

Friendship Primitive Baptist Church

385 South Burnett Road
Cocoa, Florida 32926

Installation Worship Service

For

Elder Alvin J. Ford

A Chosen Vessel for God's Service

*And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which
shall feed you with knowledge and Understanding
Jeremiah 3:15*

Guest Church

Springhill Missionary Baptist Church

Tallahassee, Florida

Reverend Willie Manning, Pastor

May 31, 2015

3:30 P.M.



Elder J. C. Tookes, Moderator

North Central Florida District Primitive Baptist Association

Elder Alvin J. Ford



was born on July 22, 1963. He is married to Marie W. Ford and is the father of Jessica and Shavon. He has one grandchild – Allannah Janay Jackson.

He graduated from Amos P. Godby High School, Tallahassee, FL in 1981. He joined the U.S. Army in November 1980 and served until April 1982. He is currently employed with the Alachua County Public Works Department in Gainesville, FL as a Maintenance Supervisor III

He accepted his calling into the ministry in February 1996. On the first Sunday in May 1996 he delivered his first public sermon at Union Branch M.B. Church in Tallahassee where he served 12yrs as a deacon and church school superintendent for many years under the leadership of Elder Joseph Austin

He served as pastor of Pilgrim Rest P.B. Church in Tallahassee, Florida from June 1998 until June 1999.

He served as the pastor of Mt. Zion P.B. Church (Dawkins Pond), Tallahassee, Florida from June 1999

until the first Sunday in June 2005. He served as interim pastor for several churches in the Middle FL/GA P.B. Association

On March 22, 2009 he was installed as Pastor of Mt. Olive P.B. Church, Gainesville, FL and served until March 2015

Other Ministries:

Served as the 2nd Vice Moderator and the Bible Expositor for the Middle Florida-Georgia Association & the Church School Convention

“Go Ye Therefore Outreach Ministry” Radio Ministry:

Thursday – Noon (WSTT 7:30 AM)

“It’s In the Book” Radio Ministry:

Saturday before the 1st and 3rd Sundays – 2:00 p.m. (WSTT 7:30 AM)

Former ministries served in:

Nursing Home Ministry:

Fridays 8:00 a.m. – Miracle Hill Nursing & Convalescent Home

1st Sundays – 3:00 p.m. – Heritage Nursing Home

3rd Sundays – 3:00 p.m. – Capital Healthcare Associates

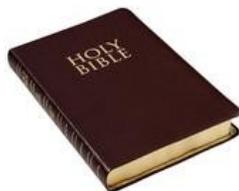
Prison Ministry:

One Thursday out of the month - Liberty County Correctional Facility – Bristol, Florida

One Thursday out of the month – Liberty County Work camp – Bristol, Florida

Order of Services

- Processional..... Flag Dancers*
- Entrance of HonoreesDeacon George Simmons and Mother Marie Ford*
Mother Christine Simmons and Elder Alvin J. Ford
- Devotion.....Springhill Missionary Baptist Church Deacons*
- SelectionSpringhill Missionary Baptist Church Mass Choir*
- WelcomeBrother Jamal Hardy*
- Occasion Sister Mary Bowen*
- OfferingSpringhill Missionary Baptist Church Deacons*
- Scripture Minister Rodney Osborne*
- Introduction of Speaker..... Mother Karen Manning*
- SelectionSpringhill Missionary Baptist Church Mass Choir*
- God's Spoken WordReverend Willie L. Manning*
- SelectionSpringhill Missionary Baptist Church Mass Choir*
- Invitation to Discipleship/Altar Call.....Elder Lemon Nixon*



Installation Ceremony
Elder J. C. Tookes, Presiding
Moderator, North Central Florida District Primitive Baptist Church

Installation Hymn *Elder Eugene Israel*

Installation Prayer *Elder Cidric Andrews*

Charge to the Church..... *Elder Robert Whittaker*

Hebrews 13:7, 17 — “Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Receive it not as the word of men, but what the Word of God expects of you as members of his flock. Listen eagerly to his preaching of the Word, receiving it not as a word of men, but the Word of God. Take to heart his scriptural words of warning and encouragement, humbly accepting the Word planted in you. Work together with him for our Lord's kingdom so that by your works of service the Body of Christ might be built up. Honor him and love him. The apostle Paul says: "Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Pray for him continually, that his ministry among you may be greatly blessed."

Charge to the Pastor..... *Elder Robert Whittaker*

As an ambassador of Christ, you are to preach and teach the pure doctrine of God's Word, administer the Sacraments according to Christ's institution, instruct the young in the way of salvation, counsel the inquiring, strengthen the weak, seek the lost and reclaim the straying, comfort the sorrowing, care for the needy, visit the sick, minister to the dying, and pray for the spiritual welfare of every soul under your care.

You are to devote yourself to the meditation and study of the Scriptures and carry out your duties in conformity with the Word of God. You (and your family) are to be an example to others in godliness and Christian living, putting no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that the ministry will not be discredited.

The Apostle Paul says, “This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity. Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. ” (I Timothy 3:1-4, 6, 7)

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. (II Timothy 4: 2, 5)

Covenant of Dedication

Moderator Tookes:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in His presence, we meet here, in this congregation to install Elder Alvin J. Ford, as pastor of the Friendship Primitive Baptist Church, Cocoa, Florida. In as much as this solemn act installation, stand and make this declaration.

Elder Alvin J. Ford:

Willingly do I affirm my ordination vows; believing with all my heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and accepting the Holy Scripture as the inspired Word of God through the Holy Spirit. It is my sincere desire to devote my life to the ministry of the Word; so to live as to bring credit and not dishonor to the Full Gospel, which I preach and to fulfill to my utmost ability, the office of a good minister of Jesus Christ.

Moderator Tookes:

(Let the Deacons, Mothers and Deaconess stand and make declaration in unison).

We renew our pledge of loyalty to this church and to the office to which we have been appointed: and we promise to minister in all the material affairs of this congregation so as to maintain its reputation among all men. (Deacons, Mothers and Deaconess be seated).

Moderator Tookes:

(Will the members of Friendship Primitive Baptist church please stand)

Do you affirm your membership in the Church of Christ and your fellowship in this congregation with those who have obtained a like precious faith, renewing your vows of fidelity to our Lord Jesus Christ? Do you solemnly covenant to work together with you pastor to extend the Gospel in its purity and power in this community and throu the world, and as a faithful servant of the Lord to give your Pastor you utmost support in every way according to your utmost ability?

Congregation: (In unison)

We do

Pastor:

Brethren, standing with , I reaffirm my willingness to be yur Pastor and now covenant with you that in the strength and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I will live a Holy and Circumspect life among you and will diligently and faithfully endeavor to perform all the duties of a good minister of Jesus Christ to the glory of His name and the edification of His church.

Ministerial Fellowship.....Ministers

Special Presentations.....Deacon George Simmons

Pastor RemarksElder Alvin J. Ford

Blessing of Food Benediction Elder Willie L. Manning

Dinner served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following services.

Message from the Pastor

I would like to take this time to thank my Heavenly Father for giving me life, health and a sound mind. I honor God as my father, Jesus as my savior/Lord and the Holy Spirit my teacher and guide. I would also like to say thank you to the entire membership of Friendship Primitive Baptist Church , Cocoa, Florida for giving me this opportunity to serve them as there Pastor/Servant and leader.

I pray that God will continue to give His approval of my life and ministry that I'm serving in at this junction of my spiritual walk with "Him" (God). To the church I admonish each of you to keep me in your prayers daily so that I may hear the voice of God as we move forward in this Gospel

Ministry.

Friendship on behalf of my wife, Marie, my daughters, Shavon and Jessica and my grandbaby, Allanah, we say thank you for all that you've done for us. You've been a real blessing. I want to take the time to honor and appreciate the installation committee and chairperson, Sister Shanda Griffin for all the hard work you've done to make this program a success. Without your effort, it would not have been done so orderly and timely. Thank you and May God bless you real good.

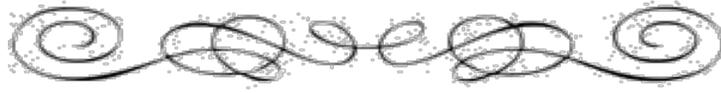
I would further like to thank all my family and friends and special guests for attending this service. I know many of you have traveled many miles to be here today to celebrate with me on this special occasion. I thank you for this great sacrifice of giving of yourself.

This has been a great experience being here in Brevard County and I look forward to serving this church and community as a servant and leader. In the words of Nehemiah 4:6 – So built we the wall and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work. "A Working Minded People."

In my closing I thank God for Jesus saving my soul, and putting love in my heart for humanity and a mind to make heaven my eternal home. I thank God for this privilege of an opportunity to serve this great church, Friendship P.B. in Cocoa. Let us continue to look to Jesus who is the author and finisher of our Faith (Hebrews 12:2).

Thank you Moderator J.C. Tookes and the entire delegation of the North Central P.B. Association for receiving me in love and respect in this august body.

Last but not least, thank you to my good friend Elder Willie L. Manning and Springhill M.B. Church from Tallahassee, Florida for being here in great numbers to celebrate with me. May God bless everyone and may Heaven smile upon you.



Welcome to the "Ship", Pastor and Mother Ford!! We look forward to the great things God has in store for us as a church family.



