



Golden Banquet Lifetime Service Award



The East Arkansas District Association (EADA), Pastor Frederick Anthony, Moderator, sponsored its inaugural Golden Banquet, September 21, 2019, at the Eugene Woods Civic Center in West Memphis, AR. The EADA recognized the life-time service and achievements of its faithful officers and leaders who contributed

significantly to the continuing growth and outreach of the East Arkansas District Association. Some leaders served as long as 50 years, but none served less than 25 years. Most played monumental roles in their churches and local communities. The celebration was well attended by numerous members of the East Arkansas District Association, the recipients' families, Dr. C. Dennis Edwards, President, the Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention, other Convention officers, well-wishers and guests across Crittenden County and beyond.

The awardees were:

- Mrs. Evelyn Barksdale Hood – More than 50 years.
- Rev. G.B. Steele – 42 years.
- Mr. Edrick Williams – Over 40 years.
- Mrs. Shirley Higgins – More than 40 years.
- Rev. S. J. Parker – Over 37 years.
- Rev. James Blackledge Sr. -- Approximately 35 years.
- Mrs. Ruth Simpson – 27 years. Her husband served as the EADA Moderator for 41 years.
- Dr. Herman Coleman – 25 years or more. He served as Dean of Christian Education for 24 years.
- Rev. Henry Showers – More than 25 years. He served as 2nd Vice Moderator for 21 years.
- Mrs. Christine Chitman – More than 25 years.
- Mrs. Corrine Wrotten – involved since childhood. More than 25 years.
- Mauzie Furlow – More than 25 years.
- Mrs. Bobbie Felton – More than 25 years.

EADA was happy to honor their faithful servants who labored hard and long in this organization while also faithfully working in their church, their community, and other organizations in their untiring efforts to promote the Mission and Work of the Church. We thank God for their exemplary Christian lives and work.