

NWB CE NEWS

"They'll know we are Christians by our love."

November-December, 2020

Dear NWB Family,

I bring you greetings on behalf of the Northwest B Conference of the United American Free Will Baptist Denomination, Inc. In spite of all that is happening around us, we have much to be thankful for – life, salvation, a portion of health and strength, family, friends, and the knowledge that God has everything under control.

You have often heard me repeat the scripture found in II Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Our land needs healing and I am counting

on each of you to do your part. There is much to be done to win the world for Christ. Stop talking about it and start doing something about it. Let us start with ourselves. Matthew 7:5 KJV, "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

To say that "2020 has been a difficult year" is an understatement. Being unable to see you, speak to you, and spend time with you during the different functions sponsored by the Conference has been challenging. I have never seen a year like this one. Even though we have gone through an extremely exhausting election year, a pandemic that continues to rage, and the sickness,

suffering, and death of many that we love, my faith grows stronger. How? My faith is strengthened by praying, studying and obeying the Word of God. The Spirit of the living God speaks to me and reminds me to be of good courage for I am with you. My brothers and sisters, I want you to know that God is with us. Trust Him!



Happy Thanksgiving

In a few days, we will be celebrating another Thanksgiving and then in less than a month, it will be Christmas. Normally, these

holidays present with festive meals and family gatherings. I pray that each of you will be wise and ensure that you and your family stay safe. The CDC has issued advisories that I believe are in the best interest of all of us. I ask that you heed them so that we all can hopefully enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas next year.

Now as we draw near to the end of 2020, I am looking forward to a better 2021. Go with me again to the Word of God found in I Peter 5:6-10 KJV and think on these scriptures: "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

With Love, Care and Concern Bishop J. E. Reddick



Mayes to serve as Pastor of Taylor's Chapel



Pastor Aurelius Mayes is shown above with his grandson, Jamari Darden and wife, Lucy Darden Mayes.

Introducing to our readers, Elder Aurelius Mayes, the new pastor of Taylor's Chapel UAFWB Church located in LaGrange, NC.

Paster Mayes was born on the 20th of July 1969 in Shellman, Georgia. His parents are Aurelius Mayes, Jr. and Flossie Mae Graham. He joined the United States Marines after graduating from high school. Later in life, he met and married the lovely Lucy Darden Mayes. They have four children and three grandchildren.

In 1999, he joined St. Peter UAFWB Church in Snow Hill, NC. He serves on the ushers board for years. Then in 2002, he was ordained as a deacon while

serving as a Sunday School and Bible Study teacher. In 2013, he answered the call to minister the Word and in 2016 he was ordained as an Elder.

To prepare himself as a preacher of the Gospel, he studied and received a bachelor's degree in Theology from Mt. Zion Bible and Seminary College under the direction of Bishop Joe Dixon. In October 2020, he was elected as the Pastor of Taylor's Chapel UAFWB Church.

He is a member of Sandy Hill Lodge #119 and his hobbies include fishing and grilling. "I enjoy engaging with others and laughing. I also appreciate relaxing when my schedule permits", stated Pastor Mayes.

On behalf of the Northwest B Conference Family, we extends congratulations to Pastor Aurelius Mayes.

-ANNOUNCING-

District Union Four

Virtual Session

Sunday, November 29, 2020 10 a.m.

Telephone Conference: (646) 558-8656

Zoom Meeting ID/Access Code: 815 5589 1654 Passcode: 946861

Facebook Live Pages: Northwest B District Four Union Antonio Blow

Northwest B Christian Education Recognizes Churches

Certificates of Recognition were distributed recently to the churches listed below for outstanding participation in Christian Education during 2019-2020. The beautifully framed certificates that recognized the local Christian Education director, pastor and church members, were signed by Mother Jean P. Whitfield, Conference Christian Education Director and Bishop J. E. Reddick, Annual Bishop. "Thank You".

Local Director Pastor	Church
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100% Participation

Eldress Thelma Rouse	Pastor Edna Hall	Chara Ministries
Elder David Sutton	Pastor Cirlister Briggs	Holly Grove
Sister Armentria Mewborn	Bishop J. E. Reddick	Mt. Calvary
Sister Barbara Fleming	Pastor Johnnie Wade	Rockford Chapel
Mother Demetressa Ham	Pastor Antonio Blow	St. Mary

90% Participation

Eldress Dr. Sandra Coley	Pastor James Collins	Goldsboro Chapel
Eldress Carol Barden	Pastor William Mitchell, Jr.	Greater St. John
Deacon Lenston Whitfield	Pastor Anthony Davis, Sr.	Jerusalem
Sister Bebra Robinson	Pastor Antonio Blow	Smith Chapel
Mother Anita Frederick	Pastor Dexter Waters	Stanley Chapel
Sister Sandra Spruill	Pastor Leo Deans	Woods Chapel

80% Participation

Sister Linda Mathis	Pastor Isaac Burnett, Jr.	Central Heights
Sister Mary Shands	Pastor Wandra Williams	Hull Road
Sister Kathy Edmondson	Pastor Willie Burns	St. James
Sister Mary Carr	Pastor Merwyn Smith	St. Mark

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NWB Necrology Report

Each year during the business session of the weeklong NWB Annual Conference, a committee, normally selected from church delegates, prepare and give a necrology report. Due to the pandemic and the cancellation of the annual conference this year, we received approval to share the following report of individuals in NWB churches who have transitioned to eternity during this conference year.

(A candle is lit in memory of those who have gone on ahead of us.)

Sing softly "Take My Hand, Precious Lord".

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; - Thru the storm, thru the night, Lead me on to the light, Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone, - Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall; Take

my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, And the day is past and gone, - At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand; Take my hand, previous Lord, Lead me Home.

> Read from the Holy Bible Revelation 21:1-4

- 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
- 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
- 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Pray The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Report of Churches with Deceased Members

Antioch



Deacon Marion Jones Sister Virginia Koonce

Best Chapel – Wayne Sister Doris Flanagan

Bethany

Brother Willie Davis Sister Chelsea Outlaw

"Sometimes

you will never know the

true value of a moment

until it becomes a

memory."

Bethel Light Ministries



Brother John Earl Parks

Center of Love Mission Mother Nora Mae Davis

Central Heights



Eldress Georgia Lewis

Chara MinistriesSister Sabrina Ann Edwards

Goldsboro Chapel

Sister Cornelius Eatmon Sister Judith Gallman Mother Ann Margaret Hill Sister Elizabeth Isler Brother Harold Isler Sister Christine Singleton Deacon David Swinson

Gospel Friendship Deacon Jay D. Davis

Greater St. John

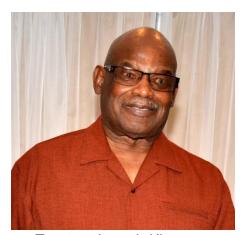


Mother Carolene Winbush

Herring Grove



Brother Lloyd Dunn



Trustee Joseph Kimpson

Hines Chapel Deacon Robert Wilson

Hull Road Sister Mary Hines Minister Lucy Koonce

JerusalemBrother Eddie Fields, Jr.



Mother Elinda Grady

JudahElder Stanley Swinson

Mt. Calvary



Brother Sandy Jackson



Post Oak

Brother Earl Fisher
Sister Mamie Holmes
Brother Elymous "Joe" Moore
Sister Ella Sutton

Rockford Chapel Sister Irene Kinsey

Simro



Mother Louisa Newborn

Smith Chapel



Sister Annette Ammons

"Don't Cry Because It's Over,

Smile Because It Happened"



Trustee Charlie Daniel Lofton

St. JamesMother Mildred King Brother Delashawn Sutton

St. Luke



Brother James Earl Aytch, Sr.

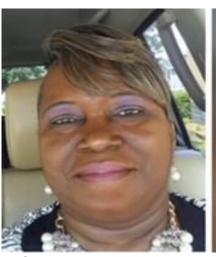
"Goodbyes are not forever,

are not the end;

it simply means

I'll miss you

until we meet again"



Sister Jasquelene Becton

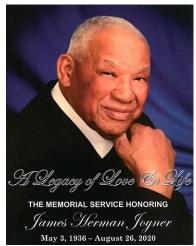


Mother Delores Rhodes

St. Mary



Sister Bettie Hill

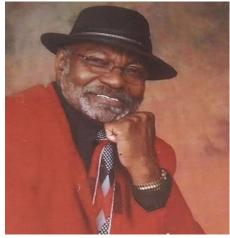


Brother James "Bud" Joyner



Sister Ivey Skinner

St. MatthewSister Henrietta Gray



Deacon Jimmie Sutton

St. Peter

Brother Leavell Graham Sister Carolyn Price Sister Geraldine Braswell-Simmons Sister Thelma Williams

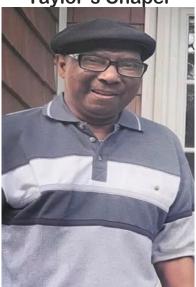
Stanley Chapel

Brother Brian Faison Brother Sherman Smith, Jr.

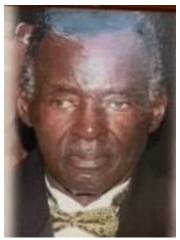
Suggs Christian Temple

Trustee David Armstrong Deacon Elbert Hawkins, Jr. Mother Etta Mae Tune

Taylor's Chapel



Brother Donald Ray Gardner



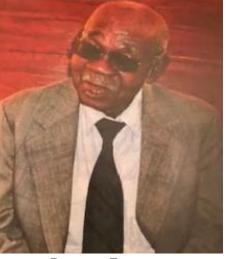
Trustee Joseph Paul "JP"
Jones

Thompson Chapel



Mother Gertrude Hudson

Union Grove



Deacon Emerson "EB"Newsome

Woods Chapel

Deacon Aaron Lewis Brother James McLaurin Sister Elma Tuckson

Sing "When We All Get To Heaven"

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be. When we all see Jesus. We will sing and shout the VICTORY! When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be. When we all see Jesus. We will sing and shout the VICTORY!

Merry Christmas to All



Wise men, women, girls, and boys, also wear masks, social distance, and wash their hands often.