

Documented Service to Community and Professional Recognition

The Boys to Men Christian Mentors Ministry was founded under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in 1994 by Deacon Charles C. Jones, Jr. He organized it as a Ministry after consultation with Bishop James H. Morton, Sr., in January 1995. The Late Deacon Oliver Lindsey was Senior Mentor and Advisor. Deacon William Emofonmwan and Brother Derrick Barnes were the first Assistant Mentors to Deacon Jones, Jr.

The Boys to Men Christian Mentors Incorporated description is as follows:

- A Christian service ministry for male youths protégés between the ages of eight (8) and eighteen (18) years of age, who do not have an active Christian male figure involved in their lives.
- Empowered to unleash the power of God through His Son Jesus Christ, in the lives of male youths as they grow into men.
- The Ministry's vision and mission are to destroy the destructive force now in control of many of our male youth's lives, and regenerate their minds into a constructive force for Jesus Christ.
- "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6 NKJV.

The Ministry is focused on the following three vital areas of the protégé's (boy's) life:

1. Academic:

The Christian Mentor plays an important role in the youth's academic accomplishments.

- A. The mentor helps with schoolwork if needed.
- B. The mentor attends PTA meetings with the blessing of the youth's parent or guardian.
- C. The mentor helps motivate the youth to higher achievement in school by offering incentives for improvements in grades and conduct. This incentive is at the mentor's expense. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. *"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."*

1. Spiritual:

The Christian Mentor must fear God, for he who fears God hates evil.

- A. The mentor must be a tither, because God commanded us so. Malachi 3:10 *"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be meat in My house, And prove Me now in this, Says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessings that there will not be room enough to receive it."*
- B. The mentor must attend Church and Bible Study regularly.
- C. The mentor must encourage the protégé to do all the above.

1. Social:

- A. The mentor participates in the monthly social events sponsored by the Boys to Men Christian Mentors Incorporated.
- B. The mentor plans outings with the youth, i.e., attend football, basketball, baseball games, etc., but only with parent or guardian approval.
- C. The mentor makes monthly written report to the Boys to Men Ministry Leader for accountability.

After the death of Senior Mentor Deacon Oliver Lindsey in 1997, in his memory, Deacon Jones, Jr. organized the first annual Deacon Oliver Lindsey – Saving a Generation Scholarship Fund & Annual Achievement Banquet. The occasion is an incentive for the boys involved in the ministry, to be motivated toward higher achievement in:

- Academics with the focus on attending college, or vocational school
- Behavior
- Helping others
- Extra-curricular activities at school
- Respect for authority
- Goal setting, and
- Studying God’s Word

Previous guest speakers for this event have been Civil Rights Leaders, Anointed Pastors of high esteem, Federal, State & County officials and even Professional Sports icons; too many to name but include: Reverend Dr. Kerwin Lee, Pastor of the Berean Christian Church in Lithonia, GA; The Honorable Vernon Jones, former CEO of DeKalb County GA; The Honorable Reverend Dr. Joseph Lowery, Civil Rights Icon; The Honorable Andrew J. Young, Former Atlanta Mayor & UN Ambassador; The Honorable Thomas Brown, Former Sheriff of DeKalb County; The Honorable Robert Benham, Associate Justice of the State of GA Supreme Court; For the 10th Banquet Anniversary, we were graced by God to have our own Bishop James H. Morton, Sr. deliver what has to date been our most moving message. The 11th year celebration was highlighted by our then Youth Pastor, Tracey Boles. The 12th year speaker was the Motivator of the Millennium: Keith L. Brown. In 2010, Major League Baseball great Otis Nixon delivered a motivating message. The founder, Deacon Charles C. Jones, Jr. delivered the “strategic direction” message in 2011. In 2012 we were very much honored to have the Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard, Jr. to share a message of hope and perseverance. In 2013 Oncologist Dr. James Benton inspired us; in 2014 we were graced with Attorney Dwayne Martin former Chief of Staff to Mayor Bill Campbell; in 2015 Radio Talk Show Host Brother Rashad Richey delivered a motivating message; and in 2016 The Honorable Congressman Hank Johnson.

Since 1998, Deacon Jones, Jr. and Boys to Men have helped 26 young men pursue higher education and vocational goals. They are as follows: Bruce Johnson – 1998, Marcus Johnson - 1999, Kenneth Bell, Jr., 2000. Jakorri Randolph – 2001. Jayson Kindell and Jamar Andrews were scholarship recipients in 2002. In 2003 there were no graduating seniors in the ministry. In 2004 scholarship recipients were Jamal Pinkston and Donald Elliott. In 2005 the honorees were Errol Hooper, Jr. and JaMon Randolph. Richmond McIntyre III was honored in 2006. In 2007 James Knowles III, Auturo Jordan, Jr. and Robert Jordan received scholarships. The 2008 recipients were Brandon Pinkston, Evan Simmons and Aaron Grooms. The 2009 recipients were Darryus Milledge and Charles “C. J.” Kindell. In 2010 the first Achievement Award was awarded to Clifton Heyward. In 2011, there were no graduating seniors. In 2012 the accomplishments of Brandon Gaither & Shannon Grooms were recognized. In 2013 Nigel Jackson was the honoree. For 2014 three young men received scholarships to attend college; Asar Darden, Braxton Evans and Jarvis Mingo. In 2015 there were no graduating seniors in the ministry. In 2016 the spotlight was on protégé Jordan Benn.

For the past fifteen years Deacon Jones, Jr. has organized the Boys to Men Christian Mentors Annual Feed the Hungry Project. The event is held the Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday with focus on homeless men, women and children. The mission of the project is to:

- Provide a full Thanksgiving meal to a minimum of 200 homeless in the streets of Atlanta and Decatur.

- Share the love and hope of God's Word to the less fortunate.
- Engage the Boys to Men protégés in community service.

Both Publix and Kroger Super Markets have partnered with Boys to Men Christian Mentors Incorporated for this event.

Likewise for the past fifteen years Deacon Jones, Jr. has organized the Boys to Men Christian Mentors Annual Clothe the Naked Christmas Project. The mission of the project is to:

- Identify local families in need of assistance during the Christmas season.
- Provide the required resources to meet the need of the families.
- Engage the Boys to Men protégés in giving and sharing their resources with the less fortunate.

In addition to serving as a mentor in his home Church, during 2004 Deacon Jones, Jr., developed the Boys to Men Christian Mentors Incorporated Motivational Program proposal for DeKalb County McLendon Elementary School, 3169 Hollywood Drive Decatur, GA 30033. The proposal was accepted by Principal Mrs. Roselyn McIntyre and the PTA. Deacon Jones, Jr., and his supporting staff were trained and certified as Mentors by DeKalb County School System.

The following volunteer services were provided from 2004 - 2014:

- Straight-talk sessions with the 4th and 5th grade boys.
- Group sessions by grade level to discuss:
 - Positive things about themselves
 - Concerns highlighted in the straight-talk sessions
 - African American and other ethnic (cross-cultural) History Lessons
- Helping the boys to develop problem-solving skills.
- Encouraging parent's participation in the Ministry activities beyond the regular school day.
- Encourage parents to visit the classroom, assemblies, and other school activities.
- Help the boys to sponsor special events to highlight their skills and talents.
- Take the boys on field trips.
- Participate in on-going problem-solving projects.
- Participate in career day activities.

Deacon Jones, Jr. is the author (non-published) of the following lesson plans used in conjunction with the monthly Straight-talk sessions for McLendon:

- Goal Setting
- Working & Saving
- Effective Study Skills/Habits
- Good Manners
- Respect For Authority
- African American & Cross-cultural Contributions
- Self Defense/Peer Pressure
- Playtime

Deacon Jones, Jr. is a 1972 magna cum laude graduate of Savannah State College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronics Engineering Technology. He has a Master of Project Management degree from the Keller Graduate School of Management; and is certified by the Project Management Institute as a Project Management Professional, PMP. Deacon Jones, Jr. retired from the

Science & Technology Division of BellSouth Telecommunications in July 2006, after 35 years of distinguished service. He was employed by Alcatel-Lucent, Inc., from April 2007 through January 2014. There he was the Lead Technical Project Manager for the build and turn-up of AT&T's U-verse video hub office and super hub office in Atlanta and other sites in the Southeast. In March 2014 Deacon Jones, Jr., accepted a contractor position with Cox Communications where he currently serves as Senior Project Manager for video product operations.

Deacon Jones, Jr., is married 43 years to the wife of his youth, Lily Kirkland Jones (retired BellSouth Human Resources Manager) and lives in Stone Mountain, GA. They have two adult daughters, Ebony (Edward Glass husband, Dean and Kennedy grandchildren); and Jasmine Suzette (engaged to Michael Taylor). Deacon Jones, Jr. serves as Deacon Ministry Chair, Leader for the Intercessory Prayer Ministry, and Mentor in the Boys to Men Christian Mentors Ministry at the New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church, 923 Valley Book Road, Decatur, GA 30030. His Pastor is Bishop James H. Morton, Sr.

Noteworthy Achievements

In 2012 the UPS Foundation, Inc. awarded Deacon Jones, Jr. and Boys to Men \$3000 for community service projects. Deacon Jones, Jr. was recognized in 2013 by Sisters United in Human Service, Inc. (a community based organization) for unselfishly serving and giving. In 2013 Deacon Jones, Jr., and Boys to Men was recognized by Safeco Insurance Company and The Benn Agency, and awarded \$2000 toward the Deacon Oliver Lindsey Scholarship Fund. In 2013 Deacon Jones, Jr. was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the New Beginning Full Gospel Church "in sincere gratitude for the years of dedicated service as Ministry Leader for the Deacon Ministry and the Prayer Ministry." He has been awarded several certificates of appreciation for valuable contributions to the children, staff, and community of McLendon Elementary School. The most recent was in 2014 by LaToya Smith School Counselor "for serving the students at McLendon for the last several years." In 2015 recognized by Mr. Anthony Watson of Morgan & Stanley for community service and awarded \$1000 for community service. Also in 2015 recognized by Deacon Beverly Cole for mentoring service and awarded \$1200 toward the Deacon Oliver Lindsey Scholarship Fund.

In 2016 Deacon Jones, Jr. initiated the Boys to Men Christian Mentors Incorporated Keep DeKalb Clean Adopt-a-Road Project. The project extends from the intersection of Valley Brook Road at Orion Street to the north and Valley Brook Road at Ponce de Leon Avenue to the south. Two days this year have been dedicated to community clean up.

For further details about Boys to Men Christian Mentors Incorporated please visit the web site at:

Boystomenchristianmentorsinc.com.

Thank you and to God be the glory.

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