Odom's third anniversary service set at New Middle Swamp Baptist

CORAPEAKE — New Middle Swamp Baptist Church is having a third anniversary celebration for pastor Claude M. Odom at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Rev. Milton E. Lee of Palm Tree Baptist Church will deliver the message for the occasion. The Male Chorus of Palm Tree will provide the music and other solo tributes will be featured.

The church continues to experience growth and revitalization in programs and services offered along with beautification and improvement in the edifice and church grounds.

The church now holds services four Sundays a month. The grounds have been paved and a basketball goal added. Involvement of more and more members using their talents and the community is the positive results of Pastor Odom's encouragement and motivation. Youth also take an active part in many areas of church work.

Rev. Odom enjoys a dynamic career with government service — having served as a staff assistant to Senator Terry Sanford. His state responsibility involved working with federal, state, and local government in the areas of EPA, Housing, Labor, and the Department of Justice.

His other work experience has been with Roanoke-Chowan Community College and C.F. Industries Inc., both of Ahoskie.

He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army which included a tour of duty in Vietnam. He is presently employed with the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

He has numerous awards. In 1993, he received the N.C. Human Relations Award for Community Involvement.

Rev. Odom holds a M.S. Degree from N.C. State University, a B.S. Degree from Shaw University, ASSOC. Degree from Roanoke-Chowan Community College and a Diploma from Triple C Bible Institute. He is presently pursuing his Doctor of Education degree from N.C. State University.

Rev. Odom and his wife, Bettina, have three children: Claudia, Brian, and Aaron.

The public is invited to attend this Christian celebration. Refreshments will be served in the church fellowship hall at the conclusion of the service.