts Inventory. This inventory and the noted foundation scripture will be the basis for our discussion on willingly utilizing your gifts (piece) to serve the Body of Christ.

### **Utilizing the Pieces That Are In My Hands Missionaries and Other Interested**

Rev. Joyce D. Clayton

New Red Mountain Missionary Baptist Church

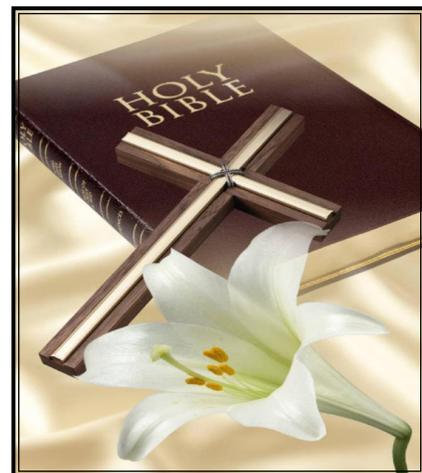
What have you got? "... into every one of us is give grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." (Eph. 4:7) This workshop presentation will explore the following questions: 1) Do you know your pieces (spiritual gifts); 2) Are you growing your spiritual piece(s); 3) Have you activated your "spiritual piece(s)" and 4) Are you actively and consistently using your spiritual piece in keeping with the Great Commission? The aim of this presentation is to: shed light on the mission assignment give each of us by Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and to provide a setting and information where personal reflections can be experienced, relevant to the extent one identifies, grows and uses his or her spiritual piece(s) or gift(s) to build and strengthen the Body of Christ.

### **Understanding and Working with All the Pieces Deacons/Deaconess**

Rev. Dr. William Richardson

First Community Missionary Baptist Church

"What does it mean to be a deacon or deaconess in today's community? According to the Bible, it means to serve the Lord wholesomely and generally within the church. Referencing Work of the Deacon and Deaconess, Revised by Harold Nichols, Reverend Richardson will cover these goals in detail to help deacons of our church-going community better understand their special role in God's living puzzle."



## Understanding the Pieces to the Puzzle

### Trustees

Rev. George Crews III  
Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church

If you have been named as a trustee you may be wondering what your piece of the puzzle is or what you are supposed to do, in either case, it is important that you understand your duties and responsibilities. (Serving as custodians of the church property). The role of trustee varies depending on denomination and congregation. Trustees may be responsible for maintaining buildings and facilities, tracking the church's equipment and investments, keeping insurance policies up to date, and managing funds. The trustee is responsible for seeing that everything is done properly and in a timely manner. As well as looking for more effective ways to connect each of us as God's beautiful pieces of the puzzle with the bigger picture of what He wants you to do at your church and in your life as a servant. It's an honor to be chosen as a trustee "TO SERVE THE CHURCH" in the practical, spiritual manner that will honor Christ.

## Sunday School-Relating to Their Peers

### Teachers, Superintendents and Others Interested

Deacon Johnnie Pettiford  
First Ledge Rock Missionary Baptist Church

Although we're thankful for the many strong relationships that exist in our current Sunday School classes, it is possible to miss out on many other possible strong relationships in the church. We hope mixing people up a little bit during Sunday School will help us to grow in our knowledge of and love for one another. Fellowship is one of God's means of grace to us in the church (Acts 2:42). It is vital for us to know one another, love one another, and serve one another so that the whole church is built up in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. We would also really like to see these special studies on Sunday morning help us to get to know one another in a cross-generational way. We'd be delighted if the younger generations got to know and benefit from the graces of the older generations in our church. Part of the richness of church-life is that we're not in covenant with people who are just like us. Rather, we're with people in the church who are very different from us, people who we may not naturally include in our circle of friends, except for the common bond we have in Christ. This God-designed diversity in the church is a great resource that helps us to grow in Christ, to learn to love and be loved by people who are very different from us.

## Reaching Out Beyond the Church Walls

### Associate Ministers

Rev. Dr. James Smith  
Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

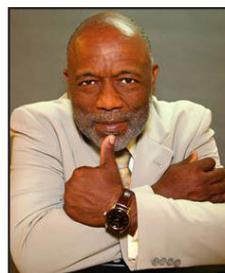
Christ said to be Christ-like in all ways. To do so, we must work to better understand the methods and concepts by which we follow Christ outside the church, as well as within. This course will discuss ethics in ministry and the manner in which a minister conducts him or herself in the outside environment. Likewise, it will cover the differences between an associate minister and assistant pastors, as each does his or her part in God's bigger picture — to recognize that they as leaders are really servants who have not come to be served, but to serve others. The responsibilities and duties of each are different, but equally necessary for continuing to reach out to the public at large."

## Pastoral Involvement Within the Church

### Pastors

Rev. Dr. Langston Logan, Sr.  
Lawson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

"Guilt and Forgiveness" If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Christ died for us so that you may be forgiven. "Forgiveness" is vitally necessary if we are to achieve freedom from guilt. As a pastor, you are called upon to be an obedient servant in adverse situations. But nobody is perfect, and being a pastor is a full-time job. Sometimes you will stray from the path, for you are human, but learn from your mistakes. Forgiving yourself and moving on can be as important as forgiving and guiding your flock. Likewise, it is necessary to take a sabbatical now and then — a pastor with a family and a job is expected to maintain his life and his love in all things. A sabbatical is simply getting an extended leave from work to pursue a break. You don't necessarily have to stay near your home to do these things, you can easily travel the world and accomplish your goals; the key is to get away, renew, refresh. This course will cover such things, among others, as they relate to enhancing spiritual awareness and group togetherness within the church."



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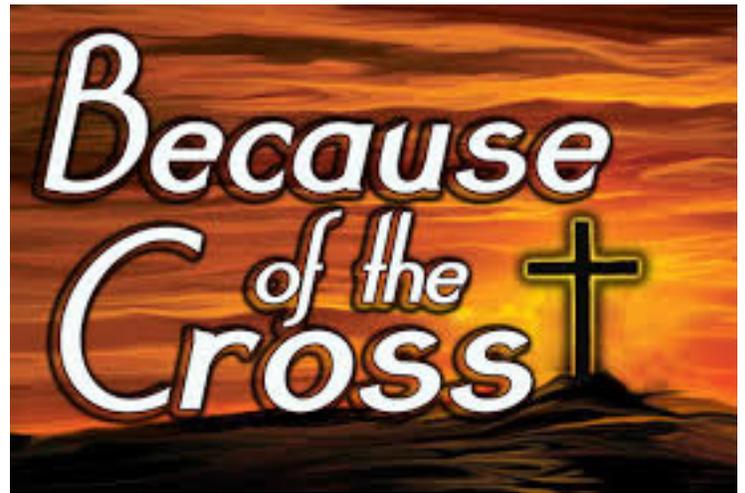
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*On behalf of the Congress of Christian Education We thank you so much for joining us and participating in this Spring Institute. This year has been a great learning experience so far and as I pause to think about what we have accomplished vs. what we have yet to achieve I am grateful. We welcome your involvement and encourage you to join the committee for our upcoming events. To learn more ways to get engaged, involved or to make suggestions please contact our Dean, Sis. Judy S. Jacobs at 919-357-1994. We are pleased there is so much interest in the Workshops and hope you were inspired by the training you received from your teachers. Our goal is for you all to walk away knowing God and to glorify him in all that you do. May the LORD Bless you and keep you always.*

**GOD BLESS YOU!**

—REV. TONY BOSS