

History of the Senior Usher Board #2

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To God be the Glory. As we celebrate our 68th Anniversary, we are grateful and thankful to God for the great things He has done for us.

The *Senior Usher Board #2* was organized from the members of the Junior Red Circle in 1943, under the leadership of our late Pastor, Reverend Charles H. Hamilton. The first elected President was the late Mattie Felder in 1947, followed by William E. Harvey, Isabelle Wade and Mattie V. North who was elected in 1953 and served for 32 years. When she became ill in 1983, Melvin Davis, Vice president acted until his successor Jessie B. Watson was installed as President in 1986 and served for 9 years.

Dorothy Williamson was installed as President in 1995 – 2000 and again in 2003, 2004 and 2005. Other Presidents: Retha Linder 2001 – 2002 and Percell Avery 2008 - 2009. Our present President is Patricia A. Fenwick. She also served as President 2006 – 2007 and 2010.

The Nurses for Senior Usher Board #2 were formed in the late 40's. Charter member was Carrie Jones, Mary Chambers-Ned, Dorothy Avent, the late Thelma Davis, Alice R. Moore and Helen Brandon. Later the Nurses were joined by Sylvia Turner, Patricia Alston, Mary Covington, Dorothy Norris, Junell Johnson and Rose Fair.

From the Usher Board, the following members were elevated to higher stations: Leroy White, James Young, George Best and Jerline Thompson (Ministry); Wesley Williams, Willie Miller, Lewis Serious and James Green (Deacon Board); William Harvey, Charlie Burney, Howard Williams and Mattie V. North (Trustee Board). Sister North was the first female Trustee in history of the Church. She served 11 years. Roy Prince (Church Treasurer); and Jessie B. Watson (Assistant Recording Secretary), Dorothy Williamson and Patricia Fenwick (Church Finance Committee) and Edward Bell (Chairman, Trustee Board).

Some of the accomplishments of Senior Usher Board #2: the purchase of altar kneeling pads, pulpit Bibles and clocks for the upper auditorium, television for the Pastor's study, organ speaker enclosures and the purchase of an icemaker. Initiated Special Project-Donation Program for Junior Village, Food for the Elderly, Christmas Baskets and the Refurbishment of the Youth Center.

Founder of Senior Usher Board No. 2 were: Zola Dixon, Vermell Ledbitter, Wille Miller, Willie Mae Harris, Lillis Mae Nellons, Mary Covington, Retha M. Williams, Carrie Jones, William Harvey McDaniel and Minnie Rowe.

"I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God..."
Psalm 84:10