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**We Thank Almighty God for Dr. Dennis J. and Dr. E. Jean McMurray!
Senior Pastor and First Lady, Renaissance Church of God in Christ**

Every time my wife Sue and I worship at Renaissance Church of God in Christ, we are warmly greeted with love, excitement, and great joy. Everyone makes us feel so welcome, accepted, and part of the family. On Sunday, October 5, 2014, I had the privilege of attending the 22nd Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor Dennis J. and First Lady E. Jean McMurray. One very special feature of the celebration was the Conference of the Honorary Doctorate they both received from The Christian Bible Institute and Seminary in Houston, Texas. It was a wonderful afternoon and evening of praise and celebration with the whole McMurray and Renaissance family!





Conference of the Honorary Doctorate
The Reverend Dr. Harold E. Stanley, Dean of Admissions — Professor
The Christian Bible Institute and Seminary, Houston, Texas



The McMurray Family: Parris & Fallon, ChaVon, Jean, Dennis, Austin



We are honored to show love and appreciation to a man and woman after God's own heart, Dr. Dennis J. and Dr. E. Jean McMurray. We thank God for their genuine love, dedication and commitment that are shown to the church and community. Over the 21 years that we've been members of the Renaissance Church of God in Christ, they have faithfully served God and the Ministry. They are definitely Leaders of Integrity.

We love and appreciate them so very much. Our marriage, children and home are blessed because of the example they show through the way they serve God, their marriage, how they've raised their children and how they live their lives daily. Dr. Dennis J. and Dr. E. Jean McMurray have been there for us in some very devastating times of our lives. We are so grateful and thankful that God placed them and their family in our lives. The Bible tells us in I Timothy 5:17, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine". Dr. Dennis J. and Dr. E. Jean McMurray are truly deserving of all the honor we can give and show them.

*We love you Dr. Dennis J. & Dr. E. Jean McMurray
Assistant Pastor Anthony and Virgie Kirkland*



"For the past 15 years, we have been extremely blessed by the ministry of Pastor and First Lady Dr. Dennis and Dr. E. Jean McMurray to grow and learn through their practical teaching of the Word of God.

My wife, Whitney, and I were blessed through prayer under their leadership to have two wonderful boys. Their example as parents, both naturally and spiritually, have helped us tremendously over the years."

Elder Phil and Whitney Martin



Pastor and First Lady McMurray are amazing spiritual parents and leaders. We have been honored to attend Renaissance for about 15 years. We remember visiting their very first location on Griggs St. with family, and attended as soon as we moved to GR. We always say that Renaissance and the McMurray's make church home. The teachings and example of love, professionalism, marriage and family continues to bless our family.

The time Pastor takes to slow down and love on our congregations children has a made lasting impact on us. Thank you for your faithful ministry. And it's beautiful to see God be faithful to the ministry. Their leadership and teachings push us every day to make our relationship with God our most important relationship.

*We thank God for and love you both!!
Calvin and Noele Stith*

I was ordained an Elder in the Church of God in Christ in 2011 in the Southwest Michigan First Jurisdiction. It wasn't until I began to court my future wife in 2012 that I considered transitioning to another jurisdiction.



My fiancé had been a member of Renaissance Church of God in Christ under the spiritual guidance of Pastor and First Lady McMurray for over 15 years. She always spoke highly of the McMurrays as spiritual parents. She had benefited over the years from the Bible-based teaching and empowerment in the Word at Renaissance.

During our engagement, we received premarital counseling by Pastor and First Lady McMurray. I was instantly impressed. The wisdom that was imparted by the McMurrays during the sessions was priceless and truly aided in helping us build a firm foundation rooted and grounded in Christ and focused on family. Pastor McMurray did a beautiful job officiating over our wedding. A very special moment in our wedding happened when Pastor and First Lady together prayed blessings over our union. It was a precious moment we will never forget. They had faith in what God had put together and they always spoke constructively and offered encouraging words to build us up.

As I made my transition once we were married, Pastor McMurray accepted me with open arms into the ministry. He recognized my desire to continue to play an active role in the ministry and went out of his way to mentor me and offer sound advice and encouragement. Pastor and First Lady McMurray have been an inspiration to us. They set a standard of excellence that can be seen in their marriage, how they parent and how they lead in ministry. We truly appreciate their positive influence in our lives.

Elder Sidney and Dr. TaLawnda Bragg



Thank you for the opportunity to express our appreciation for Pastor Dennis and First Lady E. Jean McMurray.

Vivian and I have been honored to serve under the leadership of Pastor and First Lady for the last 18 years. We are truly thankful for the gift of Pastor and First Lady not only to our church, our community, but to our family personally.

Through their leadership we have watched our children from youth to young adults grow in their relationship with God. Pastor and First Lady are a wonderful example of marriage and family and watching and following them has blessed us. We are thankful to God for their vision for Kingdom Living and are excited to be a part of what God is doing through them. We love them both and pray God's choice blessings for their life.

*Be Blessed
Minister William and Vivian Jackson*



It has been my pleasure to serve under the leadership of Pastor Dennis and First Lady E. Jean McMurray for the last 21 years. They are true spiritual leaders who follow the bible. My family appreciates how they present God's word so that everyone can come to know Jesus Christ.

They are wonderful leaders who reach out beyond the congregation to minister to the community and have developed many programs to empower individuals to be all that God wants them to be. I'm a living witness that my Pastor and First Lady believe "for with God nothing shall be impossible."

They are a blessing to the Renaissance family and we are looking forward to many more years of serving the Lord under their leadership.

Love,

Malique Grear



Pastor Dennis and Jean McMurray are truly great spiritual leaders. They are also great friends. We joined Renaissance Church in 1992 and we've seen the church grow just like their beautiful children. They lead in the community and have survived the years by staying faithful to the bible and they teach their followers to do the same.

They have been there for my wife, Brenda, and me through health issues and through great times.

They treat everybody the same because no person is better than another and firmly believe that with God nothing is impossible.

*My wife and I love and trust our Pastor and First Lady and will follow them as they follow the Almighty God.
Tom and Brenda Turner*



Dr. Dennis McMurray and Dr. E. Jean McMurray have been a HUGE blessing in my life over the last 18 years. Through their God inspired leadership my family and I have grown to higher levels in Christ!

I can always count on my Pastor and First Lady to not only deliver powerful messages, but they model their lives through love and compassion.

Deacon, Ken James



Dr. Dennis J. McMurray



Dr. E. Jean McMurray



Pastor John and Sue Smith
Executive Director, PastorCare West Michigan

We love Pastor Dennis and First Lady E. Jean McMurray!

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