

# Unfolding the Rose

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A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day. Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was asking the older preacher for some advice. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry. But because of his great respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact. It wasn't long before he realized how impossible this was to do.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem...

It is only a tiny rosebud, a flower of God's design;  
but I cannot unfold the petals with these clumsy hands of mine.  
The secret of unfolding flowers is not known to such as I.  
GOD opens this flower so sweetly, then in my hands they die.  
If I cannot unfold a rosebud, this flower of God's design,  
then how can I have the wisdom to unfold this life of mine?  
So I'll trust in Him for leading each moment of my day.  
I will look to Him for His guidance each step of the pilgrim way.  
The pathway that lies before me, only my Heavenly Father knows.  
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments, just as He unfolds the rose.



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## A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



**S**HYHEIM JONES was born on July 23, 2003 and is currently 19 years old. He is a native of Chesapeake Virginia. Shyheim grew up in church; and answered the call of faith in 2011 at the age of 8 years old while attending the funeral service of his grandmother, the late Queenie. D. “Sue” Jones; and received evidence of the Holy Spirit at the age of 10.

Shyheim is a proud Advanced graduate alum of the Oscar F. Smith High School, Chesapeake, VA - class of 2021. He is currently in his second year at Norfolk State University , Norfolk, VA where his major is Social Work and Health Service Management. He is involved in many organizations to include the Norfolk State Concert Choir and Voices of Inspiration Gospel Choir (currently Mr. V.O.I.). After graduation Shyheim plans to attend the Virginia Union University’s Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology.


Shyheim’s peers would describe him as a pure hearted person and as a man after Gods own heart. He constantly shares his burning passion for the youth as with the children he works as a pre-school and school aged teacher at Christian Fellowship Center Preschool, Chesapeake, VA. He is so passionate that he has gained two work sons, little Khalil Hakeem and little Kaysen Crenshaw.

Shyheim is a proud and faithful member of New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA under the leadership of the Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson and Leading Lady Selnetta R. Johnson. At New Oak Grove Shyheim wears many hats which includes his participation with the Ushers Ministry, Missionary Ministry, choir and praise team member, Hospitality Ministry, Anointed Generation Youth Ministry Children Church Teacher, Pastor’s Aide Ministry, as a NOG Summer Reading Academy teacher assistant, and more. He is most thankful to Pastor Johnson for allowing him to develop his gift as an inspiring minister and entrusting him with the youth of the church. Shyheim possesses gifts in the musical field and plays the piano and sings, which he incorporates in his worship.

Shyheim is the youngest son of his first love, his mother, Mrs. Chevelle Jones-Lewis, and Mr. Robert Langston Jr.; and the grandson of Trustee Alvin “Pep” Jones and Ms. Shirley Langston. Shyheim lives by a motto of “Using the Youth while honoring the Old”, and his favorite scripture is “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.” - Psalm 121:1-2 KJV

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE



Worship and Praise.....	New Oak Grove Praise Team
Call to Worship.....	Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson
Opening Selection.....	New Oak Grove Praise Team
Prayer.....	Evangelist Odessa E. Woodhouse
Scripture Reading.....	Minister Deloris B. Jones
Inspirational Selection.....	New Oak Grove Praise Team
Purpose and Greeting.....	Deacon William A. Malloy
Praise through the Dance.....	Sister Makaylah Woodhouse
Introduction of the Preacher.....	Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson
Sermonic Selection.....	New Oak Grove Praise Team
The Initial Sermon.....	Brother Shyheim Jones
	
The Act of Licensing.....	Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson
The Presentation of The License.....	Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson
The Presentation of Gifts	
Remarks.....	Minister Shyheim Jones
Remarks.....	Pastor Tyrone L. Johnson
Benediction.....	Minister Shyheim Jones