Ingram receives Elder P.T. Lucas Pastor's Award

(Editor's note: The following article was provided by Mount Olive College.)

Dr. Joseph Ingram, pastor of Barnes Hill FWB Church in Nash County, received the Elder P.T. Lucas Pastor's Award at the James A. Evans Lecture held at Mount Olive College on July 30.

Dr. Ingram is originally from Kenly FWB Church in Johnston County. He accepted the call into the ministry in 1956 and was ordained as a FWB minister one year later with the Western Conference. He attended Mount Olive College and then Atlantic Christian College where he received his bachelor of arts degree in religion in 1965. He received his master's degree in 1990 and his doctorate of divinity in 1991 from Covington Theological Seminary in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Ingram has previously served Barnes Hill FWB Church in Nash County, Unity FWB Church in Wayne County, and Union Grove Church near Nahunta. He served as a volunteer chaplain at Pitt Memorial Hospital and has served as a high school sports official for basketball, volleyball, and softball for more than 20 years. Ingram and his wife, Peggy Flowers Ingram, have two children: Rebecca Ingram Huerta of Mount Olive, and Hickory Grove FWB Church in Pitt County. In addition to serving as pastor, Dr. Ingram served the denomination as Director of the Foreign Missions Board for 14 years. He is also past president of Carolina Bible Institute in Pine Level.

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Dr. Morris, originally from the Union Grove Church near Nahunta, provides the award as a memorial to Elder P.T. Lucas, Dr. Morris’ great-grandfather. Lucas, a Free Will Baptist minister early in this century, is remembered for his pastoral services.