



JOHN McBRYDE JR.

John McBryde, a native of Red Springs, N.C., was baptized into the body at Hillcrest, in 1984. He was ordained an elder in 1997.

A jovial leader, Brother McBryde evoked the late President John F. Kennedy when speaking about the importance of the congregation pulling together --- and striving to achieve objectives. "Ask not what Hillcrest can do for us," he said, "but what can we do, collectively, to accomplish the work together."

McBryde pointed out that teamwork and pulling together will surprise members when they see how much can be accomplished.

A champion of feeding the flock, Bro. McBryde says he takes special pleasure in visiting the sick and vulnerable, and bringing cheer and timely help to members who sometimes are at their lowest point.

"Seeing people respond to attention actually helps to strengthen me too," said the affable brother. Visiting is really one of his past times, he said.

McBryde, a manager at Dart Container in Lithonia, says he loves to read, including the Bible, as well as periodicals.

He and his wife Spring, whom he met in college at Elizabeth State University in NC, were married in 1980 and have one adult son, John III.