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*Reflections of Fifteen Years of
Dedicated Community Service*

Fifteenth Anniversary Service

HONORING



*Reverend Dr. Homer Littlefield McCall
and Family*

*Sunday, October 5, 1986
3:30 P.M.*

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama

RT. REVEREND FRANK M. REID, JR., *Presiding Bishop*
DR. E. L. BLANKENSHIP, *Presiding Elder*
REVEREND DR. HOMER LITTLEFIELD McCALL, *Pastor*

Message from the Pastor and His Family

"The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight
But they while their companions slept
Were toiling upward in the night."
—HENRY W. LONGFELLOW



As we reflect on the past fifteen years of service to St. John and the Huntsville community, we count our blessings rather than our conflicts and crosses. God is good. On this celebration we thank God with you for His protection, strength, guidance, and growth. We are grateful that He has allowed us to grow in minds committed to the cause of Jesus Christ, in members of the body of Christ, and in spiritual sensitivity to trust Christ and put Him first in our lives.

The real reward today is not the cash or checks we receive as tokens of love from you but rather is the many children, clergy, church and community friends who care, cooperate and who have come to be with us today. We realize, however, that the reward ultimately is never how much we can receive today or how many people may come to worship and praise God with us in this uplifting and unforgettable service. The ultimate reward is in us, what we are and not what we have or get.

The final reward of course, will be in heaven with those we love and with those we helped to win to Christ by our testimony, living and giving. We thank you for sharing with us our Fifteenth Anniversary of service to St. John and this community.

Without God, your prayers and presence this occasion would be nothing—empty and shallow. Things can be replaced but we can never replace you. Thank you for caring.

Homer & Mable and Children,
Homer II, Sonya and Gale

EVENING SERVICE

Order of Worship

3:30 P.M.

MEDITATE: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all." —GALATIANS 6:10

PRELUDEMr. Rufus Gilmore, Minister of Music

OPENING HYMN (No. 347) "I'm Pressing on the Upward Way (Higher Ground)

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURERev. Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery, Pastor
Union Hill P. B. Church

MUSIC.....First Missionary Baptist Church Choir

WELCOME AND OCCASION.....Dr. Katie Blanding

REFLECTIONS
As a Church MemberMr. Jerry Baldwin
As a MinisterRev. Karnie C. Smith, Pastor
Gravitt's Chapel A. M. E. Church
As a Community LeaderRev. Jerry Crutcher, Pastor
Little Indian Creek P. B. Church

SOLORev. Theodis Acklin, Associate Minister
Blackburn Chapel C. P. Church

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.....Brother Horace Fitchard, Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERCol. E. C. Smith, Sr.

HYMN OF PREPARATION (No. 513)..... "Time is Filled with Swift Transition"

SERMON.....Rev. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, Pastor
First Missionary Baptist Church
Huntsville, Alabama

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIPRev. Dr. Wendell Thompson, Pastor
Owens Chapel M. B. Church

HYMN OF INVITATIONFirst Missionary Baptist Church Choir

PRESENTATION OF GIFTSMrs. Willie M. Heyward

REMARKSMrs. Gloria C. Dawson, Chairperson
Pastor's Fifteenth Anniversary Committee
Rev. Homer L. McCall, Pastor

CLOSING SONG "God Has Smiled on Me"

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

Pastor's Fifteenth Anniversary Committees



MRS. GLORIA DAWSON, *Chairperson*
MRS. WILLIE M. HEYWARD, *Co-Chairperson*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MRS. GWENDOLYN BALDWIN, *Chairperson*
MRS. MATTIE EZELL
MRS. HAZEL GILMORE
MRS. ROSETTA WILLIAMS

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

MRS. ADRIENNE POPE-KELLY, *Chairperson*
MRS. SARAH ALLS
MRS. PHYLLIS CONNER
MRS. VIVIAN HUMPHREY
MRS. BARBARA JOHNSON
MRS. BESSIE SMITH

Seventeenth Anniversary Services

Honoring



Reverend Doctor Homer Littlefield McCall
and Family

Sunday, August 28, 1988

11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

THEME: "LET THIS BE THE DAY"

Celebrating Seventeen Years of Love, Leadership and Service

**St. John African Methodist Episcopal
Church**

229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama

RT. REVEREND FRANK M. REID, JR., *Presiding Bishop*
REVEREND DOCTOR E.L. BLANKENSHIP, *Presiding Elder*
REVEREND DOCTOR HOMER LITTLEFIELD McCALL, *Pastor*

God Our Father

Christ Our Redeemer

Man Our Brother

Order of Worship

11:00 A.M.

MEDITATE: "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." PSALM 118:24

PRELUDE.....Mr. Rufus Gilmore, Minister of Music

*HYMN OF ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Mr. William Bell

*OPENING HYMN (#92)-"Praise Him Praise Him".....Choir/Congregation

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....J LT. Audrey Walker

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE (John 21:10-17).....Mrs. Agnes Bailey

*DECALOGUE.....Mr. Lafayette Townsend, Jr.

RESPONSIVE READING.....Ms. Doris Outlaw

MUSIC.....Male Chorus

RESOLUTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GUEST RECOGNITION.....Dr. L.W. Bonner

MUSIC—Solo.....Little Miss Nicole Rankin

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING:

Offertory Music

*Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Dr. Nimrod Cobb

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....Mrs. Phyllis Conners

*HYMN OF PREPARATION (#215).....Choir/Congregation
"I've a Message from the Lord"

SERMON...*Phil. 1:12-19*.....Rev. Willie Ed Alexander, Campus Chaplain
Baptist Student Union, Alabama A & M University

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....Rev. Alexander

*HYMN OF INVITATION (#401).....Choir/Congregation
"We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"

*CLOSING HYMN (#196)....."Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

RECESSIONAL

*DOXOLOGY—"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

BENEDICTION.....Rev. Alexander

*Congregation will stand

AFTERNOON SERVICE

Order of Worship

4:00 P.M.

MEDITATE: "And I will give pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." JEREMIAH 3:15

PRELUDE.....Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church

*OPENING HYMN.....Choir/Congregation

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE.....Rev. Endia Scruggs

MUSIC.....Hopewell M.B. Church

WELCOME AND OCCASION.....Attorney Lynn Sherrod

TRIBUTES:

As A Mentor.....Rev. Karnie Smith

As A Pastor.....Mr. Ted Walton

As A Neighbor.....Dr. John Gibson

POEM.....Mr. Homer McCall, II

"IF—" by Rudyard Kipling (1910)

OFFERING

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.....Brother Horace Fitchard

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....Mr. Joseph Butler

*HYMN OF PREPARATION.....Hopewell M.B. Church

SERMON.....Rev. Leroy Cole, Pastor
Hopewell M.B. Church

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....Rev. Cole

HYMN OF INVITATION.....Choir/Congregation

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS.....Mr. and Mrs. Randy Love

REMARKS.....Ms. Barbara Johnson
Co-Chairperson

Seventeenth Anniversary Committee

*DOXOLOGY—"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

BENEDICTION.....Rev. Cole

RECESSIONAL

*Congregation will stand

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN THE S.S. HEREFORD FELLOWSHIP HALL

Pastor's Seventeenth Anniversary Committee

MRS. ADRIENNE POPE-KELLY, *Chairperson*

MS. BARBARA A. JOHNSON, *Co-Chairperson*

MRS. LOU CLARK

MRS. HAZEL GILMORE

MRS. ADA HOUSTON

MRS. LORENE JONES

MRS. MARY RANKIN

MRS. BESSIE SMITH

MRS. TRESSIE STOUT

MR. DON STOUT

Let This Be The Day

Let this be the day...
when you stop thinking about
your dreams, and you start doing
something to make them happen!

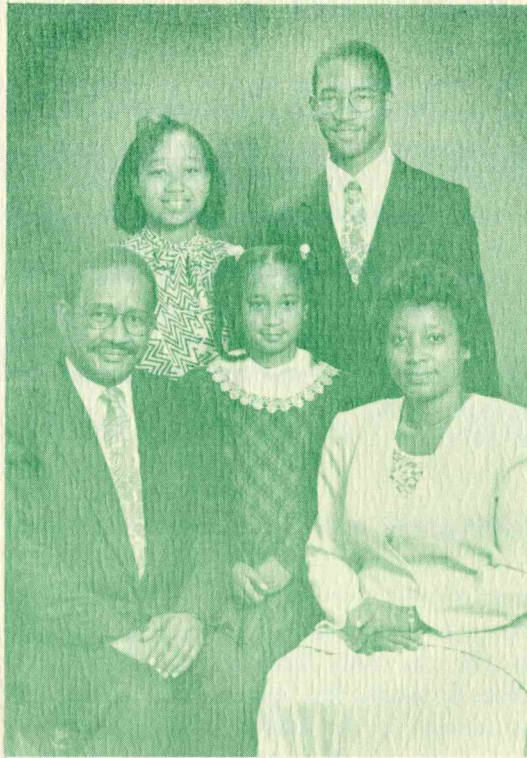
Let this be the day...
you give your best, believing
that you can make a difference
in the world, because it's true!

Let this be the day...
when you can honestly say
you've lived life to the fullest
"That Christ is your choice."

SELECTED

Eighteenth Anniversary Services

honoring



REVEREND DOCTOR HOMER LITTLEFIELD McCALL
AND FAMILY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1989

11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

THEME: *Celebrating Eighteen Years of Service with*
THE MAN, THE MESSAGE AND THE MINISTRY

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

229 Church Street

Huntsville, Alabama

"Homer Littlefield McCall I, The Man, The Message, The Ministry"

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THE MAN

"On this ROCK I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it."

—Jesus of Nazareth

God is good! From his early childhood Homer L. McCall I was encouraged and taught by his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. McCall, to "FAITHFULLY" seek first the Kingdom of God. Faith is God was always the top priority as the family gathered for reading the Bible at the family altar in the morning and for prayer before each meal. Many outstanding pastors, teachers and community leaders also impacted our pastor's life at an early age. A metamorphosis in his outlook on life (*raison d'être*), his purpose for living, took place in 1951 as he began to yield to a lifelong destiny to serve God through serving people. Our pastor is a man of **faith**, where life is built upon the ROCK of Relying Upon Christ's Kingship. The home and church family that he and his lovely wife, Mable, the first lady of St. John, have built and led "by the grace of God" is a symbol to the church and community of the ancient appeal of Joshua: "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve . . . But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

THE MESSAGE

"The Son of Man didn't come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

—Jesus of Nazareth

God is holy! Sometimes we feel our pastor is so busy serving the LORD that he hasn't got time to die. Although he seeks to lead his parishioners as well as the unsaved into a perpetual and unceasing communion with the Holy God through Jesus Christ, Dr. McCall's message is certainly not one of salvation by works but rather by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. The message of this servant of the LORD, who was sent to us by the FATHER over eighteen years ago, empowered by the SON and anointed by the HOLY SPIRIT "to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor," is a very simple one. It is expressed best in one of his favorite children's hymns, "Jesus Love Me This I Know; For the Bible Tells Me So." For the cause of Christ then our pastor is willing to bear the cross, to live nobly, preach boldly in the Spirit, as well as to die unselfishly for the ONE who once taught, "But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."

THE MINISTRY

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations . . . And surely I am with you always . . ."

*—Jesus Christ, the King of Kings
and Lord of Lords*

"GOD IS LOVE"

Our pastor has embraced a holistic concept of ministry of meeting the total "needs of people, spiritually, intellectually, physically, and emotionally, by spreading Christ's liberating gospel through deed and word in the spirit of the original Free African Society out of which the A.M.E. Church evolved." Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, through preaching, teaching, counselling and administering our pastor has led St. John into deeper levels and greater awareness of Spirituality, Social Consciousness, Stewardship and Evangelism. We are glad to celebrate today not only the growth of our church family but also that of our pastor, the Reverend Dr. Homer Littlefield McCall I, and his family as GOD continues to mold each of us into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. "For He is worthy to be praised," and we are thankful for a pastor who cares.

To Our Visiting Friends

On behalf of our Pastor and his family, all members, boards and organizations of St. John A.M.E. Church:

We, the members of the Pastor's Aid Board

Extend to each visiting friend, a hearty WELCOME AS WE

Lovingly accept you into our spiritual home.

Come back to visit with us whenever the

Opportunity arises.

May your visit today, which is a special occasion for us,

**Extend to each visiting friend, a hearty WELCOME, ~~as we~~
~~part of our family.~~**

Joyce Woods-Hardy



Announcements

Sunday School convenes each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Plan now to attend.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Class will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Ezra and Nehemiah will be completed. We will begin the study of Job.

Please fill out the membership survey form and leave it with an usher or place it in the box in the vestibule. Thank you.

The flowers on the altar today are given by Mrs. Mary Shinault.

The Official Board will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. All officers and members are asked to assemble promptly.

The Lay Organization will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

OUR KNOWN SICK AND SHUT-IN

Mrs. Amanda Derrick
Mrs. Emma Humber
Mrs. Mary King
Mrs. Ruth Morris

Mrs. Grieffie Russell
Mrs. Janice Hereford
Mrs. Edna Matthews
Mrs. Florence Marks

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 28 The Official Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

September 24 Men's Day

October 21 Harvest Home Meeting, Grant Chapel A.M.E. Church, Gadsden, Alabama,
10:00 a.m.

October 26-29 North Alabama Annual Conference, St. John A.M.E. Church, Hunts-
ville, Alabama

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Our Father, we are weak but You are strong. May we, by your grace and through faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, be pure in heart that we may see You face to face. In His name. Amen.

"THINK ON THESE THINGS"

"The stone the builders rejected has become the head cornerstone."—Psalm 118:22

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 3, 1989

Monday - Psalm 27

Tuesday - Romans 8:28-39

Wednesday - Proverbs 8:10-17

Thursday - Hebrews 13:15-16

Friday - Psalm 86

Saturday - I John 3:1-3

Sunday - Psalm 69:30-36

Steering Committee

Pastor's Aid Board, Ms. Ada Houston, *President*

Refreshments

Members of St. John A.M.E. Church

Pastor's Aid Board

GOD OUR FATHER

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

MAN OUR BROTHER

Order of Service — 11:00 A. M.

MEDITATE: "Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."—Isaiah 6:8

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*PRELUDE..... Mr. Rufus Gilmore, III, Minister of Music
Mr. Karl W. Henry, Musician*

**HYMN OF ADORATION*

**CALL TO WORSHIP..... Mrs. Regena Pippen*

*OPENING HYMN (520) Choir/Congregation
"Come, We That Love the Lord"*

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ms. Deborah Rice

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE (Isaiah 6:3-13) Ms. Teresa C. Smith

**DECALOGUE..... Mr. Jerry Baldwin*

*RESPONSIVE READING (671) Ms. Doris Outlaw
Happy Are They Who Have Not Walked*

MUSIC Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GUEST RECOGNITION..... Dr. L. W. Bonner

MUSIC Choir

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Offertory Sentences

**Prayer of Thanksgiving..... Rev. Kenneth D. Johnson*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Mr. Everett Brooks

**HYMN OF PREPARATION (215) Choir/Congregation
"I've a Message From the Lord"*

SERMON..... (Solomon 4:1-4) Rev. David Molapo

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. David Molapo

**HYMN OF INVITATION (217) Choir/Congregation
"I Love to Tell the Story"*

**CLOSING HYMN..... "God Has Smiled On Me"*

**RECESSIONAL*

**DOXOLOGY..... "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

BENEDICTION

**Congregation will stand*

Order of Worship — 4:00 P. M.

MEDITATE: "And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of GOD, as was Aaron."—Hebrews 5:4



PRELUDE.....	Mt. Moriah P. B. Church Florence, Alabama
*OPENING HYMN	Choir/Congregation
MUSIC.....	Mt. Moriah P. B. Church
PRAYER	Rev. Ricky Sykes New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama
SCRIPTURE (Psalms 138:1-8)	Ms. Barbara Johnson
WELCOME/OCCASION	Ms. Joyce Woods-Hardy
TRIBUTES.....	Miss Sonya McCall Bro. Horace Fitchard, Jr. Dr. Jeanette Jones
THE ALPHA ENSEMBLE	Mr. Charles Briggins, Dr. Willie Mingo Clark Dr. Harold G. Dickerson, Mr. Tommy Lockhart Mr. Elige Jones, Accompanist
OFFERING	
OFFERTORY MUSIC	Mt. Moriah Choir
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.....	Mr. Claudewell Campbell
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....	Col. James Heyward U. S. Army, Retired
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	Choir/Congregation
SERMON. (II. Cor. 4:1-5)	Rev. Leroy Sawyer, Pastor Mt. Moriah P. B. Church, Florence, Alabama
*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....	Rev. Sawyer
HYMN OF INVITATION	Choir/Congregation
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Ms. Lorraine Edwards
REMARKS	Ms. Ada Houston, Chairperson Pastor's Anniversary Committee Rev. Dr. Homer McCall
BENEDICTION.....	Rev. Sawyer
*Congregation will stand	

Reception immediately following in the S. S. Hereford Fellowship Hall

The Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

Salutes

The Nineteen Years of Dedicated Service



*The Reverend Doctor Homer Littlefield McCall
and Family*

August 26, 1990

The Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

Huntsville, Alabama

Reverend Homer L. McCall, Pastor

Reverend E.L. Blankenship, Presiding Elder

The Right Reverend C.E. Thomas, Presiding Bishop

Sunday, August 26, 1990

Dedicated to Dr. Homer McCall and
Family

10:50 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Pastor's Anniversary

Theme: "Wherefore take unto you the
whole armour of God, that ye may be
able to withstand in the evil day, and
having done all, to stand." Ephesians
6:13

A Tribute to: Dr. Homer Littlefield McCall

The Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church, friends and relatives of Dr. Homer Littlefield McCall join together in a special day of recognition for the nineteen years of dedicated service he and his family have given to this church and this community. Dr. McCall has been many things to many people and we pause today to thank God for the man and the mission. He has lead this church through almost two decades, through four Presidents, three Governors, and two Mayors; through peace and war, through recession and prosperity; through moral and political conflict. Dr. McCall has been a good shepherd, a watchful eye, a prayerful steward, an efficient administrator, a prepared scholar, a visionary, a missionary, a disciple and a friend. We give God the glory, the honor and the praise for this Man of God.



A Tribute to: Mrs. Mabel McCall, Homer II, Sonya and Gayle

The McCall family exemplifies true Christian Character. Mrs. McCall supplements the very character and being of Dr. McCall. Their spiritual family radiance is a beacon light in a time when family values and Christian beliefs are being replaced for fashion, the "in thing" and other secular poisons. The McCall Family is always there supporting Dr. McCall, whether it's Morning Worship, A special program or simply a church meeting. Dr. McCall is not alone. His Pastorate and his ministry is a family affair. They provide an atmosphere that allows Homer II, Sonya and Gayle to grow and develop by the examples the life their parents are leading. Your lovingness and kindness is not overlooked or discarded as simply mandated service; we admire, we love and we bless you through our prayers to Almighty God.

***"Wearing the Full armour of God: Equipped to
serve in the 1990's"***

Enter to Worship 10:50 a.m. Processional

Prelude.....Mr. Rufus Gilmore, Minister of Music
Mr. Karl Henry, Musician
Opening Hymn Choir and Congregation
The Call to Worship.....Reverend Richard Johnson
The Morning Prayer.....Ms. Debra Rice
Music.....The Male Chorus
ScriptureReverend Angle Walker
DecalogueDr. Mingo Clark
Music.....The Male Chorus
Responsive ReadingMs. Mary Rankin
Announcements & Guest Recognition
Mr. Lamar P. Higgins
Music.....The Male Chorus
The Giving of Tithes and Offerings.....The Ushers
The Introduction of Speaker.....Col. James Heyward
The Hymn of Preparation Choir and Congregation
Speaker.....Reverend Doctor Wendell Thompson
Alabama A&M University
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Reverend Thompson
The Hymn of Invitation..... Choir and Congregation
Remarks & Benediction.....Reverend Thompson

Depart to Serve

Seymour's friend
Jan 2, 1991

*"Wearing the Full armour of God: Equipped to
serve in the 1990's"*

Sunday, August 26, 1990

Thought for Today: "Hatred Stirs up dissension, but
love covers over all wrongs." Proverbs 10:12

Prayer for Today: Our Father, thank you for the past,
the present and for the future that you have prepared
for us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Home Daily Bible Readings Week of August 27 - September 2

Monday.....Matthew 5:3-11
Tuesday.....Psalm 27:1-4
Wednesday.....Romans 8:35-39
Thursday.....Proverbs 8:12-36
Friday.....Hebrews 13:15-16
Saturday.....Psalm 86
Sunday.....I John 3:1-3

Announcements:

Sunday School convenes each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Plan now to attend.

Persons who will be attending mid-week prayer
meeting and Bible Class are asked to meet promptly
at 6:30 p.m. to go by van to Granitt Chapel AME
Church, New Market where Rev. Karnle C. Smith is
Evangelist for Revival Services this week. Rev. Horace
Fitchard, Jr. is Pastor.

Flowers on the altar are given by Mrs. Mary Shlnault
in memory of her husband.

The planning Committtee for Church Expansion will
meet at the Church at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 27.

OUR KNOW SICK AND SHUT-IN:

Mr. Percy Ashford.....Mrs. Emma Humber
Mrs. Virginia Chavis.....Mrs. Sarah Hamilton
Mrs. Amanda Derrick.....Mrs. Mary King
Mrs. Ruth Morris

Board and Organizational Meetings: August 26 - September 2

Monday.....Church Expansion Committtee, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday.....Senior Choir, 6:00 p.m.
Friday.....Male Chorus, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday.....Cub Scouts, 12:00 p.m.
Children's Choir, 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir, 12:30 p.m.
Gospel Choir, 1:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 23.....Men's Day
Mr. Caral Cooper, Chairman
October 13.....Harvest Fellowship
Saint Phillips Margaret, Alabama
Reverend W.L. Montgomery Pastor
October 24.....North Alabama Conference WMS
Annual Convention
Saint Paul AME Smithfield
Birmingham, Alabama
October 25-28.....North Alabama Annual Conference
Saint Paul AME Smithfield
Birmingham, Alabama

The Responsive Reading:

Happy are they who have not walked!

Happy are they who have not walked in the
counsel of the wicked,

**Nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in
the seats of the scornful!**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord

and They meditate on His law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams on water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do
not wither;

everything they do shall prosper

It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Psalm 1

"Go, Preach My Gospel"



"Go preach My gospel" saith the Lord. "Bid the whole earth My
grace receive. Explain to them My sacred word; Bid them believe,
obey and live.

"I'll make My great commission known, And ye shall prove My
gospel true By all the words that I have done And all the wonders ye
shall do.

"Go, heal the sick; go, raise the dead; Go, cast out devils in My name;
Nor let My prophets be afraid, Though Greeks reproach and Jews
blaspheme.

"While thus ye follow My commands I'm with you till the world
shall end; All power is trusted in My hands; I can destroy and can
defend."

*"Wearing the Full armour of God: Equipped to
serve in the 1990's"*

"But we preach not ourselves, but Christ the Lord;
and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

II Corinthians 4:5

Processional

Prelude.....Saint Paul AME Church Choir
Florence, Alabama
Opening Hymn.....Choir and Congregation
Music.....Saint Paul AME Choir
Prayer.....Reverend Doctor Oscar Montgomery
Scripture.....Reverend Wayne Snodgrass
Ephesians 6:10-20
Welcome and Occasion.....Mrs. Maria Hobson
Duet.....Mrs. Ellen Lewis and Mr. Walter Williams

Tributes:

As an African-American Family Man
Reverend Doctor E.L. Blankenship
As a Pastor.....Mr. S.C. O'Neal
Dedication to Family.....Mrs. Eunice Tucker

Offering

Offertory Music.....Saint Paul AME Choir
Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Reverend Horace Fitchard
Introduction of Speaker.....Dr. Nimrod Cobb
Hymn of Preparation.....Choir & Congregation
Sermon.....Reverend W.N. Huggins
Pastor, Saint Paul AME Church

Invitation to Christian Discipleship..Reverend Karnie Smith
Hymn of Invitation.....Choir and Congregation
Presentation of Gifts.....Mrs. Mydell Smith
Remarks.....Ms. Barbara Johnson
Mrs. Ada Houston
Remarks and BenedictionReverend W.N. Huggins

*Reception immediately following in the S.S. Hereford
Fellowship Hall*

Special Tribute:

To Dr. McCall and Family



From:
The Huntsville Business Community
St. John Boards and Organizations
St. John Members

*The following pages are congratulatory messages from
these individuals, organizations and businesses.*

The Young People's
Department

Salutes:

Dr. Homer Littlefield
McCall
And Family

Thanks for your Leadership and
Direction

Congratulations Dr. McCall
and
Family

Dr. and Mrs. James Dawson

Dr. McCall and Family

You are known by your good works

Col. and Mrs. James Heyward and
Family

The Gilmore Family
salutes

Pastor McCall and Family

God Bless your Ministry
Press on toward the higher mark

Presiding Elder E.L. Blankenship

Congratulations
Dr. McCall and Family

You have touched our lives
just as God Almighty has
touched you.

Happy Anniversary and Best Wishes
for many more.

The Saint John Church Family

The Sunday School Department
Expresses
Best Wishes
to

Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall and Family
on
Nineteen years of Dedication and Service

I remember the days of old; I meditate
on all thy works; I muse on the work of
thy hands.

Congratulations on
Nineteen years of Work and Service

The Senior Usher Board

Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before his
presence with singing. Psalms 100:2

Dr. McCall and Family

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The Steward Board

*"With good will doing service as to the Lord, and not
to Men. Eph. 6:7"*

For Service completed at
St. John for 19 years, we
salute Dr. Homer L. McCall
and family.

The Trustee Board

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Extends Best Wishes
To Our Pastor and Family

*"And I will give you pastors according to
mine heart, which shall feed you with
knowledge and understanding.*

Jer. 3:15

May God Bless and keep you in his
loving care.

Congratulations, Dr. McCall
and Family

Stewardess Boards I and II

**Congratulations:
Pastor McCall & Family**

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

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was right before thee. Jer 17:16

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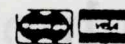
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We appreciate all of the well wishes and all of the contributions made by all individuals, groups and organizations. God Bless and Keep each of you.

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Twenty-first Anniversary Services

Honoring



*Reverend Doctor Homer Littlefield McCall
and Family*

Sunday, August 30, 1992

THEME: "A New Beginning"

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama

THE RIGHT REVEREND C. E. THOMAS, *Presiding Bishop*
THE REVEREND E. L. BLANKENSHIP, *Presiding Elder*
THE REVEREND H. L. McCALL, *Pastor*

A FLASHBACK ABOUT OUR PASTOR

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REVEREND McCALL is a native of Montgomery, Alabama. He attended Alabama State University Laboratory High School in Montgomery, Alabama and accelerated to college from the tenth grade. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. He earned his Master and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Vanderbilt University—Nashville, Tennessee. He has done further study at the University of Paris; Exter College in Oxford, England and Yale University.

Dr. McCall's work experience includes having served as instructor of English, French and Theology at Daniel Payne College in Birmingham, Alabama, and instructor of English and French at Sparkman High School in Toney, Alabama. He served as pastor of Ward Chapel A. M. E. Church—Warrior, Alabama, and St. Phillips A. M. E. Church—Margaret, Alabama. Reverend McCall is presently Assistant Professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages—Alabama A&M University—Normal, Alabama.

He has served as Counselor with the United States Army and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal; Instructor of Old Testament, New Testament and Life of Christ at Huntsville Baptist Institute; and Instructor of Public Speaking at Calhoun Community College—Huntsville Campus.

Dr. McCall is a member of the GHIMF and GHMA, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Huntsville Community United Negro College Fund Committee, and the National Alumni Normalite Association, and other professional and civic organizations.

He is married to the former Mable Jones and they are the proud parents of three lovely children: Homer II — a junior at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia; Sonja Denise — a freshman at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, and Gale Leslie — a student at Chapman Elementary School.

His ministry at St. John has emphasized: "The family that prays together stays together," and "The best sermon is an example." Rev. McCall continues to pursue his primary goal in life: "to win souls for Christ and to serve people."

Order of Worship

10:50 A.M.



MEDITATE: "Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should increase." —JOB 8:7

PRELUDE *Mr. Rufus Gilmore III, Minister of Music*
Mr. Lamar Higgins, Musician

CALL TO WORSHIP *Mr. W. Randy Love*

OPENING HYMN—"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (No. 1)..... *Choir and Congregation*

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... *Mrs. Debra Rice*

CHORAL RESPONSE

OLD TESTAMENT READING (I Kings 19:9-18)..... *Mrs. Charlsie Brooks*

NEW TESTAMENT READING (Matthew 14:22-23)..... *Mr. Everett Brooks*

DECALOGUE *Mrs. Maple Smiley*

LITANY..... *Dr. Jeanette Jones*

MUSIC *Children's Choir/Gospel Choir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GUEST RECOGNITION..... *Dr. Shannon Cobb*

WELCOME AND OCCASION..... *Mrs. Mydell Smith*

MUSIC *Senior Choir*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING TO GOD

Offertory Sentences

The Prayer of Thanksgiving..... *Rev. Kenneth Johnson*

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER *Dr. John T. Gibson*

HYMN OF PREPARATION—"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" (No. 53) .. *Choir and Congregation*

ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER *REV. DR. FARRELL J. DUNCOMBE, Presiding Elder*
Montgomery District, Alabama Conference
Ninth District, A. M. E. Church

THE INVITATION OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

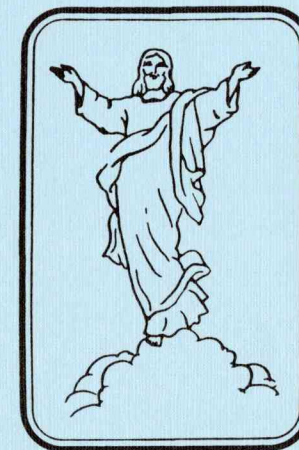
HYMN OF INVITATION *Senior Choir and Congregation*
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (No. 282)

CLOSING REMARKS *Mrs. Willie G. Kelly*

CLOSING HYMN—"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" *Congregation*

RECESSIONAL

BENEDICTION..... *Dr. Farrell J. Duncombe*



Genesis 3:22 - When God Recycles Evil

AN ANNIVERSARY LITANY
FOR
Dr. Homer Littlefield McCall



“O, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men.” We praise God for His messengers and for those who implement that great commission which has been made available to posterity through the gospel of Matthew. Jesus said, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

Our beloved pastor is indeed a dedicated servant of the Lord who seeks to put the great commission into practice. We therefore, praise the Lord for His goodness.

LEADER: For Dr. Homer McCall, who is a bearer of the gospel of peace, who demonstrates by word and deed that he is a caring man of God, and a concerned pastor;

PEOPLE: We praise the Lord for His goodness.

LEADER: For an ambassador of the gospel, who is generous with the sharing of his time and talent, as he serves the Christian community particularly and the total human family generally;

PEOPLE: We praise the Lord for His goodness.

LEADER: For a servant of God who has prepared himself academically and theologically to become an effective messenger;

PEOPLE: We praise the Lord for His goodness.

LEADER: For the leadership which our pastor gives, and for the compassionate but assertive qualities which he appropriates in that role;

PEOPLE: We praise the Lord for His goodness.

LEADER: For the teaching skills which our pastor employs as he challenges the people from the pulpit and in various class settings;

PEOPLE: We praise the Lord for His goodness.

LEADER: For his community outreach and for his constant social consciousness;

PEOPLE: We praise the Lord for His goodness.

LEADER: For the example he sets for young people in the Christian ministry and, for the role model he is for his own children and others as well;

ALL: We praise Thee, Lord for Thy goodness. Bless our pastor and bless us as we celebrate, and as we show our appreciation to him. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Order of Services

4:00 P.M.



MEDITATE: “For we are made partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.”
—HEBREWS 3:14

PRELUDE Mr. Rufus Gilmore III, Minister of Music
Mr. Lamar Higgins, Musician

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Kenneth D. Johnson

OPENING HYMN—“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand” (No. 513) Choir and Congregation

DEVOTION Deacons of Little Indian Creek P. B. Church

OLD TESTAMENT Rev. Dr. John Herndon

NEW TESTAMENT..... Rev. Dr. John Clay

MUSIC..... Little Indian Creek P. B. Church Choir

GREETINGS AND WELCOME COL. James O. Heyward

MUSIC..... Little Indian Creek P. B. Church Choir

TRIBUTES Mrs. Mattie Ezell
Mr. Everett Brooks, Jr.

MUSIC..... Alpha Ensemble
Mr. Charles Briggins, Dr. W. M. Clark, Dr. Harold Dickerson and Mr. Tommy Lockhart

OFFERTORY

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING..... Rev. Horace Fitchard, Jr.

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO..... Mr. Zedric Teague

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER*Mr. William Reeves*

HYMN OF PREPARATION—"Amazing Grace" (No. 226)*Choir and Congregation*

ANNIVERSARY SERMON*REVEREND JERRY CRUTCHER, Pastor*
Little Indian Creek P. B. Church
Huntsville, Alabama

HYMN OF INVITATION.....*Choir and Congregation*
"All to Jesus I Surrender" (No. 251)

PRESENTATIONS*Mr. Ronald Robinson*

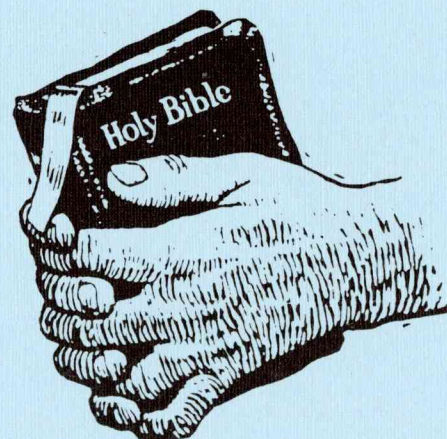
PASTOR'S REMARKS

CLOSING HYMN—"God Has Smiled On Me"

BENEDICTION*Rev. Jerry Crutcher*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School convenes each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not be ashamed rightly dividing the WORD of truth."

—II TIMOTHY 2:15

Prayer Meeting and Bible Class will be held on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Bernard Powers will lead the study of the text: Genesis 11:31-12:9 — "God's Call and Promise to Abram."

The flowers on the altar today are given by *MRS. MARY Shinault* in Honor of
THE PASTOR and His family.

Men's Day will be celebrated at St. John on Sunday, September 27, 1992 at 10:50 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. David B. Henson, President of Alabama A&M University. The theme is "The African-American Male, Key to the Restoration of Our People." Let us prepare and make this occasion one of the best ever. Mr. Everett E. Brooks, Jr. is Chairman.

Let us remember the following families during the season of homegoing celebration of their relatives: Mrs. Mildred Powers and family, her late brother, Mr. Joseph Brooks; Mrs. Estella McDonald, her late brother, Mr. Will Lovelady, and Mrs. Phyllis Lewis, her late grandfather.

Mr. Ingram and his sister (E.M. Ingram); Cousins, his 6 father.

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OUR KNOWN SICK AND SHUT-IN

Mrs. Virginia Chavis
Mrs. Mary Davis

Mrs. Susie Gandy
Mrs. Sarah Hamilton

Mrs. Mary King
Dr. Dorothea D. Smith

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Our Father, we thank you for the people of God and for your love, grace and forgiveness that are new every morning and every day through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"
—ROMANS 8:35

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want."

—PSALM 23:1

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 6, 1992

MONDAY — Hebrews 13:1-6

TUESDAY — Psalm 86

WEDNESDAY — I John 3:1-10

THURSDAY — Psalm 69:30-36

FRIDAY — II Samuel 22:29-37

SATURDAY — Mark 14:26-42

SUNDAY — Proverbs 29:22

BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

MONDAY— <i>Finance Commission</i>	2:00 P.M.
THURSDAY— <i>Senior Choir</i>	6:00 P.M.
FRIDAY— <i>Male Chorus</i>	6:00 P.M.
SATURDAY— <i>Children's Choir</i>	11:00 A.M.
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	12:00 Noon
<i>Gospel Choir</i>	11:30 A.M.
<i>Youth Choir</i>	1:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 23-28	Ninth District Evangelistic Thrust (REVIVAL). 7:00 p.m. nightly — Evangelist Mary Stewart, Detroit, Michigan, Preacher. Plan to come nightly and invite your friends to come also.
AUGUST 30	Pastor's Anniversary — Rev. Farrell J. Duncombe, Presiding Elder, Montgomery District Alabama Conference, AME Church, Preacher — 10:50 a.m. Service — Rev. Jerry Crutcher, Pastor, Indian Creek P. B. Church, Huntsville, Alabama, Preacher — 4:00 p.m. Service.
SEPTEMBER 19	Stewardess Board Workshop — 12:00 a.m. Ms. P. Grier, President.
SEPTEMBER 25	East Tennessee Conference Lay Night, Campbell Chapel AME Church, Pulaski, Tennessee — Rev. W. Smith, Pastor. The Gospel Choir has been invited to sing and Rev. McCall has been invited to preach. Everyone is invited. (7:00 p.m.)
SEPTEMBER 26	Harvest Fellowship Celebration — Mt. Zion, Trussville — Rev. E. Pickens, Pastor.
SEPTEMBER 27	MEN'S DAY — Dr. David Henson, President, Alabama A&M University, Speaker. Mr. Everett E. Brooks, Jr., Chairman — 10:50 a.m. Pastor's Anniversary Service for Rev. Horace Fitchard, Jr. — Gravitt Chapel AME Church, New Market, Alabama — Everyone is invited. 3:00 p.m.
OCTOBER 7	North Alabama Conference WMS Meeting, Grant Chapel AME Church, Birmingham, Alabama.
OCTOBER 8-11	North Alabama Annual Conference, Grant Chapel AME Church — Rev. Myers Hawkins, Pastor.
NOVEMBER 17-18	Episcopal District Planning Meeting — Annual Episcopal WMS Convention.

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Sunday, August 29, 1993

THE RIGHT REVEREND C. E. THOMAS, *Presiding Bishop*
THE REVEREND DR. E. L. BLANKENSHIP, *Presiding Elder*
THE REVEREND DR. H. L. McCALL, *Pastor*

STATEMENT TO

St. John A. M. E. Church Family

FROM

THE McCALLS



To our Episcopal Leaders, Bishop and Mrs. C. E. Thomas, Elder and Mrs. E. L. Blankenship, Stewards, Trustees, Officers, Members, Friends, and Anniversary Committee:

When a family lives in a community more years than in any other single place in their lifetime, the people of that community, by the grace of God, become family. We thank God that each of us at St. John have not only grown in years but also in our willingness to yield ourselves to God's will and be led by His Word.

Since my wife, Mable, and our family's early beginning here in 1971 until this momentous Twenty-second Anniversary, God has been good and you have proven to be one of the finest congregations in America. We trust that each of you will continue to put on the whole armor of God daily with the assurance that nothing will separate us from the love of God or from one another.

Mable, Homer II, Sonya and Gale join me in saying, "Thank you for your loving prayers, support and encouragement through the years." We love you all.

Litany

IT IS NOT EASY

LEADER: IT IS NOT EASY TO APOLOGIZE; NOR TO BEGIN OVER,

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE,

LEADER: IT IS NOT EASY TO BE UNSELFISH, NOR TO ADMIT AN ERROR,

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE,

LEADER: IT IS NOT EASY TO BE GENEROUS NOR ALWAYS CONSIDERATE,

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO FOLLOW YOUR GUIDE,

LEADER: IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO AVOID MISTAKES NOR TO KEEP ON TRYING,

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO FOLLOW YOUR GUIDE,

LEADER: IT IS NOT EASY TO TAKE ADVICE, NOR TO FACE A SNEER,

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO FOLLOW WARRIORS LIKE DAVID AND PAUL,

LEADER: IT IS NOT EASY TO FORGIVE AND FORGET, NOR TO MAKE THE BEST OF LITTLE,

PEOPLE: LORD, HELP US TO FOLLOW WARRIORS LIKE DAVID AND PAUL,

LEADER: IT IS NOT EASY TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STANDARD AND TO ENDURE SUCCESS; YET TREAT EVERYONE THE SAME,

ALL: LORD, THANK YOU FOR SENDING US A SERVANT LIKE OUR PASTOR, DR. HOMER McCALL. BLESS HIM AND HIS FAMILY; HELP THEM TO CARRY ON YOUR WORK SUCCESSFULLY IN PEACE, LOVE AND HARMONY; FOR IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY.

A-MEN

*Adopted from the Poem: It is Not Easy
Printed in the Ohio Education Monthly*

Order of Worship

10:50 A.M.

ENTER TO WORSHIP . . . DEPART TO SERVE

MEDITATE: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
—II CORINTHIANS 12:3

PRELUDE *Mr. Rufus Gilmore III, Minister of Music*
Mr. Lamar P. Higgins, Musician
Mr. Houston Yarbrough, Musician

PROCESSIONAL

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS *Ms. Michelle Gary-Hunt*

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP *Mr. Jason Brown*

OPENING HYMN (412) *Senior Choir and Congregation*
"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Mr. Ellie Russell*

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING:

Old Testament (II Samuel 23:2-7) *Mrs. Mary Rankin*
The Epistle (II Corinthians 12:7-10) *Mr. Joseph Butler*
Gospel (John 3:16-21) *Ms. Connie Teague*

DECALOGUE *Ms. Vera Bell*

THE LITANY—"It Is Not Easy" *Mr. Everett Brooks, Jr.*

MUSICAL SELECTIONS (Two) *Children's Choir*

MUSICAL SELECTION *Senior Choir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GUEST RECOGNITION *COL James O. Heyward*

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Senior Choir*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Reverend Kenneth D. Johnson*

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER *Mr. Lamar P. Higgins*

HYMN OF PREPARATION (299) *Congregation*
"Oh Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

SERMON *Dr. Anderson Todd, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer*
A. M. E. Church Pension Department

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP *Reverend Todd*

HYMN OF INVITATION (365) *Congregation*
"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

CLOSING HYMN—"God Be With You Until We Meet Again" . . . *Congregation*

RECESSIONAL

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

Order of Worship

4:00 P.M.

MEDITATE: "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."
—ROMANS 12:2

PRELUDE *Mr. Rufus Gilmore III, Minister of Music*
Mr. Lamar P. Higgins, Musician

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING HYMN (520)—"Marching to Zion" *Congregation*

THE EVENING PRAYER *Mrs. Hazel Gilmore*

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE (II Timothy 4:1-8) *Mr. Darryl Gaines*

MUSIC (Two Selections) *Chelsea Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

WELCOME AND OCCASION *Mrs. Voncile Gibson*

SPECIAL TRIBUTES:

From the Youth Department *Christopher Outlaw*

From the Young Adults *Mr. Duane Rankin*

From the General Membership *Dr. Nimrod Cobb*

MUSIC *Chelsea Choir*

THE OFFERING/OFFERTORY MUSIC

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Mr. Lafayette Townsend, Jr.*

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER *Mr. Jerry Baldwin*

HYMN OF PREPARATION (266)—"Amazing Grace" *Congregation*

SERMON *Reverend Dr. Robert S. Wood, Pastor*
Chelsea Cumberland Presbyterian Church

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP *Reverend Wood*

HYMN OF INVITATION (272)—"Pass Me Not Oh Gentle Savior" . . . *Congregation*

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS *Mrs. Adrienne Pope-Kelly*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *Mrs. Gracie Butler and Dr. Clifton Pearson*

REMARKS *Mr. Everett Brooks, Sr.—Appreciation Service Coordinator*

FAMILY MOMENTS *Dr. McCall and Family*

CLOSING SONG—"God Has Smiled on Me"

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

You are cordially invited to a reception immediately following service in
S. S. Hereford Fellowship Hall

TO OUR CHURCH PASTOR AND FAMILY

TOGETHER

We put our hands in yours
and together we can do
what we could never do alone.
No longer is there a sense of hopelessness
No longer must we depend upon
our own unsteady willpower.
We are all together now,
reaching out for power and strength greater than ours
And as we join together,
We find love and understanding
Beyond our wildest dreams.

—ANONYMOUS



BE STRONG

BE STRONG!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift;
Shun not the struggle — face it; 'tis God's gift.

BE STRONG!

say not, "The days are evil. Who's to blame?"
And fold the hands and acquiesce — oh shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

BE STRONG!

It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
Faint not — fight on! To-morrow comes the song.

—MALTBY DAVENPORT BABCOCK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School convenes each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Christian Education is the center of growth of Christ's ministry in the church and the world. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." —Proverbs 22:6

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Mrs. Mary Shinault in honor of the pastor and his family.

The Stewardess Board workshop will be held Saturday, September 11 at 4:00 p.m. All Stewardesses are asked to attend.

A Self-Defense for Women course will be held at St. John on Saturday, September 18 and 25 from 8-12 p.m. If you are interested, sign up and give your fee of \$8.75 to Mrs. McCall. The first 20 persons will be allowed to take the course this time.

The Trustee Board will meet Saturday, September 4 at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

The 'Flowers on the Altar List' for September 1993 through August 1994 is now being compiled. Anyone wishing to secure one of the Sundays on the list, should see or call Ms. Patricia Grier no later than August 31st.

The Prison Ministry Committee will conduct service on Friday, September 17 at the Limestone Correctional Facility. If you are interested in participating, please contact the coordinator, Mr. Bernard Powers.

OUR KNOWN SICK AND SHUT-IN

Mrs. Virginia Chavis
Mrs. Mary Davis
Mrs. Sarah Hamilton

Mrs. Mary King
Dr. Dorothea D. Smith

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them." —ACTS 19:11-12

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Our Father, thank you for forgiving our sins and for giving us the strength and sense to forgive each other through Jesus Christ, our Lord. A-men.

HOME DAILY BIBLE READING FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 5, 1993

Mon.—Proverbs 8:17
Tues.—Hebrews 13:15
Wed.—Psalm 86:2

Thurs.—I John 3:1-3
Fri.—Psalm 69:32
Sat.—II Samuel 22:31

Sun.—Mark 14:38

BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

Mon.—Finance Commission..... 12:15 P.M.
Wed.—Mid-Week Worship/Prayer Service and Bible Class 6:30 P.M.
Thurs.—Senior Choir..... 6:00 P.M.
Fri.—Male Chorus 6:00 P.M.
Sat.—Trustee Board 10:00 A.M.
Cub Scouts..... 12:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 11—Stewardess Board Seminar 4:00 P.M.
Sept. 17—Prison Ministry, Limestone Correctional Facility. Mr. Bernard Powers, *Chairman*
Sept. 18-25—Self-Defense for Women 8:00-12:00 P.M.
Sgt. Charles Brock, Limestone Correctional Facility, *Instructor*
Sept. 26—Men's Day Celebration 10:50 A.M.
Congressman Earl Hilliard, *Guest Speaker*
Mr. Jason Brown, *Chairman*

COMMITTEES

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St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

Huntsville, Alabama

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*Reverend Dr. Homer Littlefield McCall
and Family*



“Celebrating Twenty-three Years of Pastoral Service”

Sunday, August 28, 1994

THE RIGHT REVEREND C. E. THOMAS, *Presiding Bishop*
THE REVEREND DR. E. L. BLANKENSHIP, *Presiding Elder*



Litany

“The Steps of a Good Man Are Ordered by the Lord”



LEADER: The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in His way.

AUDIENCE: **Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand.**

LEADER: I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread.

AUDIENCE: **He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and His seed is blessed.**

LEADER: Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell forevermore.

AUDIENCE: **For the Lord loveth judgment and forsaketh not His saints; they are preserved forever; but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.**

LEADER: The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever.

AUDIENCE: **The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.**

LEADER: The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

AUDIENCE: **The wicked watcheth the righteous and seeketh to slay him.**

LEADER: The Lord will not leave him in his hands nor condemn him when he is judged.

AUDIENCE: **Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.**

LEADER: I have seen the wicked in great power and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

AUDIENCE: **Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not: Yea, I sought him but he could not be found.**

ALL: **Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 37:23-37

Order of Worship

10:50 A.M.

THEME: "Order My Steps in Your Word"

MEDITATE: "If We Really Want to Love, We Must Learn How to Forgive"

- PRELUDE.....Mr. Rufus Gilmore III, Organist
Mr. Lamar P. Higgins, Musician
- PROCESSIONAL
- CALL TO WORSHIP.....Mrs. Vicki Sanders
- OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE—"Marching to Zion"Choir and Congregation
AME Hymnal, No. 520
- MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Mr. Clayton Hammonds
- CHORAL RESPONSE
- SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament (Joshua 24:1-2; 14-18)Mrs. Elinor Fowler
New Testament (Romans 12:1-8).....COL Kenneth Fowler
- DECALOGUEMr. Earl Fitchard
- THE LITANYMr. Everett Brooks II
- MUSICAL SELECTION.....The Senior Choir
- ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GUEST RECOGNITION.....Mr. James O. Heyward
- MUSICAL SELECTION.....The Senior Choir
- THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGSReverend Kenneth Johnson
Offertory Sentences
Prayer of Thanksgiving
- INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERAttorney Lynn Sherrod
- HYMN OF PREPARATIONCongregation and Choir
- MORNING MESSAGEElder Eric C. Ward
Pastor, Oakwood College Church
- INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHP
HYMN OF DISCIPLESHP—"All to Jesus I Surrender".....Congregation
AME Hymnal, No. 251
- CLOSING HYMN "God Be With You"
- RECESSIONAL
- DOXOLOGY
- BENEDICTION

Afternoon Service

4:00 P.M.

THEME: "Order My Steps in Your Word"

MEDITATE: "Be Still Before The Lord and Wait Patiently for Him"
—PSALM 37:7

- PRELUDE.....Mr. Rufus Gilmore III, Organist
Mr. Lamar P. Higgins, Musician
- OPENING HYMN—"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"Congregation
AME Hymnal, No. 513
- THE EVENING PRAYER.....Mr. Otha Owens
- CHORAL RESPONSE
- SCRIPTURE READING (Psalm 37:1-23)Mrs. Gwendolyn Baldwin
- MUSICThe Union Hill P. B. Church Choir
- WELCOME/OCCASIONDr. James I. Dawson
- SPECIAL TRIBUTEMr. S. C. O'Neal
- MUSICAL SELECTION.....The Union Hill P. B. Church Choir
- SPECIAL OFFERING.....Ms. Claudinette Purifoy
Offertory Selection
Prayer of Thanksgiving
- INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERMs. Juanita Sales, Esq.
- HYMN OF PREPARATION—"Amazing Grace"Congregation
- EVENING MESSAGEReverend Dr. O. L. Montgomery
Pastor, Union Hill P. B. Church
- THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHP
HYMN OF INVITATION—"Pass Me Not"Congregation
AME HYMNAL, No. 272
- RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND REMARKS.....Dr. Katie Blanding
- PRESENTATION OF GIFTSMrs. Gracie Butler
Mrs. Willie Heyward
- RESPONSES.....Dr. and Mrs. H. L. McCall and Family
- CLOSING SONG "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
- DOXOLOGY
- BENEDICTION

Refreshments will be served in the S. S. Hereford Fellowship Hall
immediately following the benediction.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 24 Harvest Fellowship Celebration, South Birmingham—Huntsville District
September 25 Men's Day

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Dear God, thank you for our friends and may we always be grateful for them. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Each day with God is a new beginning."

—Selected

HOME DAILY BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1994

Mon—Psalm 118:5

Tues—Proverbs 3:3-4

Wed—Romans 6:12

Thurs—Psalm 67:1-4

Fri—Luke 10:40-42

Sat—Matthew 5:3-11

BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

Sunday

Thursday

Saturday

Finance Commission

Senior Choir

Cub Scouts

Male Chorus

Children's Choir

After Service

6:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.

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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He arose from the dead, He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Universal Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

*Saint John A.M.E. Church
Thirty - Eighth Pastoral Anniversary
Honoring
Reverend Dr. Homer Littlefield McCall*



*Theme
"A Servant Leader According to God's Word"*

*Sunday, September 27, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street,
Huntsville, AL 35801*

*Rt. Reverend J. L. Davis, Servant Bishop
Reverend D. E. Dillard, Presiding Elder
Reverend Dr. H. L. McCall, Pastor*

A Tribute to

“A MAN of GOD”

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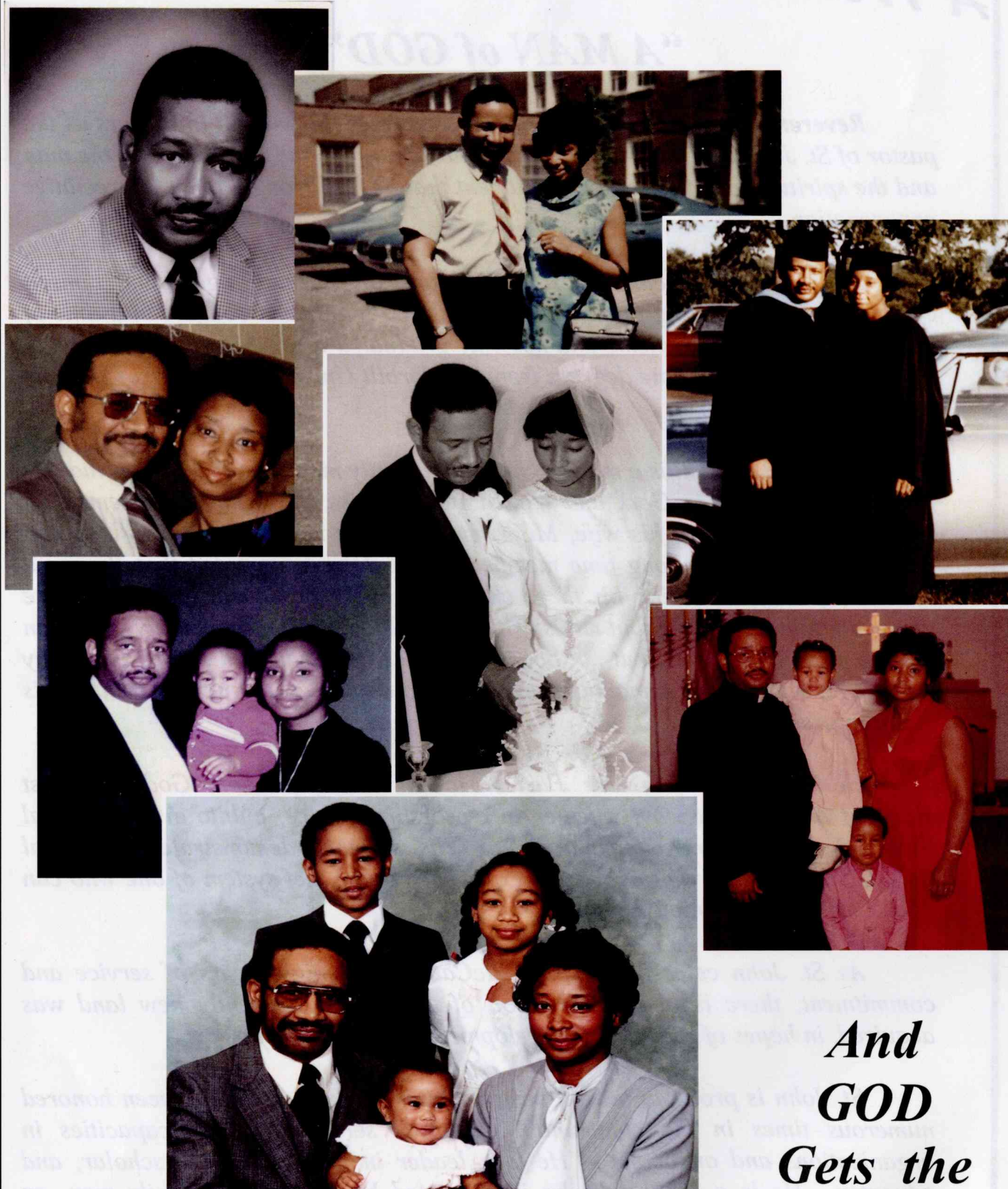
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*St. John is proud to have a pastor who is respected and has been honored numerous times in the community. He has served in many capacities in organizations and on boards. He is a leader in the community, scholar, and educator. He is a shepherd who is respected by his flock, a family man, an example and role model. He is a man among men. He is **A MAN of GOD.***

38th Anniversary Celebration of Our Pastor & First Lady



*And
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Gets the
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And the Best is Yet to Come



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Congratulations Dr. McCall

on your

38 years as pastor of St. John's AME

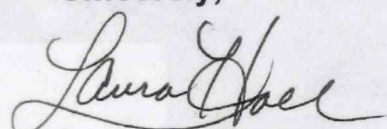
Congratulations on another successful year as pastor of St. John's AME Church. Your congregation is so fortunate to have been the beneficiary of your services during your tenure.

You have served your church and your community well. You have seen that your church doors are always open for events and activities that benefit your church members as well as the neighborhood in which your church is located.

Your focus on education in the community is greatly appreciated by all.

May you have many more blessed years at St. John's.

Sincerely,


Laura Hall

Reverend Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery

Born in Chapman, Alabama, the Reverend Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery carried with him through elementary and high school a vision that would later shape his future. Dr. Montgomery has earned the following degrees: a Doctorate of Ministry, Trinity Theological Seminary, Newburgh, Indiana – Pastoral Ministries; Doctorate of Philosophy and Masters of Science degrees, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana – Soil Genesis, Mineralogy, Classification and Remote Sensing; and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, Alabama – Agronomy/Chemistry.



In 1976, Dr. Montgomery returned to Alabama A&M University (AAMU). During his 22-year tenure at AAMU, Dr. Montgomery has held several administrative positions with the University such as Director of External Affairs, Executive Assistant to the President for Institutional Advancement and Development, Director of Grants and Contracts, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Vice President of Research and Development.

For the past thirty two years, Dr. Montgomery has served as Pastor of the Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama which has grown from a congregation of less than 60 to more than 900 members. In 1989, following God's vision for the Union Hill congregation, Dr. Montgomery successfully led the church to construct a Christian Worship and Educational Facility at the cost of approximately \$2 million dollars and in 1997, constructed a \$2.5 million dollar Community Life Center for the purpose of ministry to the Huntsville community.

The Community Life Center offers services such as a full-time day care, meeting rooms, fitness center, and a variety of recreational activities. Union Hill is well known for its Operation Nehemiah - Quality of Life Program - an alternative approach to drugs, gang, violence, teenage pregnancy, and illiteracy among youth. Reverend Montgomery is well known for his many religious, civic and community affiliations. He is President of the Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship (GHIMF), Moderator of the Flint River and Running Water Primitive Baptist Association, Vice President for the Southern Region of the National Primitive Baptist Convention. He is a member numerous professional, civic, fraternal and honorary associations.

At the top of Dr. Montgomery's credits and accomplishments lies the love of his wife the former Alfredia L. Marshall and their four children Paula, Renita, Christa, and Oscar, Jr. Dr. Montgomery is very proud of his family and cherishes the support they have shown him in all of his endeavors. Dr. Montgomery's philosophy of life is *"Everyone has a purpose in life and life is not fulfilled until we find that purpose"*. Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery is a man who knows his purpose in life. Knowing his purpose in life has been both fulfilling to him and it has also served to help others.

Thirty-Eighth Pastoral Anniversary

Sunday September 27, 2009

Theme: "A Servant Leader According to God's Word"

Luke 22:26

Master of Ceremony, Mr. Bill Williams

Prelude..... St. John AME Church Praise Team
(Bro. Dennis Deloach)

Music..... Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church Choir

Prayer..... Reverend Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr.

Scripture..... Reverend Johnathan Richardson

Music..... Union Hill P.B. Church Choir

Welcome and Occasion..... Mrs. Pearlean Myhand

Love Offering
Congratulatory Remarks..... *Ushers in Charge*
Honorable Mike Gillespie
Chairman, Madison County Commissioner

Spiritual Reflections:

As a Mentor..... Reverend *Karnie Smith*
~~Horace Fitchard~~

Co-worker Reverend Wendell Thompson

Community Involvement Honorable Laura Hall
State Representative District 19

Resolutions:

City Council District 1 Honorable Richard Showers, Sr.

County Commissioner District 6 Honorable Robert "Bob" Harrison

Praise Dance..... Mr. Kalon Anderson

Presentation of Love Offering..... Dr. Jeanette Jones

Thirty-Eighth Pastoral Anniversary

Sunday September 27, 2009

Musical Tribute Mr. Peter Lott

Remarks..... Mrs. Paulette Williams
Pastor's Anniversary Chairperson

Introduction of Anniversary Messenger..... Honorable Martha Lynn Sherrod

Music Union Hill P.B. Church Choir

Anniversary Messenger..... Reverend Dr. Oscar Montgomery
Pastor Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church

Hymn of Invitation..... (# 782) "Lord I Want To Be a Christian"

Remarks..... Reverend Dr. Homer L. McCall

Benediction Reverend Dr. Oscar Montgomery

Reception Fellowship Hall

Acknowledgements

The Anniversary Committee gratefully acknowledges and with deep appreciation every act of kindness shown, every donation given, every prayer and every program participant that helped to make this celebration a success and a reaffirmation of our continued commitment to the Christian principals demonstrated and taught by our pastor, Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall

Pastors Anniversary Celebration Committee

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August 31, 2009

Pastor Homer L. McCall
Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, AL 35801

Greetings!

On behalf of the Madison County Commission, I would like to extend our congratulations to Pastor Homer L. McCall on his 38th Anniversary as pastor of Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church. His illustrious career has been spent entirely in service to his God, his family, his church and his community.

We are delighted to pay tribute to Pastor McCall on his 38 years as an inspirational leader, a teacher, a mentor and visionary. Through his leadership and guidance, Saint John has exceeded its goal for growth and become a prominent center for worship in Madison County. Pastor McCall has influenced countless lives throughout his years of service.

Pastor McCall has never failed to answer the call to serve. He is always available to minister to and befriend others. Pastor McCall truly lives out the life of a man of God.

Again, I join the people of Madison County in congratulating Reverend McCall on this momentous occasion and pray that he will have many more prosperous years of service to his church and our community.

Sincerely,

Mike Gillespie
Mike Gillespie, Chairman
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"A Global Perspective"



The Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall, Pastor
St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Dear Brother McCall:

It is a distinct blessing that I can really recall the earliest days of your ecclesiastical impact upon the Christian community in Huntsville, Alabama. It all happened not too long after young Homer's first resounding holler to make his presence known to all mankind on this planet.

Please recall uttering words of commendation at a service station on the corner of North Memorial Parkway and Winchester Road years ago! At that time I gave you my words of admiration about your good-looking automobile as I said "that's a very beautiful baby you have there!" At that very moment you thought I meant your good-looking baby boy, which would have been quite appropriate. Indeed, your perception extended farther than my own because you were buoyant and exuberant about the gift of human life that God had provided unto you and Sister Mable. All of that was a great and reasonable assumption for a man who was a young father who was reacting out of deep gratitude unto both God and man, and for that I offer a sincere A-men!

I also can remember our collaboration on a major project in connection with your exalted doctoral recognition by the Vanderbilt Divinity School. That experience was almost as rewarding for me as it was for you, and I am immensely grateful for that wonderful involvement for a wonderful preaching specialist in the Lord's vineyard.

Since your first-year special blessing, "much water has gone under the bridge" as the old saying goes. In view of that truth God has been good, just as He always has been and will be for all those who trust Him implicitly as you surely do.

Please permit me to thank you for an exhibition of ministerial leadership in the outstanding role of pastor for so long, and so well. Your ecclesiastical preeminence in the role of a consummate pastor is nothing less than incredible. In the realm of sovereign service you rigidly practiced the sentiment expressed by Jabez in First Chronicles 4:10a. He asked God to "enlarge my coast." His desire was to extend

beyond his seeing and his spiritual perception so that he could serve God unconditionally. Thank God that you have been given similar broadness of vision to see beyond the ordinary scenes to go into many other aspects of the human condition. My dear wife and I thank God that we know you as one of His special and dedicated servants.

May the Lord continue to grant you a generous portion of His divine grace and mercy in the forthcoming years. May that dual blessing also extend to Sister Mabel and to all those you love wherever they may be.

Yours in the Lord's service,

Henry Bradford, Jr.
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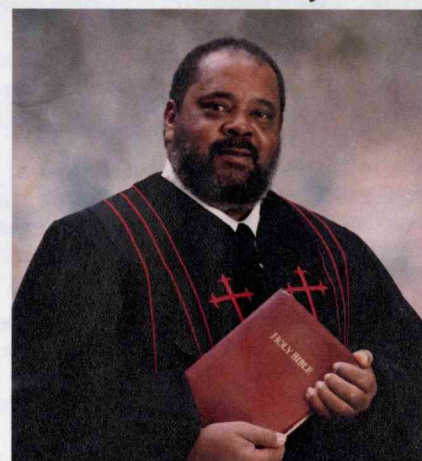
Sept. 8, 2009

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Homer L. McCall,

Congratulations to you on your 38th anniversary. We thank you very much for your spiritual leadership and your commitment to serve the community. You have been a major influence on the many pastors who have been mentored by you. May God rain down a shower of blessings on you and your family in accord with the great works that you have done. Much love to you.

*Rev. Robert B. Hereford and family
And The Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church Family*

Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Hereford and family



AMEC Motto: God our Father, Christ our Redeemer,
The Holy Spirit our Comforter, Humankind our Family

CONGRATULATIONS

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CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY.

GOD BLESS YOU



REV. AND MRS. CLAUDEWELL CAMPBELL, PASTOR
NEW BETHEL AME CHURCH
SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA



Greater Saint Paul A.M.E. Church

P.O. Box 486
Scottsboro, Alabama 35768

Rev. Johnathan Richardson
Pastor

Church: 256-574-4226

September 16, 2009

Our Dearest Rev. McCall,

Words cannot express what you, your wife, your family, and leadership mean to us. You have always been there for us in more ways than one. We celebrate you and your legacy in all its dimensions! Today we are delighted to be a part of recognizing you and your many years of dedicated service to St. John A.M.E. Church. You represent the best Christian ministry has to offer a broken world. We love you!

Sincerely,

The Richardson Family and People of St. Paul A.M.E. Church

Rev. Johnathan C. Richardson
Rev. Johnathan C. Richardson
Pastor



Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall and Mrs. Mable McCall,

I greet you in the peace of Jesus, the inexhaustible mystery of God the Father, and the liberating power of the Holy Spirit.

First, my wife Keedra and I would like to congratulate you both for providing thirty-eight years of ministry, service, leadership, and example to not only St. John AME Church, but to the entire AME connection, and to churches and communities outside our denominational walls. I know that I am fortunate to have been raised in a church with such a distinguished and lettered pastor. And I also saw firsthand what a dedicated marriage and partnership looked like, in the love you share with each other. You all are awesome parents, and I am sure Homer, Sonja, and Gail would agree. I honestly cannot even remember my first memories of St. John, that church on Church Street. I remember the Easter programs, the Sunday School lessons, the YPD, the youth choir; for as long as I can think back, St. John has always been a part of my life, and I have been so very blessed and fortunate to have had a first family and a pastor like you.

It was subliminal, I suppose; I went to a church where the pastor was seminary-trained. Not only that, this same man went beyond the Master of Divinity degree and pursued a doctorate. Yet, you never lost your common touch, and that is no cliché. Every time I see you, every time we talk on the phone, you pray with me, and I know you do the same for others. You have been a role model for this journey that I have embarked upon, and it is a journey I know I can finish because people like you have come before me, trailblazing and treading a path, with God as our ever present help.

You and Mrs. McCall have served at St. John for 38 years. And I was blessed enough to be present concurrently (with the exception of two years in California) from year eight (1979) to year twenty-six (1997), when I graduated high school and went on to Xavier in Louisiana. In your twenty-ninth year (2000), I preached my trial sermon at St. John... time goes on and on... but where indeed does it go? I could go on all day about what you all and St. John mean to me, but I digress. You undoubtedly will have many letters to read!

I am—like so many—extremely fortunate to have had a pastor and a first family like yours. I thank God for you, Rev. McCall and for you, Sis. McCall. I am a better person because of you both. I am a better friend because of you. I am a better spouse because of you. I am a better minister of this most blessed gospel because of you. And I am a better Christian because of you.

Thank you.

I regret that I will not be in attendance at such a wonderful event. God willing, I will see you all at Annual Conference in November. However, please know that Keedra and I send our very best to you and yours.

May the Spirit of the Living God fall fresh upon you, may it bless your home and you family, may it strengthen your heart and your mind, may it heal all infirmities, and may it help all of us to love ourselves and each other just a little bit better than we did yesterday,

Most Graciously,

Rev. Malik JoDavid Sales ("Joe")

Malik JoDavid Sales



Sermon Notes

Scripture: Luke 22:24-26

Title: A Servant Leader According to God's Word

Key Points: A Servant Leader ~~is/has~~ :

① ^{has} No pride (humble - has humility)

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③ will not quit (presses on despite the trials)

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church
229 Church Street, Huntsville, Alabama
Thirty-Ninth Pastoral Anniversary
Honoring
Homer Littlefield McCall, D. Min.



Theme: "We've Come This Far by Faith"

Sunday September 26, 2010 ~ 4:00 PM

Right Reverend James L. Davis, Servant Bishop
Reverend Oliver Allen, Presiding Elder
Reverend Homer L. McCall, D. Min., Pastor



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Brother O. Wendell Davis was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and is a native of Gulfport, Mississippi. He is currently residing in Huntsville, Alabama, where he is the dynamic Pastor of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and a disciple for Christ.

Pastor Davis received his undergraduate degree from Athens State University, Master of Science and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry Degrees from Southern Christian University. Moreover, he has studied extensively at William Carey College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Calhoun Community College, Faulkner University, Liberty University and Alabama A. & M. University. He is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges.

He accepted Christ at the age of 24 and was called into the ministry the following year. He served as Pastor of Independent Missionary Baptist Church, Brooklyn, Mississippi from 1981-1986; Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Gulfport, Mississippi from 1986-1989 and Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church from 1989 to present. He is a Bible Scholar, accomplished teacher, and a preacher of God's Word.

He served four years in the U.S. Army. Pastor Davis is affiliated with numerous religious and civic organizations. He serves as Dean of Union Chapel Bible College and instructor for the Alabama Baptist State Congress of Christian Education and National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. He is an avid lecturer and speaker.

During the past twenty-one years with Pastor Davis serving as the under-shepherd of Union Chapel, the church has experienced tremendous growth and blessings. In January 2002, the church moved into its new multi-million dollar facility on the site of one hundred and fifty acres. Later a Family Life Center was erected. The membership has grown under his leadership to more than five thousand five hundred (5,500) members. The church has a thriving school system which includes a Child Development Center, training children from infants through K-4 and a Christian Academy Grades K-5 through 8th Grade. Pastor Davis continues to teach and preach the Word of God so that we all may "know Christ in a better way." To God be the glory, for the things He has done.

Pastor Davis enjoys running, reading, and winning souls for Christ. He and his wife, Dora, are the proud parents of three boys, Michael, Aaron and Timothy.

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St. John is proud to have a pastor who is respected and has been honored numerous times in the community. He has served in many capacities in organizations and on boards. He is a leader in the community, scholar, and educator, He is a shepherd who is respected by his flock, a family man, an example and role model. He is a man among men. He is A MAN of GOD.

PASTOR'S DAY LITANY

"SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS THROUGH FAITH IN GOD'S WORD"

Leader: We give Thanks, O God, for the power of your work in the Pastor of St. John A.M.E. church and pastors everywhere. We celebrate our spiritual Leader who is committed to unceasing prayer, your work, unselfish love, peace, and all who will work toward building your kingdom.

Church: We humbly thank you and praise you Lord, for the anointing. Let the anointing fall fresh on him.

Leader: Let Pastor McCall and elders who lead well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

Church: We hear your call and humbly thank you O Lord for the anointing. Let the anointing fall on him.

Leader: For the need to envision, create, explore, and embrace the unlimited possibilities, the value, and goodness of serving God and working in the church,

Church: We hear your call and humbly thank you and praise you Lord for the anointing. Let the anointing fall fresh on him.

Leader: For the remembrance of leaders who have spoken God's word to us may we carefully observe their lives, and let us imitate their faith for the enhancement of the church.

Church Lord, we humbly thank you and praise your holy name. Lord, let the anointing fall on pastors everywhere.

Leader: For this day of celebration of our beloved Pastor and leader, Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall, who commits to you, your work, your will, and your way; and for your humble and faithful servant, his co-partner, Lady Mable Jones McCall,

All Lord, we thank you for sending your humble servants, the McCalls to St. John and this community. We humbly thank you and praise your holy name. We accept your commission to serve, pray and work in love and peace;
let the anointing fall on St. John A. M. E. Church family and friends,
let the anointing fall on the pastor of St. John, and pastors everywhere,
let the anointing fall fresh on us! Amen

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgives all thine iniquities; who heals all thy diseases; Who redeems thy life from destruction; who crowns thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfies thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." Psalm 103

Compiled by Dr. Jeanette Jones

Thirty-Ninth Pastoral Anniversary

Sunday September 26, 2010

Theme: "We've come this far by faith"

Presiding. Rev. Dr. Daniel K. Wims /Mrs. Adrienne P.K. Washington

Prelude..... Saint John AME Church Praise Team

MusicUnion Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Choir

Prayer.....Mr. Clifford Miller

Scripture.....Mrs. Charlotte Brisker

Music.....Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Welcome and Occasion. Mrs. Adrienne "PK" Washington

Litany.....Dr. Thalia Love Brown

Love Offering

Musical TributeBrother Dennis DeLoach

Special Presentation, Expressions and Acceptance

Introduction of Anniversary Messenger..... Honorable Martha Lynn Sherrod

MusicUnion Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

*Anniversary Messenger.....Rev. Dr. O. Wendell Davis
Pastor Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church*

Hymn of Invitation. (#400) "The Promise of God"..... Congregation

Remarks.....Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall

BenedictionRev. Dr. O. Wendell Davis

Reception in the S.S. Hereford Fellowship Hall

Acknowledgements

The Anniversary Committee gratefully acknowledges and with deep appreciation every act of kindness shown, every donation given, every prayer and every program participant that helped to make this celebration a success and a reaffirmation of our continued commitment to the "Christian principals demonstrated and taught by our pastor. Rev. Dr. Homer L. McCall.

Acknowledgement from Pastor and Mrs. McCall

We would like to thank each one who helped to make this 39th year an extraordinary event. Your kindness and generosity have shown us you are christ-like people. We thank God for each of you.

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RECIPE FOR LIVING

Some things a man must know,
If he is going to live and grow:
He needs to know that life is more
Than what a man lies in store,
That more than all he may obtain,
Contentment offers greater gain.
He needs to feel the thrill of mirth,
To sense the beauty of the earth,
To know the joy that kindness brings
And all the worth of little things.
He needs to have an open mind,
A friendly heart for all mankind,
A trust in self-without conceit-
And strength to rise above defeat.
He needs to have the will to share,
A mind to dream, a soul to dare,
A purpose firm, a path to plod,
A faith in man, a trust in God.

ALFRED GRANT WALTON

St. John AME Church



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