**Curriculum Vitae**

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**General Information**

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**Professional Preparation**

2013 M. Div., Interdenominational Theological Center. Major: Divinity

2008 M.S., Troy State University. Major: Community Counseling & Psychology.

2005 M.Edu., Troy State University. Major: Education Psychology & Counseling.

1997 B.A., Albany State University. Major: Psychology.

**Professional Appointments**

* **Presently Serving**- June 2023

Church: Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Placement: 385 Pittman Street Macon GA 31206

Title: Pastor

* May 2019- May 2023

Church: Fountain Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church

Placement: 21378 Asbell Road Irwinton GA 31042

Title: Pastor

* May 2019- July 2018

Church: Belvin African Methodist Episcopal Church

Placement: 13706 Highway 224 Marshallville GA 31057

Title: Pastor

* July 2018- June 2016

Church: Fountain Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church

Placement: 21378 Asbell Road Irwinton GA 31042

Title: Pastor

* June 2016- April 2015

Church: Mount Tabor African Methodist Episcopal Church

Placement: 101 Church Street Keysville GA 30816

Title: Pastor

* June 2016- April 2015

Church: Mount Tabor African Methodist Episcopal Church

Placement: 101 Church Street Keysville GA 30816

Title: Pastor

* April 2015- October 2013

Church: St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church

Placement: 104 North M.L. K. Jr. Blvd. Wadley GA 30477

Title: Pastor

**Licensed and Ordination**

* Licensed:

Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church

 2501 Shurling Drive Macon GA 31211

Presiding Elder Benjamin Ridley

July 2006

* Ordained Itinerant Deacon:

Macon Georgia Annual Conference

Bishop William P. DeVeaux

May 6, 2010

* Ordained Itinerant Elder

Macon Georgia Annual Conference

Bishop Preston Warren Williams II

May 13, 2013

**Women In Ministry Appointments**

* Macon Georgia Annual Conference

President April 2021

* Macon Georgia Annual Conference

President July 2020

* Macon Georgia Annual Conference

Conference Coordinator President May 2019

* Macon Georgia Annual Conference

Conference Coordinator President May 2018

* Macon Georgia Annual Conference

Conference Coordinator President May 2017

* Macon Georgia Annual Conference

Conference Coordinator President May 2016

* Augusta Georgia Annual Conference

Conference Coordinator President May 2015

* Macon Georgia Annual Conference

Conference Coordinator President May 2013

* Macon Georgia Annual Conference

Conference Coordinator March 2012

**College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP/CPE)**

* Completion of one unit of four hundred Hours of Supervised Training of Clinical Pastoral Education in accordance with the Standards of the College of Pastoral Supervision & Psychotherapy (CPSP) 10/24/2019 400 Hours
* Completion of two units of four hundred Hours of Supervised Training of Clinical Pastoral Education in accordance with the Standards of the College of Pastoral Supervision & Psychotherapy (CPSP) 5/28/2020 400 Hours
* Completion of one unit of four hundred Hours of Supervised Training of Clinical Pastoral Education in accordance with the Standards of the College of Pastoral Supervision & Psychotherapy (CPSP) 12/16/2021 400 Hours
* Completion of one unit of four hundred Hours of Supervised Training of Clinical Pastoral Education in accordance with the Standards of the College of Pastoral Supervision & Psychotherapy (CPSP) 06/15/22 400 Hours

**Research Experience and Interest:**

* Grant writing- Awarded a grant for Grant Chapel AME Church 2024 EmPOWERED to End Opioid Use
* Grant writing- Awarded a grant for Fountain Grove AME Church 2021-2023 EmPOWERED to End Opioid Use

**Social Organization:**

* Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
* Tubman Museum Macon GA (Member)
* Georgia NAACP
* Georgia Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force Member

**Workshops/ Trainings:**

* Annual Sexual Harassment Prevention Training & HIPPA Training January 2024
* Webinar: 89546917819 Hosted by Dr. Timothy Tee Boddie, Project Executive, CNBC

August 28, 2021

The Black Church Mobilizing African American Communities to Overcome Vaccine Hesitancy: Trusted voices, Trusted Content, Trusted Spaces

* Workshop hosted by Georgia’s Personal Responsibility Education Program (GA-PREP) March 2019 Connected Caregiver Training

Day 1: Talking to Teens About Sex & Healthy Relationships

Day 2: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)/Beyond Cultural Competency: Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth

* Workshop from Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) January 15-16, 2019: Sexual Violence Prevention Conference
* Workshop from Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy April 3, 2009: Recognizing Child Sexual Abuse
* Training Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Disease January 2007: 6 hours of training on Strategies for Strong Partnerships
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**Relevant Professional Experience**

**10/28/2022- Present Job: Vashti Center**

**1815 East Clay Street**

**Thomasville GA 31792**

 **Placement: Bainbridge Office**

**Job title: Therapist**

**Job Duties:** Responsibilities includes establishing a positive,

trusting rapport with patients. Diagnoses and treats mental health

disorders. Creates individualized treatment plans according to

patient needs and circumstances. Meets with patients regularly to

provide counseling, treatment and adjust treatment plans, as

necessary. Conducts ongoing assessments of patient progress.

Involves and advises family members when appropriate. Refers

patients to outside specialists or agencies when necessary.

Maintains thorough records of patient meetings and

progress. Follows and obey all safety protocols and maintains

client confidentiality. Contributes to practice by accomplishing

related tasks as needed.

**2/15/2021-9/1/2022 Job: Peaceful Purpose Hospice**

 **Placement: Chaplaincy Services**

 **Job title: Chaplain**

 **Job duties:** Responsible for the provision of spiritual care services to

 patients and families/caregivers. Assures spiritual assessment of patients.

 and families/caregivers in the hospice program and appropriate services

 are rendered in a timely manner. Facilitates the development of the

 individualized the plan of care by participating in the comprehensive

 assessment to meet identified spiritual needs. Provides direct spiritual

 care to patients and families/caregivers. Serves as liaison and support to

community chaplains and spiritual counselors. Maintains records of

spiritual care services utilization and related activities for quality

assurance, program development, and policies and procedures review and

revision. Documents direct services and ongoing communication with

community chaplains and spiritual counselors. Attends patient care

conferences and interdisciplinary group meetings as a member of the

interdisciplinary group. Provides consultation, education, and support to

the interdisciplinary group on spiritual care.

**1/2019- Present Job: Coliseum Medical Centers (Piedmont Hospital)**

 **Placement: Chaplaincy Services**

 **Job title: Chaplain PRN**

 **Job duties:** Participates in delivering and arranging for appropriate

pastoral/spiritual care to patients/residents, their loved ones and healthcare

staff in specific areas of the institution or to particular in faith groups as

assigned. Actively participates in the delivery of pastoral/spiritual care.

By, responding to requests for pastoral/spiritual care in a timely manner,

participate in the offering of worship opportunities, and participate in the

meeting ritual and sacramental needs. Supports an interdisciplinary

approach to pastoral/spiritual care and participates in team meetings and

rounds.