

~Pastor Bobby L. Smith, Sr.~



Pastor Bobby L. Smith, Sr. answered God's call into the gospel ministry in August, 1967 and began ministering in Germany, Montana, North Carolina and Guam. In 1977, he became the pastor at Union Grove Baptist Church of Warner Robins, Georgia and served until he was installed as the seventh Pastor of Zion Canaan Baptist Church in June, 1991.

God truly smiled upon Zion Canaan when He blessed the Church with Pastor Smith and his family. He is the seventh pastor to grace the Pulpit, since the existence of the Church, one hundred and twenty-five years ago. Since his arrival, Pastor Smith has exemplified the spirit of a faithful servant, dedicating his life to toiling in the fields and building up the Kingdom of God. Under his divinely inspired leadership, and in our walk with the Lord, our Church has become a Purpose- Driven Church, where God is glorified, and Jesus Christ is exalted in worship, evangelism, discipleship, fellowship and ministry. ZCBC has grown tremendously and built a wealth of fond and endearing memories.

During his pastorate at Zion Canaan, he has mentored, licensed and/or ordained fifty (50) ministers, eighteen (18) of whom were women. Some of his accomplishments are: Mid-week Service, re-establishment of new member classes, Brotherhood, Singles, Senior Citizens, Young Adults, Praise Team, a renovated sanctuary, Education building, to name a few. The church is mission-minded, sponsoring missionaries in Africa, Panama, Haiti and outreach ministries to public housing, nursing homes, women's shelters, prisons and migrant workers. The membership has adopted over sixty (60) children to enable them to attend primary and secondary schools in Kenya, East Africa since 2010.

Pastor Smith's vision is and has always been to "serve the present age, his calling is to fulfill" by establishing an environment where families will feel free and safe, where their physical needs can be met. This vision came to life in 2010 with the establishment of the Center for Community and family Transitions, a 501 (3) © organization. This organization works tirelessly in 29203 zip code to promote and provide educational, social, physical and spiritual activities that contribute to families becoming well-rounded productive residents. He believes God is calling out a new breed of believers, who will walk in holiness, and so position themselves with God to receive the favor of God and the anointing of God, as signs, wonders and miracles are manifested in the lives of God's people.

Pastor Smith is a retired veteran of the U. S. Air Force of 20 years. He is a Cum Laude Graduate of Fort Valley State University, with a B.S. Degree in Music. He also studied at Moody Bible College, East Carolina, El Paso Community College, and Macon Junior College. He received his Master of Divinity Degree from the Interdenominational Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia in 1986. He received certification in Clinical Pastoral Education from the Milledgeville Hospital, Milledgeville, Ga. and holds the distinction of being the first Black Chaplain of the Warner Robins Police Department. Pastor Smith is presently a member of the Executive Board of the Gethsemane Baptist Association, where he serves as the Chairman of the Mission Commission. He is a former board member of the SC Baptist E & M Convention, and has been a teacher in the SC Baptist Congress of Christian Education. He also has been a faithful member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., leading Zion Canaan to be a leading giver for home and foreign missions. Reverend Smith has received many awards, among them is an award from the Senate of South Carolina for his leadership in the faith community.

A native of Wheeler County, Georgia, he was born the second child and the eldest son to the late Mr. Willie Lee, Sr. & Mrs. Dobie Smith, and grew up in East Orange, New Jersey. He met and married the love of his life, his partner, his best friend, his armor bearer, his helpmeet, none other than our beautiful, inspiring, loving First Lady Carolyn Jean Smith, his wife of 56 glorious years. Out of this union, they reared six beautiful children, nineteen precious grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren, whom they love endlessly.

Throughout his thirty (30) years as the Shepherd of God's people here at Zion Canaan, and a total of fifty-four (54) years in ministry, Pastor Smith has been a vessel for transforming lives and demonstrating that he is truly a man after God's

heart and His people. He embodies a spirit filled life, with unconditional love, a missionary heart, and a visionary mind.

Celebration Banquet

August 14, 2021

6:00pm

**Presiding: Reverend Eddie Davis
Pastor, Little Zion Baptist Church**

~Program~

Prelude *Saxophonist*

Musical Selection *Honoree's Daughter-in-law*

Scripture *Associate Minister, Zion Canaan*

Prayer *Associate Minister, Zion Canaan*

Introduction of the Dais *Missionary, Zion Canaan*

Welcome & The Occasion *Zion Canaan*

Musical Selection *Honoree's Daughter*

Greetings

Mrs. Hilda Gadsden – *President, Woman's Baptist E&M Convention SC*

Dr. Walter Butler - *Moderator, Gethsemane Baptist Association*

Reverend David A. Clarke, Sr. – *Pastor, Union Grove Missionary Baptist*

Blessing of the Food *Junior Deacon, Zion Canaan*

Dinner

Music and Tributes from Church Family

Introduction of the Speaker *Vice President At-Large, Baptist E&M Convention of SC*

Musical Selection

The Message *President, Baptist E & M Convention of SC*

Tributes/Remarks

- Senator John L. Scott, Jr., SC Senate District 19**
For President Biden's Office & The State of South Carolina
- Representative Leon Howard, SC House District 76**
For Congressman Jim Clyburn's Office
- Representative Kambrell Garvin, SC House District 77**
For The SC House of Representatives
- Councilwoman Gretchen Barron** – *Richland County Council*
- Deacon Jerome Stephens** – *Union Grove Baptist Church*
- Pastor Rodney Gilchrist** – *Liberty Christian Center, Killeen, TX*
For the Sons and Daughters of the House
- Deacon Ronald Anderson** – *Zion Canaan Baptist Church*
- The Smith Family**
- Mayor Pro Tem Tameika Isaac**– *The City of Columbia*

Remarks

Benediction

~Our Speaker~

Dr. Donald E. Greene, Jr.



Dr. Donald E. Greene, Jr., serves as the anointed, visionary leader of the historic Andrew Chapel Baptist Church in Orangeburg, S.C. Since his arrival in 1995, Pastor Greene has accomplished many feats for the kingdom of God to include an unprecedented growth in ministry to over 700 members during his 20-year tenure.

In 1999, to meet the needs of a rapidly growing congregation, Pastor Greene led the church in acquiring more than thirty-three acres of land to construct a new sanctuary, which was dedicated on May 27, 2001. Less than three years later, he oversaw construction of the church's fellowship center, which includes 12 classrooms, a combined computer lab and library, a modern full service kitchen, and a multi-media center.

Mrs. Jessie H. Chandler
Deacon Henry G. Young, Sr.

Pastor Greene's passion for preaching, teaching, and educating individuals of all ages is evident through his extraordinary strides in ministry. In 1998, he established the Andrew Chapel Christian Academy, a fully accredited independent school for children in Pre K – 6th grade. The school saw a rapid increase in enrollment from 15 students in 1998 to 67 students during the 2005-2006 academic school year. He was also instrumental in reorganizing the church's Youth ministry and starting a K-12 after-school tutorial program for the Orangeburg community.

In 2006, under Pastor Greene's visionary leadership, Andrew Chapel successfully launched the Community Church Growth Conference. Now entering its 10th year, the conference continues to attract hundreds of participants who engage in dynamic seminars led by nationally recognized preaching practitioners.

Pastor Greene served as host of the Congress of Christian Education for the State of South Carolina in 2001 and again in 2012, helping to bring thousands of God's people together to engage in thought-provoking seminars. Committed to remaining a dedicated student of God's word himself, Pastor Greene has attended national and international expository preaching conferences, gaining a number of certifications and the distinct opportunity to travel as far as Oxford, England.

Prior to becoming the 12th pastor of Andrew Chapel Baptist Church, Pastor Greene was licensed and ordained at New St. John Baptist Church in Ocala, FL and has served as Pastor at New Bethel Baptist Church in Flemington, FL.

He currently serves as the President of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina. Pastor Greene also serves on the Board of Directors at Morris College. He is the recipient of the 2011 Unsung Hero Award from the 25th Annual Church and Community Human Relations Awards Banquet. In 2006, the Honorable James E. Clyburn recognized Pastor Greene for a decade of Pastoral Excellence and Exemplary Service to the Community.

A native of Camden, SC, Pastor Greene graduated from Camden High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Voorhees College in Denmark, SC and his Masters of Ministry from Andersonville Theological Seminary.

He is married to the former Candice McNeil and they have two children, Caleb Andrew (deceased), and Aaron Jacob.

Pastor and First Lady

**"OUR UNDERSHEPHERD"
PASTOR BOBBY L. SMITH, SR.**



You taught us from the Bible,
Words of love and so much more.
Your dedication to God's Word
Is something we are grateful for.

You showed us Christ is surely the answer,
And that He'll strengthen us each day.
You never seem to get weary
Helping others along God's way.

Full of wisdom, guidance, and loving concern
And your encouragement means so much
We're so blessed you've been our Pastor,
And our lives you've truly touched.

**Thank you for leading us the last 30 years of
your 54-year ministry!**

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Committee Members

*Minister Tera Adams
Deacon Ronald Anderson
Rev. Derwin Bradley
Ms. Laura Fennell
Ms. Erical Jones
Mrs. Gail McCray
Mrs. Beatrice McDonald
Rev. Eugene Miller
Mrs. Darlene Simmons
Rev. LaCreasia Turner*

Hostesses

*Mrs. Margaret Davis
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Retirement Banquet

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2021 ~ 6:00 P.M.

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200 Stoneridge Drive - Columbia, SC 29210