



Deacon Joseph H. Hood, Sr.

Deacon Joseph H. Hood, Sr. was born in Bronx, New York and reared in Charleston, S.C. He is the middle child of the late Mrs. Miriam Williams and Mr. Joseph T. Williams. Deacon Hood is married to Alice Frazier Hood and they have two sons, Joseph, Jr. of Atlanta, Ga. and Corey of Columbia, S.C., and the daughter they never had, Jessie, the wife of Joseph, Jr. and the mother of Joseph Ellis and Jackson Hearst.

Deacon Hood received his early education from the public schools of Charleston, S.C. graduating from Burke High School. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina, and completed their Culinary Arts certification program after retiring. He is a certified food and sanitation instructor. Deacon Hood was recently accepted in the graduate program at Erskine Theology Seminary in Columbia, S.C.

Deacon Hood attended St. Matthews Baptist Church in Charleston, S.C. during his younger years. He became a member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Orangeburg, S.C. which was under the leadership of Dr. Francis Everette. He was an active member of Mt. Pisgah until he moved to Columbia, S.C. and joined Second Calvary Baptist Church where he later was ordained as a deacon.

Deacon Hood has served on and chaired the Board of Deacons and Board of Missions for a number of years. He also served as the chair of the most recent Pastoral Search Committee, and he and his wife facilitate the church's Marriage Ministry. He has also served as the Chaplain of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association. Deacon Hood is currently treasurer of the Deacon Board and the James M. Hinton Foundation. Also, he is Moderator of the American Baptist Churches of the South, Area III, Vice President of the American Baptist Men USA, and a member of the Calvaliers and Brotherhood Choirs. Deacon Hood is a true servant of God and has always committed himself to serving others.

Deacon Hood was employed at the South Carolina Department of Public Safety and worked as a South Carolina State Trooper for thirty years, attaining the rank of Major. In reflecting on his career, he said that he knew God was ever present with him during his career because every time he got bored with one position, he would get a position change or a promotion. The highlight of his professional career was the opportunity to travel throughout the state of South Carolina making safety presentations in the school districts, the private sectors and on radio and television. He is a US Air Force veteran, who also served thirty years in the US Army Reserves, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer Four.

*I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace
given me through the working of his power.*

Ephesians 3:7