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REV. CLARENCE E. LOCKLEAR

The man, Rev. Clarence E. Locklear, represents an era, a tradition, a giant pillar of spiritual and community development. In many ways he was an anachronism to his time; always deeper in thought, broader in vision, bolder in business, and wiser in the ways and events of his days than his peers and associates. He is definitely a man to be honored, respected, and endeared by Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

Rev. Locklear found his roots and grew to maturity in the fields of Robeson County. At the age of twenty he was called to preach and began a ministry that shared his pastoral leadership with thirteen associational churches. His first pastorate was Piney Grove and others include: Mt. Moriah, Ten Mile Center, New Bethel, Antioch, Reedy Branch, Harpers Ferry, Burnt Swamp, Oak Grove, Gray Pond, Union Baptist, Pembroke First, and New Hope where he has been shepherd now for over thirty years.