



Pastor Sylvia McLendon Ordained

Pastor Sylvia McLendon was ordained Overseer of Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries on Friday, May 11. The ceremony was officiated by Bishop William Earl Taylor of Johnson Chapel Church.

Pictured above are, from left, Sylvia McLendon, Deacon Lewis McLendon, Sr., Evangelist Leola Allison and Bishop William Taylor.

**Anson Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers
Would You Like to Help?**

The Animal Shelter depends on the help of volunteers to ensure that animal residents receive love and care. More volunteers will also help relieve the workload on staff which can result in more time for resident animals to be adopted before they are euthanized (put to sleep). Please consider volunteering. For more information on helping, call 704-694-4832.

Anson County Animal Shelter is listed on *Petfinder.com*. This is a searchable national database of pets available for adoption that includes a description and photo. All the animals that are up for adoption are listed and have a picture. Just go to *Petfinder.com* and search for any Anson County town or zip code.

A rescue from Animal Shelter can bring lots of happiness and love into any home...and you will make the animal happy too! It's a win-win.

And remember, older animals need a home and love too!

BBB Warns of New Scam: Credit Card "Shimming"

The new credit card chips make it harder for scammers to steal your payment information, so con artists have created a different technique called "shimming." Remember skimming? That's the con where scammers inserted a device into ATMs or other terminals, harvesting your payment information as you swipe your credit or debit card. Scammers succeeded with this tactic for a while, but skimmers don't work for cards with newer chip technology. In addition, card skimmers are easy to notice because they are often bulky or wobbly.

Con artists' new way to steal payment information is called "shimming." Scammers insert a shim - a paper-thin, card-sized device with an embedded microchip and flash storage - into the slot where you enter the chip side of your credit or debit card. When you insert your card at a gas pump, ATM, or another card reader, it copies and saves your payment information. Then, scammers return with a special card that collects the stolen information, such as your PIN and card number. They use this information to make purchases with your account information.

The Better Business Bureau offers the following tips to protect yourself from shimming.

- Be wary if your card gets stuck in a chip reader. If the reader seems to have a tighter than normal grip on your card, there could be a shim inside. You may want to cancel your transaction and notify the business.

- Keep a close eye on your bank and credit accounts. "It's so important to check your online statements regularly to make sure there are no suspicious charges," says Tom Bartholomy, President of Better Business Bureau Southern Piedmont and Western North Carolina.

"If you see any, report them to your bank or credit card company immediately."

- Use contactless payment methods. Contactless payment methods are not vulnerable to shimming. Try using "tap-and-go" features on your credit card instead of swiping or inserting your card.

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