

MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

BRANDEN A. JONES - PASTOR

121ST

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

& HALL OF FAME INDUCTION



Before 1959



1959 to Present

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

*REMEMBERING OUR PAST, CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT,
AND FOCUSING ON OUR FUTURE*

Message from the Pastor



Peace & Love Family,

I greet you with the Love of the Lord. It is my pleasure to welcome each of you to the “121st Anniversary” of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Pompano Beach, Florida. What a Mighty God we serve! I am honored and count it a privilege to be a part of this historical celebration. From the humble beginnings when worshipers met east of the Florida East Coast Railway at a brush harbor to this present moment, truly the Lord has been with Mount Calvary every step of the way. The rich history of Mount Calvary is a true testament of the faith that our founding fathers and mothers had in God when they embarked on this faith journey in 1902.

May our love for the Lord be strengthen among us as it was in the days of the Apostles. May our Church continue to radiate the love of Jesus Christ to the world and attract lost souls to the word of God. Blessed celebration to our beloved Mount Calvary, The church of Peace & Love.

1 Corinthians 2:9
No Eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no mind has imagined
what God has prepared for those who
love him

With humility and gratitude,
Rev. Branden A. Jones, Senior Pastor

Message from Anniversary / Hall of Fame Committee Chairman



Thank you for joining us today for this Church Anniversary. This is a special anniversary where we will celebrate and honor God first, and then we will reflect on some of the people that God gave to Jesus over the years to accomplish His mission for the Church.

Mt Calvary Baptist Church was established by God in the City of Pompano Beach, FL in 1902, and therefore, has been in existence for one hundred twenty-one years. Over that period, many, many individuals were led to Jesus Christ through this Church, and they in good turn, introduced members of their families to Jesus Christ. Mt. Calvary's growth was enormously increased by God through the unity of families and their strong bonds to each other and to the community. Many of these individuals and/or their families who made profound, major, everlasting, and notable contributions toward the enormous success and progress of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in accomplishing its scriptural goals as appointed by God have passed on.

God's mission for the Church is found in the book of Matthew vs. 28:19; "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Many of those individuals and their family members who did just that, are not remembered or celebrated by the Church for the remarkable and magnificent contributions made by God through them that made this Church successful in carrying out this "Great Commission."

Appropriately, we are acknowledging just a few of these faithful supporters of the faith today with their induction in "The Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Hall of Fame." We hope to have more acknowledgements of this type at future anniversaries.

As we continue this journey of faith, I pray that we will do what the late Reverend Doctor Charles Stanley said we should do on all occasions: "Obey God and leave the consequences to Him."

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Malcolm E. Roberts

Bio of Pastor Kenneth D. Duke



Pastor Duke was a native of Dallas, Texas, before his family journeyed to Miami Florida at the age of three. He has been actively involved in godliness wherever he resides. It was at age 5 that Pastor Duke accepted Christ as his personal Savior, and at the age of sixteen, he accepted his call to the ministry. Pastor Duke is a graduate of Miami Carol City Senior High School, Class of 2001. Pastor Duke would later complete his Bachelors of Arts in religion at Morehouse College and was accepted into the Master of Arts (Biblical Studies) at St. Thomas University.

Pastor Kenneth D. Duke is one of the most talented and efficient young speakers of our day. He has made an enormous impact in preaching the unadulterated word of God. Pastor Duke's inspiring presentation embraces and challenges every age group, ethnic background, and socio-economic level as he illuminates the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is through the anointed word of God that Pastor Duke has been blessed to proclaim the gospel throughout America, revealing the revelations of God from the foundation of the world to impact wisdom, evoke willingness among God's people to advance in the knowledge of God and lead the lost souls to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture Ephesians 1:3-14 (Response Reading)

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,

9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

13 **And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,**

14 **who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.**

1. Remembering our **past** and where He brought us from. Ephesians Vs 1:3-5
2. Celebrating our **present** and what God sacrificed for us. Ephesians Vs 1:6-9
3. Focusing on our **future** with Him. His plans for us. Ephesians Vs. 10 -14

Mount Calvary Baptist Church

Branden A. Jones – Senior Pastor

Sunday May 28, 2023

11:00AM

Order of Service

Presiding Minister: Marcia Davis

Call to Worship	Minister Marcia Davis
Invocation	Minister Leeroy Woodall
Morning Hymn	Blessed Assurance
Responsive Reading (Ephesians 1:3-14)	Janay Banner
Welcome and Occasion	Mother Zadia B. Tyson
Offertory Prayer	Minister John McCall
Worship in Giving	Ushers with Choir Selection
Alter Prayer	Pastor Branden A. Jones
Scripture	Minister Marcia Davis
Introduction of Speaker	Pastor Branden Jones
Hymn of Preparation	Choir
Message	Pastor Kenneth Duke
Invitation to Discipleship	Pastor Branden A. Jones
Presentation of Inductees	Deacon Malcolm E. Roberts and Pastor Branden A. Jones
Remarks	Deacon Malcolm E. Roberts
Final Remarks	Pastor Branden Jone

Family Inductees

The Turman and Alice Grooms Family

The Jonathan and Elizabeth Rolle Family

The George and Nora Scruggs Family

The Jack and Nella Swain Family

The Rosa and James Thurston Family

Individual Inductees

Dr. Eunice Cason Harvey

Deacon Carl Jefferson

Deacon Cheatham Moore

Deacon David Lee Wright

Rev. Samuel L. Collier

The Turman and Alice Grooms Family

Turman Grooms came to Pompano Beach, FL in 1929. Records show that they celebrated fifty years of matrimony in March of 1983 with his bride Alice M. Durham Grooms. Children born to the couple were Marie Grooms Sessions, Iva Lee Grooms, Turman Grooms, Jr., Morris D. Grooms, Clementine Grooms

Grant, Mae Alice Grooms Fluellen, Eddie Lenard Grooms, and Valerie Jean Grooms Jackson.

They both joined Mt. Calvary Baptist Church shortly after moving to Pompano Beach, FL. History shows that he and his entire family were committed and faithful to their commitment to serve the Lord at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Like most families during that period, strong parental leadership in this family laid a foundation in which the members of their families were committed, unshakeable, and immovable towards getting God's message out to each other and the community.

Turman Grooms Sr. was a dedicated Deacon in Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. He was so dedicated to Mt. Calvary and the Lord's work that after working all day, he would come home, have some dinner, and leave to work on the construction of the Church's second building on Eighth Avenue. Alice was equally involved in Church activities. She loved singing and used her beautiful voice to sing in the Church's Choir. As a matter of fact, the entire family contributed to the growth of the Church from the 1930's to the 1980's through attendance, leadership, and membership in several auxiliaries that impacted the community and the Church then and still to some extent today.

In addition to Truman Grooms position as a deacon, the following positions of service were occupied by members of the Grooms Family:

Turman Grooms Sr.: (Patriarch of the Family) Also served as Pastoral Advisor)

Alice Margaret Grooms: (Spouse of Turman Grooms) Served as Deaconess

Lillie Grooms: (Daughter-in Law of Turman Grooms Sr.) Chairperson of Mt. Calvary's Clothing Ministry; Morris Grooms Scholarship Fund

The Grooms Family played an important role in helping this Church strive to reach God's goal for Churches. Please welcome them to the "Mt. Calvary Baptist Church's Hall of Fame."

The Jonathan and Elizabeth Rolle Family

Jonathan and Elizabeth Rolle moved their family to the United States from the Bahamas in 1906. They had eighteen children born to their marriage of which some were born in the United States, and some were born in the Bahamas. Records show that the Rolle Family was a part of the beginning of Mount Calvary Baptist Church and was a pioneer settler in the community. They joined Mt. Calvary in 1916.

The history of this church shows that family unity along with community involvement played a vital role in the success of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. The Rolle Family was one of several families that set the tone or set an example for other families to follow. It all started with Jonathan and Elizabeth Rolle for this family. As a man of faith, Jonathan raised his family in the Church and encouraged them to trust in God and to give to the community through their acting skills and talents. Drama was a family tradition, and they performed original plays at black churches and lodges all along the east coast of Florida. Several of his daughters, Estella Rolle Evans, Rosanna Rolle Carter, and Esther Rolle went on to become professional actresses and starred in several movies. Esther starred in the television sitcom "Good Times."

Jonathan Rolle was a man of service. Not only did he serve his biological family well, but he served his Church Family just as well. As a matter of fact, He served as a Deacon in Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and was one of the very first Deacons ordained in this Church. In addition, he served as the Church Clerk, he was the organizer of Choir #1, he was superintendent of the Sunday School, and he ministered here at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church over the Baptist Training Union better known as "BTU."

Jonathan's wife Elizabeth served the Church and the community well also. She did so by going out to assist anyone who needed assistance even though she had a load of her own with her children. "She had a deep concern, particularly for families."

In addition to Jonathan Rolle's position, the following positions were occupied by members of the Rolle Family:

Isaiah Cornelius Rolle: (son of Jonathan Rolle) Lifelong member; served in the following positions of service: As a Deacon, as a trustee where he was Chairman of the Trustee Board, and as a Sunday School teacher.

Dwight Higgs: (Nephew of Jonathan Rolle) Lifelong member; Currently a Deacon, former Financial Secretary, and President of the Male Choir.

Kelcina Allen: (Granddaughter of Jonathan Rolle) Served in nurse's guild and as an Usher. She is currently a member of Mt. Calvary along with her son Rodney.

The Rolle Family was clearly an asset to the success of this Church. Please welcome them to "Mt. Calvary Baptist Church's Hall of Fame."

The George and Nora Scruggs Family

George and Nora Sr. Scruggs moved to Pompano Beach, Florida on October 5, 1923, from Quincy Florida. Children born to George and Nora Sr. that were members of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church were Rosa Scruggs Thompson, Melvina Scruggs Brown, Pearlie Mae Leslie Scruggs, Harris Scruggs who was married to Lucille, Eulisse Scruggs Laws, Nora Scruggs McCall, and her twin sister Cora Scruggs McDougle.

George and Nora Sr. Scruggs along with their children were all members of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. This family served the Church, and the community surrounding the Church; As one family member put it, “My family has worked tirelessly in the Church since its inception. We used our times and talents, working with the children of the Church, the Seniors, and as Church administrators; we worshipped through giving, but most of all we continuously prayed and encouraged the members.”

This family states that they believe that they are continuously fulfilling their Christian role, and this is how they accomplish that goal. “This is how we do this. By serving like Christ: With love and humility. Our parents ensured the next generation was “brought up” in the Church. “We were taught to serve with love, and guided to live uprightly, simple, and humbly; we were taught to share our gifts and talents.” said Minnie Campfield.

This family held leadership positions galore. I will name only a few:

Nora Scruggs McCall: (Nora Scruggs Sr.’s daughter) Served as Mother of the Church, Choir President, and Sunday School teacher.

Lucille Scruggs: (daughter-in-law of Nora Sr.) Served as Church Clerk, Sunday School teacher, and Church Mother.

Gwendolyn Laws Hodge: (Nora Scruggs’ Sr. granddaughter) Serving as Mother of the Church, Deaconess, Sunday School teacher, and was the Founder of Mt. Calvary’s Women’s Ministry Auxiliary.

Regina Laws Glenn: (Nora Scruggs’ Sr. granddaughter) Served as a trustee on the Trustee Board.

Robert Hodge: (Nora Scruggs’ Sr. Grandson-in-Law) Currently Serving as a Deacon.

Carolyn McCall Roper: (Nora Scruggs’ Sr. Granddaughter) Served as a Minister

John Douglas McCall: (Nora Scruggs’ Sr Grandson) Serving as a Minister

The contributions made by the Scruggs family to the success of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church were enormous. This family is obviously another reason why we are where we are today. Please welcome them to the “Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Hall of Fame.”.

The Jack and DaNella Swain Family

Jack Swain born August 6, 1880, and DaNella Rhone born August 14, 1885, were joined together in holy matrimony in 1904. They resided in Callahan, FL. during the first few years of their marriage. In 1906, Jack Swain came to Pompano Beach as a migrant worker. After living in the area a few years, he accepted an offer to become a sharecropper. This was a successful venture for Jack, so in 1909, he decided to move his family to Pompano Beach, FL. He and his family were pioneer settlers in the City of Pompano Beach, FL.

Jack Swain joined Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in 1910 when the Church was only eight years old. Four years later, he was ordained as a Deacon by the late Rev. J.T. Brown. As the leader of his household, he saw his spouse DaNella Swain converted and baptized in 1915 by the late Rev. L.J. Ely.

Please know that eight children were born to this union. They were Iola Swain Knowles, Ernest Swain, Louis Swain, Bernice Swain Floyd, Rufus Swain, Willie Swain, Mildred Swain, and Myrtle Swain Wright.

The following people in this family were instrumental in helping Mt. Calvary get to the point of service that is currently offered for the salvation of mankind:

Jack Swain: (Family Ruler/Leader) Served as a Deacon

Willie Swain: (son of Jack Swain) Served as a Deacon, Lifelong member

DaNella Rhone Swain: (Spouse of Jack Swain) Served as a Deaconess

Myrtle Swain Wright: (Daughter of Jack Swain) Lifelong member; Served as Deaconess.

David Lee Wright: (Son-in-Law of Jack Swain) Lifelong member; Served as a Deacon, Music Director

Mildred Swain: (Daughter of Jack Swain) Lifelong member; Served as President of the Progressive Club

Davette Wright: (Granddaughter of Jack Swain) Lifelong member; Serving as President of Choir

Glenda Wright Allen: (Granddaughter of Jack Swain) Lifelong member; Serving as Church Treasurer, and on the Trustee Board.

The Jack Swain Family served this Church well.
We welcome them to the
“Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Hall of Fame”



The LOVE
of a
FAMILY is
life's
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BLESSING



THE FAMILY
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The Rosa and James Thurston Family

The Thurston's Family journey with Mt. Calvary Baptist Church commenced early in the life of Rosa Mae Gaston when she joined James Thurston in holy matrimony in 1928. Rosa Mae Thurston was the daughter of Elizabeth Way-Gaston Glover who was one of the Churches' founding members. From this union, thirteen children were born all of whom grew up and attended Church, Sunday School, BTU, etc. at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. These preliminary teachings and training helped prepare the children for a life's journey of service to the Lord and carrying out His commands. The children were: Leona Elizabeth Thurston Sumpter, Alfred Ernest Thurston Sr., James Cornelius Thurston, Jr., Percy Rural Thurston, Rosetta Thurston Griffith Branch, Theodus Valentino Thurston, Sr., Perry Eugene Thurston Sr., Henry Vernon Thurston, Sr., Margaret Teresa Thurston Ricks, Joyce Ruth Thurston McGirt, Darlene Annette Thurston, Larry Bruce Thurston, and Kenneth Raymond Thurston.

Please note that service from this family to this Church and the community all began with the service provided by the matriarch of the family, Mother Rosa Mae Thurston. During her tenure, she served in several impactful positions that included the following: As Mother of the Church where she counseled not just her children, but all the young women and men in the Church on how to dress properly and how to conduct themselves in a manner that was reflective of a Child of God; As a Sunday School Teacher for more than forty years influencing the lives on numerous young people who entrusted their lives to the Church; As President of the Mission Society, and she was one of the organizers of the Young Matrons Society.

In Addition to her activities and service here at Mt. Calvary, many members of her family followed her tutelage and did the same or is currently doing the identical.

From this family over time, the following members emerged and have made or is making strong, significant, and notable contributions to this Church and the mission God has assigned to churches:

1. Deacon Alfred E. Thurston: (Rosa Thurston's son) was a Lifelong member and served as a dedicated Deacon for many years and at one point, he served as Chairman of the Deacon Board. He also served on the Trustee Board, was a loyal Sunday School Teacher for the men's class, member of the Finance Committee, the Food Pantry Ministry, and an advisor to the Women's Ministry.

2. Deacon Perry Thurston Sr.: (Rosa Thurston's son) was a Lifelong member and served as a Deacon for many years. He was a member of the Trustee Board, member of Christian Education Ministry, Superintendent of Sunday School, Thurston Education Scholarship, Church Custodian, and bus driver as needed.

3. Deacon Floyd Thurston: (Rosa Thurston's grandson) is a Lifelong Member and is currently serving as a Deacon. He Is also a member of the Male Chorus and The Brotherhood Ministry.

4. Margaret Theresa Thurston-Ricks: (Rosa Thurston's daughter) was also a Lifelong Member and served as a leader in several positions: She served as a Trustee on the Trustee Board, a Sunday School Teacher, Chairperson of Food Services, Red Circle and Sunshine Band Leader, Mass Choir, Women's Ministry, Kitchen Committee, and Thurston Education Scholarship.

5. Janice Thurston Byers: (Rosa Thurston's granddaughter) who recently returned and currently heads our Membership Committee and the Hospitality Ministry.

6. Perry Thurston, Jr.: (Rosa Thurston's grandson) is a Lifelong member and is currently Vice Chairman of the Trustee Board. As an Attorney, he often provides legal advice to the Church on a diversity of legal matters.

7. Dawn Thurston: (Rosa Thurston's Granddaughter-in-Law) Serving as Financial Secretary; Thurston Education Scholarship

8. Kirby Thurston: (Rosa Thurston's grandson) Served as a Minister, counselor, and teacher of Mt. Calvary's youth.

The Thurston Family clearly was an asset then and is still an asset to the success of this Church. We welcome them to "Mt. Calvary Baptist Church's Hall of Fame."





REVEREND COLEMAN



REVEREND COLLIE PETE



SAMUEL COLLIER



PERCY DIXON



WINSTON RUDOLPH



ANTHONY BURRELL

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LEADERS
THAT LED
THE WAY



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Dr. Eunice Cason Harvey

Eunice Cason Harvey was the youngest of nine children born to Mary Blake Cason and Mancy Cason. Her parents died a few years after the family arrived in Pompano Beach, FL. That left the rearing of her brothers to her grandparents. However, Eunice and her sister Arrie were raised by their Uncle Sherman Cason who was their father's brother.

Eunice was introduced to Christianity by her grandfather Dan Cason Sr., an ordained Minister in the faith. He influenced her to accept Jesus Christ as her Savior early in her life. When her grandfather's sight began to fail in his golden years, he summoned her to pull up a chair to his bedside, turn to specific scriptures he wanted to hear, and asked her to read the scriptures to him. In addition, they would sing Christian hymns together praising God.

Somewhere in her lifespan, she joined Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. In her service to the Church, she served on the Trustee Board, she was the Church's Financial Secretary, in 1992, she was Chairperson of our By-Laws Committee where the Church's By-Laws were updated and amended to its current version.

Dr. Harvey cared deeply about the students being schooled here in Pompano Beach FL. She had a special connection or concern for Mt. Calvary's graduating seniors. The year before she passed, she asked the Youth Director for the names of all the students graduating that year. With the list she received, she gave each a \$1,000 scholarship. One student was inadvertently left off the list. When she found out, she immediately gave that student a scholarship too.

Dr. Eunice Cason Harvey was instrumental in the overall good health, continued development, and growth of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Her legacy is currently active in this Church.

Please take a moment to reflect on her accomplishments, and her admission into the "Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Hall of Fame."

Deacon Carl Jefferson



Carl Jefferson moved to Pompano Beach, Florida from Quitman, GA in the late 1950's. Shortly after moving to Pompano Beach, he joined the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church under the guidance of the late Rev. Collie Pete. During his tenure at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, he served in many capacities. His first major held position was as the Church Clerk under the tutelage of Rev. Collie Pete.

Carl Jefferson served the Church under four different administrations. After Reverend Pete resigned, Reverend Samuel Collier was selected as Pastor. He served under the guidance of Rev. Samuel M. Collier with loyalty to God and therefore, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Reverend Collier observed his dedication and loyalty to God and, therefore, was selected to become an Ordained Deacon at Mt. Calvary. Not only did Carl Jefferson serve as a Deacon, and the Church Clerk, he ended up serving as the Church's Treasurer, and he taught as the Sunday School teacher of the young boys of the church.

His work of service for the Lord extended beyond the Church and well into the community. For example, he organized the Mt. Calvary Little League Baseball team. Consequently, the field the kids played on is named after him. Carl Jefferson had a life well lived investing in other lives.

Please take a few minutes to memorialize this servant and welcome his legacy into "Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Hall of Fame."

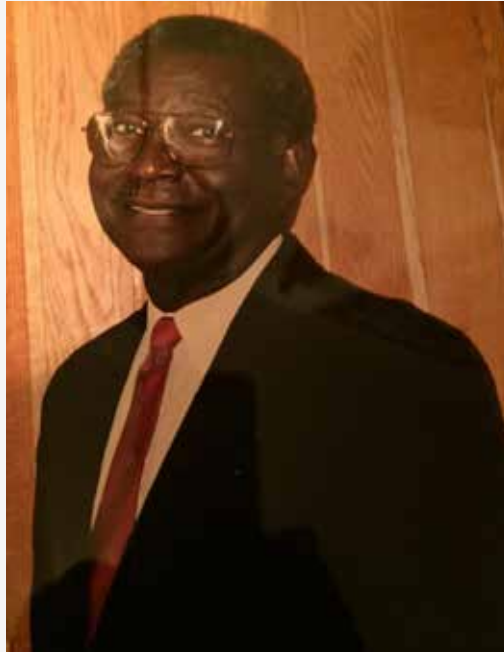
Cheatham Moore

Cheatham Moore came to Pompano Beach, FL in the year of 1929. He joined the Mount Calvary Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Reverend J.E. Coleman during the year of 1930. He Served in many capacities of the Church. He served in all the following positions: Superintendent of Sunday School, Chairman of the Deacon Board, member of Choir Number 1, A Deacon, and as a Sunday School teacher.

His involvement in the community was a compassion for him. So, in addition to his Church activities, he rendered many services to the community. He was the first Black citizen to approach the city commission about recreational activities for the Northwest section of town. As a result, westside park was constructed. He was the first Black representative to serve on the Housing Authority. He was one of the founders of the Christian Pall Bears' Society of Pompano Beach, FL. He served as one of the directors for the Negro Cemetery Organization. He was active in the masonic family. He served as Worshipful Master of Lodge Number 409 for several years.

Deacon Cheatham Moore will always be memorialized for the awesome deeds he did for the community, but especially the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Please take a moment to remember Deacon Cheatham for the good deeds his soul did while it occupied his physical body. Welcome to "Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Hall of Fame."

Deacon David Lee Wright



David Wright was an active member of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. He joined Mt. Calvary Baptist Church early in his life. He was ordained as a Deacon under the tutelage of Rev. Otis L Sample. He was well known for his service to Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and all the surrounding communities.

Deacon David Wright served under several administrations at Mt. Calvary, and he always served in a capacity that made an impact on the Church's success. Under the leadership of Reverend Collie Pete, he served as Church Clerk for fifteen years.

Under the administration of Reverend Otis L. Sample, He was the Director of Choir Number One, and Choir Number Two. He also organized and developed The Negro Spiritual Choir. He served as Chairman of The Aaron and Hur Committee, which was organized to assist our Pastor in carrying out his duties as Pastor (Pastor's Aid). In addition, with guidance from Reverend Otis L. Sample, "Pioneer Day" was developed and celebrated in February of 1983. Deacon Wright reached out to all the Pioneers of Pompano Beach. He interviewed each nominee and on that special day in February, the members of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church honored all Pioneers who told their stories.

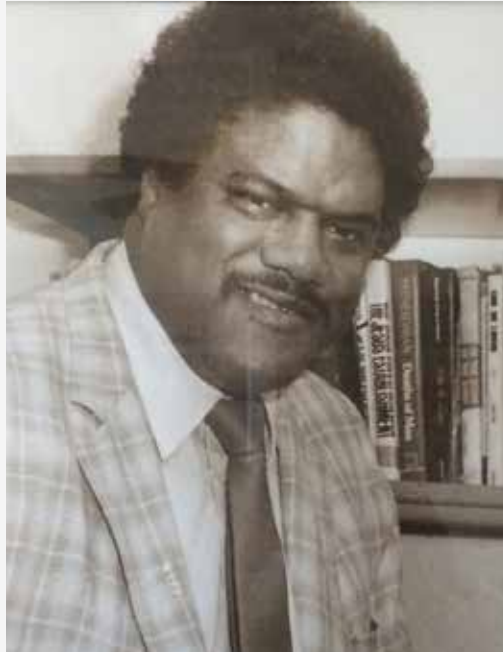
Under the administration of Pastor Dixon, he helped establish the "YES" (Youth Empowerment System). This program used retired teachers who worked with children K-12, from Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and the community on Saturday mornings. The teachers worked with children to assist them with test preparation skills in Reading, Writing, Math, and assisted them with homework when needed.

Deacon David Wright was a man that always had time for others and never leaving his family out. Because of his knowledge of music, he reached out to the children in the community as well as children at Mt. Calvary to help develop their love for music with all instruments.

Deacon David Wright was by far an outstanding citizen of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and the community. Please welcome his spirit and legacy to the "Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Hall of Fame."

Samuel M. Collier

Pastor from 1963-1977



Reverend Samuel M. Collier was selected as pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in 1963. During his era, he took a most active interest in every movement for the betterment of the Church, school, and the community. He initiated and implemented the purchase of nine acres of land for the price of \$150,000. This land is adjacent to the present sanctuary and according to his vision will be used for the expansion building programs that the church will implement.

Reverend Collier along with his friend Reverend Tim Diamond both were active in community affairs. They often appeared before the Broward County School Board speaking out and demanding the re-opening of Ely School High School after the phase-out of Blanche Ely High School in 1970.

Reverend and Mrs. Collier's children, Candyss and Andrew were born during a time he was the pastor of Mount Calvary. Mrs. Collier served as one of the Church's musicians. Reverend Collier resigned in 1977.

From the Anniversary and Hall of Fame Committees

Congratulations Mount Calvary for celebrating this historic occasion!
We thank the members of this committee for their hard work and
dedication to Mount Calvary Baptist Church

Reverend Harry Brown

Sister Sonya Cason

Minister Marcia Davis

Deacon Walter Head

Mother Mary Jefferson

Sister Novice Johnson

Brother Edward Phillips

Deaconess Deborah Roberts

Deacon Malcolm E. Roberts

Deacon Arthur Scott

Mother Zadia Tyson

Sister Davette Wright

Branden A. Jones Pastor