

### **Pastoral Search Committee Formed**

May 1, 2009 was a day in St. James Baptist Church history that will never be forgotten. Rev. Vernon C. King, our pastor of eight years, went home to be with Jesus. Prior to Rev. King's tenure at St. James, the church was pastored by Dr. Prince E. Graves who served the church and community for over forty five years.

After months of prayer, grieving and healing, the church body has chosen eleven members to begin the search for our new pastor. The committee with its' three alternates, are:

Deaconess Barbara Armstrong, Chairperson

Deaconess Harriett Ross, Assistant Chairperson

Deaconess Veronica Bryant, Secretary

Sister Myra Davis, Assistant Secretary

Deacon Ron Galloway, Chairman, Deacon Board

Deacon John Courts, Chairman, Finance Committee

Rev. Sylvia Bennett, Associate Minister

Rev. Pam Green, Associate Minister

Brother Sam Chapman, Sunday School Teacher

Sister Eliza Byrd, Sunday School Teacher

Sister Louise Person, Choir member

Deacon Clayton Keck, Rev. James Moses and Deacon Amos Faucette.....Alternates

The committee has been praying, studying God's Word as to what He says a pastor is to be, reading bible-based literature on the pastor's search process and finding out from the congregation what characteristics they are seeking God for in a pastor. The committee hosted a Retreat on May 1, 2010 at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. Rev. Richard Thomas, a son of the House and current pastor of St. John's Baptist Church in Climax, NC facilitated the training.

We ask that you keep St. James, its leadership and the pastoral search committee in constant prayer, as we hear from heaven.