

Janet Moultrie

Janet W. Moultrie is the only child born to Geraldine Witlock and James Barber (deceased) in Savannah, GA (Chatham County) She attended public schools and is a 1975 graduate of Richard Arnold High School.

Following graduation, she married Benjamin L. Moultrie, and they traveled all over the world as a U.S. Army family. She continued her education, majoring in Early Childhood Education, with a bachelor's degree at the University of Hawaii (Maui) and Honolulu Community College (1979). After graduating, Janet taught preschool, four- and five-year-olds wherever she and Benjamin were stationed: California, Germany, Colorado, and Georgia. She taught kindergarten and special needs kindergarten at Schofield Barracks Preschool in Germany, and at Cozey Preschool in Augusta, GA. Janet taught in Savannah Chatham Public schools as well, retiring after 30 years of teaching.



And if I be lifted up from the earth, I'll draw all men unto me. ~ St. John 12:32

Her religious career began as a young lady, a member of Butler Presbyterian Church in Savannah. Rev. Picken Patterson was pastor at the time. She moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, and joining Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, where Rev. Gwen was the pastor. It was there she was active as a Deaconess, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Ministry, and Choir member.

In 1989, Janet joined the First African Baptist Church of East Savannah, where Rev. Thomas E. Williams was the pastor. She served and grew in church ministries, including becoming the president of Pastors Care and Ministry, a Children's Church teacher, and a Sunday School teacher. Additionally, she earned an Associate degree in Religious Studies at Covington Theology Seminary (Christian Education). Janet joined the Ministers' Wives Organization in 1993, and she is a life member in the local, state, and international levels. For five years, Janet was President of the Savannah Baptist Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Association, and she held other positions on a local level, Southeast Region Communion. In 2018, she was selected to be Communion Chairperson for IAMWMW, Assistant Chairperson with Preachers' Kids (PKS). From 2005 to 2022, Janet served as the Presidential Aid for Mrs. Thelma H. Edwards, GA IAMWMW President. Presently, Janet is Convention Chairperson for GAMWMW, Communion Chairperson for the Southeast Region, and Communion Chairperson for IAMWMW.

Janet is a dedicated community advocate and serves at United Way, Union Mission, and Homeless Shelter.

Janet and Benjamin are retired military after 22 years of service; they are parents to four children, 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. They are members of First African Baptist Church of East Savannah, and they are about kingdom building. Janet is proud to be part of the IAMWMW, where one sister reaches out to another sister.

She has a passion for people and desires to touch people's lives—especially young people. Janet's motto is, *If I can help somebody as I pass along, If I can help cheer somebody with a word or song. If I can spread God's message as I travel along, then my living will not be in vain.*