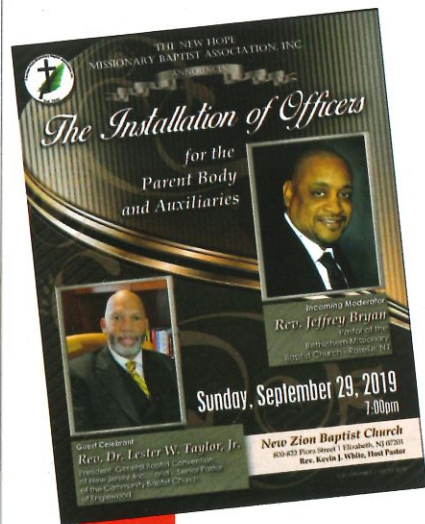


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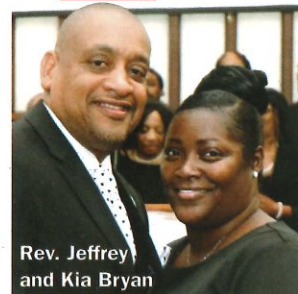
13th Moderator of The New Hope Missionary Baptist Association

By Jackie Carter and Donna Wright

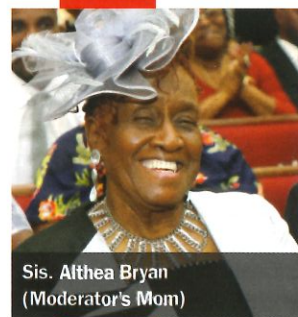


On Sunday, September 29, 2019, The New Hope Missionary Baptist Association installed its 13th Moderator, Rev. Jeffrey Bryan, along with First Vice Moderator Paul Graves, Sr.; Second Vice Moderator Rev. Kevin J. White; and members of the Parent Body, Permanent Counsel, Quarterly Union, Congress of Christian Education, Women's Auxiliary, Laymen's Movement, Ushers and Nurses.

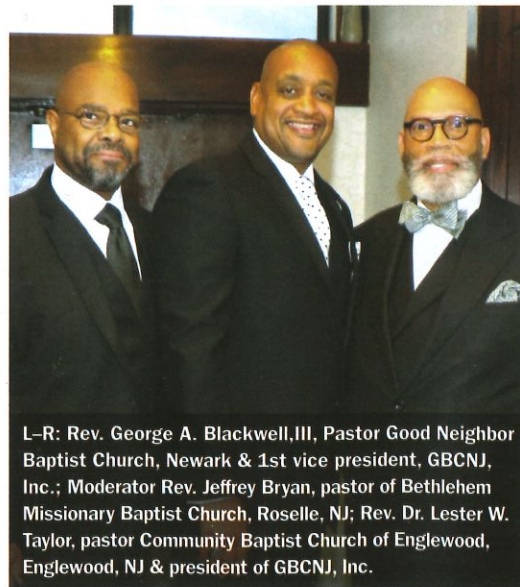
The installation service was held at the New Zion Baptist Church in Elizabeth, NJ, Rev. Kevin J. White, pastor. The evening began with an intimate reception for officers who were to be installed; Voices of New Hope, provided the music. Rev. Dr. George A. Blackwell, III, a past moderator of New Hope, presided. Vice Moderators Graves, Sr. and White; immediate past Moderator Rev. Dr. Johnny M. Caldwell, Jr.; Moderator Emeritus Rev. Alfonzo Williams, Sr.; Rev. Sean Evans; Rev. Sharonda Strothers; and Rev. Shawn Wallace all participated in the service. Guest celebrant Rev. Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr. delivered a sermon that inspired all who heard it. Overall, the service was a great celebration of music, prayer, and God's Word.



Rev. Jeffrey and Kia Bryan



Sis. Althea Bryan (Moderator's Mom)



L-R: Rev. George A. Blackwell, III, Pastor Good Neighbor Baptist Church, Newark & 1st vice president, GBCNJ, Inc.; Moderator Rev. Jeffrey Bryan, pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Roselle, NJ; Rev. Dr. Lester W. Taylor, pastor Community Baptist Church of Englewood, Englewood, NJ & president of GBCNJ, Inc.



The Bryan Family

Photos: Karen Waters



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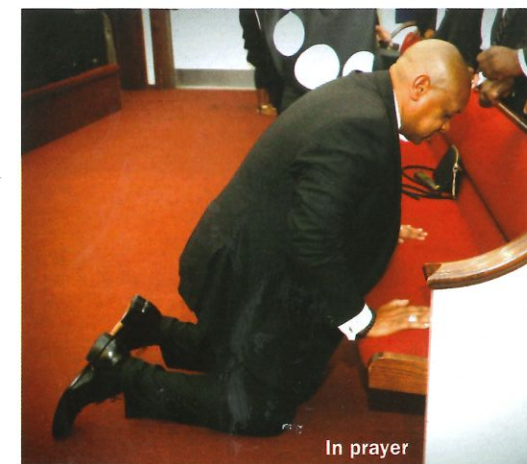
Pastor of the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church since December 6, 2015, Moderator Bryan previously pastored Tabernacle Baptist Church in Newark. Licensed to preach the gospel in 1995, ordained to serve as assistant pastor of Tabernacle in 1997, and installed as pastor in 1998, Rev. Bryan served as pastor for 17 years.

Our new moderator brings a long history of being a member of New Hope. He grew up in the Tabernacle Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. William Irving, who also served as moderator of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association from 1963-1988. He attended there faithfully with his mother, Sis. Althea Bryan. He gave his first sermon at the New Born Baptist Church, Newark when the late Rev. King was the pastor.

Accepted into the Lott Carey Pastoral Excellence Program in April 2003, Rev. Bryan received certification as an instructor for the Department of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. in June 2003.



Lady Kia Bryan and Moderator Rev. Jeffrey



In prayer

Rev. Bryan is a graduate of the New York Theological Seminary Certificate Program and an alumnus of Somerset Christian College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership. Currently, he is pursuing a Master of Arts Degree in Ministry and Community Leadership at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

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Pastor Bryan, a child of God who loves the Lord!