

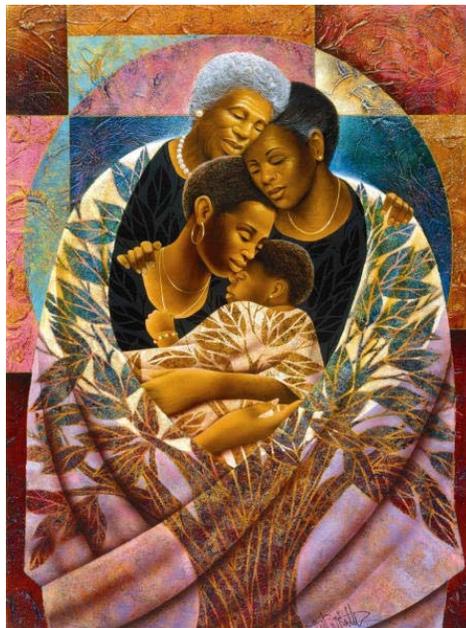


MOTHERS' DAY LEGACY LUNCHEON

"HONORING OUR GODLY HERITAGE"

NOON, SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



MARTIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth. (3 John 1:4 NLT)



The Ladies Auxiliary of Martin Street Baptist Church is pleased to honor those women in our church blessed in both longevity and service to our Lord and Savior. On this Mothers' Day weekend, we recognize each in their capacity as care-givers, mothers, daughters, sisters and wives, but most of all, as servants of the one true and living God.

Sister Mary Z. Clark

Sister Margarie Dunn

Sister Lillie Dunn

Sister Rogerline Gay

Sister Emma Jones

Sister Pauline Latta

Sister Beatrice Lewis

Sister Nora Marshall

Sister Classie Moore

Sister Zarah Noble

Sister Hannah Patterson

Sister Bernice Rainbow,

Sister Lizzie Ritter

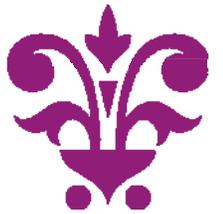
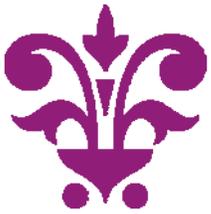
Sister Julia Smith

Sister Glodene

Sister Doris Williams

Sister Freddie Williams

Sister Willie Woods





SISTER PAULINE LATTA, BORN JANUARY 19, 1912

Born in Raleigh, North Carolina as one of seven siblings, Sister Latta grew up in a multicultural community where all the children played and had fun together. She enjoyed singing at church and at school. Early on she spent much of her time in church, attending Sunday school, and morning and afternoon worship.

Throughout her lifetime Sister Latta received much recognition for the work she did to help others. In early adulthood she formed a group of homemakers who served as mentors to young adults leaving home for the first time. She later worked at Saint Augustine College as a dorm director and in later years was awarded an honorary Doctorate from that institution for her community service. Sister Latta also was recognized by President Obama who, on January 9, 2001, flew a flag over the capitol in her honor. She has also received honors from the Mayor of Raleigh.

A member of Martin Street for 20 years, Sister Latta was honored with a grand birthday celebration on her 100th birthday which was attended by the congregation, family and friends. She attributes her long life to God's blessings and believes that God has carried her this far because of her faith.

SISTER JULIA SMITH, BORN MARCH 29, 1915



Born in Richland County, S.C., Sister Smith is one of 10 children including one adopted child. Sister Smith helped on the farm where she grew up and played in the yard with her siblings. Even though country children were not expected to attend school Sister Julia's father wanted them to, so he hitched up a wagon and drove them 1^{1/2} miles to the one-room school house.

Although academics came easy for her, Sister Smith worked hard in school and graduated in the 11th grade. She enrolled in St. Augustine College in 1934 and graduated in 1937 with a Nursing degree. Sister Smith lived and worked in Wilmington, N.C. until she became a graduate nurse at St. Agnes hospital in Raleigh. She later taught nursing there and worked at the hospital until it closed. Sister Smith joined Martin Street in 1947, where she taught Sunday School and also babysat the young children during church worship.

She has one daughter and a niece whom she cared for. She also cared for her parents until their death.

Sister Smith enjoys traveling and has visited Trenton, NJ; Tampa, FL and Pittsburgh, PA. She says longevity is common in her family. Her mother lived until 89, her father until 94, and her sister until 99. She attributes her long life to her heritage and the will of God.



SISTER BERNICE RAINBOW, BORN JANUARY 31, 1918

Born in Marshville, G.A., Sister Rainbow was one of 12 children. She led a busy life growing up in Marshville with her four brothers and seven sisters. Sister Rainbow worked in her father's grocery store and attended school, where she participated in basketball activities. She also attended Sunday School and youth group activities at First Baptist Church in Marshville.

After graduating from high school she left to attend Spellman College in Atlanta, GA., where she earned a bachelor's degree. She taught school for several years while in Georgia and then moved to Raleigh where she worked for many years as a librarian at Shaw University. Sister Rainbow is the mother of four girls and the grandmother of three. Her youngest daughter Julie attended Shaw University and also wrote a book titled "Standing the Test of Time." Sister Rainbow has traveled to many European countries including, Sweden, London, France, Switzerland and Ireland, and also took several cruises. She attributes her 99 years of longevity to her faith in God, family, friends and her heritage.



SISTER MARGARIE DUNN, BORN AUGUST 15, 1917

Born in Johnston county, Sister Dunn was one of 10 children. Of her six brothers and three sisters, only she and her sister Linnell Alexander remain. Sister Dunn recalls a wonderful childhood shared with her parents and her siblings on the farm where they sharecropped cotton. During high school she played basketball and sang in the school choir. Sister Dunn also sang in the choir at Lees’ Crossroad which she joined at an early age. She later joined Martin Street Baptist where she sang in the choir, served as president of the Ladies’ Auxiliary and began “The Tie” newsletter.

Sister Dunn held many jobs during her lifetime, one of which was editor and business manager for the State Baptist Headquarters where she worked for 25 years. She also worked as a seamstress for her family. According to her sister Linnell, Sister Dunn was the family motivator, and would push to the limits. She was the mother of one daughter (deceased), nine grandchildren and many great grandchildren, all of whom she is proud.

Having travelled extensively during her life, Sister Dunn has journeyed throughout North Carolina, the U.S., the Bahamas, West Africa and Hawaii. She attributes her longevity to her parents, her faith in God, her Christian life, good eating habits and walking.

SISTER NORA MARSHALL, BORN FEBRUARY 9, 1918

One of 10 siblings, Sister Nora Marshall was born in Smithfield, N.C. Life growing up on a farm was good for her, she says. She walked to school where she participated in home economics, and basketball. As a young adult she also was very involved in church activities, attending bible school, choir, Sunday school and BTU.

Sister Marshall worked and raised 6 children, (5 girls and 1 boy), all of whom attended and graduated from high school. Those children blessed her with 10 grandchildren who have grown up to be contributing adults. She said she tried to instill in them the joy of helping others and believing that the Lord will always be with you in time of crisis and time of peace. She attributes her long life to this principal as well.



SISTER EMMA JONES, BORN DECEMBER 14, 1921

Sister Jones was born in Loris, SC to Lee and Martha Floyd. One of seven siblings, Sister Jones survives four sisters and two brothers. She grew up on a farm where she and her siblings worked. She first attended Morton Training School and then Green Sea High School. To occupy her time, she visited the local YWCA and also attended Silent Grove Missionary Baptist Church every Sunday, where she sang in the Young Adult Choir.

She spent most of her adulthood working as a housekeeper. However, the most rewarding aspect of her work experience was when she retired from housekeeping and started working for the Foster Grandparent Program through the City of Raleigh. At that time she worked at the Walnut Terrace Daycare helping with the kids. Sister Jones has four children of her own, and raised three step-children. She was blessed with 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grand children. As a young adult Sister Jones also worked in New York and Philadelphia. She attributes her long life to the goodness of the Lord along with her faith and family.





SISTER ZARAH NOBLE, BORN JANUARY 1, 1922

Born in Oxford, NC, Sister Noble was an only child who experienced a wonderful childhood. She lived in the country, and recalls playing, attending school and sometimes working on her uncle's tobacco farm. She attended Velton Creek Baptist Church as a child, where she sang in the choir, played the piano and attended Sunday School. While in high school, she played basketball and sang in the choir. Sister Noble graduated from Mary Potter High School with honors and continued her education at Cortez Peters Business School in Washington, D.C. Well travelled throughout the U.S., she experienced a varied career. She worked in purchasing at IBM, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., the Baptist Book Store and the Baptist Headquarters in Raleigh, NC. Sister Noble moved to Raleigh and joined Martin Street Baptist Church. She married Earl Noble and bore him four children; three boys (one deceased) and one girl. They all went to school and were successful in their careers and are now retired. Her children blessed her with five grandchildren. Sister Noble attributes her 95 years of longevity to her faith in God and her family.

SISTER CLASSIE MOORE, BORN SEPTEMBER 1, 1924



Sister Moore was born in Pine Level N.C. The oldest of 6 children, she is one of two surviving siblings. As the oldest, Sister Moore helped care for her brothers and sisters and says of her childhood, "Life was good." They attended church and Sunday school, and after school they would ride by horse and buggy with her uncle to go tend the farm. She developed a love for flowers and started her own garden. Considered a tomboy, she remembers stringing a rope from trees above the creek and zip lining across. She also loved to dance and recalls walking to town on the weekend to dance and then catching the train home for five cents.

Sister Moore worked as a nanny and housekeeper for a prominent family in Pine Level. In 1944, she married the love of her life and became a housewife and mother of three. They moved to Raleigh in 1961 and joined Martin Street Baptist Church. She worked with the Ladies Auxiliary, the Clothes Closet and became a member of Group 6. She also joined the Eastern Star, Daughter of Isis and The Golden Circle. Sister Moore's travels have taken her to places such as, Washington, D.C; New Orleans, L.A. , New York, Las Vegas, Florida, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina. In 1995 she attended The Peach Bowl in Atlanta Ga, to see her grandson play for N.C. State University. Reflecting on her legacy, Sister Moore is thankful for a loving and caring family who check on her daily. Still gardening , she thanks God for good health and longevity. Her best advice: *"be appreciative of what you have and your God-given talents."*



SISTER WILLIE WOODS, BORN OCTOBER 29, 1924

Born in Raleigh, N.C., Sister Woods was raised on a farm in rural North Carolina. One of five siblings, she recalls a childhood that included working on the farm and playing in the yard with her family. Sister Woods says that her family was long grounded in the church, and religious activities were a very big part of her development. She sang in three choirs, ushered and served in the Nurses Union.

Sister Woods held many jobs including housekeeping, working in a nursing home and in a factory. During her lifetime she has been blessed to travel the country, has taken three cruises and has visited the West Indies.

She is the mother of five children, four of whom are living. Sister Woods also has five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She attributes her 90-plus years of life to the fact that she cared for her health in her youth, and that she has been blessed by God.



SISTER DORIS WILLIAMS, BORN NOVEMBER 9, 1924

Born in Farmville, NC, Sister Williams and her family moved to Raleigh during her early childhood. Sister Williams has one brother and two sisters. One sister lives in Raleigh and the other sister lives in Fuquay Varina. Her mother was a homemaker and her father worked as a painter. She joined Martin Street Baptist Church in 1942.

Sister Williams attended Lucille Hunter Elementary School and Washington High School. She was a smart student and did well in her classes. Sister Williams followed in her mother's footsteps and was a homemaker. She has no children but has several nieces and nephews. She travels frequently with the Senior Ministry here at the Church. Sister Williams emphasized that she does not worry about a lot of things and that she is very close to her sister, Sister Freddie Williams.

SISTER GLODENE TAYLOR, FEBRUARY 24, 1925



Born in Martinsville, V.A., Sister Taylor had two sisters, Nancy and Eleanor. She grew up living with her close-knit family, that included her mother, father, sisters Nancy and Eleanor and her grandmother with whom she shared a room. She attended the Presbyterian Church School as a child.

Sister Taylor graduated from Fayetteville Teacher's College in 1946, with a Bachelor's Degree in Deaf Education and received a Master's Degree from Columbia University in 1954. She first taught at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind and the Deaf in Raleigh. There she met Shaw University student Milford Taylor, with whom she was wed for 57 years before his passing. Following her employment there, she taught at Lucille Hunter, Mary E. Phillips and Alder Root in the Wake County Public School System. Following her retirement 1981, she was a substitute teacher at the Governor Morehead School for several years.

An active member of Fayetteville State Alumni Association, Sister Taylor is member of the Chancellor's Club and the Golden 50 Club. She also is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. Her extensive post-retirement travels include Hawaii, Canada, Cancun, California, The Caribbean Islands, and Mexico. She is a member of the 50-Plus Membership Circle of MSBC, has participated in Sunday school and Group 6. She has one daughter, one granddaughter, and one grandson, Brandon Taylor Armwood. Sister Taylor attributes her long life to an active church life, a loving husband and family, and a heredity of longevity.



SISTER BEATRICE LEWIS BORN FEBRUARY 27, 1924

Sister Lewis and her family grew up on Hargett Street in Raleigh, N.C. She, her four sisters and five brothers shared a childhood filled with love, light-hearted moments and fun times. Her close-knit community looked out for one another and the adults especially looked after the children. She attended Lucille Hunter School and walked to school with her family and the children in the neighborhood. A part of Martin Street Baptist Church for as long as she can remember, Sister Lewis says the Church was the focal point of her life outside of school. She

was a member of the BTU, Children and Youth Choir and the Sunday school. She attended Sunday school conventions and other meetings sponsored by the Church. She later taught Sunday school and was the main teacher for the primary students. Sister Lewis loves children, and worked caring for them in private homes. Many of the children, now adults, still visit her. In 1962 a local television station featured her family as the Family Services Society "Family of the Year".

She was married to the love of her life, Thomas Lewis, for more than 60 years. Together they reared five children, 3 boys (one deceased) and 2 girls, all of whom went to college. She has eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren, and shares Sunday dinner with one of them each Sunday. An extensive traveler, Sister Lewis has visited places such as Japan, Germany, England, the Holy Land, the Bahamas and China. She said she travelled to see "God's creations". She attributes her long life to a God-centered life and credits her grandfather, Albert Wesley Hopkins for the life lessons she carried with her into adulthood and shared with her children.





SISTER LIZZIE RITTER, BORN FEBRUARY 27, 1925

Sister Ritter was born in the rural town of Vass, North Carolina, not far from Southern Pines,. She is one of six siblings. She and her twin sister attended Pickney High where she excelled academically. She skipped from 10th to 12th grade and graduated high school early. Active in several clubs during her school years, Sister Ritter loved the math club, all sports, and farm related activities. She had a passion for fashion and hair styling. After graduating from High School, she and her twin moved to Raleigh and graduated from Cosmetology School. A cosmetologist for over 30 years, she owned Ritter’s Beauty Salon located in South Raleigh and was involved in Beautician Chapters in the local area. She and her husband received special recognition from the City of Raleigh for being among the first African American entrepreneurs in that area. Sister Ritter has been an active member of Martin Street, participating in the Senior Choir, Sunday School, Bible Study, and Group # 6. Sister Ritter has two daughters and one stepdaughter; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Her daughter Eton is deceased. She and her family have traveled the East Coast from Florida to New York. Sister Ritter attributes her long blessed life to a strong Christian foundation and serving God. She has had love of family and friends and has lived a healthy life style with good food and exercise. She has treated people the way she has always wanted to be treated.

SISTER LILLIE MAE DUNN, BORN MARCH 26, 1925



Sister Dunn was born in rural Wake County to the late Waylan and Lillie Dunn. She had six siblings; two brothers, and four sisters, (two of whom are deceased). They were a fun loving bunch. She fondly remembers the simple good family times they shared.

During her early school years she attended Sandy Fork Elementary School and graduated from Washington High School in Raleigh. While in high school, she participated in the Girls Reserve (a social and service club). After attending and graduating from Payne Business School, Sister Dunn began working at North Carolina Mutual Insurance. She later became the Administrative Assistant in the Office of Student Affairs at Shaw University, a position she held for 45 years. Sister Dunn grew up in Grace Chapel AME where she often went on evangelist trips with the pastor. She joined MSBC in 1978 and immediately got involved. She sang in the choir, served as secretary of Group #2, was a member of the hostess committee, became active in the Monday Meals-on-Wheels program, the Bereavement Repast team and is a member of the Lydia Sunday School class. Sister Dunn is single but is devoted to her niece and nephew. She has traveled to several states, Hawaii, Arkansas and Kentucky to name a few. Sister Dunn attributes her long life to a loving Christian family, her faith and the blessings of God .



SISTER MARY Z. CLARK , SEPTEMBER 24, 1925

Born an only child in Millen, G.A.,. Sister Clarke was raised by her mother and grandmother following the early death of her father. She admits that she was spoiled and enjoyed it. She described her childhood as normal, and fondly remembers participating in school festivals and being chosen as May Day Queen. She was happy to join the Church and be baptized in a pool in the Church's yard. She sang in the choir and went to Sunday school twice on Sundays.

Sister Clarke went to Savannah State College and later transferred to Livingstone College to earn a bachelor of education degree. She went to work immediately and subsequently was named lead teacher while employed in Charlotte, N.C. She had great affection for her students and made it her mission to see that they got what they needed. Her adept description of her students in their cumulative records earned her the responsibility of training other teachers on how to successfully manage this function. When she took a year of maternity leave, one of her students was concerned that she would never return.

Sister Clarke has one son, two grandsons and three great grandchildren. She also prayerfully awaits the birth of a great granddaughter later this year. Prior to his passing, Sister Clark travelled extensively with her husband, going wherever his professional pursuits took him. She credits God for blessing her to live as long as she has and always looks forward. She uses her positive outlook to inspire and encourage others who become discouraged about their old age and health.



SISTER HANNAH PATTERSON, BORN SEPTEMBER 27, 1923

Sister Paterson was one of 6 children, three girls and three boys, born to loving, caring parents. The youngest of the six, she was affectionately known as "Sister". She recalls a good life, growing up and says that her entire family came to depend upon her. She joined Martin Street Baptist Church in 1939 and became a member of a Brownie Troup. As a teenager she loved to dance and play Bingo. In 1946 Sister Patterson became a cosmetologist; one of the first graduates of Starks Beauty School. The first of several careers enjoyed by Sister Patterson, she also worked as a nanny in California. She recalls that one family for whom she worked lived across the street from Bing Crosby. She had the distinction of being the only African American to live in Burlingame CA at the time. She later moved to New Jersey where she worked for Hazel Bishop and Revlon, and was active in the Young Matrons and the Circle 4 Club. She also worked for Hoffman-LaRoche for many years before retiring. After returning to Raleigh Sister Patterson remained active, attending Sunday School and weekly Bible Study. While she had no children, Sister Patterson raised her sister's adopted daughter following her sister's death. That young lady is now a psychologist in New Jersey and the mother of one. Sister Patterson considers them as her own daughter and granddaughter. She also cherishes her longtime companion, Kitty Blue, her faithful cat of 11 years. She attributes her longevity to her loving parents whose counsel she revered even in adulthood, and the fact that she never smoked nor drank and tried to lead a clean life.

SISTER FREDDIE WILLIAMS, BORN MARCH 14, 1926



Sister Williams was born in Farmville, NC at her grandparents' home and has lived her life in Raleigh. She has a sister, Doris Williams and one brother, now deceased. She also has a cousin with whom she was raised like a sister. Although they lived in Raleigh, the siblings spent every summer in Farmville working on their grandparents' farm tending tobacco, corn and cotton. It was hard work every summer, but they survived. Their mother kept them close at home and the girls were not active in after school activities. But she recalls that their mother would take them to the fair and regularly to the movies. The sisters lived in their home with their mother until her death in 1982 at the age of 93. Their father died at the age of 73. Sister Williams attended Stark Beauty College following high school and had a career as a beautician until her retirement. As an adult, Sister Williams was involved in the Elks Club and The Beautician Club. Dancing, she says, was a pastime she enjoyed. She has a son with whom she lives in Raleigh, and a daughter who lives in Maryland with her grandchild and great grandchild. She and her sister Doris are truly devoted to each other and you never see one without the other. Sister Williams has worshipped at Martin Street ever since she first visited the church in 1942 with a neighbor, Sister Mary Green. She has served as an usher and as a part of the kitchen staff. She also attended Sunday school regularly. Sister Williams attributes her longevity to her belief in God. Although her mother did not attend church, she was a believer in God and passed that on to her children.



SISTER ROGERLINE GAY, BORN NOVEMBER 6, 1926

Born in Washington, D.C. to the late John and Lillian Harrison, Sister Gay grew up in Raleigh, N.C. with one brother. During her early childhood she attended St. Monica Catholic School on Tarboro Road. She graduated from Washington High School in Raleigh where she participated in the Glee Club and the Girls Reserve (a social and service club).

After High school Sister Gay, attended Helen Starks Beauty College in Raleigh. She lived briefly in New Jersey and later pursued a career in Nursing. She graduated from the Lincoln School of Nursing in Chicago, Illinois. She began her nursing career at the "Old" Rex Hospital where she worked for 15 years. Upon her return to Raleigh, Sister Gay met and married her late husband of 42 years, Waldo Gay of Rocky Mount, NC. In 1955 she was among the first nurses to open Memorial Hospital of Wake County (now WakeMed), where she worked for 19 years. When she ended her nursing career, she kept busy nursing children in her home. Sister Gay is a member of the 50-plus Membership Circle of MSBC, and has participated in Sunday school and Group 5. She has one daughter, two grandchildren, three great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. She has traveled to several states and to Canada, Iceland, Vancouver and Aruba. Of her destinations, Aruba is her favorite place and she would have loved to have lived there. Sister Gay attributes her 90 long years of life to her faith and the blessings of God.