

THE SPRING BRANCH HERALD



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To Everything, there is season, and a time unto every purpose under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

The June Edition of ***The Spring Branch Herald*** is a Celebration of "seasons". We honored Women of Spring Branch, past and present. We celebrated the accomplishments of our youth and graduates of high school, college and graduate studies. We acknowledged the entrance of a Senior Pastor-elect into the Ministry of Spring Branch Missionary Baptist Church. "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the things which God **has** prepared for those who love Him." [1 Corinthians 2:9]. All the Praise and Honor belong to the God of Glory!

CLASS OF 2022



Dr. Ronald Taliaferro



**SPRING BRANCH MBC
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
DID YOU KNOW?**

MARCH is Women's History Month at SBMBC



Women's History Month, designated for reflecting on pioneers in areas of Women's contributions to society, is a National observance. During the month of March at SBMBC, the Light Ministry prepared heartwarming and nostalgic slide shows that were presented during morning worship on back to back Sundays. The presentations were narrated by Sister Janet McPhatter (top left) and Sister Dorothy McNeill (bottom left). Deacon Board Chairman Simuel Hines reflected on the sentiments and memories and appreciation it brought back to him and "others of my age remember." He told the congregation, "Treat these children well, live in a good manner, and later in life, they will remember you."



Vintage SBMBC Senior Choir

SBMBC members and visitors enjoyed a journey down memory lane during the two-week presentations in memory of seventy-five women of the past and in honor of twenty-five women who currently serve and make history here at SBMBC. Deacon Simuel Hines is shown above making remarks.



Sister Novella
Covington



Deaconess Lula
M. Douglas

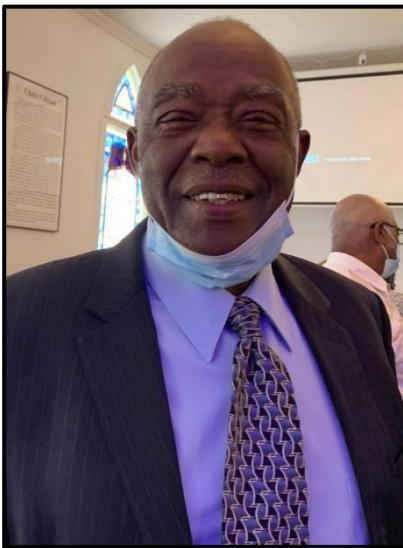


Sister Lillie
McNeill Smith

Spotlight: Senior Saints



Deaconess Annie Martin serves as Director of Christian Education and Church Historian for SBMBC. She has worked with many ministries including Sunday School, Trustee, Sr. Missionary, Nursing Home, and the Senior and Gospel Choirs. Deaconess Martin worked with Four County Head Start program for 44 years. She is a graduate of NCCU. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Deacon John McNeill, Sr., 80, has served on the Board of Deacons for over 45 years and is a past Chairman of the Board. He and his late wife Ruth served as leaders of the Home & Hospital Ministry and they both served as Ushers. Deacon McNeill worked as a lead mechanic at Abbott Laboratories and retired after 31 years. He enjoys his time being with his four children and eight grandchildren.



Deacon John Davis lived with his wife, **Deaconess Alma Davis** in New York where he worked for the NYC Transit Authority as a city bus driver for 30 years, while she provided daycare service in their home. After moving back to NC, Deacon Davis has kept busy working with Sr. Missionary, Nursing Home, Transportation and Music Ministries. He and Deaconess Davis stay busy traveling and enjoying their five children, twelve grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and six great great-grandchildren.

Deaconess Betty Gholston spent a short time in New York after graduating from NCCU. She and the late Rev. Willie Gholston, relocated to NC, and she began her career in education as a librarian in Scotland and Richmond Counties. She continued her career at Morrison Training & Correctional Institute, and later in Marlboro and Hoke Counties. Deaconess Gholston spent 12 years as a Wagram Town Commissioner, 12 years on the Scotland County Board of Education, and 12 years as a Scotland County Commissioner. She is Chairwoman of the SBMBC Board of Deaconess, and proud mother of three children, five grandchildren and twin great-grandchildren.



As a young couple, **Deaconess Maxine and Deacon Lonnie McPhatter** lived in New Jersey, where Deacon McPhatter owned and operated a trucking service. After moving back to NC, he continued to work as a trucker and mechanic. Deacon McPhatter has served as Sunday School Superintendent and is an avid student of the Bible. He is also a member of the SBMBC Male Chorus and Transportation Ministry. Deaconess McPhatter has worked with the Pastor's Aide Ministry and Kitchen Ministry.



Deacon Leroy Perkins joined SBMBC in 2006. Deacon Perkins spent 14 years singing with Bobby Clark



and the Gospelators. He uses this song gift as a member and soloist with the sBMBC Male Chorus. Deacon Perkins retired from Proctor Silex/Hamilton Beach after 25 years with them.

He and his wife Sister Jean Perkins are the proud parents of six children, seventeen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

SPOTLIGHT: SBMBC Youth

Minister Cory Allen of Sons and Daughters of Zion Ministries was featured speaker for the SBMBC one-night Youth Revival in June. Theme of the event was “Ignite the Fire”, from Psalm 103. Minister Allen told the young people they are “chosen for greatness by God....you are not a misfit....you have been picked out!” He involved the youth by asking them for their definition of “chosen”, then asked the question, “Have You chosen God?” Brother Nehemiah Kershaw worked with SBMBC youth and others from surrounding areas to make this soul searing night a great success. Creek Grove CPH Church of Eagle Springs choir provided music. Musicians included Jeremiah Morrissey, drums; Crystal Cooper, keyboard; Edward Clark, bass; Michael Leslie Jr., drums; and Derrick Elliott Jr. Keyboard.



Isaiah Scott, son of Charles Scott, is a proud graduate of Scotland High School Class of 2022. Isaiah has made A/B honor roll and All-Conference and Most Improved Player for the Fighting Scots Football Team. He will attend UNCP and major in Sports Marketing.



Nehemiah Kershaw, son of Cheryl Kershaw and Tim Billinger, is a proud graduate of the Hoke County High School Class of 2022. Nehemiah has been a drummer for SBMBC since childhood and was part of the Hoke High Marching Bucks drumline. His plans now are to attend Sandhills Community College.

Patrick Reaves, son of Patricia and Aundra Reaves, is a proud graduate of the Scotland High School Class of 2022. Patrick will be attending Sandhills Community College where he has signed a letter of intent to play basketball on a full scholarship. Patrick hopes to transfer to a four-year university where he plans to major in Sports Medicine.

Tanya C. McLean is the daughter of Deacon Kennie and Deaconness Polly Covington. She is a candidate for Doctor of Education in Education Leadership from Wingate University and will defend her Dissertation next month. Tanya is currently an Assistant Principal in the Scotland County School System. Congratulations on this milestone in your life.

Happy Birthday

MARCH

Brittany Gilchrist
Jasmine McNeill
Neil Cole
Aundra Reaves
Sedric Graham
John Heard II
Kyler Davis
Hattie Kershaw
Robert McRae
Neal McPhatter
Jondren Swann

APRIL

Shaquinta McLean
Nicholas Gilchrist
Mildred Wells
Stacey Crawford
Tracie Davis
Evelyn Gales
Darlene Melton
Tommy McLean
JuJuan Jackson
Margaret Gilchrist
Joyce Fairley
Camron Gilchrist

MAY

Patricia McKoy
Hazel Whitfield
Cathy Gilchrist
Dwan Barnes
Elijah Gales, Jr.
Michael Johnson, Jr.
Winona M. Gilchrist
Christopher Fairley, Sr.

JUNE

Annie Farmer
Anthony Davis
Caitlyn Douglas
Veronica McPhatter
Annette McNair
John McNeill, Sr.
Dorothy Johnson
Oliver Cole
Simuel Hines
Edna Copeland
Aundrea Hasty
Bryson Serrano
Rev. Thomas Gilchrist



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Congratulations, Senior Pastor-Elect Rev. Dr. Ronald Taliaferro and Minister Karen Taliaferro. Welcome to Spring Branch MBC !