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## We Celebrate Excellence



### Mrs. Mary Joyner

was born on November 27, 1925 in Windsor North Carolina, in the County of Bertie. Her parents were Mr. Turner and Mrs. Mary J Carter. She had one sister, Wilma Carter (Bond). In 1944 she met and married her husband, Mr. Walter B. Joyner and this past April the 20<sup>th</sup>, they celebrated 72 years of marriage.

Her education started at W.S. Etheridge High School in the city of Windsor which had an Elementary school located next to the High School. That school no longer stands in Windsor, but it was the largest school for blacks in Bertie County at the time. Upon graduation from W.S. Etheridge, she attended Elizabeth City College now Elizabeth City State University and graduated with a Bachelor Of Science Degree. She went into the teaching profession and remained there until she retired at the age of 65. Mrs. Joyner furthered her studies and received a Master's Degree from North Carolina Center University in Durham, NC. She also received her Supervisor qualifications from East Carolina University and did further study at University of Chapel Hill. She graduated in 1943.

Mrs. Joyner became a Supervisor County wide. She found that being a Supervisor did not give her the joy that teaching did for her. Her talents were used in helping special needs and for those that were not

students so much that she remained a teacher for 41 years in Bertie County.

Mrs. Joyner and her husband didn't have children, but she raised her nieces and nephews. So she and her husband became Godparents to Ross Bond, Constance B. Williams, and Michael Bond as well as her great niece, Roberta Brice. It is evident that Mrs. Joyner has a gift from God to care for others.

Her hobbies are gardening and crafts. Just ride past her house and you can see her handy work. She enjoys reading and said there is nothing like relaxing and reading a good book. She is an active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Her desire is for all children to get a good education and to keep the Lord in their lives.

Interviewed By Rayshana Freeman



# News from the Youth Department

The summer is approaching and our Youth Department is in full motion of doing great things. Here are just a few:

On July 3, 2016, the first Sunday the Youth Department will have their **Annual Anniversary**. We are asking that you support our youth.

Calling all parents and children--Summer Enrichment will take place again starting July 11-22, 2016. Look for more information to come from Sister Gloria Outlaw.

**Vacation Bible School** week will be July 25-30, 2016. Please see Sister Terrie Williams for more information.

Fieldtrip for the Youth Department on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July. Parents please check with Sister Monica Cooper and Brother Derick Cherry for more information.

**Youth Back To School Explosion** to take place the first weekend in August 2016, more information to come.

**Young Adult Anniversary** to take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in August 2016.

**We Saw You** Cornelius Freeman and Jaylan McDowall being gentleman. It is a nice thing to see our young men holding doors and treating our young and senior ladies with respect. Keep up the good work.

Congratulation is an expression of praise for an achievement or good wishes on something special. We have that here in our Youth Department. Let's start!

Congratulations to Azion and Ashanti Hyman for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the State Science Fair for their project.

Congratulations to Asia Cooper for making the Beta Club. You have to maintain a A-B average to be inducted into the Beta Club.

Honor Roll students are still going strong here at IWMBC, we have on the A honor roll La'Marion Daniels, Aamauri King and Keanna Daniels. On the B honor roll Asia Cooper, Ja'Ron Williams and Jha'Mya King.

Christian Education classes at IWMBC were well attended and our youth were there and will receive their certificates on graduation Sunday. Congratulations David Williams, Timothy Freeman, Da'vida Williams, La'Marion Daniels, Keanna Daniels, Rayshana Freeman, Asia Cooper, Cornelius Freeman and Tyree Hyman.

The youth had a great turn out at the county wide Missionary Services; we would like to thanks our driver Brother Lloyd Cooper.

**The Sunday School and Youth Department** gives much kudos to Mrs. Hattie Drake, Mr. Lloyd Cooper and Deacons Charlie and Cora King for having a small breakfast for us on Sundays.

We the youth department would like to thanks all those that support and help us in all our activities. So we are looking for all our youth to come out and join us, we have a number of things that we are getting together to expand our outreach. Parents you are invited to attend our meetings with your children. It is a special gift to work with the youth and we don't take it lightly, God has given us this gift and you have given us your trust. We thank our Pastor, Rev. David Moore for his guidance and teachings. We thank our youth workers for the assistance that they give. Our Youth Advisor Deacon Cora King, thank you very much.

*Sister Monica Cooper and Brother Derick Cherry*

*Youth Leaders*

**Remember for every action, there is a reaction.**