

Mrs. Bernice McClellan
Family Values Award

Mrs. Bernice McClellan is being honored with the Family Values Award in recognition of her role as a “community mother” who offered support and love to the Black community in Ocean City. Mrs. McClellan was born on April 20, 1945 to the late Saint and Mamie McFarland in Centenary, South Carolina. She attended Centenary public schools before moving to Ocean City. In Ocean City, she met and married Johnnie McClellan, Sr. She was a loving mother to her four children, Paula, John, Johnny, and James, and a loving grandmother and godmother.

Mrs. McClellan was employed by the Ocean City Board of Education for fifteen years. She was a faithful member of Shiloh Baptist Church where she was well-loved. At Shiloh, she served on the Pastor’s Aide ministry, Board of Trustee Ministry, and the Culinary ministry, as she was well-known for her delicious cooking. Mrs. McClellan was also known as a mother figure to many in the Black community in Ocean City. She could always be counted on to lend an ear and a voice of encouragement. She was loved and respected by all as an activist and an individual who spoke out on the behalf of others. Mrs. McClellan passed on September 16, 2012.