

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD

IN MEMORY OF

BILLY CHARLESTON BLACK



TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008

2.30 P.M.

MOUNT ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH

THE REVEREND KENNETH D. McMILLIAN
PASTOR, HINES MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OFFICIATING

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND THANK GOD FOR THE LIFE OF BILLY C. BLACK

THE PRELUDE

MR. ERSKINE WEAVER, ORGAN
DR. MARCIA HOOD, PIANO

THE SOUNDING OF HOUR

THE PROCESSIONAL

"LARGO" FROM XERXES

HANDEL

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"AMAZING GRACE"

MCINTOSH

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH; AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD; WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

THE INVOCATION

DR. MAURICE CHERRY, INTERCESSOR

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 40.28-31

BROTHER JAMES HILL, READER

THE GLORIA PATRI

MIENEKE

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN. AMEN.

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

JOHN 11.17-26

MINISTER RODERICK HUBBARD, READER

WITH GRATITUDE, WE REMEMBER THE PASSIONS, THE GIFTS, THE LEADERSHIP OF BILLY C. BLACK

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"SATISFIED WITH JESUS"
MR. HARRY JOHNSON, TENOR

McKINNEY

THE REFLECTIONS

DR. ERNEST BENSON,
FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT, ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY
VICE-CHAIRMAN, STEWARDS' MINISTRY, HINES MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WE SURRENDER THE LIFE OF BILLY C. BLACK TO GOD AND HIS ETERNITY

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"AGNUS DEI" FROM MISSA KENYA
THE ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHORALE

PAUL BASLER

LAMB OF GOD, THAT TAKEST AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD, HAVE MERCY ON US, AND GIVE US PEACE.

THE EULOGY

THE PASTOR

THE RECESSIONAL

"IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

BLISS

THE SERVICE OF COMMITTAL
RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF BILLY CHARLESTON BLACK

BILLY CHARLESTON BLACK, (husband, father, son, brother, friend) was the fourth of seven children. He was born February 1, 1937, in Beatrice (Monroe County), Alabama. Having been graduated from Monroe County Training School in Beatrice, he earned degrees from Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama (B.A., Chemistry) and Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa (M.S. in Food Technology, Ph.D. in Biochemistry).

Dr. Black met Helen Ruth Jennings in Tuskegee. Immediately after their marriage on August 27, 1961, they moved to Ames and lived there until he completed his studies. In 1964, they moved to Albany, Georgia where he started his illustrious career in education and administration at Albany State College (University). After serving for 16 years as a classroom teacher and in various administrative capacities, Dr. Black was appointed President of Albany State College, effective April 15, 1981. During his presidency, there was significant growth in student enrollment, and enhanced academic programs and services were offered to an expanded area of Southwest Georgia. The greatest challenge of his career came as a result of the July 1994 flood. During the time when many expected the College to fold, Black led the effort in planning the institution's survival and the ultimate construction of a new campus. He retired in 1996 and was named *president emeritus* in 1997.

Dr. Black was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (life membership), Delta Delta Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi, the Criterion Club, the Tuskegee University Alumni Association, and the Albany State University Alumni Association. He was recognized for his community service, particularly in the areas of education and health care. He served on several boards and committees including the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Authority and the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Board which granted him the honor of *Board Member Emeritus* when he ended 16 years of volunteer service.

Dr. Black's early church affiliation was with the New Purchase Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Beatrice. In 1964, he and his wife joined Hines Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church where he worked tirelessly for the accomplishment of the Church's mission and goals. He was a member of the Board of Stewards and served as Board Chair for over twenty years. At the time of his death, he served as a steward, the budget officer, and a member of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. He was passionately committed to planning for a new building and was successful in setting up a financial plan aimed at making the new building a reality and in establishing an Endowment Scholarship Fund to be awarded to students of Hines Memorial who attend Albany State University.

Dr. Black was preceded in death by a son, Stephen William Black, and his parents, Mr. Billie Black and Mrs. V. Oweda Bradley Black. Left to cherish fond memories are his wife, Helen; children, James Edward Black of Albany and Marla Black Morgan (husband, Martin B. Morgan) of Alabaster, Alabama; and granddaughters, Jessika Rebecca Macayan, Redwood City, California, and Natalie Veronica Morgan; siblings, Bradley F. Black, Tuskegee, Alabama, Velma B. Pace (Cecil), McDonough, Georgia, Crystal B. Brown (Wallace), San Francisco, California, Clinton J. Black (Rhutelia), Temple Hills, Maryland, Dan T. Black (Maude), Fort Valley, Georgia, and Dovie B. Holliman (Charles), Dublin, Georgia; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

HONORARY ESCORT

STEWARDS, STEWARDESSES, TRUSTEES, JULIA DAVIS SENIOR CHOIR
HINES MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

Albany State University
Albany State University Alumni Association
Criterion Club
Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Board

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Sigma Pi Phi, Delta Delta Boulé
Tuskegee University Alumni Association

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Rickey Alexander
Steve Belk
Kenneth Dyer

Robert Hubbard
Prince Brown
Robert Skinner

ISAIAH 40.28-31

Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

You have all been so special to us during this time, but more importantly, you have each played such an important role in Billy's life. Your love and respect for him is and has been obvious, and we know that he really cared for each of you. Please accept our inadequate but sincere words of appreciation for the love and support which all of you have given Billy and continue to give to us. You are special people. You made his life special, and you make our lives special. Please join us for dinner and fellowship at the Family Life Center of the Hines Memorial C.M.E. Church (North Madison at Roosevelt) following the service of committal. The peace of the Lord be with each of you!!!

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