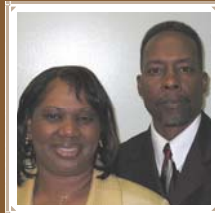




“Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.”

1 Tim 3:8-10



Nathan L. Burton

Nathan L. Burton was baptized August 11, 1968, in Detroit, Michigan, while his father William Burton Jr. served in the United States Air Force. As a military dependent, he has been associated with a number of congregations stateside as well as oversees until his father, who is currently an elder at the Cold Harbor Road Church of Christ, retired here in 1972. Bro. Burton met Brenda Pleasant at the age of 13 when the congregation was worshipping at Chimborazo Boulevard. On June 29, 1986, they were married at the Dill Avenue Church of Christ. They have three children: Lamont, Danielle and Michelle. Bro. Burton has taught Sunday school classes grades 8-12. He is currently co-teacher of the Adult Sunday School class, Monday night Men's advanced class, and the Tuesday night general bible class. He is group leader of Zone 10, Congregational Song Leader, Choral Director, and Maintenance and Lawn service member.



Solomon T. Davis

Solomon T. Davis was baptized February 9, 1979, at the Dill Avenue Church of Christ. During his time at Dill Avenue, Bro. Davis has served as a group leader for Zone 8, church treasurer, song director, and youth group helper. He is currently the co-coordinator

of the Membership Committee and the Transportation Ministry.

He is married to the former Jacqueline Bailey, his wife of 35 years. They have two adult children, Yolonda H. Walker and Kim F. Davis.



Perry R. Smith, Sr.

Perry R. Smith, Sr. was baptized in March 1979, at the Dill Avenue Church of Christ where he has served faithfully since. During his time at Dill Avenue, Bro. Smith has served as a Bible school teacher of the Timothy I class. He is currently the Visitors' Bible class teacher and group leader for Zone 8.

He is married to the former Linda M. Massey, his wife of more than 33 years. They have two adult children, Tracey M. Smith and Perry R. Smith, Jr.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Elders' and Deacons'
Ordination & Installation
Ceremony*



“This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. “

1 Tim 3:1

Elders

Bro. Clyde W. Brown, Sr.
Bro. Joseph H. Brown
Bro. Michael R. McCulloch
Bro. Arthur Morris, III
Bro. Preston A. Thacker, Sr.

Deacons

Bro. Nathan L. Burton
Bro. Solomon T. Davis
Bro. Perry R. Smith, Sr.

Sunday, January 7, 2007

Ordination Program

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Opening Song of Surrender and/or Service

Opening Prayer of Surrender and/or Service

The standards for spiritual leaders are very high. Those with great responsibility must meet high expectations. The moral character of elders and deacons must be without blemish. Each of these candidates must have a good reputation both inside and outside of the church. Spiritual leadership begins at home. A man must show that he is able to care for, discipline and teach his children in order to qualify to lead the church.

Introduction of selections

Elders

- *Evangelist gives the elders their CHARGE
- *Evangelist gives the church their CHARGE
- *The Laying on of Hands

Deacons

- *Evangelist gives the deacons their CHARGE
- *Evangelist gives the church their CHARGE
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Extending the Right Hand of Fellowship

Closing Song and Prayer

Elders' Biographies

Joseph H. Brown

Joseph H. Brown has faithfully served the Lord's Church in the Richmond area for over 35 years. He has lead the congregation through its growth from Chimborazo Blvd to Dill Avenue and is now preparing to lead on to Sandy Lane. Bro. Brown has performed gospel meetings and workshops throughout the country. He has also been a featured speaker at national and regional lectureships throughout our Brotherhood. He is well known for his tireless efforts in spreading the Gospel of Christ and leading the saints in Richmond. He is a mentor to gospel preachers, both young and old. He has been married to the former Phyllis M. Black over 40 years. Their union has been blessed with three sons: Hugh, Loren, and Virgil.



Clyde W. Brown, Sr.



Clyde W. Brown, Sr. was baptized October 10, 1977, and has been an active and faithful member of the Dill Avenue Church of Christ for the last 29 years. In those years he has served as a bible school teacher for the Timothy Class. Currently Bro. Brown is the group leader of Zone 2 and the Benevolence Committee Coordinator. He is married to the former Mary P. Brown, his wife of 36 years. They have two adult children, Lesley Brown and Clyde W. Brown Jr.



Michael R. McCulloch

Michael R. McCulloch was baptized April 17, 1975, at Darby Drive Church of Christ in Florence, Alabama. He later attended Westside Church of Christ in Florence, Alabama, from 1976-79. The McCullochs placed membership at Dill Avenue Church of Christ in 1979, and have served faithfully since. Bro. McCulloch is currently serving as the Adult Sunday School teacher, group leader of Zone 13, Worship Coordinator, and Evangelism Committee Leader. He is married to the former Rita D. Brooks, his wife of 33 years. They have two children, Amber and Jason.

Arthur Morris, III



Arthur Morris, III is married to Mattie V. Morris. He currently serves a group leader of Zone 1B and the coordinator of the Membership Committee. They have three children: Arthur Morris, Jr, Finis Creer, and Pamela P. Morris.



Preston A. Thacker, Sr.

Preston A. Thacker, Sr. was baptized April 4, 1956, in Hopewell, Virginia, and attended Chimborazo Boulevard Church of Christ in Richmond, Virginia. He has been a member of the Dill Avenue Church of Christ since its relocation from Chimborazo. Bro. Thacker has served as the Education Superintendent since 1958. He has also served as the interim minister for congregations in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and Stafford and Louisa, Virginia. He is married to the former Pearl M. Miller, his wife of 56 years. They are the parents of four children: Viliera Graves (Deceased), Cynthia E. Patrick, Regina Harris, and Preston Thacker, Jr.