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“A CALL TO ONENESS”

John 17:20-21; Ephesians 4:4-6



Upcoming Events

MARCH	NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH
March 13	New Members Welcome/Fellowship
March 20	Quarterly Birthday Fellowship
March 20	Palm Sunday
March 25	Good Friday Service – 12 Noon
March 27	Easter Sunrise Service – 6:00 a.m.
April 9	Youth Pancake Breakfast
April 24	Senior Steppers Spring Tea
April 30	Father/Daughter Prayer Luncheon
May 8	Mother’s Day
May 30	Memorial Day

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith, Pastor

Editorial

Rising Star's theme: "A Call to Oneness" John 17:20-21; Ephesians 4:4-6

"A Call to oneness" What does this theme mean to you? Now that's a question that should be considered with the utmost sincerity. Because if one is sincere, then surely you embrace oneness as unity of thought, feelings and beliefs and goals.

At the Annual Church Business Meeting, our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith spoke about the significance of oneness at Rising Star. Jesus' prayer and desire was that His disciples and followers would be one, just as He and the Father are one. The basic reason why Jesus desired that we become one like He and the Father was so we could walk worthy of our calling and strive to keep the peace and unity of God's spirit in the church. Dear Brothers and Sisters, we've experienced how church is a place where peace and unity of believers can disintegrate.

Let us remember that we are members of one body--there is only one spirit, there is only one hope, there is only one Lord, there is only one faith, there is only one baptism, there is only one God and Father of us all. Pastor Smith emphasized that we should help to unify the body of Christ, that we should pray for each other, avoid gossip, and build others up. Give your time, talents and tithes, exalt Christ and refuse to be sidetracked by arguing over divisive matters.

"A Call to Oneness"--Are you sincerely embracing and living the theme?

Sylvia Cooper, Editor

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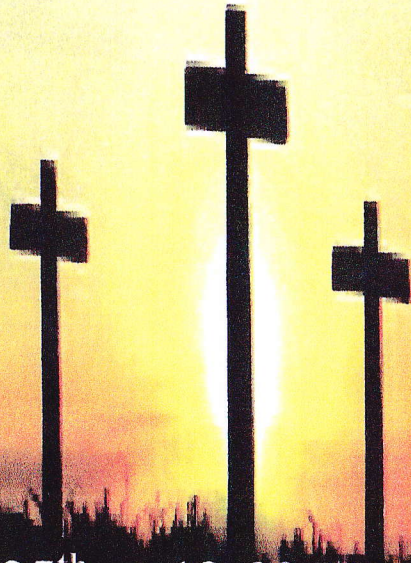
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The Christian Scroll Newsletter Ministry has reorganized for 2016. We appreciate your patience while we took some time off to consider the future of this newsletter. If you are interested in helping with the success of this newsletter, please contact Sis. Cora Hampton (303) 550-5088 or champton01@aol.com). Monthly meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 206.

*“THE 7 LAST
WORDS OF JESUS
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Friday, March 25th at 12:00 Noon

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Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith, Senior Pastor

Join us for.....

SUNRISE

Service

Sunday, March 27th 2016 ~ 6:00am

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith, Senior Pastor

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Sunday School at 9:15am

Mid-Morning Worship Service at 10:30am

“He Has Risen”

Matthew 28:6

Ordination Service of Deacons and Deaconesses *“For Those Who Have Answered the Call”*

Displaying a beautiful contrast of black and white, eight deacons and deaconesses were ordained on Sunday, February 28, 2016, at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. The DITs answered the call to serve--four in black and four in white. The eight candidates proceeded forward toward the pulpit in their wonderful attire of black and white. Those who answered the call include **Deaconess Dylvia Ensley, Deaconess Barbara Harden, Deaconess Mae Howard, Deaconess Jurneatha Rice, Deacon Larry Howard, Deacon Shelwyn Reed, Deacon Mark Rice and Deacon Alton Smith.**



The congregational hymn, “O, How I Love Jesus” was absolutely fitting for the occasion as these Christians were about to make a commitment to serve Him in a loving manner. After scripture readings, Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13, the candidates were given The Charge by our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith. The Prayer of Consecration was exceptionally and profoundly petitioned.

The Rev. Johnny Jenkins, Jr., Pastor of Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church and President of the General Missional Baptist Convention, Denver, then challenged the eight candidates, as well as the members of our church to “Walk in Unity as One.” The subject of his sermon was “Maintaining Unity”. Rev. Jenkins emphasized five challenges required to walk in unity as one.

After the inspirational and motivational message, Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith presented the candidates to the church and awarded their certificates. The newly ordained Deacons and Deaconesses received gifts from the Fergusons presented by the Daniels; they were issued hymnals by Deacon and Deaconess Coleman. Finally, they were presented their own personal Bibles by Deacon and Deaconess Burton.



The ordination was a beautiful and reverent service. After the benediction, refreshments were served in the gym. All in attendance enjoyed a wonderful fellowship.



Yvonne Boyer, Reporter

FIRST 5th SUNDAY MISSION SERVICE OF 2016

Two spirit-filled songs by the Jules Smith Ensemble set the tone for the service on January 31, 2016. Sis. Winona Robinson began by stating the goals and objectives of the MISSION MINISTRY. During the devotion, Sis. Rainey Estes blessed us with the reading of God's word. A visiting deacon from Solomon Temple Baptist Church prayed for God's blessings on us.

Rev. John Quick's subject for his sermon was "Choose You This Day Whom You Will Serve." He stressed putting God first in our lives and serving him. If we do, he will bless us with gifts of all the other things in our lives. This 5th Sunday service was very spirit filled.

Members of the Noon Mission visit the Summit Rehabilitation Center monthly on each 4th Tuesday and have a short devotion with some of the residents. The Senior Mission meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday; the Day Mission at 11:30 a.m., Night Mission at 6:00 p.m.

Yvonne Boyer, Reporter

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*Hosts
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MISSION TRIP TO COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA

January 18 - January 29, 2015



Missionary Nannette Locke and Rev. Ida Gice Smith traveled to Bolivia on a mission trip with the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountain Region and the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Colorado.

Most Mission Trips are an adventure and Bolivia was no different. Most meals are served in the home where you stay; however, we did venture out for a few meals now and then.

Food was one of the great adventures. We enjoyed wonderful eating and dining in Cochabamba. Our host, Carmen Flores (House of Hope), is an excellent cook and served a wide variety of Bolivian, American, and contemporary meals along with a pizza night. For two evening meals, Rev. Ida prepared fried chicken, potato salad, ambrosia salad, vegetables and a peach cobbler. The next night was barbecue ribs. My, my, my, what a time we had! The chicken bones were eaten in some cases. We did venture away from Cochabamba (Clinical Days) and ate more traditional and differently prepared foods. The meals were delicious as if the meals were not eaten, we would offend our hosts. We took snacks, granola bars, cheese and crackers, etc. along with Pepto Bismol. Not one of us forgot our prescription of Cipro just in case we needed a good antibiotic. Ginger Altoids were invaluable for nausea and motion sickness. Roads are not paved outside of Cochabamba and up in the Altiplano.

PURPOSES & OBJECTIVES OF TRIP:

The huge migration that is happening throughout the world, from rural to urban centers. Estimates indicate that by 2040 more than 90% of Bolivia's population will be living in urban areas. People making these transitions frequently are trapped in poverty, human trafficking, prostitution, drug cultures and criminal activity. A ministry will need to be developed to help people moving from rural environments to urban centers.

The problem is multi-dimensional--involving issues such as employment, housing, education and training, human rights awareness, self-esteem, learned poverty behaviors, behaviors for urban life, to name a few.

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Visiting rural areas - the Altiplano to see what could be added to their situation such as alternate crops, micro industries, improved access and use of water.





Health Clinics (2 days for children and expectant mothers).

Dental Clinics (2 days for children) in ToroToro.

Supplemented the dental clinics with more equipment - autoclaves, etc.

I enjoyed my trip and the service that was provided to the people of Bolivia. I had the privilege to spend two weeks observing the serving spirit of the

Missionaries from Loveland, Colorado. Pastor John Turnage, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Loveland, coordinated the trip. Rev. Ida Gice Smith and I arrived back in Denver on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 to measurable snow and cold temperatures.



Missionary Nannette O. Locke

Greeters & Food Bank Ministries

Semi Annual Easter Food Drive

2/28/16 – 3/20/2016

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church



Let's continue to do our part in our community by donating packaged food, boxed goods, canned goods and non-perishable items.

Contacts: Pamela Wooden 303.696.9540, Pat Kelly 303.843.9904,
Nancy Lawrence 303.574.9281

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*World Food Programme 2014

Meet the Authors A Celebration of Rising Star Writers



On Saturday, December 12, at 11:00 AM, members and friends gathered to meet and greet our authors. Sister Sylvia Ensley, Librarian at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, opened the program and thanked everyone for attending. She also thanked Sis. Wanda Watkins for the beautiful setup. She encouraged all to listen and chat with each of authors. It was her hope that they would entertain and lift our spirits while revealing the inspiration that led each of them to pen in hand the world of authorship. We were invited to enjoy the food that was prepared for us and Pastor Smith rendered blessings, remarks and prayer.

Each author was to share something about their book and what inspired them to write.

The first author was Sister Joy Clarke. She has written five books. One is an inspirational book of scripture. This book is used constantly in the Mission meeting. She said it took her three years to complete this book. She has shared it with numerous organizations and with her family and granddaughters. Her granddaughters used it to start a group in their high school called "First Priority." She also penned a book about multi-cultures, one about Afro-American culture and a chronicle of history. Sister Clarke feels that God has led her to share her gifts with so many.



The next author to share was Sis. Mary Ellen Danuser. Her book is called “Freedom To Choose.” This book examines the many issues around interracial/intercultural relationships. The question is, “Is skin color really an issue?” She has been married for 14 years to a Caucasian and has been subjected to many negative remarks. This is her and her husband’s story. She interviewed random mixed couples to get a better understanding of the issues. She hopes to enlighten others about having the freedom to choose.

Our next participant to share is the son of the late Dr. Eleazar Onyeali, Obinna Onyeali. He and his sister decided to complete their father’s book that had been written and was at the editors on the date of his premature death. Dr. Onyeali was so proud that he lived to see a black president be elected to office. He wrote about President Obama’s life and his family. He felt this gave hope and was a vision to minorities in the United States.



Our final author was Sis. Carla Ladd who wrote a book of memoirs from her grandmother. The book “If She Can Beat Me Rockin’, She Can Have My Chair!” This book is a series of quotes her grandmother used to encourage her and other female members in her family. It is very thought provoking and well put together. Overall, the program was most enjoyable and Sister Ensley plans to make it an annual affair. So all you authors and plan-to-be-authors get ready to participate.

Mary Cornish, Reporter

LET'S CELEBRATE!

This year, 2016, marks Pastor Jules E. Smith's 40th year in the ministry and 30 of those years as the shepherd of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church.

July 29-31, 2016: We will have appreciation services to honor Pastor Smith for his 40 years in the ministry.

October 6-9, 2016: We are also elated to celebrate the 30th Pastoral Anniversary to include a "Banquet Luncheon."

The Pastor's Aid Ministry will provide more detailed information as the plans for these festivities are finalized.



Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church 2016 Annual Church Business Meeting

The annual Business Meeting was held Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This year's theme, "A Call to Oneness" John 17:20-21; Ephesians 4:4-6 was explained by Pastor Smith.

We are members of "**one body.**" the body of Christ

There is only "**one Spirit.**" The same Spirit that dwells within one member of the body dwells in all members of the body

There is only "**one hope.**" Every genuine Christian has the same hope...the "Hope of Glory" which is "Eternal Life, or life in the new heaven

There is only "**one Lord.**" There is only one Master, a King. Every Christian has to bow before the same Lord and with their mouths confess Him as such (Phil. 2:9-11)

Are you helping to unify the body of Christ? You can pray for our other sisters and brothers, avoid gossip, build others up, and work together in humility. Give your time, talents and tithes, exalt Christ and refuse to get sidetracked by arguing over divisive matters.

The church body voted and approved the returning Trustees for 2016. Returning Trustees are Bro. Jasper Armstrong, Bro. Frank Boldoe, Bro. Jack Choice, Deacon Lawrence Coleman, Sis. Nicole Hill, Sis. Jennifer LaLande, Sis. Nanette Locke, Bro. Dave Lovell, Sis. Lynette Murray, Sis. Nina Myles and Dea. Shelwyn Reed.

The year-end Financial Report was presented by Deaconess Margie Legins. After some discussion, the Financial Report was approved.

Bro. Boldoe presented the 2015 accomplishments and 2016 challenges for the church.

2015 Accomplishments:

- Continued to use a "Financial Practices" standard template in making financial decisions for the Church.
- Made several building repairs throughout the Church and parking lot
- Assisted the Deacon Board in creating an Employee Handbook
- Assisted the Deacon Board in creating job descriptions
- Created Statements of Work for contract work done at the Church
- Assisted the Deacon Board in creating a policy and procedure for the use and upkeep of Church vehicles
- Completed a Church property inventory
- Made needed Multi Media equipment purchase in December
- Sold the donated land in Southern Colorado
- Replace the HVAC unit outside the Pastor's office
- Repaired a major gas line on the North side of the Church

- Changed the CPA firm used to provide the Financial Review of the Church's financial records
- Oversaw the changes to PayPal
- Started the effort to receive donated vehicles in 2016.

2016 Challenges:

- Refinancing the Church mortgage estimated to be \$5.6 million
- Strengthening the financial condition of the Church
- Completing financial audit of the Church's financial operations
- Upgrading the Church's financial accounting system
- Reviewing and recommending changes to the Church's business and operational structure
- Selling unused computer hardware
- Repairing the Church roof
- Upgrading media and sound system
- Replacing the entire phone system
- Purchasing new Church vehicles
- Completing and implementing all pending policies and procedures by the end of the second quarter
- Recommending updates to the Constitution and By-Laws

The 2016 Budget was presented by the Trustee Ministry. After much discussion and a few recommended changes, the 2016 Budget was approved by the Church Body.

An Ad-Hoc Committee was established on Commissioning the Constitution and By-Laws. Committee members are Sis. Marilyn Brown, Sis Jane Clark, Deaconess Glenda Coleman, Deacon Lawrence Coleman, Deaconess Margie Legins, Sis. Lynette Murray, Sis. Nina Myles and Rev. Ida Smith.

Evangelism: Pastor Smith encouraged everyone to participate in corporate prayer at 7:00 on Wednesday evenings for the month of January.

Pastor's report on new member activity for 2015: 24 new adult members, and 11 children/youth. The church's total membership for 2015 was 862.

Pastor Smith announced his retirement effective the end of 2017.

Deacon Larry Howard presented the process and procedures for the establishment of the Pastor Search Committee as outlined in the Church's Constitution and By-Laws. The committee will consist of 12 members: 3 Deacons, 3 Deaconess, Chair of the Trustee Board, President of the Usher Ministry, A Mission representative, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Youth Pastor and 2 members from the congregation-at-large. The church voted to have Eileen Burnley and Angela Green Garland as the two members at-large. The members of the Pastors Search Committee are Deacon Lawrence Coleman, Frank Boldoe, Eileen Burnley, Glenda Coleman, Brenda Combs, Rita Cummings, Angela Green Garland, Larry Howard, Marion Ladd, Carla Ladd, Willie Mae Little, John Quick and Eddie J. Washington.

Church Services of the Future???

Here is a glimpse of the modernizing churches. Is this for you?

PASTOR: "Praise the Lord!"

Congregation: "Hallelujah!"

PASTOR: "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smartphone, and Kindle Bible to 1 Corinthians 13:13. And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon."

P - a - u - s - e.....

"Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands. Open you Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with God"

S-i-l-e-n-c-e

"As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready."

"You can log onto the church Wi-Fi using the password, 'Lord909887.'"


The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshippers: Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church. Those who prefer to use iPads can open them. Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cellphones to transfer your contributions to the church account.

The holy atmosphere of the Church becomes truly electrified as ALL the smartphones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker!

Final Blessing and Closing Announcements..

This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out.

Please don't miss out. You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this week for counseling and prayers. Have a nice day!



Directed by Seth Rossman
Assistant Director Colette D. Brown

Starring:

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Ghandia Johnson as Mrs. Dickson
Simone St. John as Mayme
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Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith, Senior Pastor

March 6, 2016

Greetings Church Family...

The Rising Star Youth Ministry is on the move this year with a special project. In an effort to give back to the community and those in need, we are beginning our "Shoebox Ministry". We realize how fortunate we are, being blessed with caring parents who believe Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We are also blessed with a loving pastor and church family who support us in all that we do.

The youth ministry solicits your support as we embark on our Shoebox Ministry project for 2016. It is our goal to provide a minimum of 200 filled shoeboxes to youth throughout the Denver/Aurora community. These boxes will be distributed to youth in transitional housing, shelters and homeless (yes those living on the streets). We realize everyone does not have the items we use daily and take for granted. We pray for them and want to help them.

The following information explains what is needed for this wonderful project.

Age Group Breakdown: 2-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-15, 16-18.

Items needed : Clear plastic shoeboxes with matching top

Grooming Items : New washcloths, bars of soap, mini bottles of hand sanitizer, tooth brushes, tooth paste, small bottles of lotion, hair combs & brushes, small bottles of shampoo

Age appropriate toys, coloring books, crayons, pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, reading books, spiritual items.

Additional items: socks, gloves, mittens, knit caps

We appreciate all the support and donations. We ask for your continued prayers for our youth ministry and all youth in our communities.

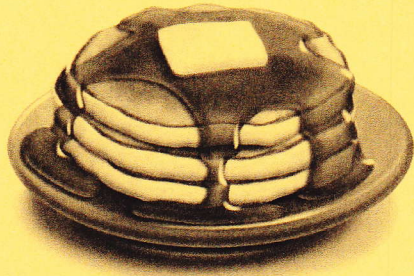
Children of the King!


Rev. John L. Quick, Youth Pastor


Rev. Dr. Jules E. Smith, Senior Pastor

Pancake
Breakfast

RSMBC Youth Ministry



Pancake Fundraiser

“Short Stacks for a TALL CAUSE”

When: Saturday, April 9th, 2016

Where: Applebee's, 14901 E. Iliff Ave
Aurora CO 80014

Time: 7:30 am – 9:30 am

Donation: \$10.00

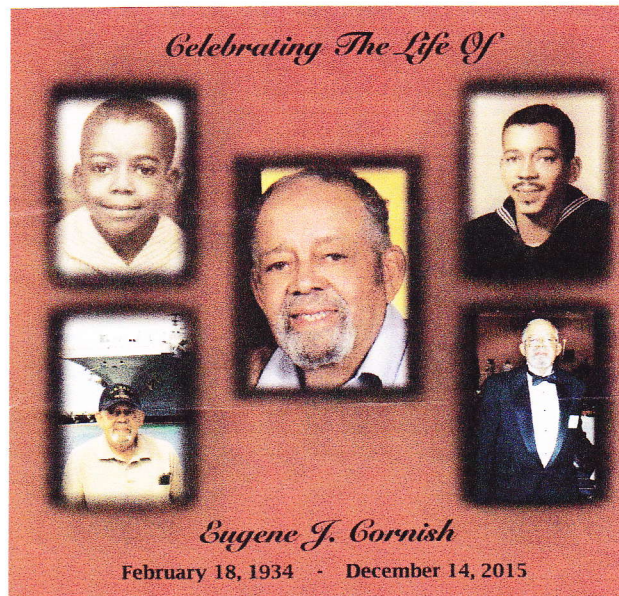
Purpose: 2016 Youth Retreat

**“All you can eat Pancakes,
Sausage, Coffee and Juice”**

Several youth and staff will have tickets after church each Sunday in the Gathering Place until Sunday, April 3rd 2016. Youth and Parents if you want to help offset the cost of this year's Youth Retreat, come by the Gathering Place to obtain your breakfast tickets TODAY. Parents' permission is required for all youth.

Thank you in advance for supporting our youth!

IN MEMORY OF



The Christian Scroll Ministry mourns the loss of its long-time advisor and advertising salesperson. Deacon Eugene Cornish, along with his wife, Mary, was instrumental in founding The Christian Scroll newsletter in 1988 when it was typed, printed in black and white and assembled here at Rising Star. Since that time, Deacon Cornish typed many articles and contacted many business owners trying to secure ads for the newsletter. The Christian Scroll Ministry was made stronger by the contributions of Deacon Cornish.

Deacon Eugene Cornish was born in Washington, D.C., an only child. He graduated from St. Emma Military Academy and immediately began a career in the U. S. Navy. His 20-year military career allowed him the opportunity to travel the world. He proudly served during the Vietnam War, retired and later received designation as a 100% disabled veteran. He felt honored to have served his country.

Deacon Cornish retired from the Navy in Honolulu, Hawaii and relocated to Denver, CO with his wife and children. He then embarked on a career with the U. S. Post Office for 20 years. After the second retirement, he went back to work Amtrak and later to the Buckley Air Force Base Commissary.

Deacon Cornish was a Lifetime Member and Past Master of the Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. Masonic Lodge #27. His hobbies included bowling, model trains and playing board games with his beloved family. He was an active member at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. He was especially proud of being a deacon and singing with the male chorus. His church and love of his pastor was something he always bragged about to everyone.

Deacon Cornish is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary; two sons, two daughters, a niece he helped raise and a host of other relatives and friends.

MEMORIAL PAGE

Barbara Elizabeth Green

August 28, 1943 - December 20, 2015



Barbara Elizabeth Green was born in Poughkeepsie, NY. Her family moved to Pennsylvania and settled in Harrisburg. Barbara accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Greater Zion Baptist Church in Harrisburg.

Barbara moved to Denver after attending Indiana University and Purdue University. She worked as a corporate attorney in Denver for many years before retiring and beginning a second career as a teacher. She worked at various schools throughout the Cherry Creek and Denver school districts before settling in at Martin Luther King Middle School where she remained for several years.

Barbara loved working with charitable groups and worked closely with United Way to help families and those in need. She frequently donated time to food drives around the holidays and was dedicated to donating fifty turkeys to fifty individuals and families every Thanksgiving.



Carneice Brown White will forever be known as a great classroom teacher, mother, grandmother and student of life. She was born in Memphis, TN on June 22, 1929, and graduated from earth to eternity on December 31, 2015.

She was a devoted member of Zion Baptist Church from 1939 until she became disabled and unable to drive, at which time she transferred her membership to Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church in May of 2013.

Ms. Brown White leaves a rich legacy and will always be remembered with great love for her generosity, thoughtfulness, kindheartedness and readiness to help others. Her career in education spanned 42 years as she dedicated her life to teaching children with special needs.

Carneice Brown White is survived by three children, three grandsons, a sister and cousins, including Rev. Dr. Jules Smith among many other relatives and friends.

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ANDREW E. FUQUA

April 29, 1946 – February 13, 2016

Andrew E. Fuqua was born in Cleveland, OH, one of eleven children. After graduating high school, he was drafted into the U. S. Marines and served as a rifleman in Vietnam before being discharged in 1967. He returned to Cleveland after military service and went to work for United Airlines in 1973. Andy was transferred to Denver in 1980 but also spent time at stations in San Francisco, Chicago and Phoenix before retiring in 2002. He was very much involved with the Denver Chapter of United Airlines Black Professional Organization (BPO), collecting and delivering food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Andy became a member of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church on New Year's Eve 2013 where he soon joined the Greeters and Repast Ministries.

Andy is survived by his wife Mauricia, daughter Felicia, granddaughter Dominique and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



DELLENE FARMER

September 4, 1929 – February 25, 2016

Dellene Farmer was born in Bryan, TX. She was the eldest and last survivor of six children. Dellene had a beautiful and distinguished soprano voice and was a founder and original member of the Wilder Ward Singers. The Wilder Ward Singers toured the country for over five years doing numerous radio, television and live concert performances of gospel music.

Dellene's church resume includes decades of membership, contribution and service to Union Baptist Church (Denver, CO), Vancouver Avenue 1st Baptist Church (Portland OR), Antioch Baptist and Little Zion Baptist Church (Chicago, IL) and a dedicated member of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church until her passing.

Many will remember Dellene's passion for life and her pride of being a nurse for 50 years. "Nursing is a Ministry" was one of the ideas Dellene lived by.

Dellene leaves four children, grandchildren, many other relatives and friends who will never forget her will to live and her personal and inner strength.

MEMORIAL PAGE



MOTHER ELLA NEAL

February 12, 1923 – February 12, 2016

Ella Lee Neal was the third child born out of her family of ten in Sardis, MS. Mother Ella received her formal training at her church and school. She accepted Christ at an early age at St. Peter's Methodist Church. She later changed her membership to New

Salem Baptist Church before finally committing to Mt. Moriah East baptist Church in Memphis, TN for 45 years. She became a member of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church on April 21, 2013, where she served on the Mother's Board Ministry until her health did not allow her to attend regular worship services. Her greatest desire was to be in service.

Mother Neal, fondly called "MaDear" was skilled in sewing and word puzzles. She played many games but she enjoyed ceramics and macrame' best. Making custom pieces and specially-designed purses was her passion.

God, in his infinite wisdom, allowed Mother Neal the time to see her 93rd birthday and then on that same day, she answered her call to eternal rest. She will be forever remembered by her only child, Robbie (Charles) Woody-Brown, a sister, many other family members and a host of friends.



Scheduled Services

Sunday

Morning Worship..... 7:45 & 10:30 AM
Communion (1st Sunday)..... 7:45 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School..... 9:15 AM – 10:20 AM
Youth Church (2nd and 3rd Sunday) Sunday School Classrooms. 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Prayer and Bible Study..... 7:00 PM

Thursday

Bible Study..... 12:00 Noon

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