

Sister Ernestine Johnson



Ernestine was born and raised in Oneida Arkansas to the late parents of R.P. and Willie Williams. She is the 7th of seven children. She is the widow of Reverend Oliver Johnson, Pastor and Founder of Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church for over 37 years and the Moderator of Orthodox Woodriver District Baptist Association for over 22 years.

She is the mother of eight children, grandmother of 24, and great grandmother of 33. Sister Johnson is a true woman of God, her religious affiliations and leadership skills are numerous. She is a faithful, devoted, and dedicated member of the Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur, IL. under the leadership of Rev. Byron Hansbro.; where she taught Sunday school, Bible Class, and Missions and has organized many women fellowships. She also organized a street witnessing ministry (Fishermen of Men). She is presently serving as president of the Mother Ministry.

Before moving to Decatur, Sister Johnson was a faithful member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, IL under the leadership of Rev. Ferdinand Hargrett. Sister Johnson has been active for many years in local, district, and national christian service. Passionate about Women's Ministry, she has a contagious passion to pour out the gifts that God has birthed in her, by teaching and sharing the word of God. (To name a few) Orthodox Woodriver Baptist District Association, Illinois National Baptist State Convention, The National Baptist Convention of America Internationally (N.B.C.A.), General Baptist State Convention, Michigan (G.B.S.C.).

God has truly blessed Sister Johnson in her Christian leadership to organized two Minister's Wives and Minister's Widows Auxiliaries, O.W.D.B.A. Minister's Wives and Minister's Widows in 1992 where she served as president for 5 years; I.N.B.S.C. Minister's Wives and Minister's Widows in 1996 where she served as president for 13 years. Sister Johnson is presently serving in the National Baptist Convention Ministry Wives and Widows Auxiliary as Widow Liaison.

Sister Johnson is very active in her community servicing as a teacher for all minister's wives and widows through out the city of Decatur. Sister Johnson is a retired Social Worker, from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Decatur, IL. She holds a certificate in child welfare from Loop Jr. College. A former student of Moody Bible Institute, a certified teacher in Christian Education, (ETTA) of Wheaton, IL.

In 2008 E.L. White Theological Seminary Presented Sister Johnson with an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Christian Education. For over 30 years Sister Johnson faithfulness and dedication to the Minister's Wives and Widows of the National Baptist Convention of America Internationally has earned her two Cross Awards in 2007 and 2017.

Sister Johnson has a genuine love for women ministry and a compassionate heart for missions. Her private, public and professional life is a testimony of Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"