

Rev. Roosevelt Baums, Retired Elder

Marital Status: Married with 2 Daughters, 10 Grandchildren and 2 Great-grandchildren

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Education: Syracuse University, B.S. & Wesley Theological Seminary (5 years Course of Study)
Graduated

High School: William Spencer H.S. -Columbus, Georgia; Pre-college: Syracuse Equal Opportunity Center Syracuse New York.

Work Experience: Baums a community warrior with lasting impact upon our beloved community. Rev. Roosevelt Baums, a former NAACP, Member-at-Large Executive Committee member. Baums a longtime community activist reflects on a career of Achievements and Challenges. He has seen a lot of changes during his forty-nine years in our beloved Syracuse and the county of Onondaga. He has followed the wisdom of Booker T. Washington, "Cast down your bucket where you are" in our beloved city of Syracuse, New York.

- Achievements:
- Named city park after Mr. Ormond G. Spencer.
- Backed housing improvement in the South and West side a short distance from the proposed location of a new 200-bus Centro garage on the South Side.
- Supported the Syracuse Chapter of the National Organization of Women in obtaining an appointment for a Woman Judge.
- Supported the "Central City Family Learning Center, developed by Mrs. Mildred Wood and parents of the Special Education section of Syracuse City School District.
- Supported welfare rules changed to allow recipients to own cars: "Social Services laws should not prevent poor people from finding jobs and getting off the welfare line".
- Requested Centro to install benches at bus stops, "Installation of benches at Centro stops would enhance ridership".
- Advocated for two traffic lights: " State street, Killer street, Being made Safer".
- Supported home owners and their struggle to survive in declining neighborhoods.

Rev. Roosevelt Baums is a Bible Scholar, accomplished teacher, and a retired Elder of God's Word. He personalizes his sermons by highlighting his own dysfunctions and struggles everyone with inspirational, timely, and relevant messages along with his widely known slogan, "My God!"

Property Management for Longley & Jones; Department of Defense, Administrative Tech.; Upper New York Conference Leadership Team, Senior Pastor (2 churches), Deputy Sheriff Chaplain, Retired Federal employee and Retired MSG-E-8.

Awards: The C. William Brownfield Memorial Award, U.S. Jaycees- Presidential Award of Leadership, WT Grant Company-Assistant Manager's Achievement Award, Outstanding Easter Festival, Viet-Nam Veteran Outstanding Community Achievement, Tuskegee, Alabama "Key to the City", Utica Consistory #45, Orient of New, York 33rd degree Inspector General of The United Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Prince Hall Affiliation Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc.

References: Charles Forbes, 315-216-4757, Jeffrey Hodge 315-383-4384, Carol Keller, 315-253-4460, John Keating, 315-935-7659, Aaron Limmo, 315-418-1826 and Lawrence Lundgren 315-484-8296.

"In Him we live, and move, and have our being." Acts 17:28

Biographical Sketch of Reverend Roosevelt Baums

Reverend Roosevelt Baums is a man of God who gets excited with opportunities to help penurious groups. Whether deprived physically, socially or spiritually, the more problems the identified group has, the more motivated Reverend Baums becomes to meet the challenge.

Reverend Baums' life is well-diversified with church, school and community-based involvement and services. Born in Miami, Florida, he was reared in Tuskegee, Alabama, "The Pride of the Swift Growing South and the Home of Tuskegee Institute (University)." As a very young child he started his project management training by borrowing a piece of his grandmother's garden, learning weather patterns, soil preparation, growing, marketing and selling of his own cucumbers to local markets and restaurants. During his early childhood he developed an interest in the performing arts, writing and poetry. He performed in many plays and dramatic poetry readings and participated in numerous oratory contests.

Graduating from William Henry Spencer High School of Columbus, Georgia, he continued his education and received his B.S. degree from Syracuse University. A life-long learner, he has attended many workshops and taken many additional college courses, most recently from Colgate in Rochester, New York. He is currently a Candidate for his Master of Divinity degree from Northeastern Seminary at Robert Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York.

Reverend Baums proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era (E-8). His childhood, college and military service enlightened his views of society and he became a dedicated community activist and published author: "Welcome to Our Child's World," a children's awareness literature and selection of children's poetry; "A Minority View of How to Campaign for Political Office," a guide for candidates who wish to win a position in government; and numerous other poems and some prose.

Reverend Baums has invested almost fifty years developing expertise in group leadership, military leadership, organization design, group motivation, property management, retail management, program development, and USAR Recruitment. His use of these skills has attained him awards: United States Jaycees, Art of Oral Communication; The William Brownfield Memorial Award; The United States Presidential Award for Outstanding Community Achievement of a Vietnam Era Veteran; The Key to the City of Tuskegee, Alabama; Interdenominational Ministerial Alliances President's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Religion, Syracuse/Onondaga County NAACP Recognition Award, Tuskegee Institute H.S. Achievement Award, 2014 CNY Veterans Parade and Expo Award, and a host of other citations for outstanding community service.

Reverend Baums comes from a strong religious background nurtured at Rising Star Baptist Church and Butler Chapel Methodist Church. His life has been touched by the Lord with a gift of Spiritual Leadership. God's grace and favor allowed young Roosevelt Baums to be a Sunday school student, Church Usher, Church's Trustee, Young Adult Director, and exhorter. Then Roosevelt became a Pastor. Reverend Baums' presentation of God's Word is unique, and speaks of everyday living through worship, prayer, and serving others.

Active in the community, the pastor is a past state director of his local Jaycees chapter, a Prince Hall Freemason, 33rd degree member of Utica Consistory #45, a past district chairman for L.E.O. Clubs of Lions International, advisor for the 4-H Club, past president of McKinley-Brighton P.T.O., former member of the City-County Youth Board, professional member and chairman of the Chic Rose Performance Poetry Group, past member of the Syracuse Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council, and professional member of the National Writers Club and a host of political clubs.

Reverend Roosevelt Baums is a Retired Elder Pastor of James Street United Methodist Church in Syracuse, NY and an active member in the Upper New York Conference Leadership Team. He is also a member of the Department of Aging and Youth of Onondaga County, several antipoverty programs in Syracuse & Onondaga County, the Citizen Actions of CNY, the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care, the Syracuse Mayor's Clergy Taskforce, the Syracuse United Neighbors, the Eastwood Neighborhood Association, ACTS, NAACP, the Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc., the Crossroad Clergy Cluster of Syracuse, the Metro Charities, the Friends of Booker T. Washington National Monument, Upstate Medical Spiritual Care. In addition, Reverend Baums was the principal organizer and is still the Spiritual Leader of several faith-based community organizations for low-income disenfranchised elders: including the Senior Adult Ministry in Minoa, the Senior Adult Exercise program and Adult Transportation for Elders, Veterans and the Disabled in the eastern border of Onondaga County. Under his leadership the "Ecumenical Council of Minoa-Bridgeport-Kirkville Area" has evolved into a formidable organization touching the lives of approximately 7200 households annually through social and spiritual programs for all age groups.