

ONE DAY with James Johnson

What do you do after successfully serving 51 years as a Baptist minister? James Johnson, 74, turned to woodworking.

Johnson was the minister of the First Baptist Church of Walnut Cove for 24 years (1946-70). He retired in 1970 and currently resides with his wife of nearly 50 years, Mae Meredith Johnson on Piney Mountain Road.

Education

Born and bred in Kipling (Harnett County), 30 miles south of Raleigh he graduated from Lafayette High School and moved to Raleigh to become manager of an A&P Tea Co. Store. During his seven years in this

position, he felt the calling to the ministry. "A man ought to know himself and to do what he should be doing," Johnson explained.

Johnson enrolled at Wake Forest University, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in religion in 1938. He also completed extension work at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ken. in 1951.

Ministry

He received his first assignment in 1937 in Memeyer near Nashville, N.C. He served in this post until 1940 when he moved to Plymouth, 1940-42. He served in Durham from 1942 until 1946, and came to Stokes County in 1946.

Of his Walnut Cove ministry, Johnson said, "We liked it so well to begin with that we stayed". When he arrived in Stokes, the congregation had neither a church, which burned down, nor a parsonage. The members worshipped in the two high schools in Walnut Cove from 1946-48.

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Johnson equates ministry with communication — "living with people, communicating with people, and loving them." He added, "A man can't hear what I say in the pulpit if I don't live it on the streets."

"I don't see that there's anything more rewarding than to see progress

— to see the church grow at a healthy gradual pace."

Johnson praised his wife for her assistance throughout his career. "My wife has been with me all the way," he said.

Retirement

Now, Johnson divides his time between wood working and serving as a supply of interim pastor. He has been making clocks, mirrors, and pictures since 1972. Since woodworking is a hobby, Johnson does it at his leisure.

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Rev. J. M. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Walnut Cove for the past twenty-four years, has retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and their family moved to Walnut Cove in May of 1946. During these years they experienced many challenges in the life, work and services of the church there.

Mr. Johnson, a native of Chalybeate Springs, N. C. in Harnett County, received his formal education in the public schools of that county. He attended Buies Creek Academy (now Campbell College) and received a B. A. degree from Wake Forest College.

Prior to entering the ministry he was a store manager for the A & P Tea Co. for seven years and for a short time he was a sales representative with the Palmolive Peet Co.

During his tenure as pastor at Walnut Cove he served as a member of several board and committees of the Baptist denomination.

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was president of the County Chapter of the Red Cross and for three years he was a member of the Stokes County Good Neighbor Council.

Mr. Johnson is strongly averse to evaluating his ministry by statistical information, but a few stand out tremendously.

The church building had burned some three years before the Johnsons arrived. The congregation had worshipped in the school building and most of this time without a regular pastor. At this time the church did not own a parsonage. The people of the church had many reasons for discouragement, but maintained and exercised a faith and sacrificial spirit of giving and hard manual work. At the present the physical assets of the church (debt free), is near a quarter million dollars.

Gifts to Missions - local, Associational, state, home and foreign have doubled many times over during the years of his pastorate.

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Mrs. Johnson, the former Mae Meredith Smith of Chase City, Va. has worked and served faithfully and effectively along with her husband during the years. She received her formal education in the public schools of Mecklenburg County, Va., East Carolina Teachers College and Wake Forest College.

She has served effectively in the educational program of the church as teacher, training organizations, as president of the Woman's Missionary Union of her church, as a member of the WMU executive committee of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association and various other committees.

The Johnsons have two children, Mrs. William Alfred Dula, of Durham, and James McRay Johnson, Jr. of Walnut Cove. He is employed by The Gravelly Tractor Co. of Clemmons, N. C. His wife is the former Susie Boaz of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Wake Forest, Wake Weekly
Wallace Enterprise
Walnut Cove, Stokes Record

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Minister Lives By His Preaching

By Virtie Stroup

Staff Religion Reporter

James McRay Johnson, 66, of Walnut Cove has stepped down as pastor of Walnut Cove Baptist Church. But there is little likelihood that he will ever stop being a minister.

Johnson is a country boy and proud of it. His life began and has progressed through a series of towns whose names often are not familiar. But as a true small townner, he knows every Matthew, Mark, Luke and John he has grown up with throughout life.

A latecomer into the ministry, Johnson predicted while preparing for the pulpit that his best sermons would be preached squatted at the end of a row of corn talking to a sweaty farmer.

Listens to Himself

His philosophy has been to listen to what he preached.

"If I preach the love of God and the salvation of Christ in the pulpit, then I forfeit my right to claim that if I don't live it on the streets every day. Am I not right?" he asked.

He doesn't believe in high-powered pressure tactics or emotional plays.

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When Johnson arrived at Walnut Cove the congregation had neither church nor parsonage. The church had burned and services were being held in the high school. There were 261 members in 1946 and today there are 418.

Born in Chalybeate Springs, Johnson got his education at Buies Creek Academy, now Campbell College, and Wake Forest University. His seminary training was through extension courses from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor in Momyer, Plymouth and Durham before coming to Stokes County.

His decision to accept the Walnut Cove call was similar to the call to enter the ministry. He wanted neither. He had shunned "the longtail ministry" for 12 years "until the Lord showed me some people like my mother (Mrs. Evander Atlas Johnson, 95, of Kipling).

"She was never president of the Woman's Missionary Union and I never saw her pray in public, but she and others like her lived what they claimed to be. Here's where I got my life. And the thought came to me: Why not

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Retirement Plans

And in retirement, he plans to keep on "loving people, working with them and serving them. I like mechanics, woodworking and then there's fishing. I'm looking forward to retirement, but I won't be serving God by proxy."

The years have been good to him, Johnson said. "I have worked, lived and won those people. After all that's what the Bible says: Win them, baptize them, teach them and lead them. That's my philosophy."

Apparently the town thought well of Johnson's contribution. They say of him: "The whole moral tone of this town has been different since the Johnsons moved here."

Their gift of appreciation was a new car. His Irish mother on seeing the car said: "McRAY, they either thought a lot of you or they wanted to get rid of you mighty bad!"

Wilmington News
Wilmington Star-News
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Winston-Salem Journal
Winston-Salem Sentinel
Norfolk: Va. Pilot

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THE REV. J. M. JOHNSON, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Walnut Cove for the past 24 years, has retired. As a gesture of appreciation for his long and faithful service, the congregation presented him a new automobile. Chairman of the Board of Deacons Andrew Smith is shown presenting the retiring pastor with the keys. A full story of Rev. Johnson's life in Walnut Cove will be told in a story from the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association next week.

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Rev. James M. Johnson Sr. Became Pastor In 1946

By Mrs. J. R. Jones

The Rev. James McCray Johnson Sr. became pastor of Walnut Cove First Baptist Church in 1946 after resigning as pastor of Durham Memorial Baptist Church, to face the challenge at Walnut Cove with a smaller salary.

The church building burned to the ground Jan. 10, 1943, and its property consisted of a lot with burned brick and other rubble. He assumed his duties in May 1946 and retired 24 years later in May 1970.

He left a new church building with two parking lots added, a new parsonage, all free of debt. Not only did he deliver inspiring messages, but sang in the choir, served as moderator of the association and was on the General Board of the State Convention for several years.

His wife, Mrs. Mae Meredith Smith Johnson, teacher, of Chase City, Va., was WMU director, Sunday school teacher and an extension worker.

Rev. Johnson is a graduate of Wake Forest University, then a college at Wake Forest, N.C. Mrs. Johnson attended East

Carolina Teachers College and took Bible courses at Wake Forest.

Their daughter, Mae Meredith Johnson, was church organist before her marriage to Alfred Dula, who later moved to Durham. They have two sons, Alfred Jr. and Bradley, both college trained. Their son, James McCray Johnson Jr., a Wake Forest graduate, was choir director before he and his family moved to Winston-Salem. They have three children, James McCray Johnson III, Jennifer and Michael Johnson.

Thus the entire Johnson family were involved in the Walnut Cove church.

The groundbreaking in 1948 for the new church building was shared by B. F. Johnson, deacon and oldest member, now deceased, and Jimmy Brown, youngest member. Mr. Johnson laid the first brick and last brick, perhaps some more. He and the Baptist men did a large part of carpentry work thereby cutting the cost. Baptist women did their part, such as serving lunch to the workers when the steeple was erected.

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mittees. He knew how to work with people and his pastor, and any pastor could not have had a better friend and co-laborer. Both as a layman and pastor he served on various committees of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association.

Working faithfully along his side and equally dedicated to her Lord, her church, and her pastor was his partner in life and ministry, Virginia Ann Campbell Hauser. They walked the road of dedication and call to the ministry together. When Thurman surrendered to God's call to the Gospel Ministry, they sold their business (H&B Tire Company) and their home so that he might have financial resources to study at Fruitland Bible Institute. They walked together the way of faith, courage and commitment.

Little did any of us realize that his ministry as a pastor would be so brief. With the same dedication with which he served as a layman, he served the Oak Ridge Baptist Church at Sandy Ridge as pastor for nine years. He served the whole community as well as his congregation. So Oak Ridge was his only pastorate before his death, but he served well, and I am sure that he can claim the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Cecil Cave
Pastor, Mineral Springs Baptist Church
Moderator, Pilot Mountain Association



JAMES M. JOHNSON, SR.
(1904-1990)

For me
he will always be
not John's son
but Paul's;
he thought like Paul,
thought for us all.
From the day we met
his mind was set,
set on God
and for eternity
set free.
The letter Paul wrote,
from it I quote,
will help to see
how he thus
came to be.
"For to me
life is Christ
and death gain;
if my living
in the body
may serve
some good purpose
I am torn two ways.

What I should like
is to depart
and be with Christ,
that is better by far.

But, for your sake
there is a greater need
for me to stay . . .

This I know
I shall stay . . .
and stand by
you all

to help you forward
and add joy
to your faith . . ."

(Phil. 1:21-26 NEB
Adapted)

He stayed on with us
all the years of my ministry
to the church.

Thus at the end
of my life,
to calm my strife,
came this man
sent from God

one who trod
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Father God,
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Sydney L. Goldfinch, SBC Missionary &
Pastor, Walnut Cove First Baptist
Church 1983-1990

J. M. Johnson, Sr. served for twenty-four years as pastor of Walnut Cove First Baptist Church from 1946 until his retirement in 1970. He was recognized as Pastor Emeritus until his death.



RONALD EARL RICE
(1912-1990)

Ron Rice was one of those rare individuals who is able to see the image of God in every person, both the lovely and the unlovely. Through his gifts of ministry, he touched the lives of young and old, impoverished and well-to-do, reaching out to every segment of the communities he served.

Born in 1912 in Sturgis, Michigan, Rice pastored Baptist churches in Michigan, Indiana, and Virginia before coming to North Carolina. He served as Director of Missions for the Flat River Baptist Association. He helped organize Grove Park Baptist Church in Burlington (1944-48); Regalwood Baptist Church (1953-55); and Immanuel Baptist Chapel (1963), which later constituted as Pfafftown Baptist Church. For seventeen years he served as Missions Pastor for the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, during which time he helped found the Downtown Church Center and the Crisis Control Ministry. He served as the first Director of Crisis Control, from 1973-77. From 1980-84 he served as bivocational pastor of South Fork Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

Ron Rice was also active in many other helping organizations, including Contact, Forsyth County Council for Older Adults, Meals on Wheels, Mandala, Alzheimer's Center, Walkertown Outreach Ministry, and the Shepherd's Center. He served on the North Carolina Board of Health. In 1986, Rice was the first recipient of the Nancy Susan Reynolds Award for Community Change, which was created to honor those who have done remarkable things with no expectation of recognition, who have taken risks and worked outside conventional channels.

A voracious reader, Rice was fascinated with the concept of cities and the role of urban ministry. In a 1982 article, Rice wrote: "I came to think of the city as my parish. Approaching the city from the east, catching the first glimpse of the water tower at Ninth and Chestnut Streets, I would often say to myself with satisfaction, 'There is my parish.' It is a rich feeling to care for a city. It is good to be able to say, 'This is my city.'"

When Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson retired from First Baptist Church in 1970 she requested that Catherine R. Jones take her place as Director of the WMU. Catherine did not seek this as she knew she was neither worthy or capable.

But she and Erleen Craig, President of the WMU of First Baptist Church of Walnut Cove, kept the ball rolling until some new members came into the church and shared the load well. Erleen Craig is still WMU President and Catherine is an active member. Some years ago she completed a 25 year perfect attendance record before she became sick for a season.

She has been elected to a Lifetime Membership in Walnut Cove Chapter No. 157, Order of the Eastern Star.

The reason she did not get to college is that she is the youngest child of seven children and her parents were getting old and money became more limited.

The Scholarship Medal she won was gold but had not Scholarship Funds.

James McKay Johnson, Sr.

The Rev James Mc Ray Johnson, Sr. , became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Walnut Cove in 1946. Family members were Rev. James McKay Johnson, Sr., Mrs Mae Smith Johnson, Their daughter, Mae Meredith Johnson, and their son, James McKay Johnson, Jr. They retired in 1970.

Mrs. Johnson is now deceased.

While ashe and her husband served at First Baptist Church of Walnut for 24 years she was a Sunday School teacher, Extension Worker, and WMU President and Director giving her best wherever she was working

Rev. Johnson now lives at Guardian Care Nursing Home in Walnut Cove.

He is Pastor Emeritus of The First Baptist Church of Walnut Cove.

P.S.

Rev. J. M. Johnson grew up on a tobacco farm in Harnett County, North Carolina, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Evander Johnson.

He married Miss Mae Smith of Chase City, Virginia, a teacher.

He was manager of an Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company grocery store in Oxford having coming from one in Raleigh. This was in the early thirties-the depression years. He had fought the call to the ministry for some time so finally in Oxford he surrendered his life to the Christian call. He dreaded to tell his mother about this decision in a depression after the birth of their daughter, Mae Meredith Johnson. He was shocked when his mother said, "I have been praying for this for a long time."

He and his family moved to Wake Forest to enter Wake Forest College in preparation for the ministry. He worked at a grocery store on Saturdays. Some times bits of money came in the mail.

After graduation he served pastorates in Eastern North Carolina and in Durham, N.C. where he was when the call came from Walnut Cove. This church building had burned to the ground leaving only the lot, broken brick and rubble. This was in 1940. He and the men of the church, with the ladies doing what they could, began to clean up and build. They did all they could with the assistance of hired help when necessary. He has pictures of him and the men working on the top of the church and other parts.

When he and Mrs. Johnson retired in 1970 the church and other property were debt free. The church building of brick, a brick parsonage, two parking lots were worth at low estimate about Two Hundred Thousand dollars and much more today. A member donated a cemetery lot.

Mr. Johnson served as Moderator of The Pilot Mountain Baptist Association and was a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention. He and men from his church and other Churches built Camp Retreat in Stokes County which later in a winter time burned to the ground. He studied in extension classes of Southern Seminary,

Mr. Johnson is a good farmer, carpenter, wood worker, mechanic, and fisherman.

He planted his own garden and those of two neighbors. He took vegetables to others. Carried fresh fish to them. Repaired his car. Led a movement that defeated the ABC Store for the County but later a town election brought one to Walnut Cove.

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BAPTIST BIOGRAPHY DATA FORM

Please read carefully the *Instruction Sheet* and then list the appropriate information as it directs.

1. NAME Johnson, St. James McRae
(Last) (First) (Second)

Give full names. For a married woman please put maiden name in parentheses.

[EXAMPLE: Cole, Mary Ann (Smith).]

2. BIRTH Cherrybeate Springs Harnett N.C. Feb 24, 1904
(Place) (County) (State) (Date)

DEATH _____

3. PARENTS Evander Anderson Estell Smith Johnson
[EXAMPLE: Alec Joe Doaks and Lucy Mae (Brown) Doaks]

Father's occupation Farmer Mother's occupation Housewife-Mother

4. BROTHERS (3) List full names and year of birth _____
(Living or deceased) Number

Otha C. Cio. Roger Coyt. Bilmer Ward.

5. SISTERS (4) List full names and year of birth _____
(Living or deceased) Number

Mirissa Mae. Beatrice. Mary. Elizabeth

6. CHILDHOOD RESIDENCE: (Please list each residence of 3 years duration or more, up to the time of the 18th birthday)

Type of Community Post Office County State Dates

Rural (R); town under 2500 pop. (T); city 2500 or more pop. (C). Check one.

R T C Cherrybeate Springs, Harnett N.C.
R T C _____
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7. EDUCATION:

Grammar school: Graduate? Yes (✓) No () Year graduated _____

High school: Graduate? Yes (✓) No () Year graduated 1926

School attended: Lafayette Cherrybeate Spgs. N.C.
(Name) (Place) (State)

(Whether graduate or not; if more than one was attended, show the last one.)

College: Years attended: None () One () 2-3 () Graduate (✓)

Whether graduated or not, list college(s) attended: (EXAMPLE: 1935-'38)

Wake Forest Wake Forest N.C. 1934-38 A.B.
(Name) (Place) (State) (Years attended) (Degree)

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Graduate-level: List college(s), seminary(ies), etc. attended; earned degrees

(Name) (Place) (State) (Years attended) (Degree)

Extension Courses Southern Sem. Louis. Ky.

8. SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION RECEIVED: (Honorary degrees, such as: D.D., Howard College, 1948; citations, such as: *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 1939*; honorary positions, such as: "Man of the Year"—Pryor, Okla., 1943; etc.)

9. MARITAL INFORMATION:

Spouse	Birthdate of Spouse	Place of Marriage (Town and State)	Date of Marriage
(1) Mae Meredith Smith	Chase City, Va.	Wellsburg, Va.	Nov. 14, 1938
(2)			

Number of children 2. List their full names and birthdates: (an example of a married daughter would be: Mrs. John Alan (Mary Lou) Ross, 3-7-1918)

Mrs. William Alfred (Mae Meredith) Durr, 1-8-1934
 James McRae Johnson, Jr. 6-24-1940

10. VOCATIONAL HISTORY (List all vocations, occupations, trades, or professions engaged in for two or more years)

On farm through H. School
 Seven years with A.P. Teaco. Then to College

11. RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE:

Conversion _____ (Date) 10 (Age) Baptism 10 (Date) Cherrybeate Springs (Church) Cherrybeate Springs, N.C. (Location of Church)

List any church, other than Baptist, with which formerly affiliated

Ordained as: Minister () Deacon () Other _____

(Date ordained) _____ (Church) _____ (Place) _____ (State)

12. LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITY, **UNSALARIED** (Place the number of years service, in the space provided, for each office ever held.)

Gen. Supt., Director, President	Dept. Supt., Director, Circle Chm.	Teacher, Counselor, Sponsor, Leader	List below other offices or service, such as: Sec., Assoc. Supt., etc.	Other Offices (give number of years service)	
				Deacon	Ch. Treas.
S.S.		5		Trustee	Ch. Library
T.U.		4		Usher	Ch. Recreation
V.B.S.		20		Ch. Clerk	Choir Mem.
Broth.				Other	Choir Direc.
W.M.U.				Ch. Committee Chm.	
				List completed Study Course diplomas (Indicate related organizations, such as: S.S., T.U., etc.)	
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13. DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE, **UNSALARIED**. (Please list positions held in Baptist associations, conventions (state or Southern), national and world-wide organizations, such as; moderator, president, clerk, trustee, board, commission or committee members; etc.)

Example: S.S. Superintendent Bethel Association Kentucky 1942-1944
 (Position) (Organization, board, agency, etc.) (State) (Date)

Gen. Board Baptist State Conv. N.C. 1954-56
 Moderator Pilot Mountain Bap. Ass'n. N.C. 1956-58
 Ch. Committee Camp Retreat - P.M. Bap. Ass'n. 1952-1969
 Miss. Coun. Finance Comm. - Long Range Planning -
 Ordination Comm. - Exec. Comm. P.M. Bap. Ass'n.

14. TO BE FILLED OUT ONLY BY THOSE WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, IN SALARIED CHURCH-RELATED VOCATIONS. (Including pastors, denominational workers, missionaries, ministers of education and music, church secretaries, faculty members or employees of Baptist institutions, agencies, etc.)

TYPE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE: List all positions of such service with one or more years of duration; check F (full-time) or P (part-time). Examples:

(Position) (Church, agency, area, institution, place of service) (Date of service)

F P 1. pastor County Line Baptist Church, Turkey Creek, La. 1925-1929

F P 2. missionary Ogbomosho, Nigeria, W. Africa 1930-1952

F P Pastor - Student Pastor 2 yrs. Leesville Bap. Church, Leesville, N.C.

F P Moneyer Bap. Ch., Moneyer, N.C. 4 yrs. 1937-41

F P Plymouth Bap. Ch., Plymouth, N.C., 2 yrs. 1941-43

F P Durham Men., Durham, N.C. 4 yrs. 1943-46

F P First Bap. Ch. Walnut Cove, N.C. 1946-70

15. OTHER TYPES OF RELIGIOUS SERVICE: (In associations, assemblies, colleges, conventions (state or Southern), national or world-wide meetings, such as: speaker, music director, committee chairman, etc.)

(Position) (Place of Service) (Date of Service)

16. AUTHORSHIP (Include books, booklets, lesson courses or curriculum material, and tracts) (Book, item, etc.) (Publisher) (Date published)

17. CLUB OR GROUP MEMBERSHIP: (Service organizations, fraternal, P.T.A., Civic, etc.) List important positions of leadership held

Ch. Red Cross Chapter, Stokes County - Governor's Good Will Council, Stokes County

18. HOBBIES AND LEISURE INTERESTS:

Favorite Mechanics Others Wood work - fishing

19. PUBLIC SERVICE: (Military, educational, political, etc. not previously listed)

The information for items #1-19 has been filled in by James McRay Johnson, Sr.

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Sources used in compiling the information are: (Example: personal knowledge; minutes, Calvary Baptist Church, Wisner, La.; Court Records, Copiah County, Miss.; etc.)

Personal Knowledge

20. DESCRIPTIVE CHARACTERIZATION (Please read special instruction sheet carefully and sample biographies before proceeding.)

Hobby:

Picture Framing. Custom Made and finished frames. Made from old Walnut framing mirrors with Custom Made Walnut frames, etc.

I find this work very interesting and rewarding.

Keep quiet during spare time.

Joseph D.

Name of person writing the above characterization _____

P. O. Address 174 _____

Return to: _____

Name James McRay Johnson _____

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