

Second Baptist Church

Black and White Ball Celebrating 90 years

THEME: THANK GOD FOR THE MEMORIES"



September 24

6pm

Second Baptist Church

427 Chapman Lane (16th Street)

Elyria, OH 44035

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Michael O. Evans

Senior Pastor

St Paul Missionary Baptist Church

Silver Creek, MS

•I am not motivated by accomplishments or accolades. I would rather be known for reaching the masses with the mercy of the Master".

Dr. Evans

A church anniversary is a time for reflection and an occasion for thanksgiving for God's steadfast love and kindness upon us. As we look back, we should try to learn from our past; trust God for the present and looking ahead to the future. Church anniversaries are an excellent time for all churchgoers to focus on the Lord's blessings. Anniversaries also represent wonderful opportunities for church members of all ages to relate stories of the present and listen to tales of the past days of the church.

Throughout the Bible, the Lord tells individuals to spread the word about his beautiful works to all generations. What better way to do that than with an anniversary celebration? Indeed a church anniversary is a time for reflection and an occasion for thanksgiving for God's steadfast love and kindness upon us. We should not rest on our "laurels" so to speak, nor wallow in the mire of regrets, keeping in mind that what we do now, we are doing it for the future generations. We must stay relevant, vibrant and healthy so that we could be "sincere and without offence till the day of Christ" (Phil. 1:10b).

About our speaker Dr. Michael O. Evans



Dr. Michael O. Evans, the son of Margarett and Dr. O.D. Evans, has roots that run deep in Mississippi. He holds three degrees from Lift Bible Crusade College, a Bachelor's degree, a Master's in Theology, and a Doctorate in Theology. Pastor Evans has completed studies at Moody Bible College, Ashland Theological Seminary, Copiah Lincoln Community College, and Alcorn State University. He enjoys spending time with his family and loves God's people. Community oriented, Pastor Evans enjoys laughter, fishing, hunting, gardening, writing, singing and recording Gospel music. He currently serves on the Jefferson Davis County Board of Supervisors while serving as the Senior Pastor of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Evans and his wife Dionna Lewis Evans are the parents of three children Makiyah, Mariah and Michael Jr.

Order of service

Social and Fellowship Time

Master of Ceremony

Deacon Brian Thompson

Invocation Blessing of Food

Deacon Mario Wicks

Dinner and Fellowship

Music of Praise

Rev. Dr. Carl P Small

Tribute Presentations

Introduction of Speaker

Diane Simmons

Speaker of the Hour

Dr. Michael O. Evans

Closing Remarks

90TH Anniversary Committee

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Carl P. Small

There's a very special garden
Where the trees of memory grow
Nurtured by the kindness
And concern that good friends show.
The roots are cherished memories
Of good times in the past
The branches tender promises
That souls endure and last.
It's a place of peace and beauty
Where bright new hopes can start
It's memory's lovely garden
That soothes the hurting heart.

Thank you Friends and Families

Tom Barbee

Leo and Alice Mary Bullocks

Merry Brown

Ira James Cooper, Sr and Norena Porter

Collier and Ejunya Corn

Claudine Dean

Marquise Dukes, Jr

Ann Robinson Edwards

Fannie Hill

Albert and Lynette Junior

George and Sarah Odell

John and Nealie Grace Porter

Mary Porter



Thomas was born in Ripley, Tennessee to the late Harbert and Mary Odell Barbee. Thomas was born the oldest of ten children. Thomas was educated in the Ripley City Schools prior to moving to Elyria, Ohio. He resided in Elyria 31 years prior to moving to Oberlin, OH. New Russia Township in December 1989. Thomas worked at American Standards, later retiring from Fisher Body General Motors in Elyria. After retiring from GM he was employed part time at Elyria Value City and Service Master in Oberlin. Thomas enjoyed fishing, gardening, traveling, attending sporting events, and singing; participating in local community choirs over the years. He was an active member of Second Baptist Church participating in the Male Chorus. In past years he served as Chairman of the Trustee Board in the church. In the mid-1960s, Thomas served as an assistant boy scout leader for troop #108, and he coached the Elyria West Eagles Little League Baseball team. He was a member of The Al Lalim Temple #223 the Masonic Order 33rd degree Mason and The Sidonia Lodge #93. Additionally, he contributed to the upkeep and maintenance needs of the church property without hesitation. Mr. Barbee was someone who gave willingly and cheerfully of his time, talent and finances to the building up of God's kingdom. He was a mentor, a brother and a teacher in the way he served and lived, providing a god-fearing example to many in the congregation.



Merry Christmas Wimberly Brown was born on December 23, 1948 in York Alabama to Rev Moses and Cara Wimberly. Merry received Bachelor's degree in Business Education and Master's Degree in Computer Science. Merry is certified in Data and Word Processing and has been employed by the Elyria School District teaching Business Education at Elyria High School and the Lorain County Com-

munity College for over 23 years. Merry has ministered through music and song at numerous Churches. She has been a member of numerous professional and religious organizations. Merry along with Mary Ann Grayson taught computer classes for Seniors and later taught and started a sewing group called Sewing for Pleasure. The group started attracting women from outside of the local area, even drawing someone from outside of the state. The group would create items not for themselves but for those in need throughout the community. Merry would provide lunches that were more like full course dinners for all attending insuring that you never went home hungry.



Collier and Patilla Corn better known as "Daddy and Momma Corn"....Collier was a faithful trustee in the church, but before then he was an honorary member of EVERY ministry that his wife was in because she made him go, drop off, pickup, and pay dues. Daddy Corn is known for his love of the fellowship hall. When he was given this assignment, he took it seriously! He would coordinate

times/dates and make contract agreements for renters. It didn't matter what day or time, you could count on him to do daily drive by (His wife was jealous), but daddy Corn was committed to God and serving God's people.

Mother Corn has been a member of Second Baptist for over 50+ years. She was the church secretary, sung in the choir, help establish Outreach ministry, assisted the youth usher board, member of the mothers/ deaconess ministry, and senior mission. She is constantly reminding her daughter to pay her dues and assessments. Although her health has her mobility limited, it doesn't stop her service and dedication to God and her church. Pastor Small has given her a new title "Mission from the chair"! Mama Corn-has a love for people and will do what she can to help....

Her famous phrases are:

**You better listen, this is good ya'll

**I will tell you when you right and I will tell you when You wrong.



LEO AND ALICE MARY BULLOCKS

Born in Brownsville, Tenn., he lived 41 years in Elyria. Mr. Bullocks retired in 1984 as a supervisor after 33 years with Harshaw Chemical, Elyria. However, he was better known as community leader. he was honored for his contributions to Elyria at a testimonial dinner on Jan. 26, 1992. He served as a councilman for the city of

Elyria for 20 years and was president the last four years. he also was a precinct committeeman for many years and belonged to the Elyria branch of the NAACP. Mr. Bullocks was president of Lorain County Community Action Agency for many years, president of the R.J. Gordon Housing Project and District 23 administrator for Little League baseball. He was a member of Second Baptist Church in Elyria where he served as a deacon, was on the building committee for the new worship facility and was a former trustee. He also belonged to Sidonia Masonic Lodge 93 F&AM. Alice Mary Lee was co-founder of the Second Baptist Church Food Pantry served as a member of the Mothers' and Deaconess Board, a Sunday School Teacher, sing with the Senior Choir, served as a Willing Workers, member of the Sandusky Subdistricts Women's Auxiliary and Church Women United.



Mrs. Claudine Dean was born in Asheville, North Carolina to D.P. and Emma Settles on November 4, 1923. She spent her formative years in McCormick, South Carolina. She and her husband Lewis came to Elyria, Ohio in 1952 united with Second Baptist Church.

While serving in Second Baptist Church, Sister Claudine was a member of the Senior Choir. She served on the Nurses' Guild. She was a fluent member of Senior Mission. She worked diligently, and tirelessly on the Kitchen Committee. And she was noted for her AWESOME peach cobbler! Sister Dean was a strong supporter of numerous other Church functions.

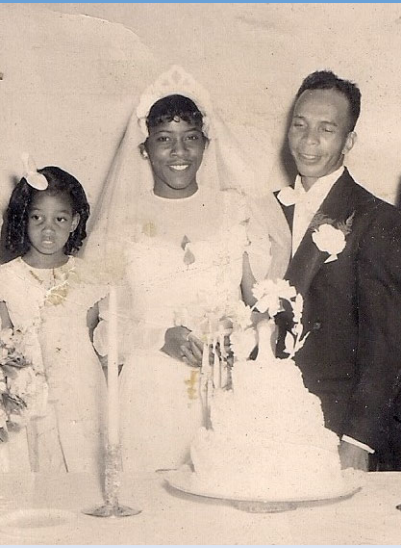
Mrs. Dean was a very active participant with the Elyria Democratic Women. And she worked the election polls for many years. In her spare time, she loved to garden! Claudine received her most of her enjoyment by spending time with her family. Mrs. Claudine Dean had seven children, three of which; along with her husband, rests in Our Heavenly Father's Arms.



MRS. ANNIE L. (ROBINSON) EDWARDS was born on February 26, 1952, in Edgefield, South Carolina and was a proud 1970 graduate of Elyria High School receiving her Bachelor of Science degree from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. She achieved her graduate studies at Cleveland State University, and received her Master's Degree from Bowling Green State University.

Sister Edwards was a faithful member of Second Baptist Church serving on the Trustee Board, Nurses' Guild and Usher Board. In the mid 1990's, Ann and Mrs. Mary Ann Grayson launched an after-school/tutorial program for children of ALL ages at Second Baptist. That program was the foundation to what is known as the Adopt-A-School Program today.

Ann's teaching career started in Springfield, Ohio culminating in the Lorain School District as a math teacher at Southview High School. At the time, she was one of the few teachers in Northeast Ohio qualified to teach calculus. Receiving numerous awards for her contributions in area of education, including the prestigious award from Cleveland State University for her special study in the area of Computer Graphics. Actively involved in programs throughout the community, serving as the Youth Advisor for the Elyria Club of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club of Elyria, Youth Director of the Elyria Branch of the NAACP. Most of all, Ann was noted for her kindness, and ALWAYS remembering her friends with cards. She was known for her delicious cakes! One of Ann's passions was collecting Longaberger Baskets.



IRAJ COOPER and NORENA PORTER

Apostle Paul writes to the Philippians a special resonance for deacons, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." My dad exemplified these qualities.

He was a faithful and dedicated member of Second Baptist Church until the time of his passing. He was a deacon under the pastorship of the late Rev. Robert J Gordon. As a deacon, he performed duties that supported the pastor such as collecting tithes and offering, visiting the sick, prayed for the people and administered communion to the shut ins. My dad was also involved in the community. At Second Baptist Church, he helped start Boy Scout Troop #108, the first African American Boy Scouts Troop in Lorain County. He equipped, inspired and encouraged young men to be successful in life through scouting. As a scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop #108 of Elyria, he received the 1975 Community Service Award from the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club of Elyria. We give GOD all the glory for his past service to Second Baptist Church, and praise God for my dad for being an example of faith, Godliness, and service to GOD, his people and most of all to me.

My mom has had a lengthy and illustrious career as a pianist for the Second Baptist Church spanning over 60 years under the pastorship of Late Rev. RJ Gordon, Rev. Henry Johnson and the current Pastor, Rev. Carl Small. My mom was encouraged and inspired by the Second Baptist Church Missionary Department to take piano lessons as a young woman. My mom received piano lessons



The proverbial writer informs us that "A man's gift will make room for him and bringeth him before great men." The Ecclesiastical writer tells us that "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might." I give Glory to God for my mom and her faithfulness and commitment using her time and talents to Second Baptist Church for the glory of God! Congratulations

on this recognition!!

Lovingly submitted by son,

Dr. Jonathan Neal Cooper, Cpt.

Chief Chaplain of the Ohio Military Reserves

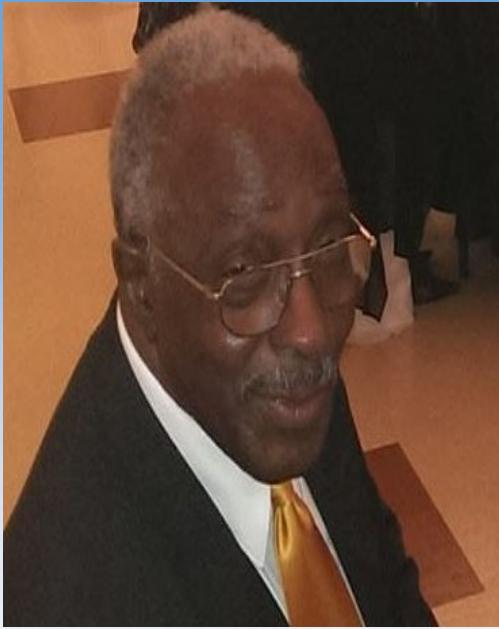
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FANNY HILL

Fannie (Thomas) Hill was born on October 1, 1933 and started attending the Second Baptist Church in 1952 under the Pastorage of Rev Boyd. Numerous relatives were members and this drew her to Second Baptist. Her father Rev Abe Thomas was part of the ministerial staff under Rev R.J. Gordan after retiring from his church in Lorain. Fanny has been active on the Culinary Committee helping out on numerous Church events. After many years of attending worships services, it was during a revival in 2004, that she finally united with the Second Baptist Church dedicating her life to Christ. During her time at the Church, she just did sit on her hands. Seeing that Computer Training was being offered to Seniors at the Church, Fanny immediately registered for the classes. After the overall training was completed, sewing classes were offered at which she again registered and attended. Today, Fanny continues to attend Monday morning sewing to which she enjoys the fellowship developed throughout the years.





ALBERT AND LYNETTE JUNIOR

Born on November 29, 1938 in Edna, Alabama with Albert spent his early childhood years in Whitfield, York, Demopolis along with Meridian, Mississippi. His family moved from Meridian to Elyria where he attended East Carlisle Elementary School, later attending Elyria High School in 1953. Mr. Junior graduated from Midview High School in 1957 and with one of



God's many blessings, received a full ride athletic scholarship to the Bowling Green State University. After graduating, he returned to Midview High School as a teacher and Athletic Coach. He married Lynette Glass on May 23, 1963 who herself was a graduate of Midview High School class of 1959. This union resulted in bringing three children into the world, two girls and one boy. Marcia and Kathleen, along with Albert J. After two years of employment with Midview

Schools, Mr. Junior moved to the Lorain City Schools

in 1964 ending in retirement in July 1993 as an assistant principal. Mrs. Junior was employed with the Lorain Country Treasurer Office retiring after 30 years of service. She was a founding member of the National Association of Negro Business Professional Women, Democratic Women Club and National Council Negro Women of Elyria along with being a member of the Faithful Fifty of Second Baptist Church.



George and Sarah meet in Rock Hill South Carolina. He was on leave from the Army to take care of the funeral of his youngest sister. The couple were married two years later and lived with George's parents. George's father, Deacon Everedge O'Dell, was a founding member of Second Baptist. His wife Alberta, was an Honorary member along with holding membership at Jones Chapel AME. Together they raised four children.

Carolyn, Vanessa, George Jr, and Olivia. George became Sunday School Superintendent a position he held for many years and was instrumental in starting of the Sunday School booster union along with Mother Bucey. On one Sunday George asked if the entire church could gather around the altar for prayer. From that moment on every Sunday, members would gather around the Altar for prayer.

George and Sarah both sang in the choir which at that time was called the Twilight chorus. George made the decision to become an entrepreneur and started his own business. Which he owned until his death. After which Sarah continued to manage.

During a weekly revival being held here at Second. Sarah decided to rededicate her time and life back to Second Baptist. She used her skills of management and cooking to be effective with the anniversary committee to raise funds for the church. Many sweet potato pies and catfish dinner were sold during this time. Thank you, anniversary committee, for honoring George and Sarah O'Dell.



JOHN E. PORTER AND NEALIE GRACE PORTER (Mahone) joined Second Baptist Church at an early age upon coming to Elyria, Ohio in the 1950's. They have been faithful members for over 70 plus years and served compassionately and faithfully in many church ministries at Second during this time.

Grace, lovingly referred to as (deceased in 2016), served on the Usher Board for a time and was a dedicated member of the Second Baptist Senior Choir and Lorain County Outreach Choir for over 50 years before health issues prevented her from continuing. She was responsible for sending out greeting cards to the sick/shut-in and to those members celebrating birthdays. Grace worked at Super 8 Motel for over 40 years before retiring. She enjoyed traveling with her daughters, visiting the casinos and most of all hanging out with her kids and grandkids.

John has been an active member of Usher Board #1 at Second and served on the Community Usher Board throughout the county. He is also a member of Second Baptist Male Chorus for 50 plus years and serving as Chief Usher for many years, he taught young children how to usher correctly with compassion and dignity. He worked for U.S. Steel and General Motors for over 40 years before retiring. He loves fishing, hunting and telling tall tales to anyone listening.



Marquise Dukes, Jr was born in Elyria, Ohio in 1999. While attending Elyria High School, Marquise was active in the Army Junior ROTC program rising to the rank of Captain. Currently Marquise attends Lorain County Community College majoring in Electrical Engineering. Upon graduating from Elyria High School in 2010, he received numerous awards from both the NAACP and the Lorain County Alliance of Black School Educators.

Starting at a young age, grew becoming an asset to the Church eventually becoming a member in 2010. Marquise can often be seen helping members through the church and community without hesitation.

Through the guidance of his grandmother Vanessa Booker along with others throughout the community, has become the young man that we see today



Mary Porter was born in Luverne, Alabama to Ennis and Dolly Porter spending her formative years playing Basketball while excelling in her academics. Her academic studies led her to be named to the Nation Honors Society. After graduating from Crenshaw County Training School in 1959, she made the decision to relocate to Elyria, Ohio. Mary was employed at the Mansfield General Motors Plant, working in assembly department. It was there she recognized manufacturing problems, and worked to-

ward manufacturing improvement. She received nation recognition for her contribution to the manufacturing process improvement. Mary has been a faithful serving member of Second Baptist Church for over fifty years. She is the recipient of various awards to Church Worker of the Year for Lorain County - 1998, Special Appreciation Award from the Nation Council of Negro Professional Women - 2001 and Appreciation of Effort for Second Baptist Church 75th Anniversary - 2008. Mary Porter continues to be an active member of the Second Baptist Church Senior, Gospel and Mass Choirs.

Music provided by
Jason Hervey,
Second Baptist Church Wooster, Ohio
Pastor Rickey Brown Sr

Thank You Beloved Past and Present

