

Ms. Annie Grace Simpson turns 100!

Ms. Annie Grace Simpson, or Mother Simpson as she is affectionately known by her Travelers Rest Baptist Church members, was born July 28, 1915 in Monticello, GA and is the third oldest of eleven children. Early in life, Mother Simpson attended school in a two-room building called The Mathlama School for Colored Children, located in the vicinity of Hadley Blvd in unincorporated Morrow, where today an African Methodist Church on Hadley Blvd bears the school's name. She is very independent and stays active, ready to go to whenever her church visits or fellowships with another church. She loves to travel, flying to visit her only child who lives in California.

On Saturday, July 25th, her church family and friends honored her in a birthday celebration fit for a queen, with letters of congratulations from President Barack Obama and Governor Nathan Deal. Several county and state leaders also came out to recognize her, including Senator Gail Davenport and State Representative Sandra Scott, who presented resolutions from the Senate and House of Representatives honoring her big day. Clayton County Fire Chief Landry Merkison presented Mother Simpson with a commemorative hat from the Clayton County Fire Department and Clayton County Sheriff Victor Hill ceremoniously deputized her. Interim Police Chief Michael Register also presented her with an American flag from the Clayton County Police Department. On Tuesday, August 4th, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners honored her with a proclamation during their board meetings.