



## MEET LEROY DEDMON

LEROY DEDMON WAS BORN ON JUNE 27, 1939 IN RINGGOLD, GA TO HIS PARENTS, GORDON LEE AND RUBY (DICKSON) DEDMON. HE IS THE OLDEST OF FIVE CHILDREN (CAROLYN, RUTH, TOM AND BILL). LEROY WAS "RAISED" IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, BUT WAS CONVERTED AND BAPTIZED BY JAMES WATKINS IN 1957 AT THE CHATTANOOGA VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST IN FLINTSTONE, GA. LEROY CONVERTED HIS SISTER, RUTH, WHO IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CHURCH AT GURLEY, AL AND HIS BROTHER, BILL, WHO IS ALSO A GOSPEL PREACHER, AND PRESENTLY PREACHES AND SERVES AS AN ELDER FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN BOWDON GA.

LEROY ATTENDED GRADE SCHOOL AT GRAYSVILLE, GA AND OSBURN ELEMENTARY (NEAR CHICKAMAUGA, GA) AND GRADUATED FROM ROSSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL IN ROSSVILLE, GA IN 1957. HE HOLDS A BA IN BIBLE FROM NATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (NCU MERGED WITH A PROGRAM IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA AND EVENTUALLY WITH THE ALABAMA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF RELIGION, AND A MA FROM SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (FORMERLY ALABAMA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF RELIGION) IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, (WHICH IS NOW KNOWN AS AMRIDGE UNIVERSITY). HE IS CERTIFIED TO ADMINISTER THE TAYLOR-JOHNSON TEMPERAMENT ANALYSIS PROFILE AND A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR FOR RON WILLINGHAM MEN'S LEADERSHIP COURSE.

ON APRIL 5, 1959, LEROY MARRIED JANE GLASSCOCK, HIS HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART. SHE WAS BORN AT CHICKAMAUGA, GA, THE OLDEST OF 3 CHILDREN (RUTH AND ED). HER FATHER, BERLIN GLASSCOCK, SERVED AS AN ELDER FOR CHATTANOOGA VALLEY. FOLLOWING HIS DEATH IN 1961, JANE'S MOTHER, CYNTHIA SERVED AS A DORM SUPERVISOR AT FREED-HARDEMAN COLLEGE UNTIL SHE PASSED AWAY IN 1972. JANE IS A TEACHER FOR WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS. SHE HAS DEVELOPED HER MATERIAL, "GOD'S CHARM SCHOOL AND CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY". LEROY AND JANE HAVE TWO CHILDREN, GARY OF SPRINGFIELD, TN AND GWEN (KILEY) OF BUCHANAN, GA. THE DEDMON'S HAVE 3 GRANDCHILDREN, CARRIE WEBB, GREG AND JONATHAN DEDMON. THEY ALSO HAVE EIGHT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, CASSIDY WEBB, MASIE WEBB, CURT WEBB, MAKALA WEBB, BRADY DEDMON, CARSON DEDMON, DEVON KILEY AND BELLA KILEY. THEIR NINTH GREAT GRANDCHILD, KYNDEN WAS STILL BORN IN 2015.

LEROY HAS BEEN PREACHING THE GOSPEL ALMOST 60 YEARS. HIS FIRST SERMON WAS IN A MEN'S TRAINING CLASS AT CHATTANOOGA VALLEY IN 1958. HE FILLED APPOINTMENTS FOR CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH ALABAMA AFTER MOVING TO HUNTSVILLE IN 1959 TO WORK AT REDSTONE ARSENAL AS A DRAFTSMAN WITH NASA ON THE SATURN IV PROJECT. WHILE PREACHING PART TIME FOR THE CHURCH AT GURLEY, ALABAMA, HE DECIDED IN 1963 HE WOULD RATHER SHOW FOLK HOW TO GO TO HEAVEN RATHER THAN THE MOON.

HE HAS SERVED AS THE MINISTER FOR EIGHT CONGREGATIONS: GURLEY, AL (1960-1964); NEW UNION, NEAR MANCHESTER, TN (1964-68); MORRISON, TN (1968-1972); SPRINGFIELD, TN (1972-85); BREMEN, GA (1985-93); WOODSTOCK, GA (1993.-2004) AND OOLTEWAH, TN (2010-2013). WHILE AT GURLEY, AL HE HELPED ESTABLISH A CONGREGATION AT KEEL MT. AND PREACHED FOR THEM AS WELL AS THE GURLEY CONGREGATION FOR ABOUT 6 MONTHS, PREACHING 4 TIMES EACH LORD'S DAY. HE ALSO SERVED AS ONE OF THE PREACHERS FOR THE HIGHLAND CONGREGATION IN DALTON, GA ON A PART TIME BASIS FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT (2004-2010). HE WAS FORCED TO RETIRE FROM THE PULPIT IN 2013 AS A FULL TIME PREACHER AND CONTINUED TO FILL APPOINTMENTS AS HE WAS ABLE. IN FEBRUARY OF 2017 HE HAD A TRIPLE BYPASS HEART SURGERY AND IS PREACHING BY APPOINTMENT ON A LIMITED BASIS DURING THE RECOVERY PROCESS.

LEROY HAS ALWAYS BEEN ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, SERVING AS P.T.A. PRESIDENT, CUB SCOUT AND BOY SCOUT LEADER, AND LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL COACH. HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROBERTSON COUNTY JOB OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE, THE SPRINGFIELD EMERGENCY FOOD BANK, ROBERTSON COUNTY HOME HEALTH CARE, VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN OF THE ROBERTSON COUNTY JAIL AND JESSE HOLMAN JONES HOSPITAL IN SPRINGFIELD, TN. HE IS A PAST MEMBER OF THE MORRISON RURITAN CLUB, SPRINGFIELD KIWANIS CLUB, BREMEN LIONS CLUB AND THE WOODSTOCK KIWANIS CLUB, WHERE HE SERVED THREE TERMS AS PRESIDENT. HE ALSO SERVED AS AN OFFICER OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION.

HE HAS SERVED THE FOLLOWING CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMPS: CUMBERLAND HEIGHTS (CAMP CHILD) (ALTAMONT, TN); FALL CREEK FALLS (PIKEVILLE, TN); LYLEWOOD (CLARKSVILLE, TN); SHORT MT. (WOODBURY, TN); AND CAMP INAGEHI (DOUGLASVILLE, GA). HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT CAMP INAGEHI FROM 1985-2004). WHERE HE DIRECTED A WEEK OF SUMMER CAMP FOR ALMOST 15 YEARS. HE SERVED AS PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE TELEVISION PROGRAM "PREACHING THE GOSPEL" (2004-2008) AND WAS THE OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR "THE GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK" (GBN) (2008-2010). HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH BOTH PREACHING THE GOSPEL AND GBN FROM THEIR INCEPTION.

JANE AND LEROY HAVE SERVED AS HOUSEPARENTS AND PUBLICITY DIRECTOR AT CHILDHAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME IN CULLMAN, AL AND HOUSEPARENTS AT SUNNY ACRES HOME FOR CHILDREN IN MORRISON, TN WHILE HE SERVED AS THE PREACHER AT MORRISON. LEROY HAS CONDUCTED DAILY RADIO PROGRAMS IN MANCHESTER, McMINNVILLE, SPRINGFIELD AND BREMEN. HE HAS APPEARED AS A GUEST ON SEVERAL TV PROGRAMS, INCLUDING; SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES IN BOWLING GREEN, KY, FABRIC OF THE FAMILY AND GOOD NEWS TODAY. HE WAS A REGULAR PANELIST ON KNOW YOUR BIBLE, A WEEKLY QUESTION AND ANSWER PROGRAM SEEN IN NORTH GEORGIA AND CHATTANOOGA. PRESENTLY HE HAS A FIVE MINUTE PROGRAM, "LEAVING A LEGACY", WHICH AIRS ON THE GOOD NEWS TODAY PROGRAM WITH JIM DEARMAN. HE HAS CONDUCTED OVER 300 GOSPEL MEETINGS IN GEORGIA, ALABAMA, TENNESSEE, FLORIDA, MISSISSIPPI, ILLINOIS AND INDIANA.

HE IS ALSO AN ENTERTAINER FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS WITH HIS HUMOR. HIS CREATION OF "PREECHER ALFALHA HAYSEED" HAS BECOME A POPULAR HIT WITH HIS "AFTER DINNER SPEECHES". LEROY'S HOBBIES INCLUDE: GOLF, SOFTBALL (HE PLAYED PAST 70 YEARS OF AGE), AND COMPUTERS. HE HAS ASSISTED SEVERAL CHURCHES IN SETTING UP THEIR COMPUTER PROGRAMS TO PUBLISH THEIR BULLETINS, CREATE WEB PAGES, UTILIZE MEMBERSHIP TALENTS AND CONTROL THEIR FINANCES.