



Lecturer
Sister Ernestine Rice
Theme: “Just Tell It!”
(John 4:28-29)

Earnestine Rice is a born again Christian Woman. One who loves the Lord and loves His people. She is the wife of the late Reverend J.C. Rice. She is also a dedicated mother to sons Brian Allen, Sr. and Minister Brandon Allen and daughter in-law-Rochelle Allen. She is Granny to 3 grandsons and Great Granny to 6 great grandchildren.

Earnestine was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. She was educated in the Dallas Public Schools; attended Dallas Community Colleges, Bishop Baptist College and Dallas Baptist University where she received a Graduates Degree in Business Administration/Management.

She was a 42 year member of the Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. Rev C.W. Wallace, Pastor. She was an Usher 30 of those years. Earnestine believes that Ushering is her called ministry. Those who have seen her in action would agree I’m sure.

Earnestine retired after 35 years of service from Texas Instruments/Raytheon Quality Control, Military Products Division in 1998.

She met and married Rev. J.C. Rice and relocated to Decatur, IL in 1998.

In 2001 she attended Richland Community College, Decatur, IL and received an Early Childhood Development Certification.

She worked 20 years for the Lutheran School Association - St. Paul Lutheran Church Early Learning Center in Decatur, IL and retired in 2017.

Earnestine is a member of the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Decatur, IL. Rev. Thurston Wiggins, Pastor. She is active in her Church as a Sunday School and Missionary Society participant, as well as an Usher.

Earnestine served as Secretary for the National Baptist Convention Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows, Illinois State Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows, Mid-State District Secretary and Secretary of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

She loves to cook, garden, and decorate. Her motto is: Do All I Can While I Can Do It.