

## Reflections

**ELDER KING DAVID WOODARD** was born May 24, 1918, the son of the late Charlie and Julia Goins Woodard. He was known throughout Fairfield County and parts of Richland County as a passionate preacher and evangelist.

Elder Woodard began his kingdom service in his early Christian years as a trustee at St. Luke Baptist Church. Later he was called to the Ministry of Deacon at St. Luke. During this time he greatly enjoyed expressing his faith through singing and praying and praising the Lord. He was often seen carrying his own personal amplifier and microphone so that he could sing and preach. Elder Woodard was called into the Ministry of Preaching and Evangelism and was first ordained as a preacher of the gospel by the ordaining council of the Gethsemane Baptist Association at St. Luke Baptist Church. In 1979 he was ordained an elder in good standing by Rehoboth United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, Columbia, SC. He also served as an Associate Minister of Miracle Deliverance Temple, Columbia, S.C. Elder Woodard was called to Pastor at Bibleway Church of Simpson, S.C. under the leadership of Bibleway Churches Worldwide where he served for approximately eight years. During his later senior years, he re-joined his membership with St. Luke Baptist Church.

The call to service led Elder Woodard to develop a Prison Ministry at the Fairfield County Detention Center. On December 20, 1995 he received an award for outstanding service in Prison Ministry.

Whereas Elder King David Woodard stood boldly and declared,

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith. (Romans 1:16-17)*

*Be it known the Pastor, Dr. Roy C. Jeffcoat, ministers and members of the Saint Luke Baptist Church accepts the will of God, taking Elder King David Woodard to his eternal rest. For in spiritual songs, meek and humble spirit, his love for God and his church, will be deeply missed. I do regret not having the opportunity to celebrate such a great Homegoing Service.*

*Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution will be given to the family and a copy of same will become a permanent record of Saint Luke Baptist Church.*

*Dr. Roy C. Jeffcoat, Pastor  
St. Luke Baptist Church  
Winnsboro, South Carolina*

## Resolution

Whereas Elder King David Woodard served as part of the ministerial staff of the Saint Luke Baptist Church.

Whereas Elder King David Woodard's darling wife, Mother Annie Woodard, served faithfully with her husband in the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Whereas Elder King David Woodard's children are serving in the church in various ministries; Sister Arline Cooper, Church Secretary, and Deacon David Woodard, Church Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

Whereas Elder King David Woodard brought up his children in the nurturing emulation of Jesus Christ at Saint Luke Baptist Church, until they ventured throughout the nation, being a witness and sharing the testimony of their father.

Elder Woodard was joined in marriage to Annie Lee Ruff Woodard on April 9, 1939 (sixty-three years). Together they were the parents of twelve children, six sons: Nathaniel (Vonnie) of Hartford, CT, Willie (Betty) of Baltimore, MD, Calvin (Janet) of Hartford, CT, Sylvester of Kansas City, MO, Alfonso (Delois) of Sumter, SC and David (Elaine) of Winnsboro, SC; six daughters: Minnie Evans of Sumter, SC, Ruby Woodard of Hartford, CT, Arline (Dewitt, Jr.) Cooper of Columbia, SC, Doretha (Earl) Evans of Blythewood, SC, Carol "Shell" Woodard of Ridgeway, SC and Lucy Woodard of Sumter, SC. His wife and children cherish wonderful memories along with thirty-one grandchildren and nineteen great-grand children. He is also survived by two sisters, Lillie Bell Turner of Hartford, CT and Julia Crenshaw of Greensboro, NC; one brother John (Cassie) Woodard of Greensboro, NC; several sisters-in-law including Thelma Wylie, Minnie Cloud, Lucy Woodard, and Rosa Lee Woodard all of Winnsboro; many nieces and nephews, other relatives, church family and friends.

All of us join together in saying as Jesus said, "Well done thy good and faithful servant."

\* Goins, Woodard, Evans Connection.