

# The Reverend Julius L. Scipio

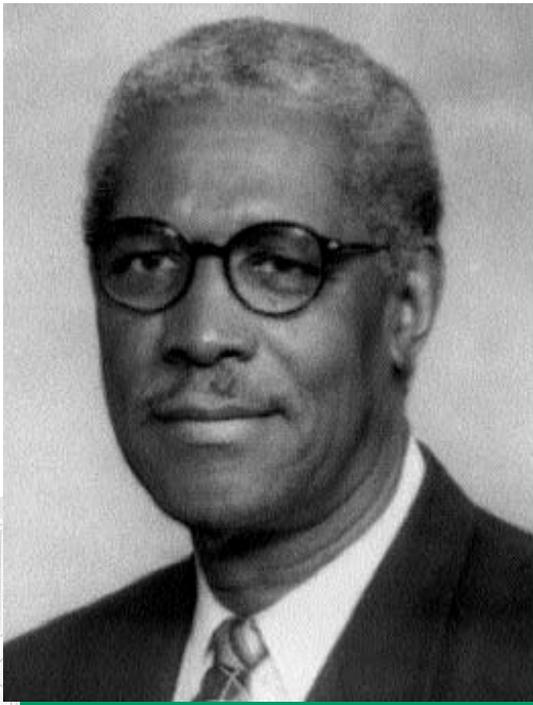
Very early in life, Reverend Scipio adopted the motto of GMC Trucks, “Do One Thing and Do It Well.” He has spent his entire adult life as a minister of the gospel. He was born on a farm in Darlington, South Carolina. He was the fifth of ten children born to Isaiah and Margaret Scipio. Julius received his early education in the local schools and furthered his education at Claflin College in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and at Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia, where he earned the Master of Divinity degree. His pastoral appointments include Bennettsville and Pickens, South Carolina; Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach, Florida; St. Louis, Missouri; Detroit, Michigan; Spartanburg and Columbia, South Carolina; and Memphis, Tennessee. In addition, he has found time to work with the migrant ministry of the United Methodist Church, traveling with migrant farm workers from Florida to South County, Rhode Island.

During a career that has spanned fifty years, Rev. Scipio has touched countless lives through the pastoral ministry, evangelism, community outreach and a deep concern for the men and women in every community in which he has lived. He has worked with community-based organizations from the Boy’s and Girl’s Clubs and other youth groups to senior citizen centers and programs, and is a fixture in the local churches, schools, colleges, and universities, where his unique blend of homespun humor and timeless wisdom has kept him in constant demand as a speaker.

Upon what began as his retirement from the pastoral ministry in 1994, Rev. Scipio returned to a community filled with young men and women who were in dire need of direction and guidance, but in even greater need of love and attention. Seeing the need to provide the local criminal justice system with an alternative to incarceration for so many youths who had just lost direction and were not yet “menaces to society,” he founded a grass roots organization called the *Elephant Men*. The basic premise of the organization is that concerned citizens must do for the youth in their communities what elephants do for young elephants, surrounding them with a circle of protection to shield them from life’s dangers. Rev. Scipio believes that because of busy schedules and other pressures on time and attention for most of us, our young adults had been left out of the circle much too long.

His work with the Elephant Men was recognized when he was nominated for and awarded local and national Jefferson Awards from the Institute for Public Service and the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor bestowed by the Governor of the state of South Carolina to private citizens of the state. Rev. Julius Scipio is a living example of what can be done with very little, in terms of material resources, but with a limitless faith in, boundless energy and innate unwillingness to see wrong and not give of his all to make it right.

Rev. Scipio has been married to Amanda Malinda (McDonald) Scipio for forty-eight years and is the proud father of five.





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# October

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Colin Powell was appointed first African-American chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1989.

Thurgood Marshall was sworn in, becoming the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, in 1967.

Nat King Cole was the first black performer to host his own tv show in 1956.

National Black convention met in Syracuse, New York, in 1864.

Yom Kippur begins at Sunset

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Congresswoman Yvonne Burke was born in 1932.

Fisk Jubilee Singers began national tour in 1871.

Toni Morrison became first African-American to win Nobel Prize in literature.

Jesse Jackson born in 1941.

O.B. Clare patented the rail trestle in 1888.

Singer Ben Vereen was born in 1946.

A. Miles patented the elevator in 1887.

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Columbus Day

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Richard ("Dick") Gregory was born in 1932.

Arna W. Bontemps, noted poet, was born in 1902.

Martin Luther King, Jr. awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Clarence Thomas confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1992.

John Brown led attack on Harper's Ferry in 1859.

Capital Savings Bank opened in Washington, D.C., in 1888.

Terry McMillan was born in 1951.

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The U.S. Navy was opened to African-American women in 1944.

John Merrick organized North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, 1898.

"Dizzy" Gillespie was born in Cheraw, SC, in 1917.

Clarence S. Green became the first African-American certified in neurological surgery.

The NAACP petitioned the United Nations about racial injustics in 1947.

Jackie Robinson died in 1972.

Benjamin O. Davis became the first African-American general in U.S. Army in 1940.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

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Halloween

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Inventor T. Marshall patented the fire extinguisher in 1872.

D. B. Downing, inventor, patented his street letter box in 1891.

Founder of The Underground Railroad, Levi Coffin, was born in 1798.

The Supreme Court ordered end to segregation in schools "at once" in 1969.

Richard Arrington was elected the first Black mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, in 1979.

Ethel Waters, actor and singer, was born in 1900.