On Thursday morning, Epsilon Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held their Founder’s Day program. Lt. Col. Christopher N. Williamson, deputy commander of the South Carolina Highway Patrol and a member of the fraternity, was the speaker.

Williamson said that as he reflected on the accomplishments, vision and ideals of the fraternity, he thought on the past, present and the future. This thought-process shaped the theme of his presentation and prompted him to ask the question, “Are we still moving forward?”

He noted that while a few blacks have made significant achievements, it is not enough to rest on the achievements of yesterday. Williamson stressed the need to be “awake” to what is going on today—to come out of a walking unconsciousness. He said, “We all have a purpose in life—to help one another.” Williamson gave a charge to all Greek organizations to work together on common goals.

He cautioned the need to be alert and aware of what our leaders are doing, as their decisions impact us as well as future generations. He added, “As the Bible says there is a time for every season. It is time to wake up and move forward. Wake up my brothers! Wake up my sisters! Wake up and move forward!”

Dr. Luns C. Richardson gave closing remarks at the assembly. He expressed that it was an honor to have Williamson on the program. He thanked him for his presentation, stating, “It was one of the very best speeches we have heard this year.” He also congratulated Williamson on being the first black to be in the second highest position in the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

President Richardson highly commended the members of Epsilon Lambda Chapter for a well-executed program and applauded the Morris College Gospel Choir for their selection. He recognized Mr. Stanley Scriven, the off-campus advisor, for his work with the chapter. The president also acknowledged the contributions of the late Mr. Rodney Johnson, the chapter’s on-campus advisor, who recently passed away.

He acknowledged the graduate members who were in attendance as well as Mrs. Barbara Jackson, president of the Morris College National Alumni Association, who was at the program.
The Annual Fall Harvest Rally will take place on Saturday, November 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center. Dr. Jerry Young, senior pastor of New Hope Baptist Church of Jackson, Miss., will be the keynote speaker.

Dr. Young serves on trustee boards at Belhaven College, Jackson, Miss., and his alma mater, Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss. He is the immediate past president of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc. He currently serves as the vice president at-large of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

He is married to Helen Akins Young. They have two adult daughters, Dr. Jerlen Nelson and Kelli Elizabeth Hart.

The Fall Harvest Parade will begin after the rally. It will start at 1:00 p.m. on Harvin Street at the Central Carolina Technical College Building. It will proceed north to Calhoun Street, then left to Main Street, and travel north to College Street to the campus.