

## Trustee Emeritus



# Deacon Ralph Bankston

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Ralph Bankston born in LaGrange, Georgia where he graduated from East Depot High School. Deacon Bankston has been a member of Mount Welcome Missionary Baptist Church since 1978. He has served as a Sunday School Teacher and weekly Bible Study teacher for over 30 years. He has been a member of the Deacon Ministry for over 30 years and he has served as Chairman. He has also been a member of the Trustees Ministry for 30 plus years during that time he also served as Chairman of the Ministry.

Deacon Bankston retired from AGL Resources where he served as Director of Community and Civic Affairs responsible for directing all outreach programs and activities that strengthen community relations and supported the corporation's objective. Managed and directed special activities and was a liaison to energy companies nationally. He was also President of the AGL Flame Club.

Deacon Bankston has served on several boards some of which include Atlanta Regional Commission, NAACP, American Association of Blacks in Energy, Clark Atlanta University Board of Visitors. He served as Chairman of TEAM Georgia and was a member of The Atlanta Business League and the Small Business Administration. Deacon Bankston is a member of Leadership Atlanta class of 1995.

Deacon Bankston enjoys working with young people and reading in his spare time. His favorite scripture is Proverbs 4:5-7: Get wisdom, get understanding: forget her not, neither let her decline from the words of thy mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her and she will keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom and with all thy getting get understanding.

Deacon Bankston has been married to Sister Carean Bankston for 58 years and they have two sons, Deron, and Brian and seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Deacon Bankston feel that this is the correct time for him to step away from the Trustees ministry and make room for new young energetic new members.



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# Deacon Willie Heath

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Deacon Willie C. Heath was born to Mr. Johnnie B. and Sallie L. Heath in Sparta, Georgia. He attended T. Hancock County Elementary School in Sparta, and would later graduate from Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, GA. He worked decades in the Flexo Printing Company, Atlanta, Georgia; a Papermill Industry which produced all types of food wrappers and Bread Bags, etc.

He was ordained as a Deacon of the New Hope Powelton Baptist Church, Sparta, Georgia in 1960 and served there for numerous years. In later years he would join the Mt. Welcome Missionary Baptist Church and continue his work as a Deacon. His tremendous fulfillment has been his work on the Mt. Welcome Deacon's Board Ministry and working with the very fine Mothers Ministry of this church. His greatest prayer is that the Mothers Ministry will continue to be the courageous and beautiful role models that they are today. Down through the years Deacon Heath has enjoyed vacationing at the Beach with his family and friends. He thoroughly enjoys working outside, Gardening, Cutting Lawns and Simply Relaxing.

If there has been work to do around the church, Deacon Heath has been willing to get it done. He truly loves the Lord with all his heart. His favorite Scripture is Matthew 5:16- "Let your light shine before Men, that they may see your good works and glorify the Father which is in heaven." He further adds; the Light of the world for a Deacon and a Believer of Christ is to display the light of Jesus by doing the Good Work; which God intends for us to do.

Deacon Emeritus Willie C. Heath! Today your Church Family is Extremely Proud of You, We Salute and Congratulate You!  
Well, Done, thy Good and Faithful Servant!!!





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# Bro. Amos Weaver

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Amos Weaver, Sr. was born to Deacon Cooper Weaver and Mother Daisy Williams Weaver in Chipley, GA; now known as Pine Mountain, Georgia. At an early age he moved to Atlanta, GA to further his education. He received numerous awards throughout his formal education years.

Our Brother Weaver owns many titles; "Brother Amos started out from Laying Bricks to Cooking Dynamic Grits" a description; our very own Rev. Aaron Robinson fondly labeled him. The Atlanta Journal and Constitution describes him as "Famous Amos the Chef with "Loving Spoonful Grits". Bro. Weaver learned his craft for food from several Executive Chefs of the Georgia Restaurant Association and has been dubbed with yet another title, "Famous Amos Grits".

He is most famous for his Lamb Chops, Shrimp and Grits. Bro. Amos has used his incredible culinary gift to bless Food Franchises such as IHOP, Steeple House, The Abbey, The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead, J W Marriott to the Cherokee Town and numerous Country Clubs that service the Governor's Mansion in the state of GA and their clientele. He is a proud Honoree of the "National African American Culinary Arts and Hospitality Association. Bro. Amos is proud to have cooked for the Grand opening of the Georgia World Congress Center, downtown Atlanta. He is equally proud to have cooked for the 1996 Summer Olympic Teams, which were hosted in the Peach State Capital of the South, Atlanta, Georgia.

Bro. Amos was an Inaugural member of Mt. Welcome's first Senior Usher Board under the Leadership of the Late, Sis. Agnes Roberts who was President. He even tried singing for a little while in the Male Chorus. Later years he became a Trustee of the Mt. Welcome Baptist Church Trustee Board.

He has been happily married to the lovely Mother Hazel Weaver for almost 60 years. He is a very loving Father and Grandfather. To support and help grow our Youth Department's participation in Sunday School on Second Sundays, he served on the culinary committee, by cooking breakfast for them. Our annual Men Day Breakfast has been a recipient of his skillset as well. Today, we all remain grateful as he continues to bless this church family by donating his time and talents when celebratory occasions arise within the church.

Emeritus Trustee Amos, Weaver, Sr.! Today your Mt. Welcome Church Family is proud to Celebrate, Salute and Honor You for your Extraordinary Culinary Skills to this City and Beyond. God Bless!!!





## Deacon Alton Sneed Trustee Emeritus

Deacon Alton Sneed was born in Ocilla GA and is a proud PK kid. He is married to Sis. Patricia Sneed and has been for almost 45 years. They have four children: Timothy, Kennya, Nykia, and Adrian. They are blessed with 11 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He is a US Airforce Veteran who served as a Telecommunication Specialist. Deacon Sneed was employed in the field of Information Technology for several companies and recently retired from the Dekalb County School System. He is striving to enjoy life to the fullest. He loves fishing, gardening, line dancing, and recently took up photography as a hobby.

Deacon Sneed has been a member of Mount Welcome for over 40 years and has served faithfully. He served on various ministries: Usher, Choirs, Trustee, and Deacon Boards. He also helped form the Patsy Grant Youth Choir, and was one of the senior Advisors to over 30 youth members. He is an active participant in a Small Group called The Inspirationalists and has also participated in Mount Welcome's international mission trips.

Deacon Sneed has a caring heart and is willing to help anyone in need. His family sees him as a Jack of all Trades and uses his time and talents to help others. He is passionate in his beliefs and tries diligently to live according to God's Holy Word. His favorite scripture is Romans 12:2 - And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. He loves this scripture because it shows the transformation that takes place in a person's life when they keep their mind stayed on God.

