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MACEDONIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

715 J.L. Lomax Drive
Valdosta, Georgia

One Hundred Thirty-Fifth Anniversary



Sunday, February 27, 2000 • 11:00 a.m.

- Theme -

1865

Looking back from
whence we came

2000

Moving forward through Faith,
Courage and Determination

Joshua 1:9

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel B. Simmons, Albany, GA

Rev. J.L. Brown, Pastor

Chairpersons

Mrs. Janet L. McClure

Mrs. Helen L. Scott

THE PROLOGUE

Macedonia First Baptist Church was organized as the Macedonia First African Baptist Church in 1865 and as the First Baptist Church on February 20, 1867, The founder and first pastor was Rev. Charles Anderson an ex-slave born in Savannah, Georgia in 1813. He was a leader in the church until his death in 1907. After Anderson two prominent pastors of the church were the Rev. Thomas A. Lomax and the Rev. James Leonidas Lomax.

This is the third building erected by the congregation and dated from 1913 when fire destroyed the previous church. Under Rev. J. L. Lomax, Macedonia was able to settle all debts; and the deeds to our property were delivered to the church in April, 1943. Sister Ida Jordan, Sister Laura Shelton, and Sister Marietta Gaines burned the mortgage during a public ceremony.

Macedonia First Baptist Church has been standing as a beacon of light for hope, harmony, peace, prosperity, salvation and strength for 135 years. We have a great legacy to continue, a great history to maintain, and a great record to sustain.

A Tribute to Macedonia

Macedonia, beloved keeper of our heavenly dreams!

Our inspiration and hope for years yet unseen.

May your keepers cherish your legacy of gold nurtured
and preserved by dear souls of old.

May you scale new heights of brotherhood and love,
in pursuit of truth blessed from above.

Remembering that trust in God conquers all fear,
and faith and miracles can annihilate each tear.

May you forever our anchor remain,
and help us life's battles to sustain.

When our earthly journey is complete,
may we find peace at Jesus' feet.

Louise King Carter

Excerpts of Our History

The Macedonia First Baptist Church was constituted by the Rev. Charles Anderson and his associates shortly after the close of the War between the States, the organization being completed in the month of February 1865.

Rev. Anderson was born a slave and was owned by the late Judge Warner of Savannah

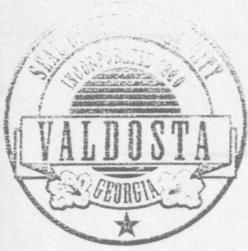
During this period schools or academies were being erected for white boys and girls, but none for Negroes. Many of the slaves, Frederick Douglas in the upper South; Harriet Tubman, and others, being awakened, by a sense of intelligence, stole away in search of knowledge. During this upheaval Rev. Anderson began his career as a minister. During the war he was forced to work for the Confederate Army. After the war, he moved to Valdosta which was nothing more than a trading village.

In this new settlement, Rev. Anderson organized the Macedonia First Baptist Church. The first building was a little more than a shanty, made of pine slabs, with rough planks for seats, and pine straw for the flooring. On this site, which is east of the present site of this church. The original small building became unusable. Rev. Anderson secured lumber from the old white Baptist Church for a sum of \$130.00, an enormous amount of money for a recently freed slave. As time advanced, and people became more enlightened, a more substantial building was erected. The building had fan shaped aisles; collapsible theater type seats, a two-tier balcony and a fifty-lamp oil chandelier. This building burned in 1913 and the present building was constructed.

Macedonia has been blessed with members dedicated to Christian service. "We've come this Far" through the fruits of their labors.

Macedonia stands today looking back over 135 years of eventful labor, hardships, trials and triumphs.

The Macedonia First Baptist Church can proudly hold up her head as a daughter of Zion.



CITY of VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

James H. Rainwater
Mayor

February 9, 2000

To Reverend J. L. Brown, Pastor
Congregation of Macedonia First Baptist Church
Valdosta, Georgia 31601

Congratulations:

On behalf of the city of Valdosta, I wanted to congratulate you on your 135th Anniversary Celebration. This milestone event should be a time to reflect on the Christian education and guidance that you have given to the citizens of this city.

As you continue on your journey into the new millennium, we are sure you will continue to serve as a beacon of light that will shine forever, signifying hope and strength that will be extended to everyone.

May God continue to bless this congregation on its mission in bringing peace to everyone.

Best wishes,

James H. Rainwater, Mayor



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear fellow Christians:

I would like to welcome our friends and special guests who are with us today as we celebrate our One Hundred Thirty-fifth Anniversary. This is the spiritual highlight of all occasions held here at our church each year. Today, our church members shine as Followers of Christ. We have a great legacy and a rich heritage to maintain. We must continue being a beacon light, proclaiming the vision of our fore fathers as we meet the challenges of the new millennium.

We Praise God for letting us be a church dedicated to serving Him, our community and mankind. May God grant us servant spirits to fulfill His mission in the world today. May we fulfill God's expectations through the Holy Spirit Empowering God's People to service. May God give us the strength, love, grace and faith to help us to rid our nation of the evils of drugs, abortions, violence, sexual immorality, teenage pregnancies and AIDS. Let us pray for God to save our families in this generation and the generations to come.

We face some difficult days ahead with our Second-Term President and new leaders on local, state and national levels. There are new challenges, new ideas and changes that will affect all of us. Let us continue to trust in God who is our source of strength and help for today and tomorrow. We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord and trusting in His Holy word, "He has never failed us yet." As our nation continues to wrestle with Welfare and Health Care Reform, Social Security, Medicare and Balanced Budget Amendments, let us remember that God will see us through every situation and help us meet every challenge.

We pause and salute all laborers, living and dead, for their contributions to the history and progress of Macedonia First Baptist Church. We are grateful to be the oldest Black church in this city and county.

May God continue to bless you Macedonia for many more years to come. We congratulate the Anniversary Chairperson, Mrs. Janet L. McClure and her committee for a well-planned program.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. J. L. Brown

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear Fellow Laborers:

It is a great and a distinct honor for me to greet you this auspicious 135th Church Anniversary in this new Millennium. When I think of what this day means, I am humbled and grateful that the Lord led me to this place. I am proud to be a member of this historic church, to be included in this band of determined Christian soldiers.

It was indeed a pleasure and honor to chair this anniversary with my mentor and protege, Mrs. Helen Lambert Scott. We were fortunate to have an outstanding and fantastic committee and all of us worked "together" to make this an exceptional celebration. Today, we share with you the results of our untiring efforts. To the Macedonia Family and our many friends both far and near, we say "thank You" for answering the Macedonian call. God will bless and reward you for your unselfish devotion, encouragement and support!

Today, we look back from whence we came and remember those great men and women that left us this legacy to maintain. We pay homage to Father Charles Anderson and his associates for establishing this legacy and we honor those still among us for maintaining this heritage. As we move forward through faith, courage and determination we must continue to build upon this legacy for the next generation.

May we continue to run with determination the race that lies before us (Hebrews 12:1)!

Yours in Christian Service,

Janet L. McClure

Mrs. Janet L. McClure, Chairperson
135th Church Anniversary

A Message From The Co-Chairperson
February 27th the year 2000 - 135th Church Anniversary

A church does not "just happen" - it is born of human needs and faith. It is fed by tireless service, sacrifice, prayer, love and loyalty to Christ, its Head.

Today, we acknowledge that we have traveled a great distance. The road traveled has not been easy. All of us at some point in the life of this great church have experienced doubt, fear, frustration, uncertainty and confusion. Yet, we have not despaired, for past experiences have taught us that if we have equal concern for all of the parts of the body, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to look ahead and improve on the past.

As we reflect on this memorable occasion, we are eternally grateful for our past pastors and members who helped lay a sound foundation over these 135 years. We extend a special tribute to those who made timely contributions and have gone to answer the final roll call in heaven.

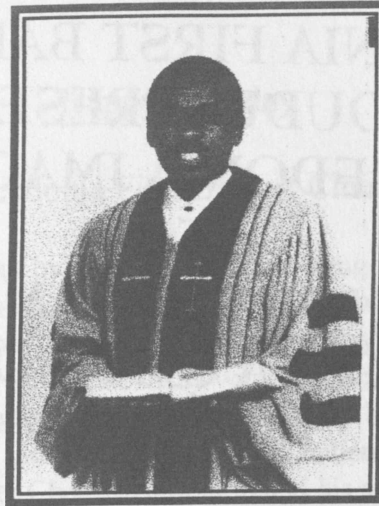
Let us continue to regard our present-day membership whose aim is to enhance our partnership with the community so as to continue to build on that foundation in this new millennium.

It is my sincere appreciation for the privilege to work with Mrs. Janet McClure, chairperson, and the other members of the Anniversary Committee. We have worked very hard to make this the most memorable celebration in the life of the historic Macedonia First Baptist Church.

In Christian Love,

Helen Lambert Scott

Mrs. Helen Lambert Scott, Co-chairman
135th Church Anniversary



**GUEST SPEAKER
DR. DANIEL SIMMONS**

Dr. Daniel Simmons is a native of Cairo, Georgia, where he received his early education. His post-secondary educational accomplishments include earning the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology at Albany State University, the Master of Education Degree in Rehabilitation from the University of Georgia and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Bethany Theological Seminary.

Pastor Simmons answered his ministerial call and was licensed and ordained in 1984 by the Greater Second Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Albany. His pastoral leadership positions have included serving as pastor for the Mountain Grove Baptist Church, Dawson, Georgia, and the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Shingler, Georgia. At the present, he is serving as Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Albany, Inc.

His commitment to service has led him to affiliate, in sundry capacities, with a variety of civic and professional agencies. They include Leadership Albany, Leadership Georgia Class of 1996 and Gamma Omicron Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. In addition, he is in demand as a preacher, speaker, trainer, and facilitator; a member of the Board of Directors for Ritz Cultural Center, Board of Directors for Semper Fidelis Nursery School, Board of Director for East Albany Boys and Girls Clubs of Albany, 1997-98 chair of Generation Success and Co-host of TV Show, "Sunday Morning with Drake and Simmons". He is happily married to Diane Davis Simmons, and they are the parents of a delightful daughter, Maya Danielle.

THE MACEDONIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
PROUDLY PRESENTS
THE MACEDONIA IMAGE AWARD
TO
MR. HOKE H. HAMPTON
VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL
1996 - 1999

Our Honoree is a man of integrity of great moral character, honest, dependable, a great lover of the progress of our city of Valdosta as he served well on the City Council (Third District). He is a devoted family man and has been a servant of the public for more than forty years. Above all he is a "Christian gentleman" in good religious standing at Macedonia First Baptist Church, Rev. J. L. Brown, Pastor.

Major Accomplishments of The Valdosta City Council (1996 - 1999):

- Over 230 housing units were built in District III.
- Over 52 substandard houses were demolished and removed.
- Two new fire stations are under construction with one located in District III.
- The Fire Departments rating was lowered, saving every citizen money on their insurance.
- Six new fire trucks were purchased to protect the citizens of Valdosta.
- Traffic signals were increased and updated to improve the traffic flow in our growing city.
- The Convention Center Complex and Guest Road Park were completed.
- New projects such as the Fry Street Community Center and the Senior Citizens Center are under construction.
- Improved police protection and the Police Department has national accreditation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday
to
Macedonia First Baptist Church

A church is not judged by its size, but by its spirit. It is not gauged by its wealth, but by its willingness to fulfill God's will. Macedonia is what it is today because of those who went before us. Our church has a long and full history, and we are here today to give credit to Almighty God for preserving and sustaining us for 135 years. May we continue to be a "beacon light" of hope, peace, harmony, salvation and strength in this community. May Macedonia go forward from this day of celebration to be even better and greater in this new millennium. Let us continue to build upon the legacy established by Father Charles Anderson and his associates.

We pause to salute our deceased members and those still among us for their contributions toward the longevity and progress of our Great Church.

In Memory of:
Mrs. Sarah C. Smith
Mr. Kenneth C. Miller, Jr.
Dea. Randolph P. Binford Sr.
Rev. Luther L. Kelly

From many places and walks of life you have come to grace our service today. We are grateful to have our church family, special guests and friends from both far and near worshipping with us. With expectant joy we welcome the Rev. Dr. Daniel Simmons, Mrs. Diane Davis Simmons, Maya Danielle Simmons and the members of the Mount Zion Baptist Church from Albany, Georgia.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00A.M. Worship and Praise Service
6:30 P.M. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
1:00 P.M. Saturday Choir Rehearsal

SALUTE

We salute Mr. Hoke H. Hampton, the year 2000 Macedonia Image Award Recipient, for his dedicated work and unselfish commitment to the citizens of Valdosta during his tenure as District III Councilman from 1996 through 1999.

A SPECIAL THANKS

Rev. J. L. Brown and the 135th Anniversary Committee are grateful to Mrs. Helen Lambert Scott, Co-chairperson, for her insight and wisdom in the planning of this historic occasion. The One Hundred and Thirty Five Years of history and pictorial display in the church foyer and sanctuary was implemented by her. She was assisted by Mr. Percy L. Chantang, Jr. and the committee.

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Mrs. Reatha V. Williams	809 W. Magnolia Street
Mrs. Lila M. Collins (Mother of the Church)	908 W. Magnolia Street
Mrs. Mary Roberts	Lakehaven Nursing Home
Mrs. Annie Montgomery	806 Loch Laurel Road
Dea. Clifford O. Griffin	612 J. L. Lomax Drive
Mrs. Sofiner Jones Griffin	612 J. L. Lomax Drive
Mrs. Rubye Boykin	807 Bethune Street
Dr. Thelma Harmond	Savannah, Georgia
Dea. Thomas Alexander	109 Cherry Street
Mr. Bernard Polite	2205 Pulaski Drive
Mrs. Viola L. Williams	822 Bunche Street
Rev. Willie Mitchell, Jr.	3420 Mable Road

NOTE OF THANKS

We commend Mrs. Janet L. McClure, Chairperson, and her committee for accomplishing the task set before them. We thank each of you for your time and service.

Rev. J. L. Brown and the Macedonia Church Family

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The strength of the tree is determined by the strength of the roots.

—Old African Proverb

The Order of Service

- Presiding Mr. Ralph Council
- ❖ Prelude
- The Organist Mrs. LaVerne Torrence
- The Pianist Mr. Lonnie Williams
- The Processional March #22
- The Responsive Call to Worship**
- Minister: Lift up your hearts
People: **We lift them up to the Lord**
Minister: O Lord, open Thou our lips;
People: **And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise**
Minister: Praise ye the Lord!
People: **The Lord's name be praised!**
- ** The Hymn of Praise "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" #19
- The Invocation Dea. Isaiah Isom
- The Chant Mt. Zion Gospel Choir
- *** The Musical Interlude
- The Responsive Reading Mr. Percy Chastang, Jr. #560
- The Benevolent Offering/Music
- ** The Gloria Patrai
- The Proclamation/Presentation** Mr. Hoke H. Hampton
- The Occasion Mrs. Wanda C. Hunter
- The Altar Call "Song of Consecration Mt. Zion Gospel Choir
- The Offertory Chant Mt. Zion Gospel Choir
- The Offering The Finance Committee
- ** The Doxology (Duke Street) "Praise God" #529
- The Announcements/Acknowledgments Mrs. Janet McClure

THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION

MR. HOKE H. HAMPTON

COUNCILMAN DISTRICT III

1996 - 1999

- The Macedonia Image Award Mrs. Betty M. Council
- The City of Valdosta Atty. Pauline C. Council
- The Honorable Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
- The Instrumental Solo Dr. Bobby Blake

The Scripture	<i>Joshua 1:1-9</i>	Mr. John L. Burns, Jr.
The Introduction of Speaker		Chaplain L. C. Hughes, Jr.
The Special Music		Mt. Zion Gospel Choir
The Sermon		Rev. Dr. Daniel B. Simmons
** The Invitation to Christian Discipleship		Rev. J. L. Brown
The Remarks		Mrs. Janet L. McClure
		Rev. J. L. Brown
The Benediction & Blessing of the Meal		Rev. J. L. Brown

*Silence

**Standing

***Worshippers Enter

The Macedonia Family, Special Guests and Friends will fellowship and have dinner at Knights of Columbus, (306 St. Augustine Road) after the service.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 THE CITY OF VILMONT
 DISTRICT III
 1990-1991

Mr. Bob M. Gentry
 Atty. Paul C. Gentry
 Dr. Bob B...

135th ANNIVERSARY

HONOR ROLL

Rev. & Mrs. J. L. Brown	135.00
Chaplain & Mrs. L. C. Hughes, Jr.	135.00
Mrs. Lila M. Collins	135.00
Dea. Thomas Alexander	135.00
Mrs. Helen L. Scott	135.00
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Mrs. Mildred M. Hunter	135.00
Mrs. Reatha V. Williams	135.00
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Dea Clifford O. Griffin	135.00
Mrs. Sofiner Jones Griffin	135.00
Dea. Maceo A. Horne	135.00
Mrs. Cherry W. Horne	135.00
Lt. Col. (Ret.) George M. McClure	135.00
Mrs. Janet L. McClure	135.00
Atty. James F. Council, Jr.	135.00
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Mrs. Alpha M. Gilmore	135.00
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Mr. John Kinchen	135.00
Mrs. Ellena J. Moore	135.00
Ms. Alma Council	135.00
Mr. & Mrs. James V. Banks (Victoria, TX)	135.00
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Ms. Alma Council	135.00
Mr. & Mrs. James V. Banks (Victoria, TX)	135.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp	135.00

135th ANNIVERSARY

HONOR ROLL Continued:

Mrs. Wilma Downs	135.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hoke H. Hampton	135.00
Mr. & Mrs. Godfrey C. Hunter	135.00
Mr. & Mrs. Randolph P. Binford, II	
(Marietta, GA)	135.00

135th ANNIVERSARY YOUTH HONOR ROLL

Treasure M. Moore	5.00
Tanashia Moore	5.00
John Michael Burns	5.00
James F. Council, III	5.00
Ashley Council	5.00
Kimberly Council	5.00
Seth Brown	5.00
Randy Harris	5.00
Ronald Harris	5.00
Danyell Leggett	5.00
Khalfini Chastang	5.00
Brittany Jackson	5.00
Stacey Renae Binford (Marietta, GA)	5.00
Randolph P. Binford, III (Marietta, GA)	5.00
Christen Allen	5.00
Courtney Allen	5.00
Tanielle Brew	5.00
Chimera Brew	5.00
Kenneth L. Sirmans	5.00
Diedre Isom	5.00



135th ANNIVERSARY

MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Mrs. Betty Council	\$50.00
Ms. Arnell Council	50.00
Mrs. Vanessa James	50.00
Mrs. Dawn Montgomery	25.00
Mrs. Hattie Bivins	25.00
Mrs. Ethel Warren	50.00
Mrs. Tommie L. Harris	40.00
Miss Ellesha M. Johnson	20.00
Mrs. Sonja Brown Johnson	25.00
Mrs. Jennifer Brown Hughes (Yokota, Japan)	25.00
Ms. Pamela Brew	50.00
Ms. Janice Y. Isom	25.00



PATRONS OF 135TH ANNIVERSARY

Ms. Carolyn Haigler	\$10.00
Mrs. Thelma W. Brooks (Coolidge, GA)	20.00
Mrs. Authorem Homer	10.00
Mrs. Ruth Maxie (Albany, GA).....	10.00
Mrs. Elma N. Peddy (Detroit, MI)	10.00
Mrs. Mildred Rogers (Detroit, MI)	10.00
Mrs. Ruth A. Dansby (Detroit, MI)	10.00
Mrs. Frances Meggerson (Detroit, MI)	10.00
Mrs. Irene Haynie (Detroit, MI)	10.00
Mrs. Ella Mae Blue	10.00
Mrs. Barbara Byrd	10.00
Mrs. Alberta R. Hamilton (Camilla, GA)	10.00
Mrs. Maerentah Lane	10.00
Mrs. Ola Mae Williams	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. James R. Dunn (Knightdale, NC)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary J. Jones & Son (Dublin, GA)	10.00
Mrs. Maxine Moore (Duluth, GA)	10.00
Mrs. Jacqueline Miller (Columbus, GA)	6.00
Mrs. Patricia Jackson (Savannah, GA)	5.00
Ms. Hilda Hampton	10.00
Mr. Fred Washington	10.00
Mrs. Essie M. Ponder	10.00
Mr. George Stripling	10.00
Mr. Frank Smallwood	15.00
Mr. Jonathan Smallwood	10.00
Mr. Artis Smallwood	10.00
Mr. Lawrence Gates	10.00
Mrs. Carrie Jenkins	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Whitlock (Albany, GA)	20.00
Mr. John Marable, Jr.	25.00
Mrs. Kathy M. Bush	25.00
Mrs. Willie G. Maynard	10.00
Mrs. Clara Steward (Indianapolis, IN)	10.00
Dr. Thelma Harmond (Savannah, GA)	10.00
Mr. Chris Smith & Daughter Crystal	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Brown	25.00
Rev. & Mrs. Robert Daniels	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. Eric Mathis	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Burgnan	10.00
Lady Williams Designs and Apparels	10.00
Mrs. Elnora Collins	5.00
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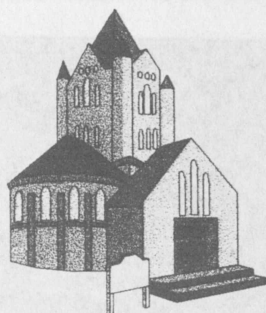
PATRONS OF 135TH ANNIVERSARY CONTINUED:

Mr. Stanley Hodges	10.00
Mr. Larry Grisby	10.00
Miss Deirdre Grisby	10.00
Mrs. Edna Henderson	5.00
Mr. Joseph Vickers	10.00
Mrs. Dorothy Bell	5.00
Mrs. Mary Roe	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Marcellous Carter	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lucious Brandon	10.00
Miss Cassandra Crawford	10.00
Miss Virginia Gail Sims	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Al Williams	10.00
Miss Bernitha McCray	5.00
Miss Veronica Walton	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Willie Hutchinson	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Orr, Jr.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lewis	5.00
Mrs. Johnnie Mae Woods	5.00
Mrs. Sherrie Taylor	5.00
Mrs. Martha Moore	10.00
Dr. Joseph Brown, Dean V. S. U.	10.00
Mrs. Odessa M. McGee	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Hezekiah	5.00
Mrs. & Mrs. Austin Griffin	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hampton	10.00
Mr. Randall O. Hampton	5.00
Mrs. Ella J. Neloms	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jenkins	10.00
Mr. Andrew King (Peachtree City, GA)	20.00
Mr. Robert White, CPA (Marietta, GA)	25.00
Mr. Harold Roberts (Morrow, GA)	25.00
Mr. Lewis Vann (Detroit, MI).....	5.00

CONGRATULATIONS MACEDONIA

FROM

THE NEW MILLENNIUM
135TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



Rev. J. L. Brown, Pastor

Chairpersons:

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Mrs. Helen L. Scott

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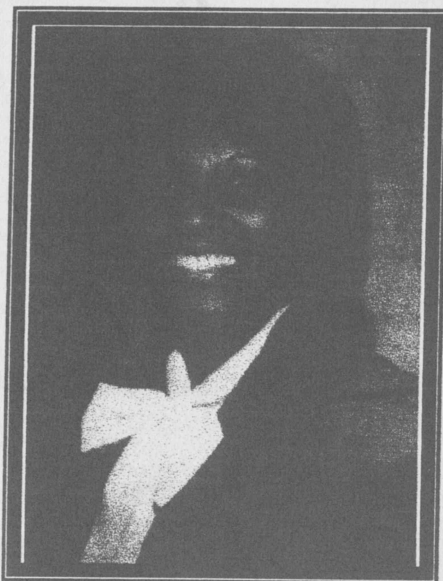
CONGRATULATIONS!

TO

MACEDONIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

"May God's illuminating presence abide with your church family and guide you to prosperity, peace, and a strong viable presence in the community for years to come!"

In Loving Memory of My Dear Wife and Mother of Our Children



Dr. Rosa Butler Tift

Husband

Mr. Jesse Tift, Albany, Georgia

Children

Mr. Charles Tift, Kinesville, Georgia

Mrs. Rosalind T. Martin, Albany, Georgia

Mrs. Helen T. McSwain, Atlanta, Georgia

Miss Janine A. Tift, Albany, Georgia

Mr. Brian J. Tift, Albany, Georgia

HAPPY 135TH
ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of our
Parents and Brothers

Dea. John Council, Sr.
Mrs. Fannie Council
Mr. James "Bubba" Council, Sr.
Mr. Willie Frank "Billy" Council, Sr.

From:

Alma Council Williams
John Council, Jr.
Anderson Council
Ralph Council

CONGRATULATIONS MACEDONIA
ON OUR 135TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

PARENTS:

Deacon Eddie Marable
Mrs. Sarah Marable

BROTHERS

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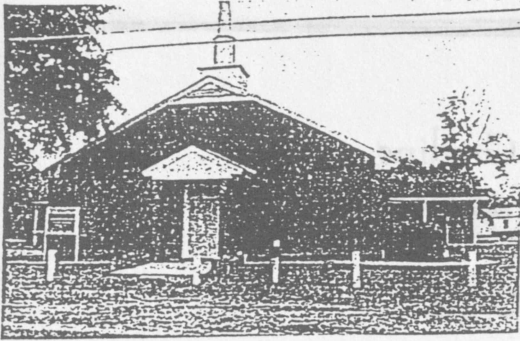
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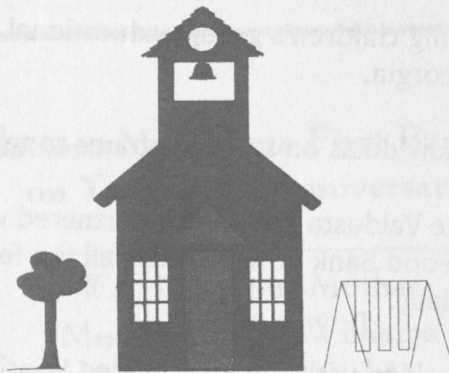
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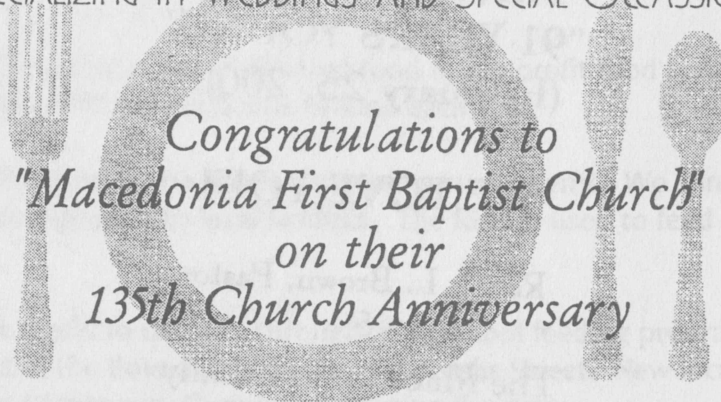
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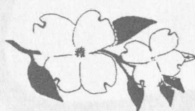
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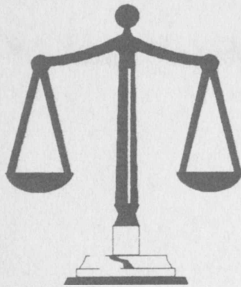
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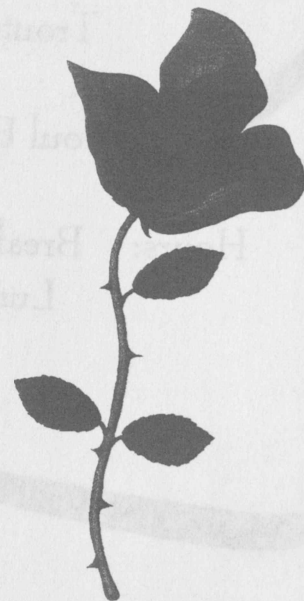


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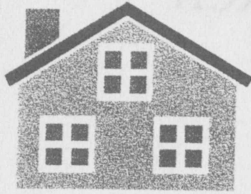
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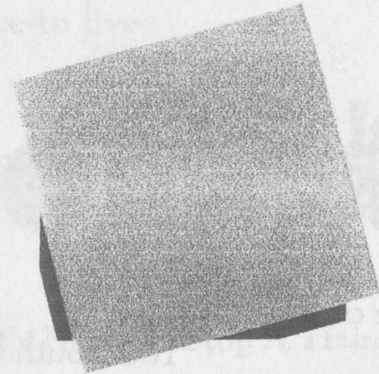
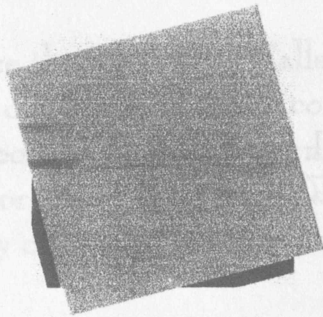
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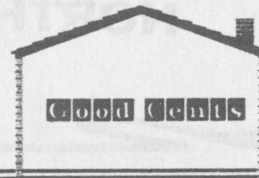
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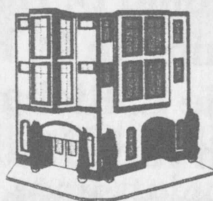
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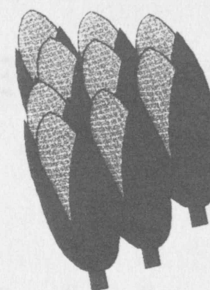
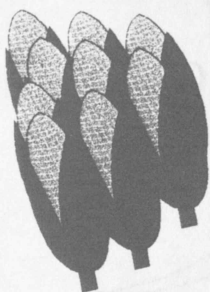
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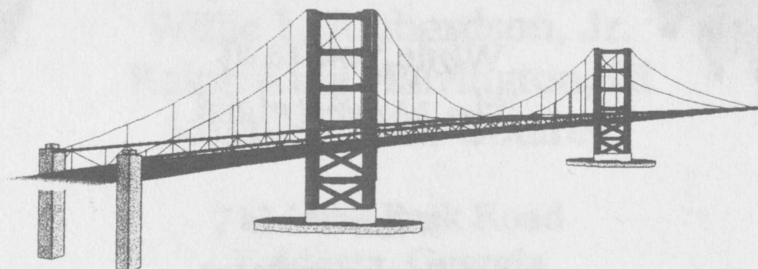
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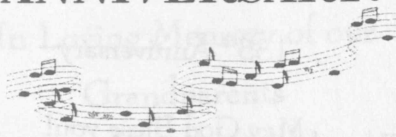
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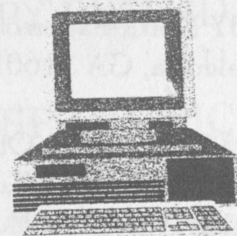
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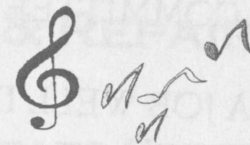
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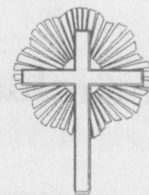
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May you find the same joy and spiritual enrichment on this day of fellowship, as we have had in preparing for it.

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