

# Mount Olive Hosts Deacon and Deaconess Banquet Black Tie Affair



St. Paul Baptist Church,  
Longview, Texas.

Everyone donned their black ties and formal wear to attend the first annual black tie affair for the Deacon and Deaconess Banquet.

Guests were treated to an evening of great gospel music, praise dance from the Mt. Olive Youth Praise Dancers, and a healthy meal of good down home cooking catered by the church kitchen staff.

The Rusk Junior High Cafetorium tables were decorated in black and white with clear lights to give a holiday atmosphere.

The theme "My Life Is On Display" How am I Doing?" was used to highlight the life of the Deacons and their wives and the role each has played at the church over the years.

Marie Hicks introduced Evelyn Timmons who spoke on the role of a Deacon's wife.

Charles Hicks introduced the speaker, Rev. Vandell Smith, who told of Paul's Letter to Timothy and how it gives the qualifications of a Deacon, Acts 6.



Sandra Brown,  
MC for the event.

L to R. top L- Mertis Bartley, Pastor, Jerry Leviston, Mike Cook and Sam O'neal Deacons. Top right left to right - Theresa Coo, Ann Leviston, Stella Bartley and Shenequa O'Neal Deaconesses. Bottom left Donnie Timmons, pastor Shady Grove COCIG, and Evelyn Timmons - speaker Evelyn Smith and Vandell Smith, speaker & pastor of



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