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Mission Statement

To glorify God and to be a true servant of God by serving mankind with love and compassion, and with the aid of the Holy Spirit, impart knowledge and understanding to them in ways that will impact and bring change to their lives, empowering them to be all they can be for Jesus Christ.

Qualifications

- Born Again
- Confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior at the age of eight (8) and was baptized at the Wayland Baptist Church, Trevilians, Virginia under the pastorate of the late Rev. Abraham F. Brown.
- Became a member of the First Baptist Church, Louisa in 1975 under the pastorate of the late Rev. Joseph R. Despot.
- I accepted my call to the Diaconate Ministry under the pastorate of the Rev. George N. West.
- Accepted my call into the Gospel Ministry in February 2004 under the pastorate of the Rev. Thomas J. Wooden, Jr.
- Was licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ on September 24, 2004 by the First Baptist Church, Louisa under the pastorate of the Rev. Thomas J. Wooden, Jr.
- Considerable church leadership experience: former Vice-chairperson of Diaconate Ministry; Youth Department, Co-chairperson; Men's Chorus, President; Men's Willing Workers Club, Secretary; Ever-Ready Club, President; Auditing Committee, Chairperson; Mattaponi District Convention Delegate; participated in the Mattaponi District Convention on Youth Missionaries and Church School; developed a Diaconate Leadership Guide for First Baptist Church Diaconate Ministry; provided Training to the Diaconate Leadership using the Training Guide; organized a Music Committee and served as Chairperson.
- Organized the Louisa and Vicinity Ministers' Conference in October 2008.
- Annually attend the Hampton Ministers' Conference, Hampton, Virginia.
- Considerable experience in Christian Education having served as Kindergarten teacher, Adult teacher, and Middle School teacher. I have also provided support to VBS as a Senior High teacher and Adult teacher.
- I have held membership in the Senior Choir and with the Hospitality Ministry.
- I received the Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia on Saturday May 12, 2007. My program of studies included: Biblical Studies, Old and New

Testaments, The Church and Its Ministry, Homiletics, Pastoral Care and Counseling, Church Finances and Administration, Christian Education, Systematic Theology, Music in Worship in the African-American Church, The Gospels, Christian and Professional Ethics, Church History, History of Religion in the U. S. and the Psalms.

- Good interpersonal (people) skills with eight (8) years of teaching public school and twenty-six (26) years in public school administration having the responsibility of interviewing, hiring, and managing ninety-eight (98) employees and as many as 675 students. I was also responsible for counseling and disciplining students, evaluating teachers, working with parents, community organizations and other community agencies.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills,
- Experience with computer applications such as Microsoft Office, Internet and other applications.

Ministry

2004-Present

- Associate Minister, First Baptist Church, Louisa
- Provide Spiritual Leadership
- Participate in Worship and serve as Worship Leader and offer Prayer as scheduled or when needed
- Preach when scheduled or as needed
- Administer the Ordinances of Baptism and Communion
- Performed Marriage Counseling and Weddings
- Preached Eulogies and performed Committals
- Officiated at Funerals

(Past)

- Served as an Usher, Deacon, and member of Pastor Search Committee
- Resigned as Pastor of Sharon Christian Church, Bumpass, Virginia July 2012
- Prepared the following ministerial and diaconate schedules: Worship Leader, Communion Preparation and Table Set-up, Bible Study, Welcome, Prayer for Morning Worship Service, Fourth Sunday Youth-Hour, and Fourth Sunday Combined Church School classes
- Served as Bible Study teacher
- Served as Kindergarten, Upper Elementary and Adult Sunday School teacher
- Sang on the Men's Chorus and the Senior Choir

Education

Master of Divinity degree: The Samuel DeWitt School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia May 12, 2007.

Master of Science degree: Agricultural Education, Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia, May 22, 1976.

Vocational Administration Endorsement: Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia

Educational Administration and Supervision Endorsement: University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia

Bachelor of Science degree: Agricultural Education, Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia, May 1971.

Teaching and Related Experience

Agricultural Education Instructor, Louisa County Public Schools, Louisa, Virginia
July 1, 1971 – August 10, 1979.

Director of Vocational Programs/Assistant Principal, Louisa County High School and Occupational Center, Mineral, Virginia, August 10, 1979 – June 30, 1984.

Assistant Principal, Louisa County Intermediate School, Louisa, Virginia, July 1, 1984 – June 30, 1985.

Principal, Louisa Elementary School, July 1, 1985 – June 30, 1986.

Assistant Principal, Trevilians Elementary School, Trevilians, Virginia, July 1, 1986 – July 5, 1994.

Principal, Jouett Elementary School, Mineral, Virginia, July 6, 1994 – June 30, 2005 (Retired).

Honors

Nominated to Who's Who Among Elementary School Educators

First Elementary School in Louisa County to become fully accredited

First African American to serve as Director of Vocational Education and Principal of Jouett Elementary School

First African American to serve as Principal of the Historic Louisa Elementary School

Assisted with the opening and organizing of Trevilians Elementary School in 1986 as its First African American Assistant Principal

Community Involvement

Member: NAACP
Louisa County Democratic Party
National Democratic Party
Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee: Louisa County Public Schools
Louisa County Public Schools Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee, Chairperson
Board, Adult Community Education
Board, Louisa Education Foundation
Vice-chair, Louisa County Chapter Virginia State University Alumni Assoc.
Organizing Virginia

University Activities

Member: Theologue Student Organization, Virginia Union University
Theologue Team Coordinator
2007 STVU Graduation Planning Committee
2007 STVU Senior Salute Day Planning Committee

Personal/Family Status

Married to the former Carson Alberta Kearney, Newport News, Virginia, July 29, 1973.

Carson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia, a Master of Education degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia and a Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia.

We are the proud parents of two daughters: Carson Lynette Kirsch and Lysie Patrice Cody. Lyn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia

and a Master of Education degree from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. She is currently a Doctoral candidate at A. T. Still University Arizona School of Health Sciences. Lyn and her husband, Dr. Stephen Kirsch, reside in Culver City, California. Lysine holds a Fine Arts degree from James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia and a Master of Education degree from George Mason University, Fairfax County, Virginia. Lysie and her husband, Gregory, reside in Springfield, Virginia.