



NEW HORIZON CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

Bishop Ronnie C. Crudup, Sr., Senior Pastor

P R E S E N T S

20TH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY
SERVICE AWARDS
P R O G R A M

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
5:00 P.M.

*This program will honor distinguished Mississippians for their
commitment to their community through Business, Education,
Medicine, Ministry & Lifetime Achievement.*

1750 ELLIS AVENUE, JACKSON MS 39204

2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM

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NHCI COMMUNITY SERVANT AWARDS CLASS OF 2022

BUSINESS

Judge Kenny and Mrs. Vickie Lewis

EDUCATION

Ms. Gwendolyn Maberry Bell

MEDICAL

Mrs. Brenda S. Hobson

MINISTRY

Bishop Henry T. Joseph, III

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Elder Ben and Mother Mae Edwards

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A W A R D S

The NHCI Community Service Awards were established in 2002 by the congregation of New Horizon Church International as a means of expressing our corporate thanks and appreciation to individuals who consistently give of themselves and their resources to serve the needs of others. The awards are presented annually in commemoration of the lives and legacies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Medgar Wiley Evers, and other martyrs of the civil rights movement who exemplified the philosophy of self-determination and community service.

Persons are nominated and selected to receive the awards on the basis of their demonstrated lifestyles that embody care and commitment toward improving the quality of life available to everyone.

It was our Lord, Jesus Christ, who said: ***“No one, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God”*** (Luke 9:62 NKJV).

New Horizon Church International is proud to publicly recognize the great work being done by “a few who serve so many”.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mary Harris



Mary Harris is a retired registered nurse with experience in hospital and clinical nursing supervision and management. She has a background in multi-level network marketing, direct sales businesses, accounting, real estate escrow and notary public. Mary is a member of Women for Progress, Metro Jackson Master Gardeners, and New Horizon Church International (NHCI) Health Ministry. Under the umbrella of the Mississippi Department of Health. Mary has taught chronic disease self-management classes. Currently Mary is treasurer for the Mississippi Congregational Network

of Nurses and Advocates and center for Disease Control Diabetes Type 2 Prevention Lifestyle Coach and New Horizon Ministries, Inc. NHCI Vaccine Equity Access Coordinator. She is also the President of Jackson Optimist Club and Mississippi District Director for Score {formerly known as Service Corps of Retired Executives}.

Special Recognition

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Geneva James, Chair

Vanessa Edmond, Co-Chair

Mary Harris

Patricia Hickman

Arbrillia Pickens

Justin Riley

Keith Riley

Lauren Sinclair

Joann White

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Elder Ben and Mother Mae Edwards



Elder Ben and Mother Mae Edwards are both natives of Hazelhurst, Mississippi. They graduated from Parrish High School. Although they knew each other for a very long time, they did not get married until 1970. Mother Mae's childhood dream was to become a singer and comedian. She has led a very compassionate life filled with helping others and adding laughter to everyone that she meets. Elder Ben grew up knowing the value of hard work. He has always had a mindset doing God's will and leading others to Christ.

Mother Mae graduated from Jackson State University in 1972 with a degree in education. She has held several jobs. Her first professional job was with Alton-mail order catalog in Chicago. She has worked for Chicago American Newspaper, Cortez Peter School, Chicago Tribute, and Dillard's Department Store. She taught in Savannah, GA, Neu Ulm, Germany and Hazelhurst, MS. She earned a Degree in Accounting and did taxes while living in Germany.

Elder Ben served in the U.S. Army 21 years and retired in 1980 as Sargent First Class (E7). Ben was an instructor to over 250 young men teaching them race relations. He received the Bronze Star for service in Vietnam. Ben has held several jobs which include Alfred Pharmacy, elementary school bus driver, Security Guard at Grand Gulf, Internal Revenue Service. He has also made several presentations (Veterans Day) at local schools and New Horizon Church International.

Ben and Mae joined New Horizon Church International in 2002. Ben joined the Deacon Ministry and Mae joined the choir. They both are members of the Prayer Ministry. Ben is an Elder and Mae is a mother of the church (past secretary/treasurer of the Mother Board). Ben has served as Lead Elder and is responsible for assisting Bishop Crudup, feeding the congregation, training deacons and participating in the Prayer Ministry. They both love New Horizon and have the desire for members to have faith, be committed and fellowship with one another. Mother Mae's favorite scripture is "Psalm 103" and Elder Ben's favorite scripture is "Ephesians 6".

Ben and Mae serve as Block and Assistant Block Captains in the neighborhood where they reside. They were the first African Americans in their neighborhood. They are committed to their community and would like to see it continue to grow and serve as a safe haven for all residents. Mother Mae and Elder Ben are very sharp and snazzy dressers. All of the credit goes to Mother Mae. She tells him what to wear every Sunday.

B U S I N E S S

Kenny and Vickie Lewis



Kenny Lewis is a native of Clinton, MS and Vickie is a native of Brandon, MS. They have spent the last nearly three decades working towards creating a better tomorrow for their two children (A'Kendra and Amias) and the people of their community. Together, they own and operate four faith-based businesses: Lambs Of God Christian Academy— a childcare center that has continuously served the community nurturing 2000+ children over the past 16 years in a Christian learning environment; Lewis Interpreting Services which ensures that the deaf/hard of

hearing are afforded the opportunity to hear and understand in the classrooms, doctor's offices, churches and simple recreational activities; The Lew Crew mobile print shop which efficiently and affordably supplies the necessary paraphernalia to both the domestic and business organizations in the community with minimal turnaround time; and the newest project L.O.G. Community Development Center where the mission is to reach, redirect, and reconnect individuals that may have fallen through the cracks or that may just need guidance by fostering purpose driven, Godly relationships leading them to the path of success.

Vickie received her Associates Degree in Sign Language Interpreting from Hinds Community College in Raymond. She later earned her bachelor's degree in Theology and her Master's in Christian Counseling from New Foundations Theological Seminary in Terry, MS. As an Ordained Minister, she has traveled and served as an adjutant, Sunday school teacher, choir director, worship leader, choir member and missionary while evangelizing, and ministering the sound doctrine of Jesus Christ. Often referred to as "Lady V" when doing the work of the Lord, she now stands alongside her husband in intentionally ministering through small group fellowship and one on one counseling endeavoring to solidify the bond of peace and the love of God for others. Vickie Lewis believes that, and above all she has dedicated her life to the advancement of the Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ.

After four years of collegiate football, Kenny received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Delta State University. Determined to provide a safe space for their children to live and play, Lewis was inspired to enter the world of law enforcement. His career of service began with eleven years of ensuring the safety of the citizens of Clinton as a police officer. Over the years his experience has evolved from cracking cases at the Hind's County District Attorney's office to working at the State of Mississippi's Attorney General's Office. Kenny Lewis presently serves as the Justice Court Judge elected by the citizens of District Four.

EDUCATION

Gwendolyn Maberry Bell



Gwendolyn Maberry Bell was born in Jackson, Mississippi. Gwendolyn is the fourth child of four brothers and four sisters. As a youth she attended Watkins Elementary, Chastain Middle School, and graduated from Calloway High School in 1978. She attended Jackson State University in pursuit of a degree in Early Childhood Education. Gwendolyn has been a committed employee, at McLeod Elementary of the Jackson Public Schools since 1990. Blessed by God, Gwendolyn is the CEO of the non-profit organization, ROCAAT Ministries (Reaching One Community At A Time).

She has always had a God given passion for working with youth and teenagers. Since 2013, with the help of her sister Pamela, board members, family and friends, her non-profit organization, ROCAAT Ministries provides a facility for the boys and girls of the Jackson and surrounding area to read their Summer Reading books during the months of June and July. When the scholars complete the program, they are provided with back-to-school supplies, bookbags, and required school uniforms at no cost to the parents. She is the Author of the coloring/activity book titled; I Learn to Read.

She attends Refuge Temple Church of Jackson. Gwendolyn is the proud mother of Cedric Dewayne Bell married to Ebony Bell, Terrance O'Neil Bell married to Chirco (Skye) Bell, and Bryan Johnson. They all live in various parts of Texas. Each day she strives to be a better mom and a better community leader of the youth and teenagers. It is her passion to have a facility where ROCAAT Ministries can provide more and year-round services to her community and surrounding communities. Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not evil to give you an expected end.

M E D I C A L

Brenda S. Hobson



Brenda S. Hobson is a retired Registered Nurse with over 35 years of experience in nursing, having worked in both the hospital and nursing home setting. She is a wife, mother, guardian, caregiver, mentor and Christian.

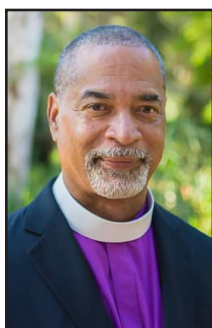
Brenda is an advocate for health equity in African American Communities, especially in the Flora area. She has spearheaded free Community Health Fairs and partnered with the local Head Start Center to host annual Health and Wellness screening events in Flora, MS. She holds an annual Rainbow Tea which raises money to buy gas cards for cancer patients and their families to help with transportation needs. In addition to those things, Brenda serves as the organizer of the Meet Me at The Pole School Supply Giveaway and Prayer Meeting. This event often brings in various churches and organizations within the Flora area who provide free schools supplies, backpacks, and other essentials to a large portion of the community while simultaneously praying for the teachers, students, faculty and staff at our local schools.

Brenda volunteers with The Abundant Living Community Organization and for years has traveled throughout the eighteen counties of The Mississippi Delta screening individuals for cardiovascular disease risk factors. Brenda is a trained Congregational Health Nurse (CHN) since 2003 and is one of the founding members of The Mississippi Congregational Network of Nurses and Advocates (MCNNA). The motto scripture for MCNNA is Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that We should walk in them". She lives that motto as she works to provide those in the community with the information and referrals needed to become a healthier version of themselves.

Brenda is a member of the Smith Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as the Healthcare Ministry President/Director.

MINISTRY

Bishop Henry T. Joseph, III



The son of a Baptist minister, Henry T. Joseph III was saved as a young boy. Raised in a Los Angeles area known for gangs, drugs and crime. God preserved him and called Henry to obedience in Christ in 1992. Henry and his wife Deborah have been married for 36 years and have four children and three grandchildren. Henry attended the Pittsburg Art Institute and Wesley Bible College. He also cherishes the theological training he received from Dr. John Parrish and Bishop Ronnie Crudup through the New Horizon Ministers Training Program. Bishop Joseph is a gifted bible teacher and has spoken at conferences, retreats, and seminars around the world.

He has a heart for men's ministry, international missions, and Christian business development. He has worked for Promise Keepers Men's Ministry in Mississippi PK's State facilitator and trainer. In 1998 He and his wife founded Proclaim a Christian publication based in Mississippi. Bishop Joseph was the first African American full time Missions Pastor in Mississippi.

In 1999, Henry took his first mission trip to Africa. After several more trips, in October of 2003 during a short-term mission assignment God called Henry to full time ministry in Malawi, Africa as a missionary pastor. At the time, Henry was one of only approximately 500 full time African American missionaries in the world. Henry Joseph served as senior pastor for Capital City Baptist Church (CCBC) in Lilongwe, Malawi. CCBC is one of the world's most diverse congregations with over 40 nations represented in its membership. CCBC is one of the most influential churches in Malawi. In the seven years Pastor Joseph served at membership. CCBC is one of the most influential churches in Malawi. In the seven years Pastor Joseph served at CCBC the membership grew from 200 to 1000 people. He also provided servant leadership in integrating business opportunities into social ministries. He was Director of a self-sustaining orphan's ministry called ADZIWA that still minister's to over 600 children. He also established the first contemporary youth center in Malawi. Bishop Joseph has planted churches in Malawi, Burundi, South Africa and most notable ahore, Pakistan called Logos Ministries of Pakistan and Zion Church in Islamabad, Pakistan. In 2010 Pastor Joseph was a delegate to the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization in Cape Town, South Africa. A historic gathering of 2000 key leaders from 200 countries. Currently, Pastor Henry Joseph serves as Lead Pastor for Zion Church International in Mississippi. He is the Founder and Executive Director of Hayah Community Development which is an international community empowerment organization based in South Africa. He also founded Healing Mississippi, a statewide prayer movement 2021. Henry Joseph was ordained to the office of Bishop by Wellington Boone, Bishop Prelate of the Fellowship of International Churches. He serves as Bishop of International relationships for FOIC.



As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (1 Peter 4:10 NKJV)

Every Christian is to submit his/her will to the will of God; acknowledging Jesus as Lord. The lordship of Jesus in our lives is worked out as we remain faithful to Him, doing the work that God has assigned to us. In submission to the will of God, believers become servants of God's people. Even the greater in the family of God moved among the brethren as a servant.

Being a servant involves the full exercise of the gifts and abilities each of us has for the benefit of others. In servanthood, we should adopt the unselfish attitude of Jesus.

The Scripture cited above tells us that every Christian should use whatever gift he/she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. The next verse says that if we speak, we should do it as if we are speaking the very words of God. If we serve, we should do it with the strength that God provides, so that every thing we do brings praise and honor to God through our relationship with Jesus Christ.