

Delver Woman's Club Prayer

Oh, Father of all mankind, we adore Thy Holy Name.
 Forgive all our short comings
 and make us worthy to call Thee Father,
 Grant unto us, O Lord, the ability to think
 the thoughts of Christ as we deliberate together,
ways of rendering unto our fellowmen greater service
 as we work together to Thy glory.
Help us to be women who are true and kind,
 and may Thy love cement our hearts
 and may we be one in Thee.
Help us to be sympathetic, as we try
 to understand the needs of others;
 and grant, because we are Thy children
 that we be like Thee in our dealings with each other.
May we ever do unto others as we would be done unto.
We ask these blessings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Delver Woman's Club Song

The dream of noble hearts,
This Delver Woman's Club
 It embraces our fair city
With hope and joy and love
 With inspiration noble
With standard shining bright
Accept we will the challenge
 Until we reach the height
Our club's tradition we will hallow,
Her ideals we'll surely follow.

Chorus

Delver! May we pledge ourselves anew,
Delver! We'll be ever staunch and true,
 May our praises rise
 'Til they reach the skies,
Oh, Delver we love you.

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**Seventy-Sixth
Annual Luncheon**

**Saturday,
May 21, 2022
12 noon**

Speaker



The Reverend Willie Nelson, III, a native of Richmond, Virginia, is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Music Business Management and double minor in Mass Communications and Business Administration. A full scholarship recipient at MTSU, he was nominated Student Leader of the Year, and became the first Black homecoming king in the history of the institution. He is a 2014 graduate of the Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, with a dual Master’s of Divinity degree and a Master’s of Arts degree in Church Music.

While at I.T.C., he has served as Student Body Chaplain and Worship Leader, Student Director to the I.T.C. Chorus, Student Body Vice President, Senior Class President and Teacher Assistant for the Office of Church Music and Worship. Reverend Nelson began his servitude in the local church at the age of 13 as the Sunday School pianist. By age 16, he was teaching and directing choirs, and singing on the praise team. He would go on to accept his call to proclaim the gospel of Jesus under the leadership and guidance of his pastor and father in the ministry, Reverend Dr. Calvin J. McFadden at the Community of Faith Church, in Tallahassee, Florida, where he served as Assistant Minister of Music.

Currently, Reverend Nelson is serving as the Pastor of Worship Arts at Ousley United Methodist Church in Lithonia, Georgia where Reverend Dr. Tariq Z. Cummings is the Lead Pastor. He served at St. James United Methodist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia as the Director of Music, Worship, and Arts, which was the fastest-growing congregation in the conference. It is there where he also serves as the Assistant Director of Music and the Director of Music and Worship for Children and Youth. He has coordinated services for over 200 youth each week in their own youth church, planned and implemented services for the 3000+ congregation, including directing several choirs— being a Worship Leader, and delivering dynamic, illustrative sermons. He previously served for three years at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia where he served as a Worship Leader, director of The Voices of Oluwa Young Adult Choir, and taught Bible classes under the tutelage of Dr. Aaron Parker.

In addition to his scholastic and religious undertakings, Reverend Nelson is a licensed, top-producing Realtor at Keller Williams Realty in Atlanta, Georgia. He served on the Board of Directors, is co-chair of the growth committee, teaches new agent courses, and mentor agents. He is the chair of the “Faith In The Fight” initiative and board member for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life Organization. He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, and has served with extensive clinical training as a chaplain and in mental health. Reverend Nelson has been sought after as a motivated speaker, artist manager, and production coordinator.

Above all, Reverend Nelson is a humble, sincere man of God— who loves God, God’s people, music, and ministers with the joy of the Lord and the Holy Spirit. He truly lives out Psalm 34:1 where David declares, “I will bless the Lord at ALL times, his praise shall continually be in my mouth.” Simply put, Reverend Willie Nelson, III is a worshipper who truly loves to honor God!

Program

Theme:
"Empowerment: Moving Forward"

Presiding
Mrs. Mildred Brooks
Chair, Youth Conservation

Greetings
Mrs. Rosa L. Oden, Youth Conservation

Club Prayer and Song
Mrs. Betty Gentry, Chaplain

Musical Selection
Ms. Faith Hubbard
New Beginnings Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia

Introduction of Speaker
Ms. Vivian M. Oden, Youth Conservation

Musical Selection
Ms. Faith Hubbard

Speaker
Reverend Willie Nelson, III
Pastor of Worship Arts
Ousley United Methodist Church
Lithonia, Georgia

**Introduction and Presentation of the
Delver Woman of the Year**

Mrs. Rosa L. Oden
Video Presentation
Ms. Vivian A. Minor, First Vice President

Remarks
Family
Mrs. Lolita S. Moses, President

Benediction
Reverend Willie Nelson, III

Delver Woman of the Year



Rosa L. Oden was born in Mayesville, South Carolina; the home of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida. Growing up in Mayesville, Rosa was an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. She was married to the late Jesse N. Oden and they have two adult children, Jesse Cedric and Vivian Michelle.

Rosa attended Eastern High School in Sumter, South Carolina. Upon graduation, she moved to Charlotte, North Carolina to go to Johnson C. Smith University. While in college, she became active in the Civil Rights Movement of the 60’s. She participated in counter sit-ins and marches. The Voting Rights Act came out of this movement. Rosa graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in French and Psychology.

In 1967, Rosa married her college sweetheart Jesse and moved to North Highland, California. He was stationed at McClellan Air Force Base. She was hired at Rio Linda Junior High School as a teacher of English and Reading. During that time, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was campaigning for President. Because he was in the area, Rio Linda closed early so teachers and students could meet him at the airport. Rosa along with other teachers and students lined up at the fence to get a good glimpse of him. She was close enough to shake Senator Kennedy’s hand. What excitement that later turned into sadness. Senator Kennedy was assassinated that night and died on June 6, 1968.

Rosa moved to Richmond, Virginia in 1972 where she was hired at Harry F. Byrd Middle School in Henrico County to teach French and Reading. In 1979, she attended Virginia Commonwealth University and received a Master of Arts degree in Education/Guidance Counseling. She later attended Duke University and received a certification in Reading. She was later promoted as a Guidance Counselor at Varina High School. While at Varina, Rosa was given the opportunity to take seven students to Europe. They toured England visiting Parliament, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey, crossed the English Channel and toured France visiting the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum, Notre-Dame Cathedral and many more. It was quite an experience for Rosa and her students.

While in Richmond, she became a member of First United Presbyterian Church. However, upon the death of her husband Jesse on July 8, 1995, she joined All Souls Presbyterian Church and was ordained as an Elder. She also served as Chair of the Christian Education and Worship Committees, member of the Bell Choir, usher, Secretary of United Presbyterian Women and Vacation Bible School teacher. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Parliamentary Law Club of Richmond.

Rosa is an avid lover of tennis and basketball; and she enjoys traveling with her daughter, Vivian. In 2014, they went to the U.S. Open in New York to see their favorite tennis player, Serena Williams. In 2019, they traveled to Toronto, Canada to the NBA Finals to see their favorite basketball team, the Golden State Warriors. In addition, they have visited Aruba, Cancun, Jamaica, Hawaii, the Bahamas, Memphis, San Antonio, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, New Orleans and others.

Rosa is a 20-year member of the Delver Woman’s Club, Inc. She was brought into the Club by late honorary members, Mrs. Katherine Knight and Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson. She has served as First Vice President, Chair of the Youth Conservation Interest Group, Chair of the Remembrance Committee, a member of the Membership Committee, Assistant Chaplain, and Chair of the Telephone Committee for the 75th Anniversary. She continues to uphold the Club’s motto: “Lifting As We Climb.”