

Dr. Doyne Wiggins - Pickaway County

Not Pictured

Dr. Doyne N. Wiggins is a lifelong resident of Pickaway County. He graduated from Circleville High School with the Class of 1960. He received a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from Ohio University in 1964, a Master of Divinity Degree from Trinity Theological Seminary in 1986 and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Trinity Theological Seminary in 1990. He holds the title of fellow at Trinity Theological Seminary. He also graduated from the Eastland Police Academy in 1997.

Dr. Wiggins has devoted his entire professional career to the service of the citizens of Pickaway County and beyond. He served as a teacher in the Pickaway County School System for 30 years and as an ordained minister for more than 45 years and as a chaplain and officer in the law enforcement community for more than 21 years. He was a social studies teacher in the Teays Valley and Logan Elm Local School districts. He serves as pastor of the Outreach Ministries Church; a position he has held for near-

ly 45 years. Dr. Wiggins has also served as an instructor in police academies in the central Ohio area. His chaplaincy services were carried out while serving in the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office and the Circleville Police Department.

Dr. Wiggins' church ministry has extended outside the U.S. He has ministered in Norway, Denmark, Israel, India, and Sri Lanka. He is the author of several religious publications, the most recent being a book entitled, *The Sun Will Shine Again: A Biblical Perspective on Living and Dying*.

Although Dr. Wiggins has not served in the United States Armed Forces, he is deeply devoted to the veterans of the Armed Forces and takes advantage of every opportunity to honor and speak on behalf of the veterans. He has been the guest speaker at many events in the community where our veterans have been recognized and honored for their service, such as the Memorial Day celebrations.

If you talk to Dr. Wiggins, he will tell that he views himself as a servant working here on earth, and sees himself as nothing more than a servant. He has said: "This world is not my home; I just work here." To him, service is what life is all about. First and foremost, service to God. Second, service to the family. Third, service

to our community and country whenever and wherever the opportunity for service presents itself. Dr. Wiggins is not one who seeks personal glory and recognition.

He has been quoted as saying: "Keep a low profile and fly under the radar." His main goal is to bring glory and honor to God and to help his fellow man in every way possible, utilizing every available means to do so. He has been known to say: "Do the best you can with what you got where you are." His desire is to continue in the active work force as long as his health and strength allow him to do so. At age 79, he has no plans for retirement. He strongly believes that God has blessed him with the strength and energy needed to continue to be a productive citizen each and every day he has remaining on this earth.

In his latter days, Dr. Wiggins has chosen to devote a lot of time and energy to minister to the older segment of the local society. He has a special place in his heart for those who would be classified as "elderly," especially the residents of the nursing home community. He views them as a very special group of people who need and deserve special attention. He identifies closely with this special group and greatly enjoys being in their company.