



Joseph L. Looney (II) was born in Shreveport, LA, and raised near Magnolia, Arkansas. He was the third child of Jack and Mary Looney who taught him right from wrong, about the Bible and the true God. His father worked in the oil fields. His mother was a school teacher and later a librarian at Southern State College (now: Southern Arkansas University). His father went to the Methodist Church. His father made a profession of faith and was baptized and became a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church southeast of Magnolia in 1969.

Upon graduation from Magnolia High School in 1956, Joe joined the U.S Army Reserves, "Six Month Active Duty Program" and served about 6 years in the Reserves. After the Six Month Program, Joe attended Southern State College, Magnolia. In the summer of 1957 while working for the Banner News, Joe met and later married Miss Patsy Ruth Griffis, December 27, 1957, at the Davidson Missionary Baptist Church near Waldo, AR. Pat has been a faithful, loyal companion ever since that time. (Pat worked as a school teacher and assistant for 31 years.) January, 1961, Joe received the Bachelor of Science--Industrial Engineering degree from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

In May, 1960, John Blake a fellow engineering student revealed the following Scriptures (Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23; 5:6, 8 and etc.). Joe realized that he was lost and needed to be saved. Two weeks later Joe asked Christ Jesus to save him and forgive him of his sins and was saved at the age of 21 (June, 1960). He then followed the Lord in scriptural baptism and became a member of Central Missionary Baptist Church of Fayetteville, AR.

While working as an Industrial Engineer for Poinsett Lumber and Manufacturing Company in Trumann, AR, the Lord began dealing with Joe concerning the call to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. It wasn't until October, 1971, that Joe came before the Cavanaugh Missionary Baptist Church, Ft. Smith, AR, and surrendered to the Master's will by faith. In January, 1973, he accepted the pastorate of the Mountain Grove Missionary Baptist Church near Alma, AR. He was ordained in March, 1973, by the Cavanaugh Church under the ministry of Brother E. Keith Simmons. Joe worked as an industrial engineer for over 20 years in Arkansas and Kentucky (1960 -- 1982).

Joe has served the following Missionary Baptist churches as pastor from 1973 until the 2017:

- Mountain Grove, near Alma, AR January 1973 -- July 1981
- Unity, near Paron, AR March 1983 -- August 1986
- Pine Top, near Broken Bow, OK June 1987 -- July 1995
- Calvary, Gillette, WY August 1995 -- July 2014
- Wards Creek, Simms, TX April through July, 2017 (Interim)
- Joe and Pat are currently Members of Austin Chapel, De Kalb, TX

Education:

Magnolia High School, Magnolia, Arkansas

University of Arkansas,

Graduated: January, 1961

Graduated: 1956

Fayetteville, Arkansas

BS-Industrial Engineering

Lexington Baptist College, Lexington, Kentucky

(Concurrent with working for Square D Co.)

Attended: 1963-1968

Missionary Baptist Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas

Graduated: B. B. L., May, 1986; TH. B., May, 1987

Gulf Coast Baptist Institute, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Master of Theology, May 4, 2001

Doctor of Theology, May 11, 2012

Service for Missionary Baptist Associations:

- Annual Speaker for Central MBA of AR.; Messenger Meeting: Oct. 18, 1985
- Annual Speaker for Macedonia MBA of OK. Messenger Meeting: Sept. 30, 1989
- Moderator for Macedonia MBA of OK.; Messenger Meeting: Sept. 1994 & elected for 1995
- Moderator (& Moderator's Address) for Rocky Mountain MBA: August 4, 2000 (Greeley, CO)
- Moderator (& Moderator's Address) for Rocky Mountain MBA: August 3, 2001 (Cheyenne, WY)
- Assistant Parliamentarian for Rocky Mountain MBA for several years
- Speaker for Graduation Exercises in May, 2012 for Gulf Coast Baptist Institute, Hattiesburg, MS
- Organizer, Planner, and Moderator for the WyKota Landmark Baptist Fellowship Retreat (Meeting at Fort Robinson State Park near Crawford, NE) (2002 thru 2014)

Joe and Pat have three children, Joe L. Looney III (Baptist preacher) of Broken Bow, OK, and Marietta Raney (school teacher in New Boston) of De Kalb, TX, and William Looney (computer building structure designer) of Lowell, AR; and four grandchildren.