



4th Pastoral Anniversary

Reverend Raymond S. Watkins

Mount Calvary

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023
1715 ATHENS AVENUE, DURHAM, NC 27707
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*"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON
YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM,
AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT (PROVERBS 3:5-6)."*

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PASTOR'S AID

We were born on June 6, 2020

The Purpose of the Pastor's Aid

A major duty of the Pastor's Aid Committee is to pray for the needs of the Pastor and First family.

The Committee provides the support needed to the Pastor and his family, whether it be in the form of prayer, encouragement through words or other actions that show love and gratitude to the First family.

Our Motto: We are a Ministry of Believers Who Love, and Honor the God We Serve.

Support and Encourage Each Other, Our Pastor and First Family.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose (Romans: 8:28).

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OUR PASTOR

The Reverend Raymond S. Watkins is a native of Hillsborough, North Carolina and the Sr. Pastor of Mount Calvary United Church of Christ, in Durham, North Carolina. Since his arrival, through his dynamic leadership, spiritual teaching, biblical preaching, and musical abilities, Reverend Watkins has helped the church transition into a cutting edge 21st century ministry. This is evident as the church celebrates time honored traditions while employing new ministry methods and technology. The church is reaping a harvest of renewed visibility in the community through the outreach and evangelistic activities of the ministries under Watkins' leadership. Mount Calvary United Church of Christ is, "On the move for God."

Reverend Watkins has helped to establish a contemporary worship service for the church, Music, Media, and Technology ministries. In addition to full time administration, Reverend Watkins maintains an active preaching schedule throughout Durham and surrounding area churches, facilitating workshops, preaching revivals and other services throughout the entire region. Reverend Watkins also serves with other Pastors in the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance who help facilitate worship services that create outreach for the community.

Reverend Watkins is a graduate of Elon University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. Although most of his ministerial career was leading and shepherding music ministries, God redirected his passions towards Pastoral ministry. Upon acknowledging his call, Reverend Watkins pursued and received a Master of Divinity degree from Apex School of Theology, in Durham, North Carolina. Following his graduation, he preached his Initial Sermon, received his license, and was subsequently ordained into the Gospel Ministry by the UBC Ordination Council of The East Cedar Grove Association.

Reverend Watkins is well known throughout the community. He has always exemplified a strong passion and commitment in supporting the community, actively participating in various outreach ministries, visiting the sick and shut-in at home as well as Senior and Assisted Living centers, providing support during times of surgery and hospitalization, providing spiritual counsel based upon scripture for individual and married couples, and providing numerous families with support and assistance during their time of bereavement.

Through worship, ministry and a commitment to servant leadership, Reverend Watkins strives to proclaim the Good News of God's love, to encourage others in their Christian walk, to lead them into praise and worship of Him, and to nurture their spiritual development in ministry.

Reverend Watkins is a family man. He is married to Lakecia D. R. Watkins and the proud father of two lovely daughters, Brittany and Rhea.



OUR GUEST SPEAKER



Bishop George W. Brooks

Bishop George W. Brooks is Pastor Emeritus of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Greensboro, Inc. where he served faithfully as Chief Elder and Senior Pastor for 37 years. He also served for over ten years as Bishop of Administration of Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, Inc.

Bishop Brooks holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina, a Master of Divinity degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Doctorate of Ministry degree from Friends International Christian University in Merced, California. After accepting the call to the ministry in December 1974 and being licensed to preach the gospel in March 1975, Bishop Brooks began his service as Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Under his leadership, Mount Zion Baptist Church became an international ministry that grew from less than 100 to over 5,000 with missions in West Africa and Haiti. His ministry is devoted to promoting a clear understanding of scripture and bringing Godly change in the communities of the world.

He is the co-founder of Welfare Reform Liaison Project, a vehicle by which welfare recipients are empowered to become self-sufficient. This project has become a national model. Bishop Brooks travels extensively speaking at conferences and revivals, and accepts other opportunities where he can proclaim the gospel. He endeavors to speak what the heart of God is saying to His people with relevance and clarity.

A believer in holistic ministry, he serves the community on a local, state and national level via Tri-State Christian Television (TCT) Board of Directors, Mechanics & Farmers Bank Board of Directors, North Carolina A&T State University College of Arts & Sciences Advisory Board, Beautiful Butterflies, Inc. (a nonprofit Lupus Foundation), and various advisory boards and boards of directors. He also currently serves as the Suffragan Bishop of Global United Fellowship.

Bishop Brooks was named among the "Most Influential Persons in the Triad" by The Business Journal from 2005-2012. Along with many other prestigious awards, he has also been granted the "Order of the Long Leaf Pine" given by the Governor of North Carolina and inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame.

A native of Hillsborough (Orange County), North Carolina, Bishop Brooks is the son of the late Rev. Luther A. Brooks and Catherine Brooks. He and his wife, Edna, have two children, Kevin (Kim) and Keva (Calvin), and five grandchildren, Jocelyn, Kiandra, Keyon, Gavin, Kaleb.

MOUNT CALVARY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

CELEBRATING

PASTOR RAYMOND S. WATKINS

WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023 @ 3PM

MASTER OF CEREMONY: DEACON CLIFF HAYES

SONG **MCUCC MASS CHOIR**

SCRIPTURE: **MRS. CLORIA LEWIS**

PRAYER: **REV. TANYA BEST, MCUCC ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

WELCOME: **MRS. LAWANA WILLIAMS**

SONG **MCUCC MASS CHOIR**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER: **ELDER MICHAEL MEEKS**

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: **MRS. FELICIA WASHINGTON**

SONG **MCUCC MASS CHOIR**

THE MESSAGE: **BISHOP GEORGE W. BROOKS, PASTOR EMERITUS MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, GREENSBORO, NC**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAISE AND WORSHIP DANCE: MISSES MADISON BRUNSON, KAYLI, AND KATLIN FOUSHEE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: PASTOR AID: MRS. DELORES WHITAKER

PRESENTATIONS: ALL AUXILLIARIES

REMARKS:

DEACON HERMAN MIDDLETON, DIACONATE TEAM CO-CHAIR

MR. GREG CLINTON, COUNCIL CHAIR

MR. GERALD THAXTON, TRUSTEE BOARD CHAIR

MINISTER MARGARET WATSON ROBERSON: PASTOR'S AID CHAIR

PASTOR RAYMOND S WATKINS

CLOSING REMARKS AND BLESSING: BISHOP GEORGE W. BROOKS, PASTOR EMERITUS



Rev's Family



The Core



We salute Reverend Raymond Scott Watkins on his 4th Pastoral Anniversary at Mount Calvary United Church of Christ.

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FREE FOOD GIVEAWAY

For those in need Ebenezer MBC has a “FREE FOOD GIVEAWAY* Every SECOND & FOURTH FRIDAYS @11:30AM”

EARN A CERTIFICATE

For those interested, you can earn a certificate in Christian Education, Biblical Studies, Evangelism, Youth & Seniors Ministry, Christian Counseling, Theology, etc. through Ebenezer MBC South Central Durham Continuing Education Center. Liberation Theology is the next upcoming course Which starts on Monday, May 8, 2023, this course is on Mondays (May 8-June 19, 2023) from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The next course and others will be posted on our church website, or you can call the church.

NAR-ANON OFFERS HOPE

**“Are you affected by someone else’s drug addiction?
Nar-Anon offers hope! Join us for Support and Recovery on
Thursdays from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at Ebenezer**

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ON YOUR

4TH Pastoral Anniversary

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Congratulations Reverend Raymond Watkins on your 4th Pastoral Anniversary! Our sincere prayer is that God will continue to bless you, guide you, and strengthen you as you continue His work in this vineyard, where the harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

We love you and wish you and the officers and members of Mount Calvary many more years of greatness and success.

To God be the glory!

Pastor K. L. Johnson, and the officers and members of Greater Emmanuel FGBC

We the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Shirley Parker Watson would like to congratulate you on your fourth Pastoral Anniversary. We hope and pray that God will continue to richly Bless and keep you to be steadfast and immoveable always abounding in the work of your calling. We Love you and thank God for sending you to Mt. Calvary United Church of Christ. Preach and teach the word of God in Season and out! That's all we got.



Parker Watson Family



*Happy Fourth Anniversary from Heaven and Earth! May God keep you and make his face shine upon you.
Best,
Gilbert
Parker(Fireball)*



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April 23, 2023

Reverend Raymond S. Watkins
Mount Calvary United Church of Christ
1715 Athens Avenue
Durham, NC 27707



Dear Pastor Watkins:

On behalf of the Durham City Council, I congratulate you as you celebrate your 4th Anniversary as Pastor of Mount Calvary United Church of Christ (MCUCC).

For the last four years, you have been a shepherd to your congregation and a leader in the Durham community. This is an exceptional occasion, and we are honored to celebrate you as pastor of one of Durham's oldest African American religious institutions.

Growing up in Durham, the historic Mount Calvary United Church of Christ has strengthened our local spiritual community. Your dedication to the ministry, church, and community has positively impacted our city.

Once again, congratulations Reverend Watkins.

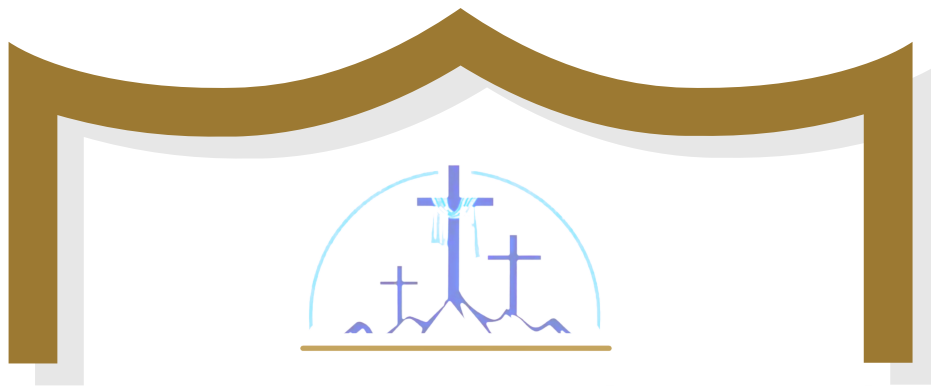
Sincerely,

Elaine M. O'Neal
Mayor

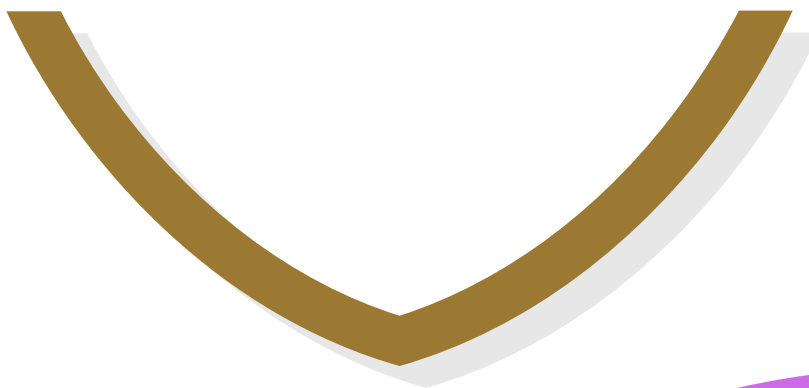


MALE CHORUS

On behalf of the Male Chorus, we would like to wish Pastor Raymond S. Watkins on his Fourth Pastoral Anniversary. We wish him many, many more!



Happy Fourth Anniversary from Men's Fellowship! Helping our Pastor celebrate his Fourth Pastoral Anniversary! We're ALL-In!





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wish
Reverend
Raymond S.
Watkins, a
Happy 4th
Pastoral
Anniversary.

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Congratulations on your anniversary!

To: Rev. Raymond S. Watkins, Mount Calvary United Church of Christ

Thank you for your service to our community and we look forward celebrating your 4th Pastoral Anniversary on April 23, 2023. It is because of local leaders who serve like you that make our community a better place.

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**WE SINCERELY THANK EACH OF YOU FOR COMING
AND SHARING IN THIS BLESSED OCCASION.**

**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO RICHLY BLESS YOU ALL FOR
YOUR PRESENCE IN OUR CELEBRATING OF
OUR PASTOR'S 4TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.
THANK YOU.**



Prayer Changes Things