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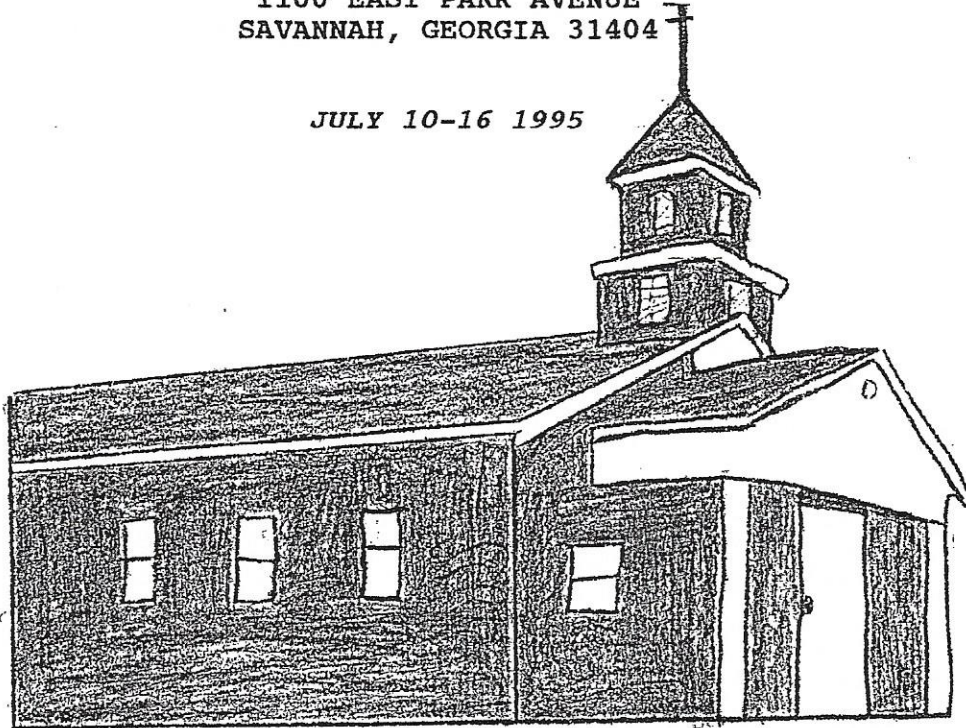
CENTENNIAL YEAR CELEBRATION

1995

100 YEARS

ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
1100 EAST PARK AVENUE  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31404

JULY 10-16 1995



SCRIPTURE: FOR WE KNOW THAT OUR EARTHLY HOUSE OF THIS TABERNACLE  
DISSOLVED, WE HAVE A BUILDING OF GOD, AN HOUSE NOT MADE WITH  
HANDS, ETERNAL IN THE HEAVENS.

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THEME SONG: " I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD, "

Sis. Minnie Lou Robinson, Chairperson

Sis Alma D. Addison Co-Chairperson

Willie J. Outler, Pastor

**PROGRAM**

**MONDAY NIGHT JULY 10, 1995--- 7:30 P.M.  
SECOND MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Devotional Services.....Officers , Second  
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church**

**Mistress of Ceremony.....Sis. Jessie M. McKinney**

**Theme Song:"I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD".....Choir & Congregation**

**Welcome.....Sis. Alice Feelings**

**The "Occasion"..... Sis. Minnie L. Robinson**

**Solo.....Sis. Naomi Strobert**

**Reading.....Sis. Janie Anderson**

**Selection.....Second Mt. Calvary  
Baptist Church Choir**

**Remarks.....Dea. Lawrence Feelings**

**Scripture.....**

**Prayer.....**

**Selection.....Second Mt. Calvary  
Baptist Church Choir**

**Sermon.....Pastor Isaac Shuman**

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**Offering.....Officers, Second Mt.  
Calvary Baptist Church**

**Announcements & Benediction**

**HOST: DEACON & DEACONESS**

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**TUESDAY NIGHT JULY 11, 1995---7:30 P.M.  
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Devotional Services.....Officers, Bethel Baptist Church**

**Mistress of Ceremony.....Sis. Ida R. Deloach**

**Theme Song:"I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD.".....Choir & Congregation**

Welcome.....Sis. Florence Barns  
 The "Occasion".....Sis Rosa Lee Jones  
 Duet.....The Strobert Sisters  
 Reading.....Ms. Marquita Nelson  
 Selection.....Bethel Baptist Church Choir  
 Remarks.....Dea. Solomon Smalls  
 Scripture.....  
 Prayer.....  
 Selection.....Bethel Baptist Church Choir  
 Sermon.....Rev. John T. McClendon  
 Invitation To Discipleship  
 Offering.....Officers, Bethel Baptist Church  
 Announcements & Benediction  
**HOST: SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT JULY 12, 1995---7:30 P.M.**  
**BETH EDEN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Devotional Service.....Officers, Beth Eden Baptist Church  
 Mistress Of Ceremony.....Sis. Philene Green  
 Theme Song:"I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD.....CHOIR & CONGREGATION  
 The Occasion.....Sis. Ruth A. Green  
 Welcome.....Bro. Stephen Solomon  
 Solo.....Sis. Brenda McKinney  
 Reading.....Sis. Kimberly Crawford  
 Selection.....Beth Eden Baptist Church Choir  
 Remarks.....Dea. Robert McKinney  
 Scripture.....  
 Prayer.....

Selection.....Beth Eden Baptist Church Choir  
Sermon.....Rev. James J. Bailey  
Invitation To Discipleship  
Offering.....Officers, Beth Eden Baptist Church  
Announcements & Benediction

**HOST: SENIOR CHOIR AND VOICES FOR CHRIST**

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**THURSDAYNIGHT JULY 13, 1995---7:30 P.M..**  
**FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF EAST SAVANNAH**

Devotional Service.....Officers, First African Baptist Church  
Mistress of Ceremony.....Sis. Rosetta Franklin  
Theme Song "I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD".....Choir & Congregation  
Welcome.....Sis. Lucinda Bynes  
The Occasion.....Sis. Alma D. Addison  
Solo.....  
Reading.....  
Selection.....First African Baptist Church Choir  
Remarks.....Dea. Herbert Jones  
Scripture.....  
Prayer.....  
Selection.....First African Baptist Church Choir  
Sermon.....Rev. Thomas E. Williams  
Invitation to Discipleship  
Offering.....Officers, First African Baptist Church  
Announcements & Benediction

**HOST: SENIOR USHER BOARD**



**FRIDAY NIGHT JULY 14, 1995---7:30 P.M.  
FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Devotional Service.....Officers, Faith Missionary Baptist Church  
Mistress of Ceremony.....Sis. Hattie M. Calhoun  
Theme Song"**I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD**".....Choir & Congregation  
Welcome.....Sis. Ruth Ann Green  
The "Occasion"..... Sis. Kimberly Crawford  
Solo.....Sis Rose M. Williams  
Reading.....Sis. Velma Green  
Selection.....Faith Missionary Baptist Church  
Remarks.....Dea. Lawrence Feelings  
Scripture.....  
Prayer.....  
Selection.....Faith Missionary Baptist Church Choir  
Sermon.....Rev. Samuel Williams  
Invitation to Discipleship  
Offering.....Faith Missionary Baptist Church Choir  
Announcements & Benediction  
**HOST: SENIOR MISSION**

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**SUNDAY EVENING JULY 16, 1995---2:30 P.M.  
ST. THOMAS BAPTIST CHURCH**

Devotional Service.....Officers St. Thomas Baptist Church  
Mistress of Ceremony.....Sis. Edith Crawford  
Theme Song:"**I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD**".....Choir & Congregation  
Welcome.....Sis. Rose M. Williams  
The Occasion.....Sis. Ruth Bostick  
Solo.....Ms. Gina Rene'  
Reading.....Ms. Lutricia A. Robinson

Selection.....St. Thomas Baptist Church Choir  
History.....Ms. Minnie L. Robinson  
Remarks.....Dea. Herbert Jones  
Selection.....St. Thomas Baptist Church Choir  
Scripture.....  
Prayer.....  
Sermon.....Rev. William M. Daniels  
Invitation to Discipleship  
Offering.....Officers St. Thomas Baptist Church  
Announcement

**HOST: ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY**

**THEME SONG: "I LOVE THY KINGDOM , LORD, THE HOUSE OF THINE ABODE"**

**("LOVE IS FOREVER")**

St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church has reached the 100th year of service to God and their fellowman.

As we come to this, another milestone in the history of St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church our hearts rejoice. We are personally proud to be a part of so momentous occasion. We are to rededicate to God this church.

In celebration of this centennial to God, we are setting it aside for his use and the promotion of his kingdom. We are at the same time pledging our services and support to the proposition that this building will not be desecrated, misused, or in any way degraded.

The theme throughout this week is "I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD". this structure has been blessed. Having come now to rededicate this building. let us also dedicate ourselves to the task of bringing the church to another centennial.

Where do we go from here? there is a phrase in Spanish, *Voya CON Dios*, which means, go with God. Therefore, if we go with God we will be a powerful influence in this world and in the world to come **we shall have life everlasting. For what has been done, we give God the praise!** May the holy arms that were stretched wide on Calvary reach out now to embrace the St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church family and our leadership bringing love, peace and continued prosperity within these sacred walls. May we forever walk within the shadow of Gods' Holy Presence.

Under the leadership of Pastor Willie James Outler, we have made great accomplishments. We greet it with a heart full of gratitude for a century of service in the Lord and have the courage to face and conquer the challenges of a new century of service in serving God. The work is not over, it has just begun!

**"LOOKING FORWARD TO GREAT DAYS AHEAD!"**

**THE PASTOR**

**OFFICERS**

**MEMBERS**

**CHAIRPERSON**

**CO-CHAIRPERSON**



THEY THAT TRUST IN THE LORD SHALL BE AS MOUNT ZION.  
WHICH CANNOT BE REMOVE, BUT ABIDETH FOR EVER.

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( HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH )

" WE SHALL RELATE TO YOU A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: FROM THE TIME IT WAS ORGANIZED TO THE PRESENT."

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST 1895.  
A BAND OF CHRISTIAN FOLLOWERS AND BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN, SAYING, COME THERE IS WORK TO DO. HEEDING THE COMMAND OF GOD, IN A LITTLE VILLAGE CALLED LEPAGEVILLE. KNOWN TO SOME AS BRUTION HILL. OUT ON EAST PRESIDENT STREET EXTENSION. WHERE RAILROAD WORKERS, METHODIST, AND BAPTIST MOVING FROM VARIOUS CITIES. WITH THEIR FAMILIES TO ESTABLISH THEIR RESIDENT ON LEPAGEVILLE.

THIS BAND OF CHRISTIAN FOLLOWERS AND BELIEVERS IN CHRIST WERE EAGER TO PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES A PLACE TO MEET AND WORSHIP AND GIVE PRAISES TO GOD. MET AT THE HOME OF THE LATE REVEREND. F. E. WASHINGTON. JOINING IN A DEVOTIONAL PERIOD WITH SONGS AND PRAYER WITH UPLIFTED HEARTS IN DEDICATION OF THEIR LIVES TO BE A SERVANT OF GOD.

IN 1895 WITH THE GUIDANCE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. THIS CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED AS THE LEPAGEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH. WITH THE LATE REVEREND. F. E. WASHINGTON AS THEIR LEADER. AND FOR THIRTEEN ( 13 ) YEARS THE METHODIST CONGREGATION. AND THE BAPTIST CONGREGATION HELD THEIR WORSHIP SERVICES AT THIS METHODIST CHURCH. AT DIFFERENT DAYS, TIME AND HOURS EACH MONTH.

IN 1882 THE NAME OF THIS CHURCH WAS CHANGE FROM THE LEPAGEVILLE. METHODIST CHURCH. TO THE LEPAGEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH. THE MINISTERS WHO SERVED THIS GREAT CHURCH THROUGH THE YEARS WERE.

THE LATE REVEREND. F. E. WASHINGTON-----	1895-1907.
THE LATE REVEREND. J. A. JAMES-----	1908-1917.
THE LATE REVEREND. GARRETT-----	1918-1925
REVEREND. G. R. CONNER. SR -----	1925-1931
THE LATE REVEREND. B. H. HAMILTON-----	1932-1959
THE LATE REVEREND. THOMAS BROWN-----	1960-1965
REVEREND. THOMAS PRYOR-----	1965-1967
REVEREND. ABRAHAM JOHNSON-----	1967-1969
REVEREND. JAPAN HOLMES-----	1969-1980
REVEREND. MOSES J. LADSON-----	1980-1987
PASTOR WILLIE JAMES OUTLER-----	1987. PRESENT

DURING THE PASTORATE OF THESE GREAT LEADERS, THE CONGREGATION WAS ENCOURAGED TO DO GOD'S WILL BY DOING FOR OTHERS. THEIR INSIGHT AND DEDICATION CONTRIBUTES TO THE GROWTH, EFFICIENCY AND AWARENESS AS CHRISTIAN. WE ARE THANKFUL TO GOD FOR THE FORE RUNNERS OF THIS CHURCH. AND ALSO FOR OUR PRESENT LEADER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING WITHOUT A GOOD FOUNDATION OF COOPERATION.



DURING THEASE ( 100 ) YEARS WE HAVE LOST FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED MINISTERS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN THE LEPAGEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH. THE LEPAGEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH. AND THE ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. WHO HAS BEEN CALLED FROM LABOR TO REWARD.

MINISTERS

REVEREND. F. E. WASHINGTON  
REVEREND. J. A. JAMES  
REVEREND. GARRETT  
REVEREND. B. H. HAMILTON  
REVEREND. THOMAS BROWN

OFFICERS

DEACON. LAMBERT  
DEACON. GLOVER  
DEACON. EDWARD BROWN. SR  
DEACON. MADDOX  
DEACON. DAVID BOWMAN  
DEACON. HENRY THOMAS  
DEACON. WILLIE MITHELL  
DEACON. GEORGE JONES  
DEACON. JOSEPH E. BROWN. JR  
DEACON. SOLOMON SMALLS  
DEACON. GEORGE ROBERTS  
DEACON. ROSS GRIFFIN

MEMBERS

SISTER. GLOVER  
SISTER. K. CHISHOLM  
SISTER. JANNIE JONES  
SISTER. BESSIE BOWMAN  
SISTER. NEATHER SMALLS  
SISTER. ALEATHER WHITE  
SISTER. MINNIE J. BOWMAN  
SISTER. JANNIE SHEPPARD  
SISTER. JOSEPHINE MUNGIN  
SISTER. MARTHA RIVERS  
SISTER. LUCILLE ROBINSON  
SISTER. EULA MAE WHEELER  
SISTER. LUCILLE LADSON  
SISTER. CELIA MAE ROUSE  
SISTER. LUVERTA DOYAL  
SISTER. DOROTHY R. TAYLOR  
SISTER. RUTH GREEN

IN THE PASSING OF THEASE FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED MINISTERS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS WE SINCERELY RECOGNIZED THAT WE HAVE LOST DEDICATED. MINISTERS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS. THE MEMORY OF WHICH WILL BE A WORTHY MONUMENT TO THIS CHURCH. MAY WE RIZE IN A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER IN MEMORY OF ALL OUR LOVE ONES THAT HAS BEEN CALLED FROM LABOR TO REWARD. WE SAY TO OUR LOVE ONE'S SERVENT OF GOD WELL DONE THY GLORIOUS WARFARE PAST, THE BATTLE IS FOUGHT, THE RACE IS WON AND THOU ART CROWNED AT LAST.

IN 1966. THE CONGREGATION OF THE LEPAGEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH. RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. F. REED DULANY. JR PRESIDENT OF CHATHAM CHEMICAL COMPANY. INFORMING THE CONGREGATION. THAT ALL THE PROPERTY ON LEPAGEVILLE HAD BEEN SOLD BACK TO THE RAILROAD. AND HE WAS GIVING THE CHURCH TO THE CONGREGATION AS A GIFT. INCLOSE WITH THIS LETTER WERE THE DEEDS TO THE BUILDING. GIVING THE CONGREGATION SIX ( 6 ) TO MOVE AND RELOCATE THE BUILDING. THIS BAND OF FOLLOWERS AND BELIEVERS IN CHRIST MET AT THE CHURCH WITH THEIR LEADER REVEREND. THOMAS PRYOR. JOINING IN A DEVOTIONAL SERVICE CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICERS. DEACON. SOLOMON SMALLS. DEACON. GEORGE ROBERTS. DEACON. ALEXANDER MILTON, DEACON. JOESPH E. BROWN. JR THEASE OFFICERS PRAYED OUT OF THEIR SOULS. PRAYING ASKING GOD FOR HIS GUIDANCE IN THE RELOCATEING OF THE CHURCH. AFTER THE SOUL STERRING DEVOTIONAL PREIOD. THE CONGREGATION ALSO DECIED THAT WHEN THE PROPERTY WAS FOUND THEY WOULD CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CHURCH. FROM THE LEPAGEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH. TO THE ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. IN MEMORY OF OUR DEACON. THE LATE DEACON. HENRY THOMAS. WITHIN A SHORT PREIOD OF TIME A VERY CLOSE FRIEND OF THE LATE DEACON. JOESPH E. BROWN. JR. AND THE CONGREGATION OF THE LEPAGEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH. THE LATE REVEREND. PETER HOLMES. GIVE THE CONGREGATION A PIECE OF HIS PROPERTY ON WEST FIFTY SIX ( 56 ) STREET AS A GIFT TO MOVE THE BUILDING ON. IT WAS EXCEPTED BY THE CONGREGATION. AND A COMMITTE OF OFFICERS WERE SENT OUT TO INVESTIGATE.



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AFTER THE INVESTIGATION BY THE COMMITTEES. IT WAS DECIED BY THE CONGREGATION THAT THE COST WAS TO GREAT TO MONE THE BUILDING. AND ALSO THE TRANSPOTATION FOR SOME OF THE ELDERLY MEMBERS. THE CONGREGATION THANK THE LATE REVEREND. PETER HOLMES FOR HIS GIFT OF THE PROPERTY. AND THE FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED FEW PRESS ON TRYING TO FINE A PIECE OF PROPERTY TO RELOCATE THE CHURCH ARE A BUILDING TO WORSHIP IN.

IN 1967 WITH GOD'S HELP AND GUIDANCE WE WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE THIS BUILDING WHICH WERE A TWO STORY APARTMENT FROM MR. NATHAN TANANBAUM THROUGH MR. LOUIS BLACK REALTY. BY THE INVESTIGATION OF ONE OF OUR MEMBERS. THE LATE SISTER. LUCILLE ROBINSON WHO WAS AN EMPOLYEE OF MR. AND MRS. NATHAN TANANBAUM AT TEH TIME IN THEIR HOME. AFTER PURCHASEING THIS BUILDING IN ( 1967 ) THE LEPAGEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH. WAS TORN DOWN BY DEACON. ALEXANDER MILTON, BROTHER. K. P. WHEELER. SISTER. MINNIE LOU ROBINSON. MR. WILLIAM GUS KING AND FRIENDS. AFTER THE CHURCH WAS TORN DOWN. SISTER. MINNIE LOU ROBINSON. CALLED A FRIEND THE LATE DEACON. MACK MORRIS FROM SECOND EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH. AND ASK HIM FOR HIS HELP IN REMODELING THE LOWER APARTMENT INTO A PLACE OF WORSHIP. THE LATE DEACON. MACK MORRIS MET WITH CONGREGATION AT THIS BUILDING. AND AFTER HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE BUILDING EXCEPTED THE JOB. AND ALSO KNOWING THAT OUR LEADER REVEREND. THOMAS PRYOR HAD RESIGNED. HELP US FIND A LEADER REVEREND. ABRAHAM JOHNSON. HIS FRIEND AND CO-WORKER AT WESSON OIL. REVEREND. ABRAHAM JOHNSON MET WITH THE CONGREGATION ON TUESDAY EVENING ( 1967 ) AT THE HOME OF SISTER. MINNIE LOU ROBINSON. 814 EAST DUFFY STREET. OF THIS CITY. AFTER A SHORT DEVOTIONAL SERVICE REVEREND. ABRAHAM JOHNSON EXCEPTED THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS CONGREGATION. AND WE BEGIN WORKING ON THE LOWER APARTMENT OF THIS BUILDING. THE LOWER APARTMENT WAS REMODEL WITH A PART OF THE LUMBER FROM THE LEPAGEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH. AND A PART OF IT WAS SOLD ALONG WITH THE BRICKS FROM THE FIRE PLACES IN THE LOWER APARTMENT. TO HELP WITH THE FINANCEING OF THE REMODELING WORK. THE LATE DEACON. MACK MORRIS LABORED VERY HARD FAITHFULLY AND WILLING IN REMODELING THIS BUILDING INTO A PLACE OF WORSHIP AFTER LEAVING HIS JON IN THE EVENING AND ON SATURDAY'S. WORKING ALONG WITH HIM WERE REVEREND. ABRAHAM JOHNSON. SISTER. EULA MAE WHEELER. SISTER. ROSE LEE JONES. SISTER. MINNIE LOU ROBINSON. BROTHER. K. P. WHEELER. DEACON. HERBERT JONES. BROTHER. JAMES TAYLOR FROM ST. JAMES A. M. E. THE LATE SISTER. DOROTHY ROBINSON TAYLOR. THEASE FAITHFUL FEW ALSO LABORED VERY HARD WITH THE LATE DEACON. MACK MORRIS. HELPING HIM WITH THE REMODELING OF THE LOWER APARTMENT INTO A PLACE OF WORSHIP. DURING THE REMODELING OF THE LOWER APARTMENT, SUNDAY SCHOOL, MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AND CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE HOME OF SISTER MINNIE LOU ROBINSON. 814 EAST DUFFY STREET. MISSION MEETING WERE HELD AT THE HOLMES OF THE MEMBERS ON THURSDAY EVENING EACH WEEK. DURING THE SUMMER 7-8 P. M. AND IN THE WINTER 6-7 P. M. THE REVEREND. R. L. MIMS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF FIRST MT, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH. 924 ROCKEFELLER . STREET. LET US HOLR OUR COMMUNION SERVICES AT THEIR CHURCH EACH THIRD ( 3rd ) SUNDAY UNTIL WE WERE ABLE TO GET INTO THE BUILDING. THE VERY FIRST SERVICE IN THIS BUILDING WAS OUR ANNUAL MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM, ON SUNDAY MORNING JUNE 22, 1968. AT 11:30. A. M. ON SATURDAY JUNE 21, 1968 THE LATE DEACON MACK MOSSIS REVEREND ABRAHAM JOHNSON. SISTER EULA MAE WHEELER. SISTER ROSE LEE JONES. SISTER RUTH ANN GREEN. SISTER MINNIE LOU WORKED ALL NIGHT LONG CLEANING UP THE BUILDING FOR SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNING. THE LATE DEACON MACK MORRIS WORKED WITH US UNTIL 5:30 A. M. SUNDAY MORNING HIS WIFE CAME TO GET HIM AT THAT TIME SO HE COULD GET SOME REST BEFORE GOING TO HIS CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNING. AND WE WORKED UNTIL 7:30 A. M. ON SUNDAY MORNING JUNE 22, 1968. FINISHING THIS BUILDING FOR SREVICE. WE WERE GREATFUL TO THE MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH. 508 EAST JONES STREET . FOR THEIR GIFT OF THE PULPIT SET . DONATED TO DEACON HERBERT FOR THIS CHURCH. THIS WAS A



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SPECIAL DAY FOR THE CONGREGATION OF THE ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. WE HAD A PLACE TO WORSHIP. AND IT WAS THEIR FIRST SERVICE IN THIS BUILDING THE ANNUAL MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM WAS A SPIRITUAL FILLED PROGRAM AND VERY UPLIFTING TO ALL WHO CAME TO WORSHIP WITH US ON THIS OCCASION.

IN 1982 THE CONGREGATION OF THE ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. DECIED TO REMOVE THE UPPER APPARTMENT OF THIS BUILDING AND PUT ON A ROFF TO MAKE IT LOOK MORE LIKE A CHURCH. TIME WERE VERY CRITICAL WE NEEDED MONEY TO START REMOVEING THE UPPER APRATMENT. ( A MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH ) CAME FORWARD AND LOANED THE CHURCH THE NEEDED AMOUNT OF MONEY TO PUT THE ROOF ON THE BUILDING. WHILE THE ROOF WERE BEING PUT ON THIS BUILDING. SUNDAY SCHOOL, PRAYER SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNING, AND CONFERENCE WERE AGAIN HELD AT THE HOME OF SISTER MINNIE LOU ROBINSON. 808 EAST 31st STREET. MISSION MEETING STILL CONTINUED AT THE HOME OF THE MEMBERS.

SINCE THE ORGONIZING OF THIS GREAT CHURCH. THE RELOCATION. THE NAME CHANGE TO THE ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH . WE HAVE HAD MANY UPS AND DOWNS ALONG THIS CHRISTIAN JOURNEY. WE HAVE STUMBLE MANY TIMES. AND HAVE FALL ALONG THE WAY. BUT HAVING OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST TO LIFT US UP WAS THE DEAREST GIFT OF ALL. WE HAVE HAD MANY HARD TRIALS WITH TEAR DROPS ALONG THE WAY. WE ALSO LEARN THAT FAITH IS BORN OF TEARS THAT TEACHES US HOW TO PRAY. WE ARE THANKFUL TO GOD FOR THE FORE-RUNNERS OF THIS GREAT CHURCH. SOME OF OUR FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED LEADERS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS MOVED THEIR MEMBERSHIP TO VERIOUS CHURCHES OF THIS CITY AND OTHER CITIES. THERE NAMES IN THIS ORDER WERE.

MINISTERS

REVEREND. THOMAS PRYOR  
REVEREND. ABRAHAM JOHNSON  
REVEREND. JAPAN HOLMES  
REVEREND. MOSES J. LADSON  
REVEREND. ALBERT BARNS  
SON OF THIS CHURCH

OFFICERS

THE LATE DEACON, RICHARD SMITH  
THE LATE DEACON ALEXANDER MILTON  
DEACON ALBERT GREEN

MEMBERS

SISTER. JULIA G. BROWN  
SISTER. HENRIETTA B. JOHNSON  
SISTER. DONNA M. JOHNSON  
SISTER DEBER A. JOHNSON  
SISTER. GWENDOLYN GREEN  
BROTHER. ALBERT GREEN. JR  
SISTER. VALERIE JOHNSON  
SISTER. RUTH ELLISON  
BROTHER. K. P. WHEELER  
SISTER BERTHA KEMP  
SISTER. TANISHA KEMP  
SISTER. DEIDRA KEMP  
BROTHER. NORMAN BECKETT  
SISTER. SHELIA L. ROBINSON

THE TASK BECAME VERY HARD AND SOME OF THE MEMBERS BECAME DISCOURAGE DISSATIFED AND QUIT THIS CHRISTIAN JOURNEY.

IN 1987. ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1987. PASTOR WILLIE JAMES OUTLER. A FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED SERVENT OF GOD. BECAME THE LEADER OF THIS CONGREGATION. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP. THERE HAS BEEN MANY ACCOMPLISH MADE , MANY CHARITABLE GIFT'S GIVEN. WE ARE STILL PRESSING ON TRYING TO DO THE THINGS WHICH IS PLEASING IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. BY DONATING TO THE SICK THE POOR. THE SHUT-IN AND THE UNFORTUNATED ONES. GIVEN THANKSGIVING BASKETS. EACH YEAR. UNDER THE BASTORATEP OF OUR FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED LEADER PASTOR WILLIE JAMES OUTLER. ( 1993 ) A SPECIAL BUILDING FUND ORGINIZED :



FOR THE ADDITION TO THIS CHURCH IN LATER YEARS. WHICH WILL BE A BAPTISM POOL, DINNING ROOM AND KITCHEN, AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING. SINCE THE ORGONIZING OF THE BUILDING FUNDS WE HAS PURCHASE TWO LOTS FOR THIS ADDITION. ONE IS NEXT TO THE CHURCH. PURCHEAS ON JULY 27, 1991. FROM ELDER TALMADGE AND MRS. CARRIE LEE KENT. THE OTHER AT 1105 COLLINS STREET FROM MR AND MRS JAMES. PHEONIX. SEPTEMBER 29th 1992. THE LORD HAS BLESSED US AND WE WERE ABLE TO PAY OFF BOTH LOTS ON MARCH 20th 1995. WE WILL BROTHER AND SISTER .OWENS. HAD A PIONA TO THE CHURCH. WE ASK GOD RICHES BLESSING UPON THEM. WE WILL EVER PRESS ON TO DO GREATER WORK AND DO THE THINGS WHICH ARE PLEASING TO GOD. WE WILL LOOK TO GOD FOR HIS GUIDANCE LEAN ON HIM FOR SUPPORT, AS WE HAVE DONE DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS. ASKING HIM TO TURN OUR VISIONS SKYWARD SO THAT WE CAN SEE ABOVE THE GETHERING CLOUDS OF DARKNESS, AND BEHOLD GOD'S BRIGHTENING LOVE. DAILY MOUNTING INTENSITY LIKE THE RESTLESS, RISING TIDE. WE WILL FIND STRENGTH AND WISDOM IF INSTED OF PROUD RESISTANCE WE HUMBLY CALL UPON THE LORD, AND SEEK DIVINE ASSISTANCE. WE PRAISE OUR LORD AND SAVIOR FOR HIS MANY BLESSING UPON THIS GREAT CHURCH. OUR LEADER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS. WE ARE ASKING OF YOU. YOUR PRAYERS THAT WE MAY CONTINUE HOLDING OUT UNTIL THE END. THEN WE MAY HEAR THE MASTER SAY, " SERVANT OF GOD WELL DONE, REST FROM THY LOVED EMPLOY. THE BATTLE IS FOUGHT, THE VICTORY IS WON, ENTER THY MASTER'S JOY " TO MAKE UP THIS HAPPY FAMILY. OUR MEMBERSHIP ARE

PASTOR. WILLIE JAMES OUTLER

REVEREND. ALBERT BARNES. SON OF THE CHURCH

DEACON. HERBERT JONES. CHAIRMAN OF DEACON BOARD

DEACON. LAWRENCE FEELINGS

DEACON. ROBERT McKINNEY

DEACON. SOLOMON SMALLS

SISTER. ALICE FEELINGS

SISTER. ROSE LEE JONES

SISTER. MINNIE LOU ROBINSON

SISTER. RUTH ANN GREEN

SISTER. LUTRICA ANN ROBINSON

SISTER. FLORANCE A. L. R. PRAYLO

BROTHER. EUGEN K. BURNS

BROTHER. JOENATHAN S JONES

SISTER. MARQUITA K. NELSON

SISTER. IDA R. DELOACH

SISTER. DOROTHY SHUMAN

SISTER FLORINE GREEN

SISTER ALMA D. ADDISON

SISTER JUCINDA BYNES

BROTHER ANTHONY R. WILLIAMS. SR

SISTER VANESSA WILLIAMS

BROTHER ANTHONY J. WILLIAMS. JR

SISTER KANDACE WILLIAM

SISTER STEPHANIE GARNER

SISTER LEYNETT GARNER

SIS IRENE ELMORE

SISTER RUTH BOSTICK

BROTHER HAYMAN WILLIAMS

SISTER TANISA COLLINS

SISTER EDITH CRAWFORD

SISTER PATRICIA ROYAL

SISTER JOSEPHINE GREEN

BROTHER DENNIS GREEN

SISTER ROSETTA MORGAN

SISTER KOA NELSON

SISTER TYEEISHA JOHNSON

BROTHER HARRY MAJOR

SISTER VELMA GREEN

SISTER SAMANTHA GADSON

SISTER JESSIE McKINNEY

SISTER MARY E. TOLBERT

SISTER PHILENE GREEN

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HISTORY OF THE ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: BY

SISTER MINNIE LOU ROBINSON

PASTOR WILLIE JAMES OUTLER

THEME: " I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD,

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION IS JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD....BECAUSE OF THIS FOUNDATION YOU HAVE STOOD AS A BEACON LIGHT FOR ( 100 ) YEARS. YEARS OF SERVICE TO GOD AND TO MANKIND. YOU HAVE EXEMPLIFIED OBEDIENCE TO THE GREAT COMMISSION GIVEN BY CHRIST: GO YE THEREFORE AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ( MATTHEW 28:19 )"

AS WE TAKE TIME OUT TO REFLECT ON THE MANY YEARS ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH HAS SERVED THE COMMUNITY, LET US NOT FORGET THE PURPOSE OF WHICH THE FOUNDING FATHERS ESTABLISHED THE CHURCH. WE WOULD IMAGINE THAT THEY SIMPLY WANTED A PLACE WHERE THEY COULD SERVE THE LORD.

THE FORE-RUNNERS HAD THE FORESIGHT WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US WHO ARE WORSHIPPING TODAY TO SEE THE DREAM THEY ENVISIONED BECOME A REALITY, WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS WE CAN LOOK AROUND AND SEE THE CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

WHILE WE CELEBRATE 10 DECADES OF RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION LET US NOT FORGET THAT THE CHURCH IS MORE THAN A BUILDING WITH BLOCKS AND CEMENT, FOR WE ARE REMINDED THAT WE MUST WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

( TODAY WE THANK ALMIGHTY GOD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SERVICE IN HIS NAME. THE LORD HAS BLESSED US SO GREATLY THAT WE CAN NOT HELP BUT TO SAY THANK YOU. AND LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO LIFE UP THE NAME OF JESUS: THANK YOU TO OUR SISTERS CHURCHES FOR COMING AND SHARING WITH US YOUR LOVE, CONCERN AND YOUR BEST WISHES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU CONTINUING TO SHARE WITH US IN YEARS TO COME.

SISTER MINNIE LOU ROBINSON: CHAIRPERSON

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PATRONS

JULIAN SMALLS  
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SISTER LILLIAN OUTLER  
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DEACON E.L.YAYWARD  
CENTENNIAL WILLIAMS  
PERNELL WILSON

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CHURCH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE  
( HISTORIC COMMITTEE )

FINANCE COMMITTEE

SISTER RUTH BOSTICK  
SIS EDITH CRAWFORD

DECORATIONS

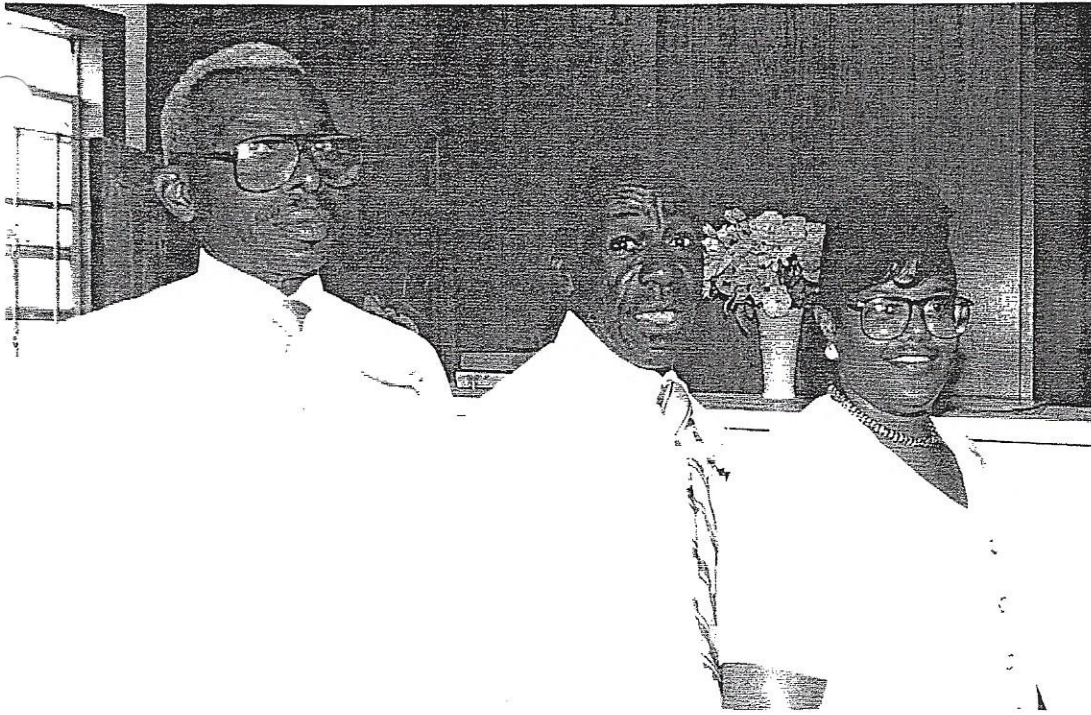
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THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM AND SOUVENIR BOOK

SISTER MINNIE LOU ROBINSON CHAIRPERSON

SISTER ALMA D.ADDISON CO-CHAIRPERSON





*The Voices  
of Christ*



I thank God for the opportunity to be a part of our church celebration of 100 years of service to our Lord and community. The St. Thomas Baptist Church has been a shining light of faith, fellowship and love for one hundred years. I'm certain the Lord will continue to bless St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church in years to come.

We have a dedicated congregation, excellent church leadership and true spiritual commitment. Congratulations on this 100 year celebration.

From the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson, Minnie Lou Robinson & Alma D. Addison



We, the committees, extend congratulations on our centennial celebration and Best wishes as we continue to carry on the Lord's work.



*Bylaws Committee*



*Trustees*



We extend our warmest wishes to you as we celebrate this milestone in the history of our church.



*The Sunday School*



*The Church Congregation*



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

One hundred years ago a few devoted christians saw a vision and heard a call. They evisioned a freedom, a freedom of mind, heart and soul. Their desire for this freedom and faith in JESUS CHRIST moved them to launch a missionary movement for GOD and for the advancement of his.

The result of their great vision and noble venture is this; The SAINT THOMAS BAPTIST CHURCH. History has justify their effort, time has made fruitful their vision and providence has guided their heroic purposes and bless their courageous intentions with the plenteous fruits of the spirit. For one hundred years now, this great church has moved forward and has borne a rich harvest and has made a great contributions to the christian way of life. Its influence has been felt in and around Savannah, and she has sent out many influential ministers to serve in varios parts of the world to tell the story of CHRIST. We are thankful for this heritage, and should feel a keen sense of gratitude and indebtedness to those who laid so well the foundation on which we stand.

As we observe the CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY of this church and acknowledge the debt of gratitude we owe our founding Fathers, may we forever remember that its ours to carry on what so nobly started, in July 1895.

May we forever keep in the midst of all we do.

Except the LORD build this house, the Labor in vain that build it;

Except LORD keep the city the watchman walketh but in vain.



The Prayer of the Great American Poet

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by thy might,  
Led us into the light  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray,  
Lest, our feet stray from the places,  
Our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest, our heart drunk with wine of the world, we  
we forget Thee.  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand.  
True to our God. True to our Native Land.

Rev. W.J. Outler, Pastor  
Saint . Thomas Baptist Church

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

TO

ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

ON

" 100 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

WITH

LOVE AND DEEP DEVOTION

IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO FAITHFULLY SERVED

DEACON. DAVID BOWMAN  
SISTER MINNIE J. BOWMAN  
SISTER BESSIE BOWMAN  
SISTER LUCILLE ROBINSON  
SISTER DOROTHY R. TAYLOR

SOMETIMES WE COME TO LIFE'S CROSSROAD  
AND VIEW WHAT WE THINK IS THE END.  
BUT GOD HAS A MUCH WIDER VISION  
AND HE KNOWS THAT IT'S ONLY A BEND

SISTER MINNIE LOU ROBINSON AND FAMILY



Done this day of our Lord: Sunday July 16th, 1995

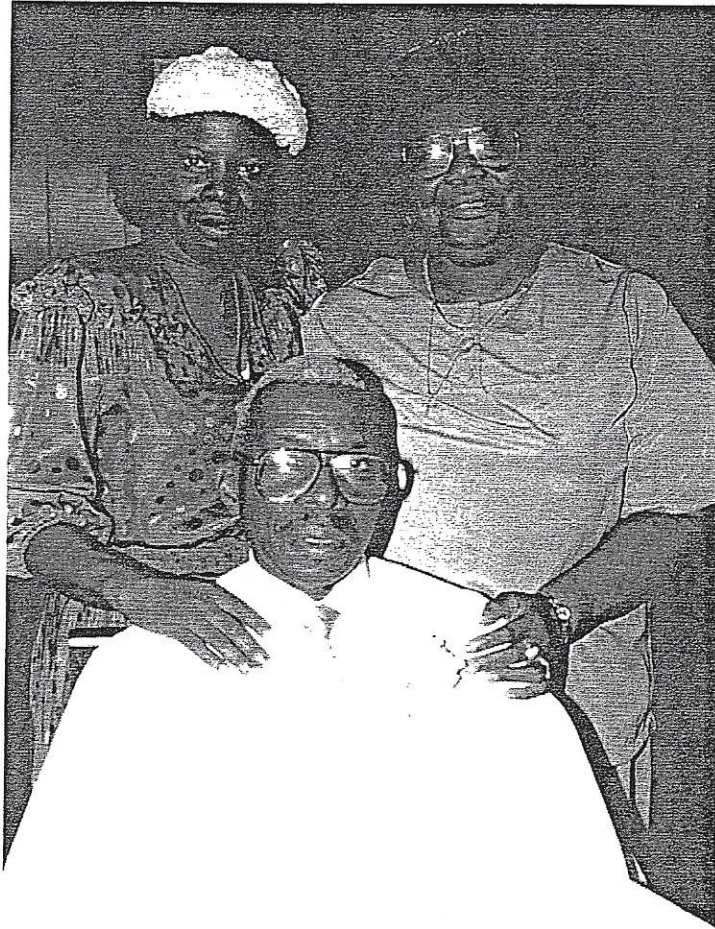
Humbly Submitted:

The PASTOR, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Sis. Minnie Lou Robinson, Chairperson  
Sis Alma D. Addison Co-Chairperson

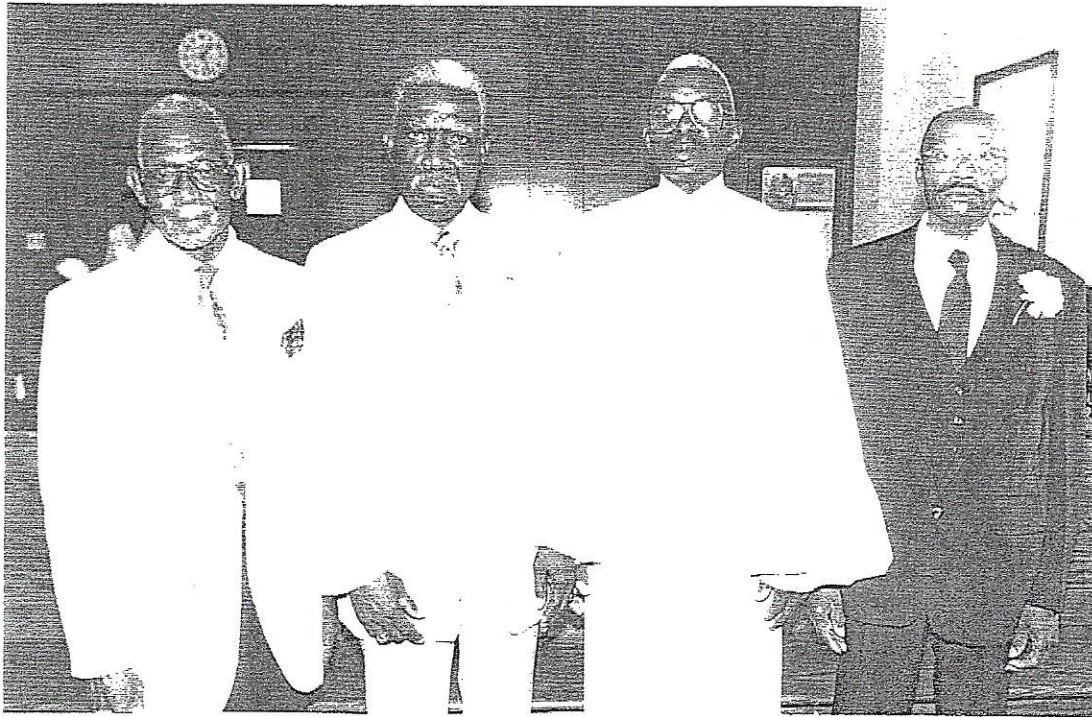
# Congratulations on your Centennial Celebration

Pastor: Willie J. Outler  
Sis. Willian Outler and Beverly Outler



*Pastor W.J. Outler, wife and daughter*

Extend Greetings and Congratulations on the occasion of the church  
(Centennial) One Hundredth Birthday



*Deacons*



*Deaconesses*



Congratulations on 100 years of dedicated services  
with love and deep devotion



*The Mission*



*Usher Board*



“Best wishes for success” from St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church  
Senior Choir and Voices of Christ



*Senior Choir*



*Youth Choir*

In Memory of  
Grandmother and Sister  
and  
Cousins  
The Robinson Family

In Memory of  
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Servant of God  
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IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED PASTORS AND WIVES, DECEASED DEACONS AND WIVES, AND MEMBERS OF ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

"WE HONOR OUR PIONEERS"

The Church's foundation is Jesus Christ Our Lord, because of this foundation, you have stood as a beacon light for 100 years of service to God and mankind. You have exemplified obedience to the great commission given by Christ: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (MATTHEW 28:19).

As we take time out to reflect on the many years St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church has served the community, let us not forget the purpose of which our founding fathers and mothers established the Church. We would imagine that they simply wanted a place where they could serve the Lord.

These pioneers had the foresight which made it possible for us who are worshipping here today to see the dream they envisioned become a reality, we have made great progress; we can look around and see the changes that have taken place.

While we celebrate 10 decades of religious expression let us not forget that the church is more than a building with blocks and cement, for we are reminded that we must worship him in spirit and in truth. May St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church forever live to be of service to the community, May the church live in the hearts and minds of the members.

How sweet it is after a long and well spent day, to close the eyes in slumber, and rest from the toil of the day. It is doubly sweet at the close of a well spent life, to turn ones' face toward the sunset and quickly sink into the rest that knows no walking except in the presence of God. These founders loved their Church by their examples of dedication and loyalty:

We the Pastor, Officers and Members of St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church, bow our heads in humble submission to the heavenly Fathers' will: remembering that we must follow on, and if we emulate the good traits of our loved one, and do the will of our Father, that we will all meet beyond the river, and there we will part no more.

Humbly Submitted,  
Sis. Minnie Lou Robinson, Chairperson



A RESOLUTION

Honoring the countless number of deceased of this, The St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church, for their work and service, their counsel and wisdom, their laughter and sadness, the happiness and joy they brought to others while they lived here with us.

WHEREAS, noble member have fallen from our ranks, pierced by the arrow of death, their traits ended, their faults forgiven. their virtues cherished, they rest in peace and,

WHEREAS, many of these members set the goals for us to reach, designed the paths for us to follow, and,

WHEREAS, IF WE CALLED EACH BY NAME TODAY NONE WOULD ANSWER. They have passed into the light that is beyond the called of the shadow of death. The places that have been known to them will know them no more, and, once we are called to realize, that in the midst of life we are in death; that he who watches over all of our destinies, has the spirits of our deceased members under his watchful care, and on the last great day will again connect the chain of friendship that has been broken over these 100 years, and,

WHEREAS, THE ALL BEHOLDING SUN THEY SHALL SEE NO MORE. They have gone forever to mix with the elements and to be brothers and sisters to insensible rock, they have taken the wings of the morning and pierced the lonely wilderness; they have laid themselves down in their last sleep, and

WHEREAS, We who are alive today realize that, we to, must share their destiny, that we will, one by one, be gathered to their sides by those who will follow us, and,

WHEREAS, We have had a chance to profit from the experiences, works and services of our deceased, may this day of the celebration of 100 years of the beginning of the service this church has provided be a stern warning to those living, that we must live our lives so that when our summons comes to join those who are dead, we can gladly say "THE WORKS I HAVE DONE AND THE SERVICES I HAVE GIVEN WILL SPEAK FOR ME." AND

WHEREAS, We cannot give them any comfort today as we celebrate this 100th anniversary, and we cannot call them by name,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE WILL LIGHT, TODAY, 100 CANDLES ONE CANDLE FOR EACH YEAR OF OUR HISTORY AND ONE CANDLE FOR ALL THOSE WHO PASSED INTO ETERNITY THAT YEAR. THIS IS DONE AS A REAL TRIBUTE FOR OUR DECEASED.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** Copies of this be placed in the archives of our church and that a copy of this resolution be hung some place here in our worship sanctuary.

This has been done by the recommendation of the **ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE CENTENNIAL CHAIRPERSON**

**THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JULY 1995**

SIS. MINNIE LOU ROBINSON, CHAIRPERSON  
REV. WILLIE JAMES OUTLER, PASTOR

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## THE CHURCH—INSTITUTION

## I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord


(ST. THOMAS. S. M.)

Timothy Dwight, 1800.



G. F. Handel, 1685-1759.



1. I love Thy king - dom, Lord, The house of  
 2. I love Thy church, O God; Her walls be-  
 3. For her my tears shall fall, For her my  
 4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her  
 5. Sure as Thy truth shall last. To Zi - on

Thine a - bode. The church our blest Re - deem - er saved  
 fore Thee stand. Dear as the ap - ple of Thine eye,  
 prayers as - cend; To her my cares and toils be giv'n,  
 heav'n - ly ways. Her sweet com - mun - ion, sol - emn vows,  
 shall be giv'n The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield.

With His own pre - cious blood.  
 And grav - en on Thy hand.  
 Till toils and cares shall end.  
 Her hymns of love and praise.  
 And bright - er bliss of heav'n. A - MEN.

