

Charles Purnell, Jr.
Football



Charles Purnell, Jr. played on state championship teams in 1956 and 1957 at L.C. Anderson HS in Austin as a guard, linebacker and center. He was named All-State center in 1957.

He graduated Anderson in 1958 and attended Oakland City College in California, then entered the U.S. Army and served for 21 years. After retiring, he moved to Victoria and worked for E.I. DuPont for 15 years, retiring in 1994. Both in the Army and in Victoria he officiated football, volleyball, and baseball games and became a member of the Southwest Officials Association.

In 1997, he accepted the call to into the ministry and in 2000 was appointed to St. Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus, in 2007 to Wesley Harper United Methodist Church in Seguin until retiring in 2012. However, he was asked to pastor at East St. Paul United Methodist Church in San Antonio and continues to lead that church.

He and wife Eula have been married for 51 years and have two children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Robert B. Sanders, Jr.
FOOTBALL



Robert Sanders, Jr. was born in Highlands and raised in McNair. He attended Carver HS in Baytown, graduating in 1963. At Carver, he was a member of the 1961 state championship football team and the 1960 and 1961 state championship track teams. He lettered two years in football and three years in track and received a scholarship to play football at Wiley College.

From 1969-1979, he worked for the Exxon Pipeline Division and is currently self-employed.

He is a former member of the McNair Sports Association and was assistant coach for the original Baytown Track Club and the La Porte Junior Vikings Optimist League youth football team. His hobbies are bowling and fishing. He has been a member of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church for 11 years and is an aspiring deacon. Sanders and his wife of 35 years, Frankie, have a son, Robert B. Sanders III.