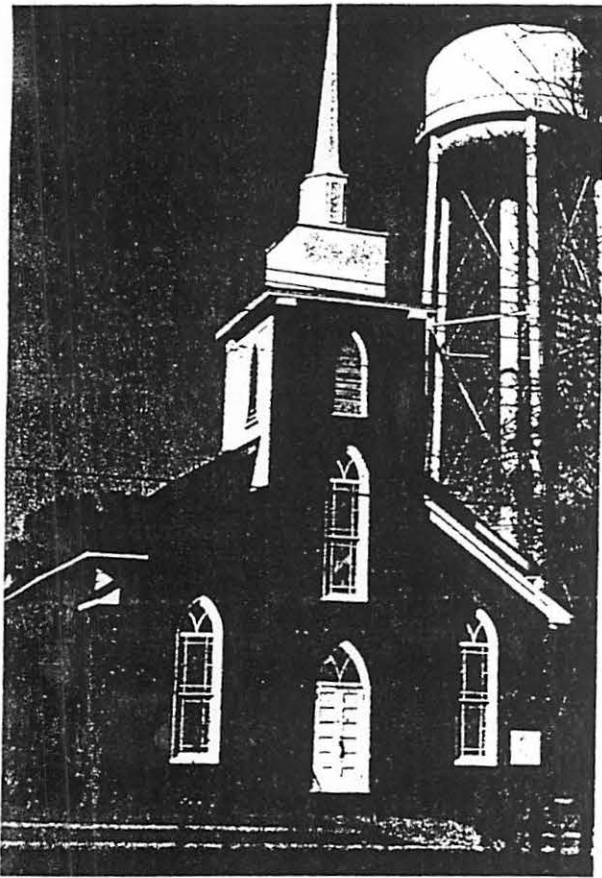


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(1906 - 1995)

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EASTERN STAR BAPTIST CHURCH
ESTABLISHED 1906 - RENOVATED 1980
REV. LUTHER J. MORRIS PASTOR
DEACONS **TRUSTEES**
 WILLIAM H. JOYNER, JR. J. EDWARD BRIDGERS
 ARTHUR LYONS RALEIGH DAVIS
 WILLIAM TAYLOR, JR. JAMES CARTER KNIGHT
 ROBERT HINTON DAVID KNIGHT
 EDDIE ROBINSON CHARLES B. BENT
 WILLIAM M. PARKER JAMES HARRIS
 WILLIAM M. BATES
CLERK
 ARTHUR LYONS
TREASURER
 DAVID KNIGHT

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Mrs. Monika Sutherland*

February 22, 1995

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After moving from Louisburg, North Carolina in 1892, Alfred Wood and his wife Maggie Wood decided to settle down in Tarboro, North Carolina.

While attending Saint Stephen Baptist Church every second and fourth Sundays, Mr. Wood did not have anything to do on first and third Sundays. He got together with some of the men of the community and decided to start having Bible study on these Sundays at each other's homes. As their attendance grew, they found themselves needing a larger place for so many men and women.

Mr. Wood, Henry Hart, and Willie Reeves went looking for a building that could hold the large and growing attendance. One of the members found out that the late Judge Howard's family was selling the old Tarboro Presbyterian Church which was built in 1874 and was still in good shape. The members came up with a \$10.00 deposit, which the family members took in good faith.

After getting the church building, they realized that they didn't have anywhere to put it. Alfred Wood went home to talk to his wife about it. After talking in details, Mr. Wood's wife suggest they use the land they were buying from George and Harriet Holderness. They gave that land to the Church with only one request being that they move her garden. Several of the members of the Bible study group moved her

collards and the rest of the garden goods down the street on Church Street to their house.

With everything ready, Henry Hammond and a man named Mr. Wimley moved the church building on rollers and pulled it by mules from Saint James Street to the corner of Wagner and Church streets. The Church still remains in this location.

While working as a free black carpenter in the Pinetops area during the day, Mr. Wood, after getting off work, would go to the Church and do the necessary construction that it took to put the remaining underpenning to hold the Church together.

With the Church about ready to have its first service, the Bible study group decided that a name was needed for the Church. One of the members suggested that the name should be called Eastern Star Missionary Church, because they were on a mission in the east Tarboro community. It also was explained that the name originated from the second Chapter of Matthews second verse in the Bible. Which reads: "Saying where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him." "This should be ours main focus to bring new members to Christ," said Mr. Wood.

On a warm summer Sunday in 1907 the Church congregation dream came true. The Reverend J. H. Ramsey the Church's

first pastor, gave the people all the joy and uplifting that they could handle.

Mrs. Maybelle Parker said that her father told her that the deed was written and recorded in the court records on January 30, 1913. It was deeded to George and Lizzie Howard on December 23, 1919 to be kept until the payments were completed. On April 28, 1925 the Church land was deeded and given back to the Trustees. The deed was then burned.

The chartered members were: the Reverend J. H. Ramsey, Deacon Alfred Wood, Deacon Henry Hart, Deacon Redmond Joyner, Deacon David Key, and Brother Willie Reeves, Sisters: Caroline Pittman, Victoria Sledge, Lizzie Hart, Dora S. Barlow, Mary S. Whitley, Annie Joyner, Charlotte McNair, Eliza Lewis and Hattie Reeves.

Each year when Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church celebrated Founders day, Eastern Star Baptist Church would be used to host Howard Memorial Congregation and families for a week tour and refreshments would be served. It was like a big open house, where people of both churches would get together, reacquaint, talk over old times, and remember how the Church used to be.

Under Reverend Thomas Jones an organ was purchased. The first organist was Mrs. Maude Williams, assisted by Brother Frank Barlow on Trumpet.

From 1908 until 1995, the Church was counseled by the following mothers: Charlotte McNair (first mother), Maggie Wood, Marriah Roberts, Caroline Pittman, Clara P. Lawrence and Mary K. Crawley (the mother of the Church now.)

The first Communion set was given to the Church by Mother Charlotte McNair. From 1906-1995, Sister Lizzie Hart, Carrie Lawrence Hammonds, Cleo W. Smith, Laura B. Shield, Jamesena Joyner, Penny Dickens, Deacon Arthur Lyons, William Freeman, Janice K. Matthews and Ernestine Smith served as Financial/Clerks.

In 1925 under the Pastorship of the Reverend T. C. Everette, the Junior Choir was organized with Sister Carrie Lawrence Hammond and Sue Nelson directing. The organists were Sister Maybelle Wood Parker, Mary Sue Barlow and Hattie Lee Dancy, Sister Maybelle Wood Parker still serves as organist for the Male Choir today.

The first major repairs were done in 1957 under Reverend A. C. Morgan. A committee was formed consisting of Deacon Charlie Jernigan, Arthur Lyons, Sister Cleo Smith, Alexander Dancy and Brother James Ed Bridgers, Chairman, and repairs were done. The repairs included removing two-pot belly stoves, buying a new piano and organ, installing central heat and air conditioning and the painting of the interior and exterior of the Church.

From 1967-1981 Reverend Luther J. Morris, Sr. served as Pastor. Under his administration the dream of the new Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church was about to take place. In 1979, a building committee was appointed. This committee completely renovated the Church by installing new carpet, a new baptismal pool, added additional bathrooms, built its first Fellowship Hall and brick veneered the entire Church. Eastern Star also remove four steeples which had a point at the top and replaced them with a one piece steeple. One of the old steeples can be seen in the hard of Alexander Dancy on Panola Street. Appliances and furniture were donated by different auxiliaries. This renovation was completed December 10, 1980. This dedicated committee was composed of Deacons: William Taylor, William J. Joyner, Arthur Lyons, Robert Hinton, Trustees: David Knight, Charlie Best, James Harrell, Carter Knight, William Ricks, Alexander Dancy, and James Ed. Bridgers, Chairman. Lay Members: Brother Johnny Wilder, Sister Shirley Mays, Sister Minnie P. Freeman, Sister Cathy Parker, Sister Ida Dickens, Sister Mary Cotten, and Sister Lillie Mae Boyd.

January 1987, Reverend Richard Earl Joyner was installed as Pastor of Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Joyner has done these great works with his servants at Eastern Star: increased Sunday service to four services

monthly, documented the Church bylaws, organized a members' class, a stewardship committee, an Executive Board, gospel choir, divided the membership among the deacons. The Church membership has increased from 300 to over 400. Budget increased from \$50.00 to more than \$100,000 in 1994. A new library was added in 1988. Cushioned the Church pews in 1993 and a new computer was purchased that year.

Reverend Joyner is a man on a mission in the East Tarboro and surrounding communities. He has started several different organizations that are helping the people in the Tarboro and surrounding areas such as the Task Force, Tutoring session, and helping people who need counseling.

In 1990 Reverend Joyner started an exciting adventure. He got in contact with Rosemary Lyons Hopkins and asked her if she would get in contact with some of the Senior citizens in the community for a breakfast. As time went on Reverend Joyner called on a lady named Mary Smith, from Consolidated Diesel Company to help assist and plan a to help the people in the community.

Mary Smith broke the groups down into three small groups such as: Self-esteem, Recreation, and Employment. Out of the groups a committee was started with Reverend Joyner, J. T. Willoughby, Mary Smith, and Reverend Walston. This group called themselves the Community Enrichment Organization,

which was put in place to find a way to help the peoples in the community.

The first major project was the "Teen Car Wash". This project helped the teenagers become more aware of the meaning of responsibilities. When the teenagers washed and detailed cars, they got paid for it. J. T. Willoughby was the supervisor of the car wash and was assisted by Sammy Hopkins and Roy Gray.

Some of Reverend Joyner's other accomplishments are the Task Force, and the Tutoring sessions. The Task Force was organized to help prevent the sale of drugs in East Tarboro area. A Tutoring session was started at several schools and at Eastern Star to help teenagers with problems that they are having.

One of the shortest Psalms in the scriptures, psalms 133, verse 1 read "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unit." This is how the people at Eastern Start Missionary Baptist Church feel today, that it is pleasant for the Church to have harmony. The family, added with the Holy Spirit, love, patience and understanding. Is the harmony in the Family of Christ

The members today are still active, enthusiastic, and dedicated as they were that warm summer Sunday in 1907. Many of the faces have changed, but Maybelle Parker still play the

piano every fourth Sunday for the Male Choir and Alexander
Dancy still serve as Trustee.

CHURCH STAFFS

Pastor.....Reverend Richard Earl Joyner

Chairman of Deacons..... Deacon William Parker

Deacon Arthur Lyons

Deacon William Freeman

Deacon Ben Mayo

Deacon Eddie Robinson

Deacon William Joyner

Chairman of Deaconesses.....Sister Lillian Ricks

Sister Maggie Lyons

Sister Jacqueline Freeman

Sister Juanita Worsley

Sister Olivia Hinton

Sister Jamesena Joyner

Sister Cathy Parker

Sister Mae Mayo

Sister Lillie James

Chairman of Trustees.....Brother Robert Johnson

Brother Alexander Dancy

Brother Terry Jordan

Brother William Ricks

Brother J. T. Willoughby

Brother William Kenney

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sunday School Each Sunday Morning..... 9:30 A.M.
 Conference Meeting.. Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday..... 7:30 P.M.
 Morning Devotion each Sunday..... 10:45 -..... 11:00 A.M.
 Morning Worship each Sunday..... 11:00 A.M.
 Wednesday Night.. Prayer Service..... 7:30 P.M.
 Wednesday Night.. Bible Study..... 8:00 P.M.
 Trustees Board... Tuesday after 1st Sunday..... 6:00 P.M.
 Pastore, Deacon and Trustees Meeting.. Tuesday after 1st Sunday 7:00 P.M.
 Senior Missionary... Monday after 2nd Sunday..... 7:00 P.M.
 Senior Ushers..2nd Sunday..... 4:00 P.M.
 Junior Ushers.. Saturday before 1st Sunday..... 10:30 A.M.
 Senior Choir,,, 2nd Sunday..... 4:00 P.M.
 Junior Choir... Saturday before 1st Sunday..... 12:00 P.M.
 Male Choir.. 1st and Saturday..... 6:00 P.M.
 Gospel Choir... Tuesday and Saturday before 2nd Sunday.. 6:30 and 3:00 P.M.
 Layment League... 3rd Saturday..... 7:00 P.M.
 Sunbeams.. Saturday Morning..... 9:30 A.M.
 Deaconesses.. Monday after 4th Sunday..... 6:00 P.M.
 Deacons..... Each Monday..... 7:00 P.M.
 Pastors Aide... Monday after 1st Sunday..... 7:00 P.M.
 New Mebers Orientation class..each Sunday..... 9:30 A.M.
 Scholarship Committee..... TBA
 Christians Education... each 3rd Wednesday..... 6:00 P.M.

Scholarship Committee..... Deacon Arthur Lyons
Publicity Committtee..... Sister Evelyn Johnson
Health Care Auxiliary..... Sister Shirley Mays
Recreation Dēpartment..... Brother Robert Johnson
Stewardship Committee..... Brother William Ricks
Hospitality Committee..... Sister Earlene Lawrence

ORDAINED ASSOCIATE MINISTERS AND WIVES

THE CHURCH WAS GUIDE BY THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS FROM 1906 UNTIL NOW

Reverend J. H. Ramsey (first Pastor) 1906
 REverend Thomas Jones..... 1925
 Reverend Sam Mann..... 1927
 Reverend Ricks..... 1932
 Reverend Jim Wood..... 1934
 Reverend C. T. Everette..... 1935
 Reverend Whitakers..... 1936
 Reverend J. H. Tunson 1938
 Reverend J. H. Dixon..... 1940
 Reverend R. L. Wastson.....1949 - 1955
 Reverend A. L. Morgan..... 1957 - 1959
 Reverend Charles Moseley..... 1960 - 1962
 Reverend Spencer Williams..... 1963 - 1966
 Reverend Luther J. Morris SR..... 1968 - 1982
 Reverend Lutehar J. Morris JR..... 1983 - 1984
 Reverend Richard Earl Joyner..... 1987 to present

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Pastor Anniversary.....2nd Sunday in January
 Scholarship Day.....2nd Sunday in February
 Gospel Choir Anniversary.....2nd Sunday in March
 Shaw Day.....2nd Sunday in April
 Junior Choir Anniversary.....4th Sunday in April
 Mothers Day Program.....2nd Sunday in May
 Senior Missionary Circle Anniversary.....3rd Sunday in May
 Senior Ushers Anniversary.....4th Sunday in May
 Vacation Bible School.....June
 Fathers Day Tribute.. Deacon.....3rd Sunday in June
 Laymens League Anniversary.....4th Sunday in June
 Sunbeams Anniversary.....2nd Sunday in July
 Homecoming.....3rd Sunday in July
 Senior Choir Anniversary.....3rd Sunday in August
 Junior Ushers Anniversary.....4th Sunday in August
 Women Day Program.....2nd Sunday in September
 Men Day Program.....2nd Sunday in October
 Founders Day Service.....3rd Sunday in November
 Family Night Program (Junior Choir in charge) 1st Sunday in December
 Christmas Program.....3rd Sunday in December

MISSION OF THE EASTERN STAR MISSIONARYBAPTIST CHURCH

MATTHEW 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All Power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 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 alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen'.

ACTS 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The mission of the Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church is to Praise God; Prepare Oureselves for service to our Lord, Jesus Christ; Provide sacrificiaial Love and Care for one another; and to Proclaim Jesus Christ to the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.

To accomplish this mission, WE WILL;

PRAISE GOD...

through celebrating our new life in Jesus.

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PREPARE OURSELVES FOR SERVICE...

through the study and application of Scripture.

through developing our talents and spiritual gifts.

through becoming mature in Jesus Christ.

PROVIDE SACRIFICIAL LOVE AND CARE FOR ANOTHER...

through sharing each others needs, burdens, and joys.

through serving each other in a sacrificial way.

through learning how to love and be loved.

PROCLAIM CHRIST TO THE WORLD...

through the penetration of our society.

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PURPOSE STATEMENT

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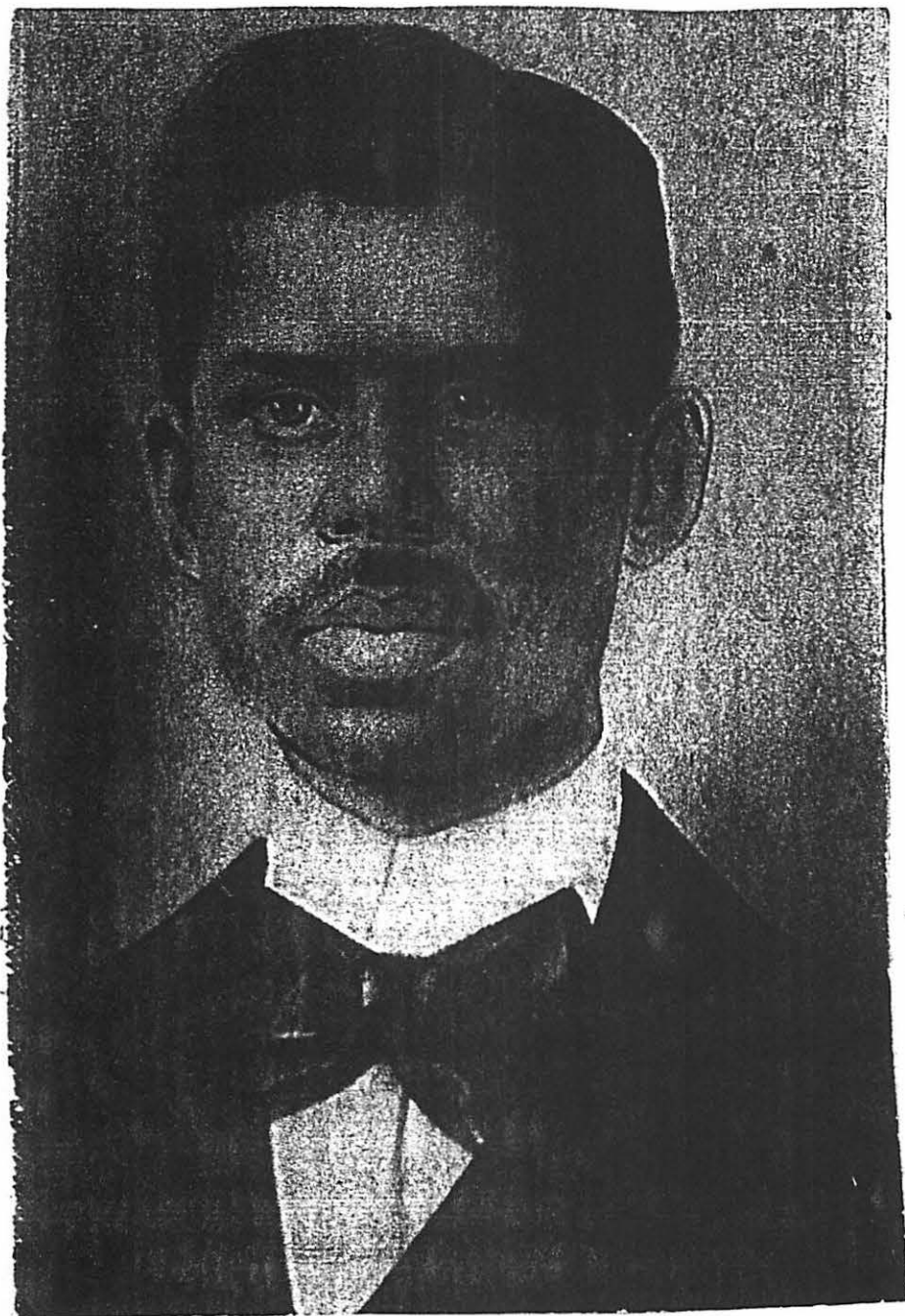
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ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF EASTERN STAR BAPTIST CHURCH



ALFRED W. WOOD



Willie & Mary Parker

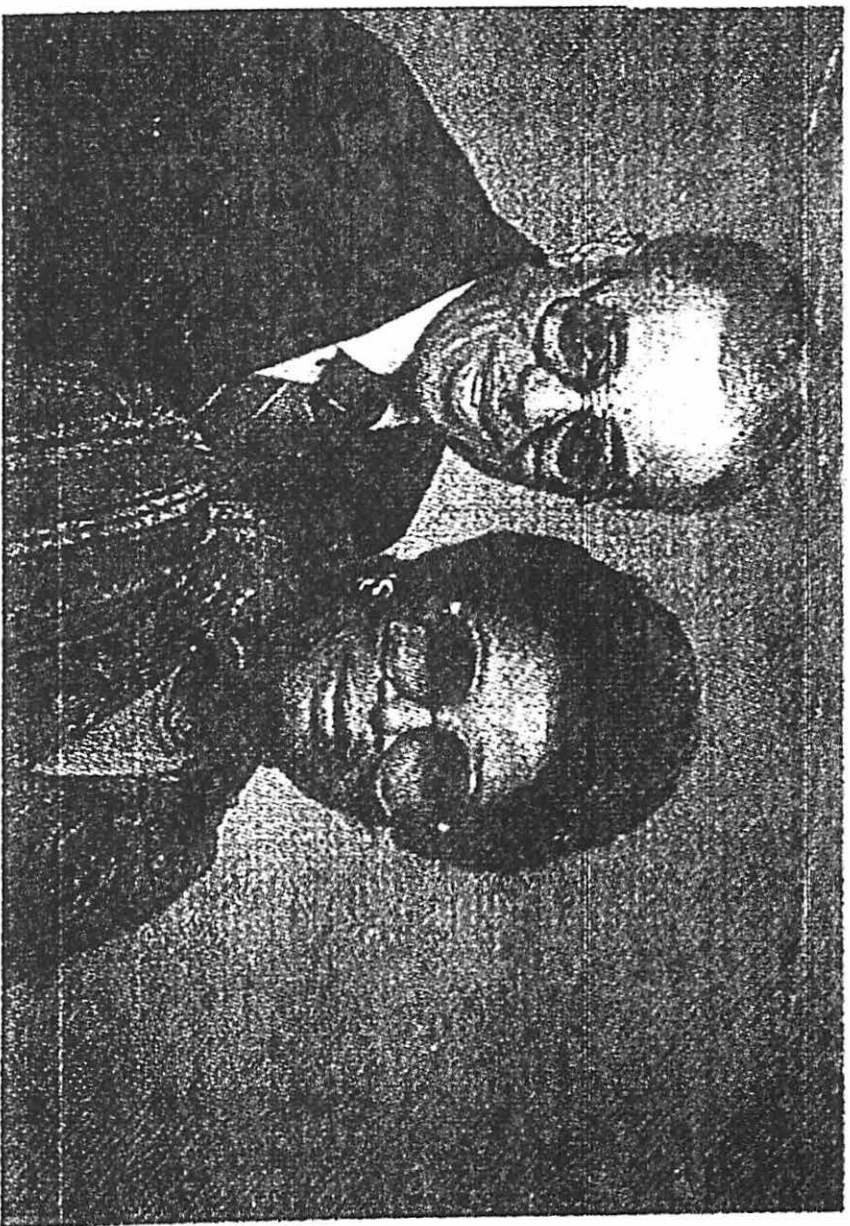
Oldest living female member at Church.

Daughter of the Founder. With husband.



Alexander & Mary Dancy

Oldest living male member, and wife.



J. Ed & Carrie Bridgers

One of the oldest Trustee and wife.



Deacon Arthur Lyons is one of the oldest living
Deacon at Eastern Star Baptist Church. Ordained
Deacon on June 5, 1960



William Joyner is one of the oldest Deacons at Eastern Star Baptist Church. Ordained Deacon on June 5, 1960

The Mother of the Church, and oldest living member.

Mary Crawley





Clifton Davis is speaking to the teens on Responsibility and the opening of Teens Car Wash. In the background is Rverened Richard Joyner, J. T. Willoughby, Reverend Gary Walston, Rita Ricks, and a member of the Teens Car Wash.



Clifton Davis is cutting the Ribbon at the Teens Car Wash Grand Opening. Standing by and joining in is our own Council Roland Clarke, Reverend Richard Joyner, and J. T. Willoughby. The other people are some of the people who helped out.



Some of the first Teens Car Wash workers, They are Donald Moten, Kim, Romona, Quincy, Tywlar, and others.

Eastern Star Baptist Church.
Moved --1906.In East Tarboro.
Persons Are
Rev.Tom Jones.
Mrs.Charlott McNair.And Others



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