**Life Story of Solomon Handley**

*Born February 14, 1961*

**Early Life**

I was born in **Dermott, Arkansas**, on February 14, 1961. I lived in **Tillar** for only six years, because on February 17th, just three days after my birthday, our family moved to **Pine Bluff**.

Because of this move, I did not have to work in the fields and miss school like many of my older brothers.

**Education**

In Pine Bluff, I attended **Coleman School** and later graduated from **Watson Chapel High School** in 1981.

**Career**

After graduating from high school, I worked at **Jefferson Regional Medical Center**, as well as at a **Nursing Home** and at **NCTR in Jefferson, Arkansas**.

**Health**

Up until 2014, I enjoyed good health and remained active. In April of that year, I was informed that I would need **open-heart surgery**. By the grace of God, I came through and, thankfully, I have not had any further health problems.

**Faith and Ministry**

I was recently ordained as a **Deacon** at **Regenerated Missionary Baptist Church**, where my pastor is my nephew, **Rev. Levell Bass**.