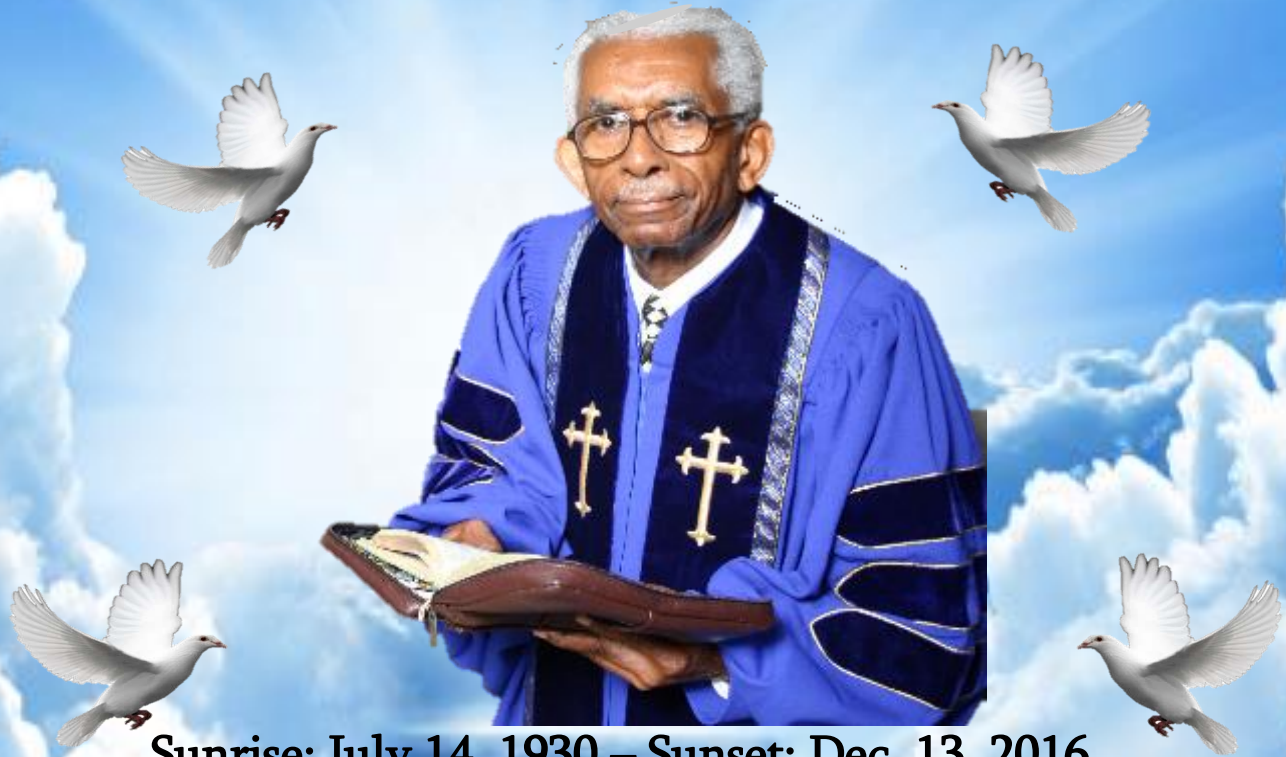




*Celebrating the Life
of
Reverend Dr. Leon Bell*



Sunrise: July 14, 1930 – Sunset: Dec. 13, 2016

*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
Romans 8:37*

December 22, 2016

11:00 am



***New Mt. Zion M.B. Church
140 West Maple Street
Jackson, MS 39203***

***Rev. Mavrick Gayden, Officiating
Rev. Dr. Matthew Canada, Eulogist***



Obituary

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven: (Eccl 3:1)

A Time to Be Born

Leon Bell was born July 14, 1930 to the parentage of Julius Bell and Verline Williams Bell. He was the third son and the third of eight children to be born to this union.

He accepted Christ as his personal savior at an early age and was baptized at Rose Hill M.B. Church. He loved the Lord and the church and was later called to be an ambassador for Christ. At an early age, Rev. Bell was called to pastor his family church.

Rev. Bell received his early education in Amite County, Mississippi. He was later called for Military Duty. He served his country by means of the Army. After serving his country overseas, he later returned to the United States and continued his formal education at Jackson State University.

He received degrees from Jackson State University, Wheaton College, the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and the University of Southern Mississippi.

He served as Associate Professor of English at Jackson State University and Dean of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. He was recognized several years ago in Who's Who in Religion and Who's Who in Black America. Other credits include: Men of Distinction, Outstanding People in the 20th Century and 100 Top Professionals of 2012. He also authored two books.

Dr. Bell was also the proud owner and operator of Bell's Robes & Worship Aides for over 30 years.

Dr. Bell pastored several churches including Hyde Park Baptist Church for numerous years. He was especially proud of his 47 Year Tenure as pastor of New Mt. Zion M.B. Church.

A Time to Die.

On Tuesday morning December 13, 2016, God called His Good and Faithful Servant from Labor to Reward.

Dr. Bell was preceded in eternal existence by his parent's: Julius and Verline Bell, One Brother: Rev. John T. Bell, Two Sisters: Juline Gayden and Donnis Simmons. Those left to cherish his memories are: One Brother, Charles Bell (Rose) of Chicago, Illinois, Three Sisters: Mabel Hudson of Jackson, Mississippi; Marie Redfield,(Eugene); Maudia McCorkle of Chicago, Illinois. One Sister-In Law: Jean Lavern Bell of Chicago, Illinois; Three nieces, 10 nephews, the New Mount Zion Church Family, and a host of relatives and friends.

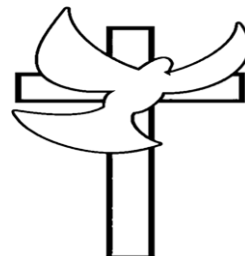
Farewell Dr. Bell !!

You fought a good fight,

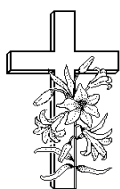
You have finished your course,

You kept the Faith;

Therefore God has a Crown of Righteousness awaiting you.



*The Steps of a Good Man are Ordered by the Lord: And He Delighteth in His Way.
Psalms 37:23*



Program Guide:
Reverend Mavrick DeWayne Gayden
Pastor of Pilgrim Valley Church
Fort Worth, Texas



Order of Service

Organ Prelude

*Processional.....Ministers, Pallbearers,
New Mount Zion Joint Board & Family*

FINAL EARTHLY VIEW

Old Testament Scripture.....Reverend Byron Maxwell

New Testament Scripture.....Reverend Clemie Stewart

Long Metered Hymn.....Deacon James Todd

Prayer.....Rev. Hattie Bronson

Medley of Songs..... Combined Choir

*Resolution.....Mr. Aaron Honeysucker
Veteran of Foreign Wars*

Resolutions and Acknowledgements.....Sis. Ida Berry

Tribute As A friend.....Reverend Anderson Grant

Tribute As a Pastor.....Deacon Dr. Esther McCoy

Special Tribute.....Sis. Elmira Johnson

Obituary.....Read Silently

A Tribute to my Brother.Sis. Mabel Hudson

Tribute as a Mentor.....Rev. Willie Tobias, Jr.

Selection..... Combined Choir

*TributeDeacon James Spiva
Chair, New Mt. Zion Joint Deacon/Trustee Board*

**The Steps of a Good Man are Ordered by the Lord: And He delighteth in His Way.
Psalms 37:23**



Tribute*Reverend Dr. F.R. Lenoir*
Moderator, Jackson District Association

Tribute *Reverend Dr. Isiac Jackson*
President, General Missionary Baptist State Convention

Tribute*Reverend Dr. Jerry Young*
President, National Baptist Convention U.S.A., INC.

Solo.....*Bro. Huey Williams*
Of the Jackson Southernaires

Eulogy.....*Reverend Dr. Matthew Canada*
Pastor, Pilgrim Rest M.B. Church
Madison, MS

THE FINAL WORDS FROM REV. DR. LEON BELL

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Rest in Peace
Brother 
gone but not forgotten

Farewell for Now

You were my Big Brother and my earthly Hero.

I was not ready for you to go. But God needed a servant that had served him well, and His eyes fell on you. God said "I will call on You, Reverend Dr. Leon Bell, because you have been a faithful servant and kept the commandments the way you should."

You preached the word of God that caused people to come into the fold. You prayed for the sick and comforted the old. You also did much, much more during your earthly life working for your crown.

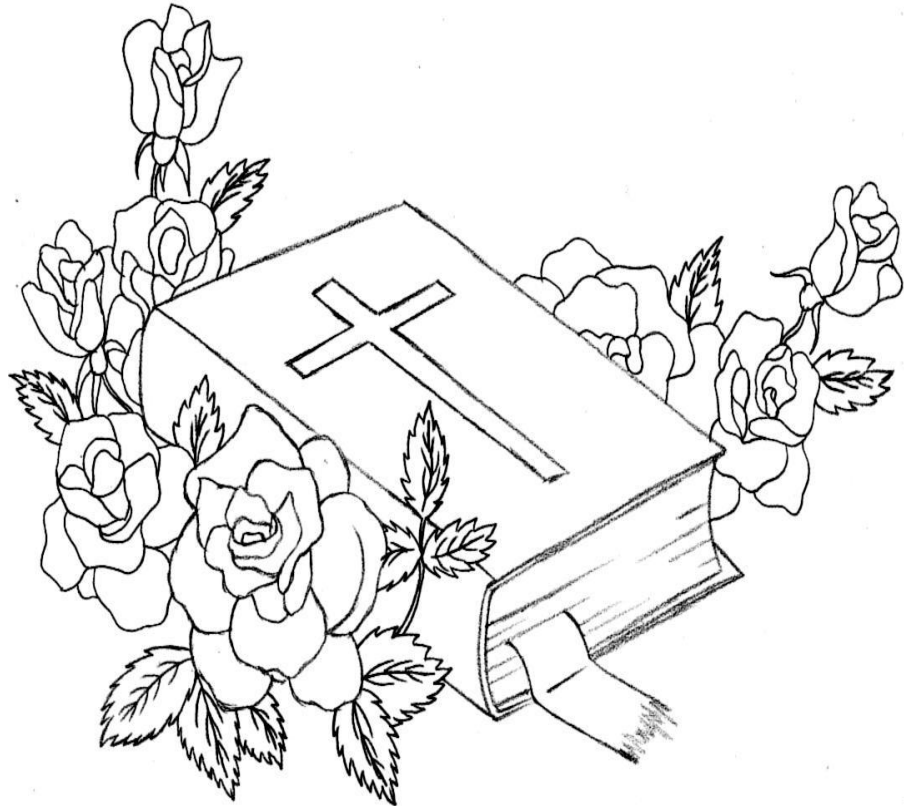
It's time to call you home now to get your reward, you have served me well, you gave me your all.

Come on home son, your Starry Crown is waiting, a Long White Robe and Golden slippers too, you can be at peace now, because I am well pleased with you.



Love,
Your Sister
Maudia B. McCorkle

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Pallbearers

Rev. Kevin Clayton Rev. Frenchie McGhee Rev. Gerald Mance
Rev. Curtis Shaffer Rev. Eric Thomas Rev. Joel Weathers

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Interment

Garden Memorial Park
Highway 49

Repast

New Mount Zion M.B. Church
Fellowship Hall

Acknowledgements

The Bell Family wishes to show our sincere appreciation for your prayers, comforting words, warm embraces, gifts of love and all of the support that you have shown us during this season in our lives. We ask for your continued prayers as we face the future.

The Family

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