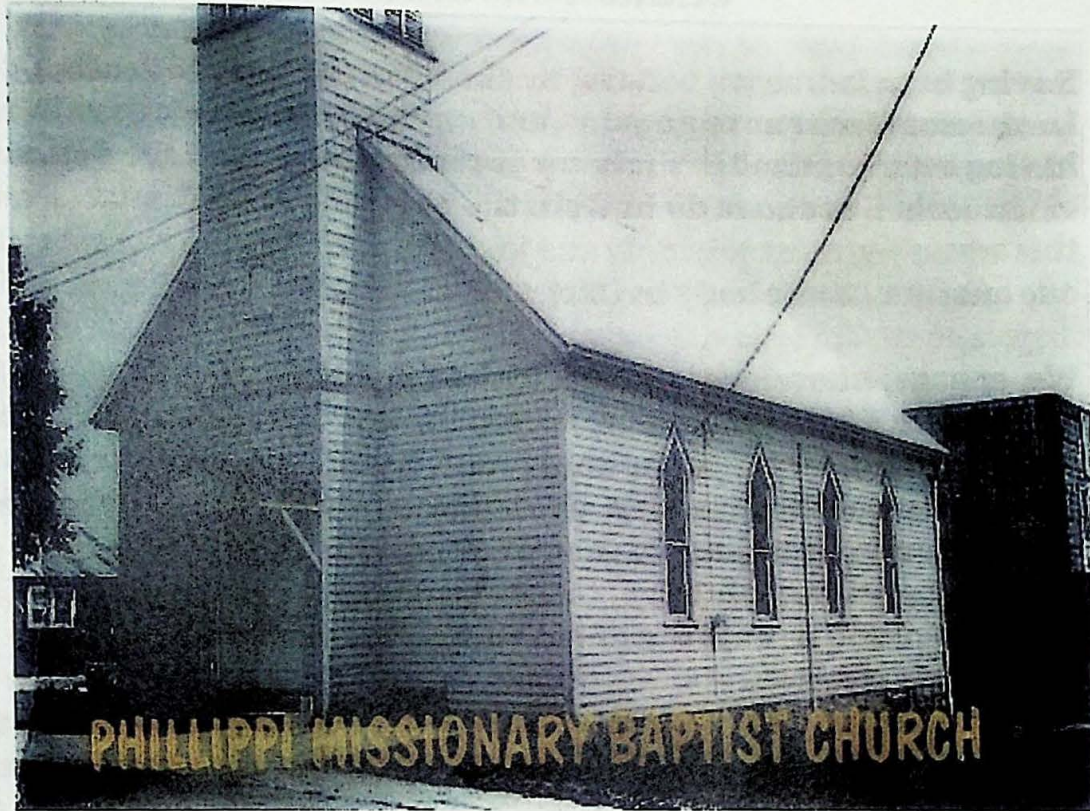


# Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church

150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary (1867-2017)

Sunday October 15, 2017- 11 A.M.

Rev. Timothy A. Watterson-Guest Speaker



## Theme: Faith equals Perseverance

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. James 1:12

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## CHURCH COVENANT

**Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.**

**We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances; discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.**

**We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to use our influence to combat the abuse of drugs and the spread of pornography; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.**

**We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.**

**We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.**

150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Service

Sunday October 15, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Rev. Timothy A. Watterson

~Order of Service~

Prelude

Call to Worship

Devotions

Deacons

Congregational Hymn

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Responsive Reading

"The Missionary Church" # 564

Welcome

Mrs. Sandi Davis

Response

Selections

Phillippi Combined Choirs

Church Covenant (front)

Read in unison by congregation

Selection

Nakisha Campbell, Monica, Samiyah & Myin Hairston

Church History

Brother Stan Cannon

Offering

Deacons, Officers & Ushers

Offertory Response

All Things Come Of Thee"

Essay Winner Faith = Perseverance Makiah, Kenadee Willians, Mena Copney

Selection

Tracy & Linda Haynes

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Pastor Joseph Holifield

Selection

Gregory Wash

Anniversary Sermon

Rev. Timothy A. Watterson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Remarks

Pastor Joseph Holifield

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing of Food

(Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Benediction)



## Phillippi Baptist Church 150 Years

Phillippi Baptist Church is living proof of the word God. Matthew 16:18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

Jesus tells Peter that the gates of hell cannot prevail against the church. The church isn't a building or a place. The church is people who believe by faith in Jesus Christ, with the spirit of God living in them.

Over one hundred and fifty years many things have changed, the place and building have changed. I think this dwelling is the third Phillippi Baptist Church building. Many things has changed, maybe you have memories of what the building used to look like or the way we used to do things. Maybe you remember the people that used to be here. I have many memories of the people who had been a part of this body.

I want to remember the past but I don't want to live in the past. I want to remember what God did yesterday and know that God will take care of today and tomorrow. Faith in God is the one thing that has kept this assembly of believers for one hundred and fifty years. The building, place, and people may change, but faith in God is the one thing that will keep the Church. The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it, me, or you.

With Love,

Pastor Holifield



Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church

Celebrating 150 Years

Faith Equals Perseverance

Phillippi is celebrating one hundred fifty years and along this journey both Faith and Perseverance have been evident. I must admit initially when I saw this theme, I had doubts about the statement Faith equaling Perseverance. But upon examining the scriptures, I see where the two are interconnected. It is definitely clear that you need both in order to serve the Lord.

The Bible speaks on both Faith and Perseverance many times. James 1:2-3 states, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." (NIV) and Revelations 2:19, "I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first." (NIV).

I'm so glad that our founders and forefathers lived Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the confidence in what we hope for and the assurance about what we do not see" (NIV). Do you think our forefathers would have ever imagined the church surviving for one and half centuries? Would they be pleased by this body of believers?

As the church we must continue the work that our founders started. Using the talents that God has given each of us to be salt and light to a dying world. We must remain steadfast in teaching and training those who will lead Phillippi to our next 150 years. "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18. In a world full of uncertainty we need to continue to serve with a sense of urgency.

Congratulations Phillippi on 150 years, let us not just survive for another 150 years but thrive for the praise, glory and honor of our Lord and Savior, Master and Redeemer. We will thrive by each of us doing our part and allow the Lord to multiply our efforts. Phillippi has a beautiful history. Let us all faithfully persevere to keep God's church strong for another century and a half.

Yours in Christ,

Yvonne Holifield

Dear Church Family,

It has been a physical, emotional and taxing year. . But it has been a Great year because we are still here. God had given us new mercy every day. Let's thank God appreciate and lives our life's worth of him.

With love

Minster Chris Collie



Giving all honors to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, my wife and I are truly grateful for all the blessings that the Lord has so graciously bestowed upon us. And as we look back over our lives and reflect on just how far the Lord has brought us, we can truly say that if it had not been for the Lord on our side we could not have made it. We are so grateful to have been blessed with not only a wonderful immediate family, but also an amazing church family. It is because of the faith and the prayers of both that we have been able to persevere. We are so honored to be a part of the Phillippi family and we would like to say thank you to all of you for your unconditional love and awesome faith. We love you all and we pray for you always. Our hope for the future of Phillippi is this; that your faith may be strengthened and that you all may live the words of Roman 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. By doing so we all can achieve that common goal and fulfill the words of James 1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. So again we say thank you to our family and thank you to our Phillippi family for helping us on our journey and just remember that  
Faith = Perseverance!

With love,  
The Haynes family



### BIOGRAPHY

Timothy Aaron Watterson, born the 3rd of 6 children to Clarence and Edith Watterson. Husband to Ailine Harris Watterson and Father to Ezekiel, De'Vante, Ahmik, Marcus and Joe Watterson, Philliana, Lanetta, Holli, Michelle, Klarissa, Kwandra, James, India S. and India P., Kedylia, Patricia, Geneveive, Sonya, Ebony, Deidre, RJ (Raymond John), Ciera, Tyrie, BJ (Bobby Jack), Portia, Kasey, Chris R., Kiara, Leland, Jonathan, Joey, Tisha, Maliek, Larohn, Chris P., Kelia, Tyreese, Cortnee, Renea, Venessa, Angel, Garrett, Jameisha B., James B., Johnathan B., Renea Y., Chaka, James W., Preston, Ciara L, Brandon W., Jason, Shamekiah L. Tiaquanna D., Sherry B. and Tim Watterson is a child of the Most High God, believer in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

### REFLECTIONS

My time at Phillippi as I remembered it; was a walk of Faith. We accomplished many things and I had no other choice then but to lean into God. The things we did or attempted to do, as I see it, as I remember it; was inspired by God. It became part of the legacy of this church. I still feel inspired and humbled by my time here.

I will not for one moment say that it was easy, nor will I say it was of me, myself; but it was of God and His plans for the great body of believers who for years never gave up the dream, never stopped praying for the ideas, but most of all continued to seek the Face of God and the Hand of His favor.

By God's grace I came, by God's grace I served, by God's grace I saw His hands at work in my life, in the building of the Sanctuary and then God favored me to witness an increase and an expansion of His Love in His people. What a wonderful God we serve. What a wonderful people you are.

I thank you my Phillippi Family for the opportunity and time I had to serve you at Phillippi Baptist Church.

## Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church History

(Revised-October 2017)

It is estimated that Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1867 by Horace Leftwich, a former slave. Traveling over the hills and valleys of Northeast Tennessee, he determined that the black people of Carter and Johnson Counties needed a place of worship. The Elizabethton Colored Baptist Church was the name given to the church in Carter County and the church was a member of the Watauga Association of Baptists. In 1869, the Elizabethton Colored Baptist Church left the Watauga Baptist Association and became a member of Bethel District Baptist Missionary and Educational Association.

William Jobe, a preacher who had established a church in Jonesborough, brought George Henderson Phillips to serve as preacher of The Elizabethton Colored Baptist Church. There were about 40 members

Between the years 1869 & 1871, the members changed the name to Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church. During the time, Horace Leftwich served as church clerk and a deacon. He was later licensed to preach and serve as pastor. The contributions of Horace Leftwich, were far greater than any other because he was the founder of Phillippi. Because of this, in 2012 the street where we are located was changed from East M Street to Horace Leftwich Lane.

In 1884, Rev. Phillips became pastor of Phillippi and served until 1885. Rev. W.H. Ford became pastor in 1885 and served until 1901. Due to the "May Flood" in 1901, Phillippi was forced to move from "Cat Island" to its present location. Rev. W. A. C. Breedlove was called as pastor and served for 43 years when illness caused him to no longer be able to serve. Rev. J.C. Harris was called to serve as interim pastor until rev. M. D. Machen was called to serve as pastor. Rev. Machen served from 1943-1952.

Rev. Fred Mitchell served as pastor from 1952-1955. He was followed in service by Rev. William Owens. Rev. Owens became ill and Phillippi lost another dedicated leader. Rev. J.E. Gambrell became interim pastor and served until 1961 when the Church called Rev. A.W. Hubbard, a minister from Knoxville, TN. Rev. Hubbard served for 14 years 1961-1975.

In January, 1976, Phillippi called Rev. William M. Holloway Jr. to serve as pastor. He served until 1981. On the 1st Sunday in January, 1982, Rev. Larry S. Williams began his tenure as pastor. He served until March, 1994 when he too became ill and left us to join former pastors in Gloryland. During the tenure of Rev. Williams, we were fortunate to have the following ministers as associate ministers. They were: Rev. Tim Watterson, Rev. C. Danny Johnson, Rev. Jesse MacMurray and Rev. Jeremy Van Blommestein.

Following Rev. William's death in March, Rev. Watterson became interim pastor and was called as pastor in July 1994. He served as pastor until 2003 when he resigned and Rev. Joseph Holifield was called to serve as interim pastor. In January, 2004, the church called Rev. Holifield to serve as pastor. Rev. Holifield observed his 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as pastor on September 17, 2017. Associate ministers for Phillippi are Rev. Hugh Chris Collie and Rev. V. Tracy Haynes Jr.

Phillippi has grown immensely under the leadership of its pastors and interim pastors. We have accumulated property, new structures, furnishings and vehicles. We serve the community in various outreach ministries. We support local and foreign missions, God has truly blessed us. He has done so much for us these 150 years. We give Him the praise for He is worthy. We continue to commune with Him in Prayer. We allow His power to lead and guide us. Our sustainability is due to the continuing forces, three powerful forces, and three powerful objectives of the church: PRAISE! PRAYER! POWER!

## Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church

### Former & Present Pastors

1875-1884.....	Horace Leftwich
1884-1895.....	George Henderson Phillips
1895-1901.....	W. H. Ford
1901-1943.....	Prof. William A.C. Breedlove
	(J. C. Harris for Rev. Breedlove during illness)
1943-1952.....	M. D. Machen
1952-1955.....	Fred Mitchell
1955.....	William Owens
	(J.E. Gambrell of Kingsport interim Pastor upon death of Rev. Owens.)
1961-1975.....	Alphonso W. Hubbard
1976-1982.....	W. McKinley Holloway
1982-1994.....	Larry S. Williams
1994-2003.....	Timothy A. Watterson
2004-present.....	Joseph Holifield

"And He gave some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ". (Ephesians 4:11-12)

#### Other points of interest

During the tenure of Rev. Machen, the church built the first parsonage for its pastor.

While Rev. Hubbard was pastor the congregation paneled the inside walls of the church and covered the outside of the building in brick.

Phillippi purchased the lot on the corner of Lynn Avenue and East M Street during the tenure of Rev. Holloway, thus allowing the church to own the short block known as East M Street.

A new parsonage was built during the pastorate of Rev. Larry S. Williams.

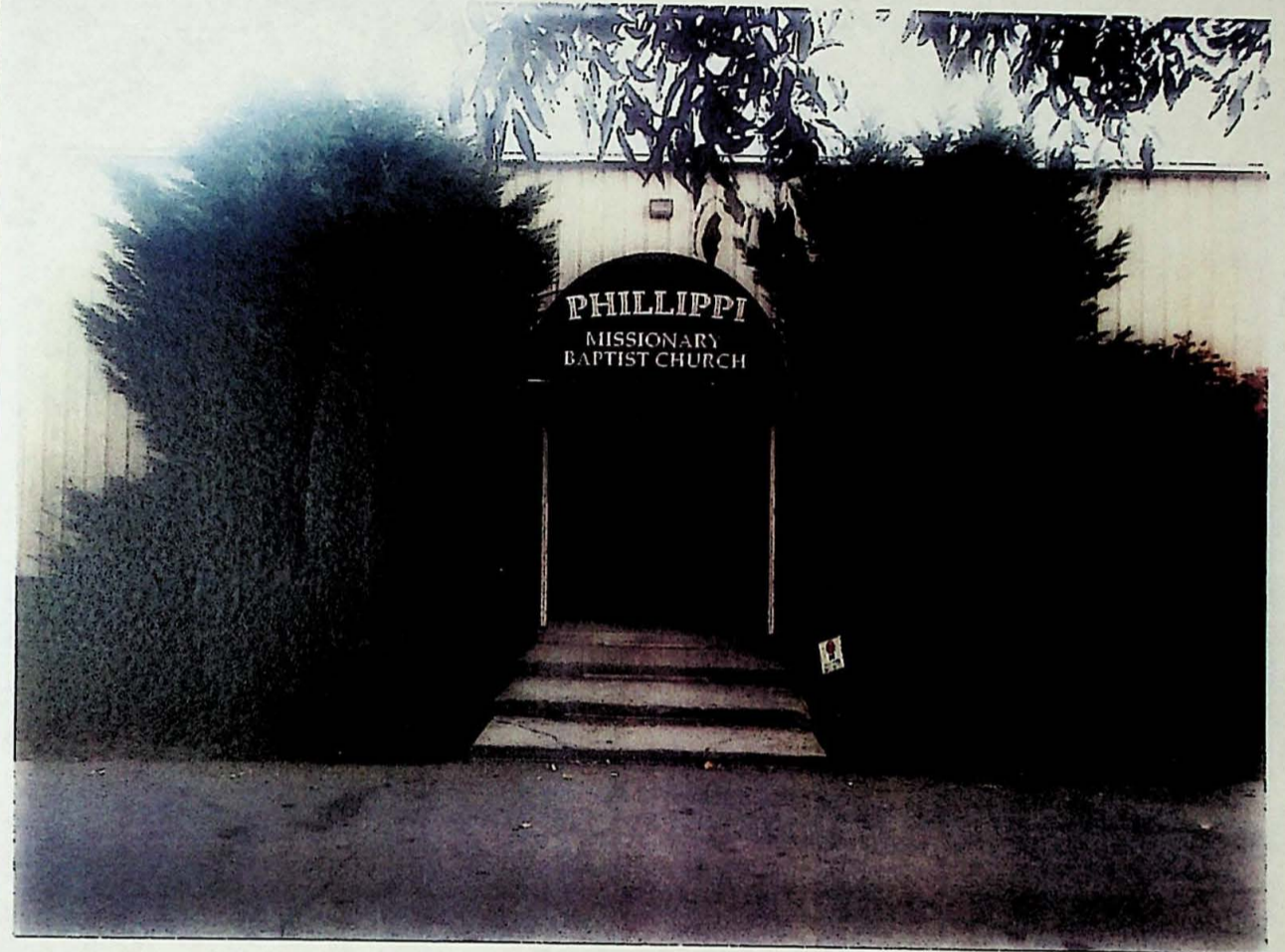
August 12, 1999- a groundbreaking ceremony was held behind the standing facility for a new church. Rev. Timothy A. Watterson was pastor.

June 11, 2000-The dedication service of the present facility was held with the dedicatory message being preached by Rev. Carl Bragg, Moderator of the Bethel District Association.

In 2012 A dedications was held changing the name from East M Street to Horace Leftwich Lane after our founding father.

In the fall of 2015 under the direction of Rev. Joseph Holifield we purchased the lot across the street of the corner of Lynn Avenue and Horace Leftwich Lane.

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.” James 1:12



150 years of standing on the promises Of God  
We have survived windstorms, the “May Flood”, bees in the belfry and other catastrophes; yet God has allowed the church to remain a unified body of baptized believers. We have the victory in Christ Jesus!!