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Madison County Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Training Union

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS
Reverend DeLaughter's Beloved Grandsons

ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS
Family & Friends

Earthly Bed of Slumber
Oakridge No.1 Cemetery
394 Northwest Meeting Avenue
Madison, Florida 32340

REPAST
Immediately following the Committal Service,
the DeLaughter Family will be honored to fellowship with
family members and friends in the annex of
St. James M.B. Church * Madison, Florida.

THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

The Family of *Reverend David F. DeLaughter* wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to everyone who has extended prayers, love, support, visits, calls, cards, and comforting expressions during this season of bereavement. Your kindness and compassion have strengthened and uplifted us through these difficult days.

We extend special thanks to the devoted caregivers, the compassionate staff of Big Bend Hospice, and Madison Health & Rehabilitation Center for the exceptional care, dignity, and love shown to *Reverend DeLaughter* throughout his journey. May God richly bless each of you for every act of kindness shown to our family.
~ The DeLaughter Family



We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed upon us during the Homegoing Service of your loved one. Our fervent hope is that all measures of assistance rendered to your family have been completed in detail. For all your confidence placed in our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.

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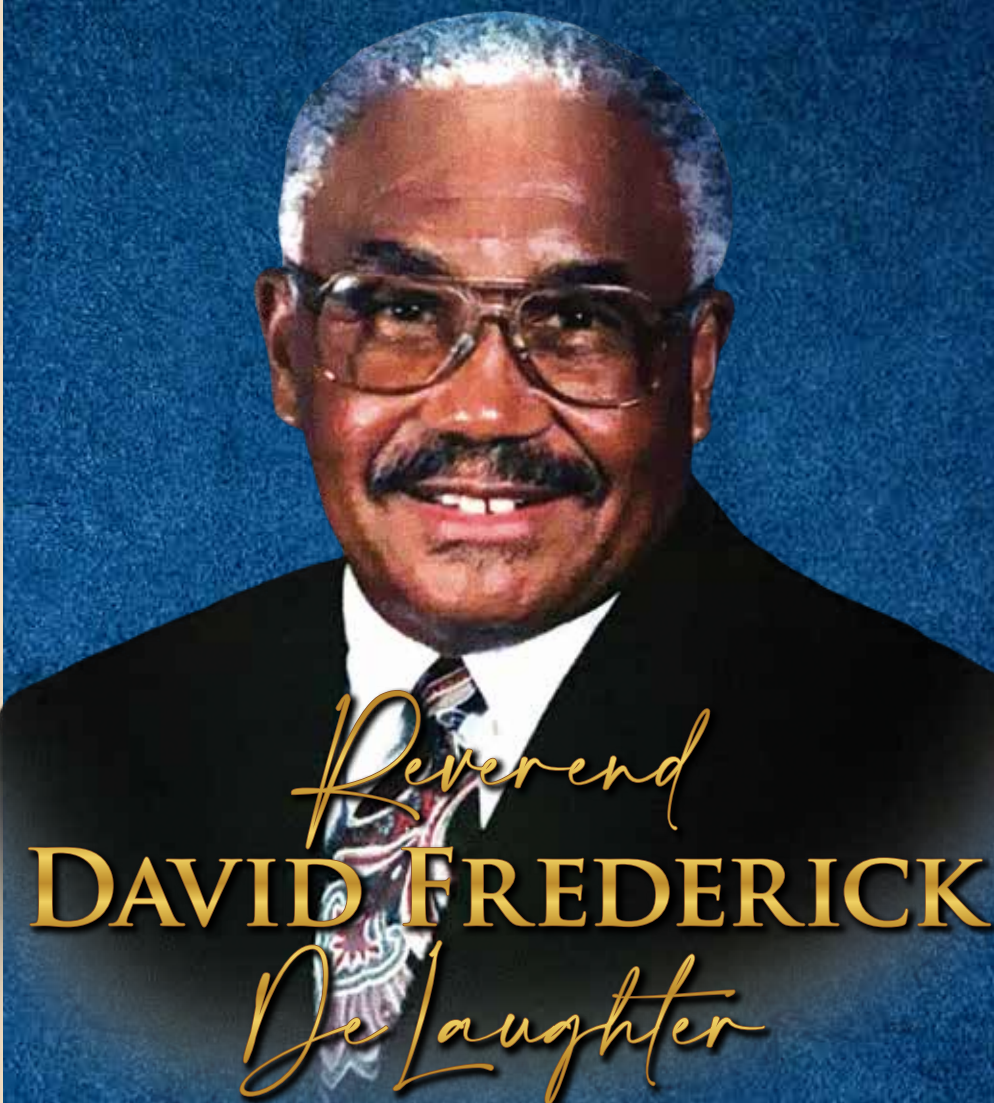
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**CELEBRATING THE
WORK, LIFE &
FAITHFUL SERVICE OF**



**Reverend
DAVID FREDERICK
DeLaughter**
GENESIS **REVELATIONS**
September 15, 1929 May 4, 2026

Celebrating His Life
Friday, May 15, 2026 | 11:00 AM

DAMASCUS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
185 Southwest Smith Street
Madison, Florida 32340

Pastor Greory Williams, Gracious Host
Pastor Oliver Bradley, Officiant
Pastor Charlie Barfield, Eulogist

J.P. Moore Undertaking Company, Directing

LIFE STORY

David DeLaughter

1929-2026

The life of David Fredrick DeLaughter began September 15, 1929, as the second child of Albert and Roberta DeLaughter. Reverend DeLaughter's education began in the public school system of Madison County and extended to multiple certifications in media. He was the Audio/ Visual Technician (Media Specialist) at North Florida Community College.

At an early age Reverend DeLaughter made a commitment to Christ as Lord, that served as the foundation for lifelong service to the church and Madison County community. Major milestones in a life of service include ordination as a deacon for Damascus Baptist Church, call to pastorate for New Canaan, Damascus and St. James Missionary Baptist Churches.

During each pastorate Reverend DeLaughter led respective congregations in significant growth offerings to the community as well as development of physical facilities. Across a collective ministry spanning more than 30 years, he emphasized Christian education, community service, youth development and active involvement in the political process as vehicles to improve the lives of citizens in Madison County and surrounding jurisdictions. As an example of exemplary leadership in the spiritual domain, Reverend DeLaughter mentored several aspiring ministers who are now serving as pastors or have served as pastors. Additionally, as President of the Madison County Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Training Union, he provided stellar modeling for current and aspiring pastors. The effect of his impactful leadership of the Union was on full display when this gathering of like-minded churches suspended term limit provisions in the by-laws and encouraged Reverend DeLaughter to lead as long as the Lord allowed.

His contributions to the Madison County community are not limited to the religious domain. As one of several founding members of the Madison County Recreation Association, he worked tirelessly to bring wholesome recreational opportunities to the youth of Madison County. He was also an energetic advocate for North Florida College.

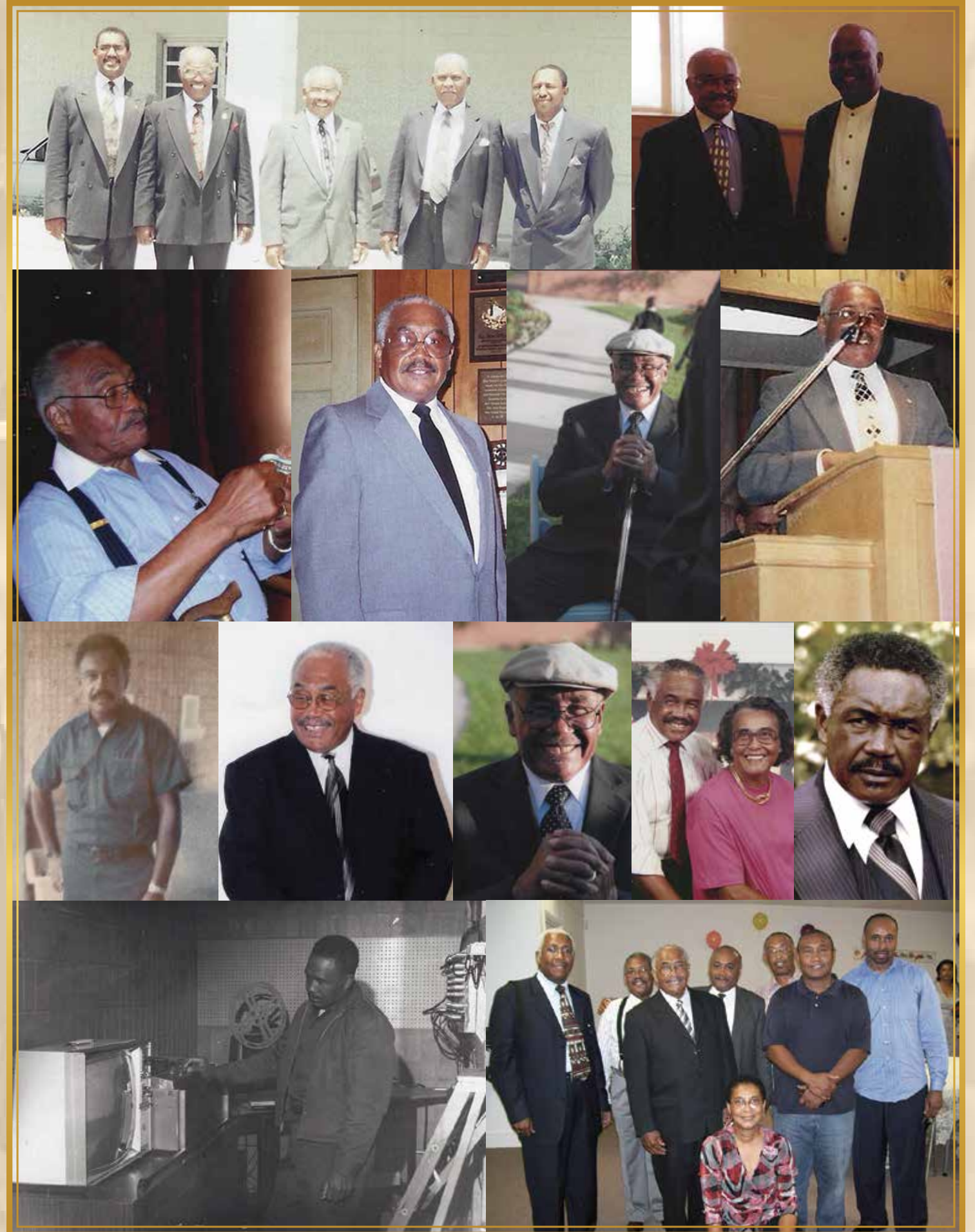
Reverend DeLaughter met his future bride, Charlye Elizabeth McDonald at a school in the Crossroads community where her mother, Hannah McDonald was a dedicated teacher. Many years later, five children were born to this union and the family eventually expanded to include five more.

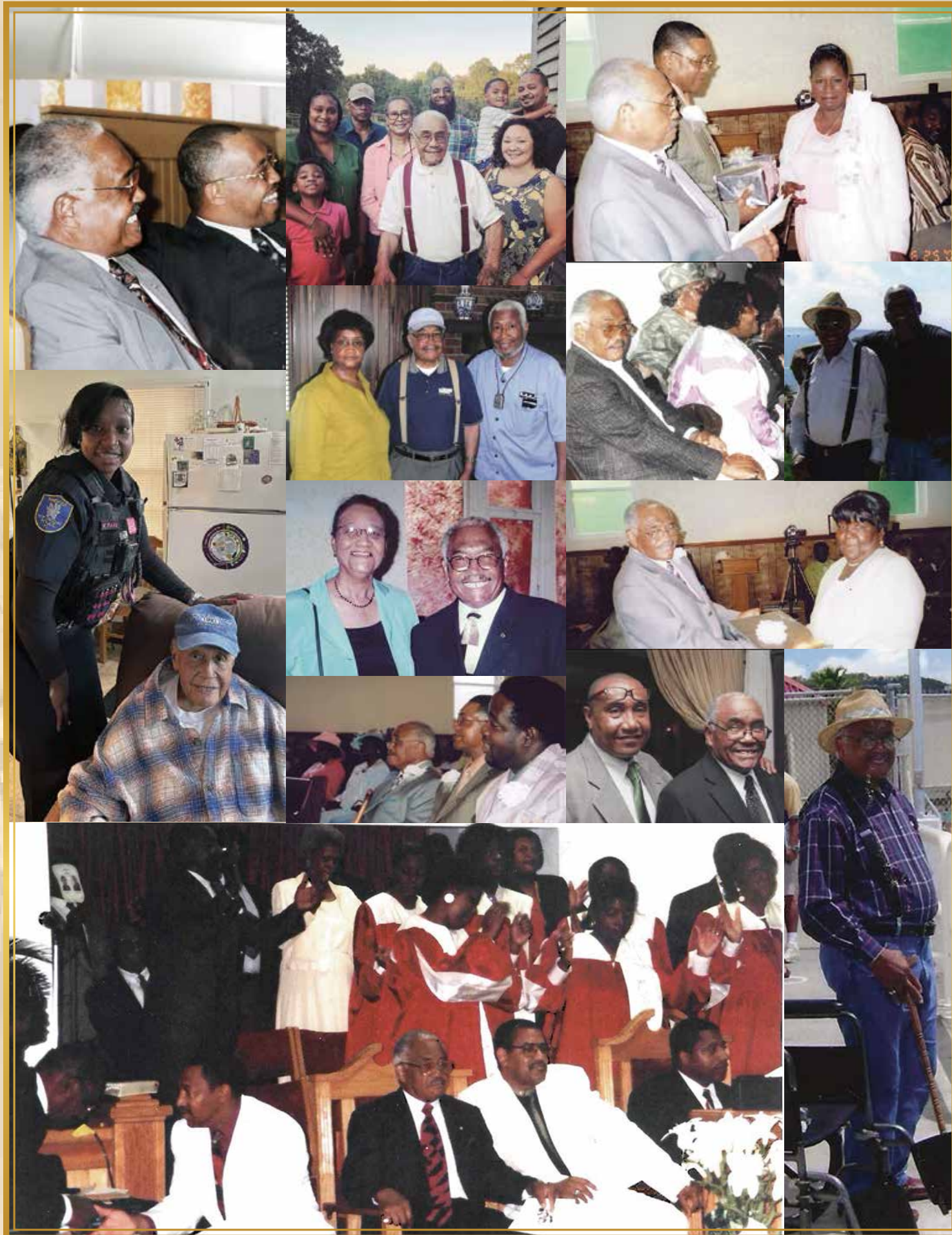
After his dedicated employment and distinguished ministerial careers, Reverend DeLaughter knew that it was time to rest from his labor. While he was confined at home, he continued to mentor and guide his family and members of the community. Then on Monday, May 4, 2026, he transitioned from this life to receive his eternal blessings. "Well done, my good and faithful servant ... Enter the joy of the Master!"

The community, along with the DeLaughter family, is impacted by the loss of this faithful Man of God, who is celebrated as Heaven's gain. Loved ones who will forever cherish his loving memories are his children: Daveta "Lucky", Donald (Gloria), Rev. Charles (Linda), Michael (Jackie), Robin (Terry), Lewis (Faye) Moore, Jenet Tookes, and Rita Hawkins; sisters: Mary Frances Holloway and Laverne Lamb; daughter-in-love: Nancy Williams; loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; sister-in-love: Betty DeLaughter; along with many other comforting relatives, caring church families, and uplifting Ministers of the Gospel.

Preceding Reverend David DeLaughter in death were his parents: Albert and Roberta DeLaughter; loving wife of fifty-one years: Charlye Elizabeth DeLaughter; daughter: Joanne Tookes; son: James "Red" Williams; son-in-love: David Wilson; siblings: Catherine Brown, Ezell Tookes, Rev. James DeLaughter, Martha Hervey, Dorthenia McLeod, and Naomi Anderson.

The descendants of Albert and Alberta DeLaughter honor the past and anticipate a bright future with noteworthy accomplishments that focus on the keystone principle of Reverend DeLaughter's legacy: community service.





THE DIVINE ORDER *of* SERVICE

PRELUDE
The J.P. Moore Gospel Chorale & Band

PROCESSIONAL
Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family

DEVOTION
"A Charge To Keep I Have"
Bishop Thomas D.A. Blue III

THE PRAYER OF CONSOLATION
Pastor Oliver Bradley

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:
Old Testament | Pastor Martae Telfair Smith
New Testament | Pastor Gregory Williams

SELECTION
J.P. Moore Gospel Chorale

TRIBUTES
Two minutes each, please
As I Knew Him | Reverend Robert Holmes
Family & Friends | *Limited to Three Reflections*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS
The J.P. Moore Staff

SELECTION
J.P. Moore Gospel Chorale

WORDS OF COMFORT
Pastor Charlie Barfield

FAMILY TRIBUTE
Reverend Charles DeLaughter

MORTICIAN'S BRIEF
Mr. Jamarie "J.P." Moore, LFD

RECESSIONAL
Clergy & Family

*"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor
depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to
separate us from the love of God, which is in
Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8:38-39 KJV*



**"WHEN YOU REMEMBER ME,
Remember Love"**

To My Beloved Family,

If these words find you with tears in your eyes, let them also place peace within your hearts. Please know that I have lived a blessed life — a life filled with faith, family, purpose, and the goodness of God. The Lord allowed me to walk this earth for many years, and for every moment, I am grateful.

As you continue your journey, I pray you will always be kind to people. In a world that can sometimes be harsh, let your words be gentle, your spirit be gracious, and your heart remain full of compassion. Never allow bitterness to take root where love can grow.

Look for the good in this world. Even in difficult days, there is still beauty to be found, hope to be shared, and light that shines through darkness. Choose to see the best in others whenever you can. Everyone is carrying burdens you may never know about.

Remain humble. No matter how high the Lord allows you to rise, never forget the value of serving others. Titles, possessions, and accomplishments may fade, but a humble spirit and a helping hand will leave footprints upon the hearts of people forever.

Give back to those in need. Feed the hungry, encourage the discouraged, pray for the brokenhearted, and never pass by an opportunity to make someone's life better. Service to humanity is one of the greatest ways we honor God.

And above all, live with gratitude. Thank God for every sunrise, every lesson, every trial, and every triumph. A grateful heart will carry you through seasons that strength alone cannot.

Do not spend too much time mourning me. Rejoice knowing that I have fought a good fight, finished my course, and kept the faith. Carry forward the values we shared, keep God first, and continue loving one another.

Whenever you gather, laugh together. Pray together. Take care of one another. And remember me not only for the sermons I preached, but for the life I tried to live before you each day.

My work here is done, but my love for you will never end.

With Eternal Love,

Reverend David F. DeLaughter



John 3:16

*"For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life."*

**WHEN I CAN READ
MY TITLE CLEAR**

*1 When I can read my title clear
To mansions in the skies,
I'll bid farewell to every fear,
And wipe my weeping eyes.*

Refrain:

*I'm goin' to trust in the Lord,
I'm goin' to trust in the Lord,
I'm goin' to trust in the Lord till I die,
I'm goin' to trust in the Lord,
I'm goin' to trust in the Lord,
I'm goin' to trust in the Lord till I die.*

*2 Should earth against my soul engage,
And fiery darts be hurled,
Then I can smile at Satan's rage,
And face a frowning world. [Refrain]*

*3 Let cares like a wild deluge come,
Let storms of sorrow fall!
May I but safely reach my home:
My God, my heaven my all. [Refrain]*

*4 There shall I bathe my weary soul
In seas of heavenly rest,
And not a wave of trouble roll
Across my peaceful breast. [Refrain]*