



### ***Dr. Eula V. Polk Celebrates 108 Years of Living***

***On May 24, 2020, Dr. Eula V. Polk will celebrate 108 years of life.*** A century plus 8 years of existence is surely viewed as a victorious accomplishment, often including a birthday cake large enough for 108 candles and possibly even a short write-up in the local newspaper. However, as “Aunt V” reaches her 108 birthday, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, her family along with the Little Bethel CME Church family and her pastor, Rev. James Loftin, Ph.D., is asking everyone to send her a card or give her a call (601-878-0067) letting her know that she is thought of today. ***Dr. Eula V. Polk mailing address is: 4562 Wynndale Road Terry, Mississippi 39170.***

Since Sis. Polk has been so good to us these past 108 years; we knew that we had no choice but to take time out to let her know that we appreciate and thanks God for allowing her to still be an ***inspiration to her family, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Family and the Terry Community.*** We, the church and her family, decided that due to the ***COVID-19 virus to have one of those stay-at-home celebration.*** We would like for everyone to send her a card or give her a call wishing her an amazing happy 39,471 days or 108 years of living. It is our desire that she gets a minimum of ***108 cards commemorating this Magnanimous Birthday Celebration.***

***On MAY 5, 2012, Sis. Eula V Polk*** was awarded an ***Honorary Doctoral Degree*** for her work at Little Bethel CME Church and the Terry Community. This ceremony was attended by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, and as always Pastor James Loftin, Ph.D. She has been described by the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church as being an ***African American Woman Who is Strong as a Rock***”. And she yet carries the Crown and Title, ***“The Queen of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Episcopal District”!!***

When asked about her life Sis. Polk stated that in ***1940, I united in holy matrimony to Eddie Lee Polk; we reared two foster children, Willie James and Moses Lee.*** We brought our sons up in the church. My life has had its ups and downs, but through it all I remember what He said, ***the Lord won't put more on you than you can bear.*** We are not a perfect people, we are subject to mistakes, but you don't let the bad outweigh the good. I am blessed that God has allowed me to see grandchildren, great- grand, and great-great grand.

My work in the church included the following: ***Sunday School teacher, secretary, treasurer for the church., members of the usher board, a choir member, stewardess (twenty-five years), steward for (1 year), she is also Honorary Steward, Stewardess Emeritus, one year as Missionary President and many years as a delegate to District Conferences, Annual Conferences, Quadrennial Missionary Assemblies and delegate to the General Conference.*** Also, she has served as ***District Treasurer, District Zone Leader (8 years), District Stewardess and Worship Leader.*** The list goes on, and on – ***just like the Energizer Bunny and still going!!***

When Sis. Polk was asked about her dedication to Little Bethel and the CME Church she stated, “In 1921 I united with Little Bethel CME Church here in Terry, Mississippi. As I began to grow older, I understood what the church work life is all about. Life has not been easy, but you don't give up. Someone asked me one day “don't you ever get tired?” I said, ***“Yeah, but I don't let that stop me for the race is not given to the swift but to the one who holds out to the end.”*** Dr. Eula V. Polk will tell you that “The only way I've made it in these 108-year of birthday celebrations. was by ***letting Jesus lead and I follow***”. Praise God!!!