

Honoree Phil Chambers – 2013 Usher of the Year



Phil Chambers joined Mount Zion Baptist Church, Arlington, Virginia in 1999. He was led by the Holy Spirit to join the Usher Ministry that same year and developed a love for the Ministry. He has provided outstanding Christian service to the Ministry. He has passionately rendered his gifts in many leadership capacities, which include President of the former Male Usher Ministry, and Chaplain and Parliamentarian of the former LNS Usher Ministry. He utilizes his gift as an Instructor by assisting with training the current Usher Ministry for special Services.

Due to his faithfulness, Phil was appointed to the Mount Zion Baptist Church Trustee Ministry in 2009. He brings a wealth of experience and gifts to the Trustee Ministry. He utilizes his gifts of facilities management, property management, and contract negotiations. He was appointed as the Vice Chairman of the Trustee Ministry in 2012.

Continuing his pursuit of excellence, Phil graduated from the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association (ICUA) of Virginia, Inc., George T. Grier School of Ushering. He was certified as an Instructor in 2008 and continues to instruct classes and conduct workshops. He also utilizes his leadership gift by serving as the Drill Master. He always exemplifies commitment, persistence, and patience. Under his leadership, the Drill Team has always placed. He is currently preparing a Drill Team for the 2013 National Convention.

Phil is a proud member of District #1. He also utilizes his leadership gift by serving as the Ritualistic Coordinator. The Ritualistic Team provides an invaluable Ritualistic Service in honor of deceased Church Ushers upon request by the family of the deceased Usher. Many times the Ritualistic Team receives short notice. Phil always does his best to assemble a Team and provide the service.

Further utilizing his gifts, Phil serves as the Co-Chairman of the Finance and Property Committee for the Progressive National Baptist Convention. He is responsible for reviewing the adequacy of all real property vested in the Convention; insuring that all real property and utility systems are properly maintained; reviewing the adequacy of all personal property and equipment owned and/ or leased by the Convention; and insuring that all said property is properly maintained and inventoried. Many times the Convention contacts Phil when there is a problem with the property. Phil always responds in an expeditious and timely manner.

Phil is best known for his effective leadership, strong work ethic, and dedicated and loyal service. He has been received numerous appointments and performance awards due to his exemplary service and outstanding contributions to his Church, the ICUA of Virginia, Inc., District #1, and the Community. Phil Chambers truly deserves to be the 2013 Usher of the Year.