

Order of Service

Mother's Day

"God said, "Your Angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you"



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 10, 2020

10:00 a.m.

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Gathering Song.....“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Solo — Minister Dorthea Taylor

Greeting/Call to Worship.....**Sister Cynthia**

Leader: Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

People: **We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms. Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.**

Hymn of Praise — “Faith of Our Mothers”

Instrumental playing if you would like to sing along

Verse 1: Faith of our mothers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our mothers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Verse 2: Faith of our mothers, we will strive
To win all nations unto thee;
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then indeed be free.
Faith of our mothers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Verse 3: Faith of our mothers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our mothers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Prayer Concerns and Blessings

Prayer of Confession and AssuranceSister Cynthia

Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. We thank you for the mothers of St. Mark's United Methodist Church who have inspired us by their motherly examples. We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*Recite in unison*)

The Invocation

Song of Meditation — "To God Be the Glory" (*Andrae Crouch*)

The Prayer of IlluminationSister Cynthia

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace — so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1 (*Acts 7:55–60, Common English Bible*)

⁵⁵ But Stephen, enabled by the Holy Spirit, stared into heaven and saw God's majesty and Jesus standing at God's right side. ⁵⁶ He exclaimed, "Look! I can see heaven on display and the Human One^[a] standing at God's right side!" ⁵⁷ At this, they shrieked and

covered their ears. Together, they charged at him, ⁵⁸ threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses placed their coats in the care of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ As they battered him with stones, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, accept my life!" ⁶⁰ Falling to his knees, he shouted, "Lord, don't hold this sin against them!" Then he died.

Scripture Reading #2 (*1 Peter 2:2–10, Common English Bible*)

² Instead, like a newborn baby, desire the pure milk of the word. Nourished by it, you will grow into salvation, ³ since you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable. ⁵ You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Thus it is written in scripture, *Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed.* ⁷ So God honors you who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone. ⁸ This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light. ¹⁰ Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Scripture Reading #3 (*John 14:1–14, Common English Bible*)

The way, the truth, and the life

¹ "Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. ² My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? ³ When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. ⁴ You know the way to the place I'm going."

⁵ Thomas asked, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus replied, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don’t speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

Doxology – “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(Recite in unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be low; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Affirmation of Faith — “The Apostles’ Creed”

(recite in unison)

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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Gloria Patri – “Glory Be to the Father” *(Recite in unison)*

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.

Musical Selection *(Solo)* **Minister Dorthea Taylor**

Inspirational Message **Minister LáAngel Hall**

“We Coming Out of this Sis”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Selection — “A Song for Mama” *(Boyz II Men)*

Pastor Prayer

Benediction

Happy Mother's Day

Only a few new, but enjoy this trip down memory lane, adding one more year of love and gratefulness for these beautiful Mothers!!!!

In Honor

"You must give everything to make your life as beautiful as the dreams that dance in your imagination."

— Roman Payne



Honoring Our First Lady

Sister Jane Matthews

*Happy Mother's Day from your
St. Mark's Family*



*In Honor of
Mildred C. Awkward*

To the world
you are a
Mother,
but to your family
you are the
World.

Lovingly,

Children: Valerie, Harold Jr., Tyrone, Lisa

*Grandchildren: Shimaine (Carlton), LeVar, Keith Jr., Jason,
Justin, Tyrone Jr., Tiease*

*Great Grandchildren: Jason, Courtney, Chris, Niya,
Tryone, Ciara, Lissa*

Happy Mother's Day

Tina

"You are so special"

Tommy



Happy Mother's Day

Tiara

"My special daughter"

Dad



Jaime

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you ... plans to give you hope..." (Jeremiah 19:11)

Happy Mother's Day

May you always believe in your special gifts and share them with those around you, and may God continue to bless you with all the good things you deserve

Love, Mommy

Happy Mother's Day!

Andre Wright

Mildred Awkward

"for the friend, support and the MOMS you are"

*Carlton, Shimaine,
Jason, Courtney*



Brenda Jackson

Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother

There are no words to describe the bond that Granny shares with each of us. We try to show our gratitude but there is no real way to show our gratefulness for the Gift God has given us.

Happy Mother's Day

*Dwight, Lisa, Markitte
Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren*

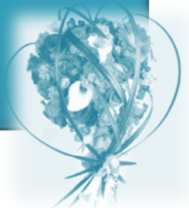


*Honoring
Markitte Jackson*

*You don't raise heroes, you raise sons
And if you treat them like sons,
They'll turn out to be heroes,
Even if it's just in your own eyes.*

Happy Mother's Day

*Love,
Pierre & Kevin, Jr.*



Happy Mother's Day

*Lisa, Markitte, Sharwan,
Tylisha, Shantel*

*I'm proud of the women and
Mother's that you have
become and continuing to be.*

*Love, Brenda
(Mom / Granny)*



Happy Mother's Day

Mom

A Mother's heart is always
with her children

Love,
Ty & Shakia

Happy Mother's Day

Nemmy!



Love, Chloe

Happy Mother's Day

Marva, Ellen, Gail, Joyce

Sisters,
Wishing you lots of happy times...
Because some of the happiest
times are time spent with you

Love Cyn



Happy Mother's Day

*Mothers of
St. Mark's UMC*

*"To the world you might be one person, but to
one person you are the world"*

Happy Mother's Day

Mom

*The only thing better than having you as a Mom,
is Ally being able to have you as a Grandmother.*

*Thank you for your unconditional love, support
and wisdom, we appreciate you now and forever.*

*Love,
Jazmen and Ally*



Bonnie,



*It's a special bond that
spans the years. Through
laughter, worry, smiles,
and tears. A sense of
trust that can't be
broken, a depth of love
sometimes unspoken. A
lifelong friendship built
on sharing. Hugs and*

*kisses, warmth and caring, Mother and daughter
their hearts as one — A link that can never be
undone.*

Happy Mother's Day



Love, Venita

To the best Godmother in the world!

In a world full of people that just tell you what you want to hear even when you know better, thank you for always keeping it real with me. Even if I don't want to hear it, you tell me anyway... lol And I love you for it! You have my back in everything I do and continue to be there for me.

My role model and true definition of BLACK GIRL MAGIC! Thank you for being the "mom-spiration" that us young black mom's need to see!

Happy Mother's Day Jaime!

Love always,

Your girls (Vaune', Kai and Kalie)



Mommy,

We have come so far. You tell me daily how proud of me you are. But honestly, I am proud of you. I am proud of how much of you have grown just as a person. Being a single mother is not an easy job, but you did it sis! The person I am today is because of you. You are an amazing wife, mother and grandmother and I just love you so much.

Happy Mother's Day Mommy!

xoxo,
Vaune' (Boobie)



To Barbara Hughes,

A Mother's love never allows you to feel alone, her wisdom never ends, and her prayers never cease. Thank You Mom and Happy Mother's Day!

Love,
Floyd Jr. and Nena



Grandma,

Thank you for being you! The same AMAZING you!
Always there whenever I need you.
It brings my heart so much joy seeing the same bond that you and I share, my kids also have with you!
I thank God for you daily and appreciate you sooo much!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Love, Vaune'



To Jazmen Vinson

Happy Mother's Day

Mommy

I Love You!

Alexandra Marie Dustin





Happy Mother's Day

Ellen

"You Are So Special"

*Love,
Nolan, Vicki, Adrian*



Aunt Cyn & Jaime

*Good Friends are like Stars.
You don't always see them,
but you know they are
always there!*

Happy Mother's Day

Love, Tom

*Some know you as
Judith James but we
call you Mom,
Granny, and
GranGran!*

*You are a beautiful
flower in our bouquet
of life*



*Love,
Nena, Floyd, Jazmen,
and Alexandra*

*Here Together or Miles Apart
Nieces Like You Stay in
My Heart*

Tanya and Diana

Happy Mother's Day

Love, Tom



"Happy Mother's Day"

TWO AMAZING WOMEN

Nena & Jazmen

Love Ya!!

Judith & Alexandra

In honor of my sisters—

*Ernestine (Bitsy) Gibson,
Jacqueline Wilson,
Janice (Fannie) Collier and
Elsie (Dukie) Blackstone;
nieces, cousins; sisters-in-law;
friends and the women of
St. Mark's UM Church*

Happy Mother's Day

Gloria Maxine Still



*Happy Mother's Day
Gertie & Beverly*

*A sister is a blessing
Who fills your heart with love
She flies with you in life
With the beauty of a dove*

Love, Tommy

*Always my Mother
Forever my Friend
Happy Mother's Day
I LOVE YOU*

Pat & Erica,

*We are definitely family,
Cousins tried and true,
Happy Mother's Day Cousins,
I'm so Happy... I'm Related to YOU!!!!*

Love, Tommy



I am not the perfect mom but I am the mom God knew Rayon & Devin would need.....and that's enough!

To My #1 Fan,
 So many things I could say to you and about you, but then I would be writing for days. Everyone always tells me I am doing a great job with Jaylah & Jalani, and I am quickly reminded that its because of you; you are the best role model a girl could have, and even when we don't agree; I know you have my best interest at heart. You're the Best GMA & Mom, and you deserve to be celebrated today and always.
 Love Always, Tiara



Dear Gma,
You are the best Gma I ever had. You are funny and you always beat me in Uno.
Happy GMA Day
Love Jalani

Dear Mom,
You taught me how to be responsible for all of my things. You're the best mom anyone can ask for.
Happy Mother's Day
Love Jaylah



Dear Gma,
You taught me how to dress nice and use my manners. You're the best Gma/Grandma ever.
Happy GMA Day
Love Jaylah

Dear Mom,
You are the best mom I ever had. I like to play Uno with you, even when I don't win a lot.
Happy Mommy Day,
Love Jalani

Happy Mother's Day

*Naomi Williams
and
Brenda Jackson
"my other mother"*



*Who can find a virtuous woman?
For her price is far above rubies.*

Love, Cynthia

Happy Mother's Day to Our Amazing Mom and Grandma

"You are heaven sent"

Love you,

*Joseph, Sr., Deidre,
David, Jr., Amber, David, III, Olivia, and Nevada*

TODAY, WE WANT TO TELL
YOU...

WE LOVE YOU, MOM!

"Of all the gifts that life has to offer, a
loving mother is the greatest of
them all." - Unknown

Thank you for all that you do!

♥ TJ and Dani



TO THE MOST
WONDERFUL WOMAN,

*Have an
amazing day,
Grandma!*

You deserve nothing but the best today.
Happy Mother's Day!
Love, Duke, Angie, TJ, and Dani



Happy Mother's Day! Charlene, Sharon, Gloria

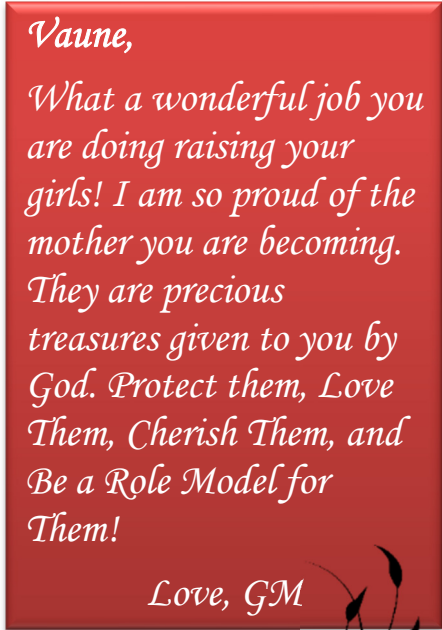
*To great sisters and wonderful Mothers too!!!!!!
Love, Tina*



Mom,



Love, Jaden & Eli



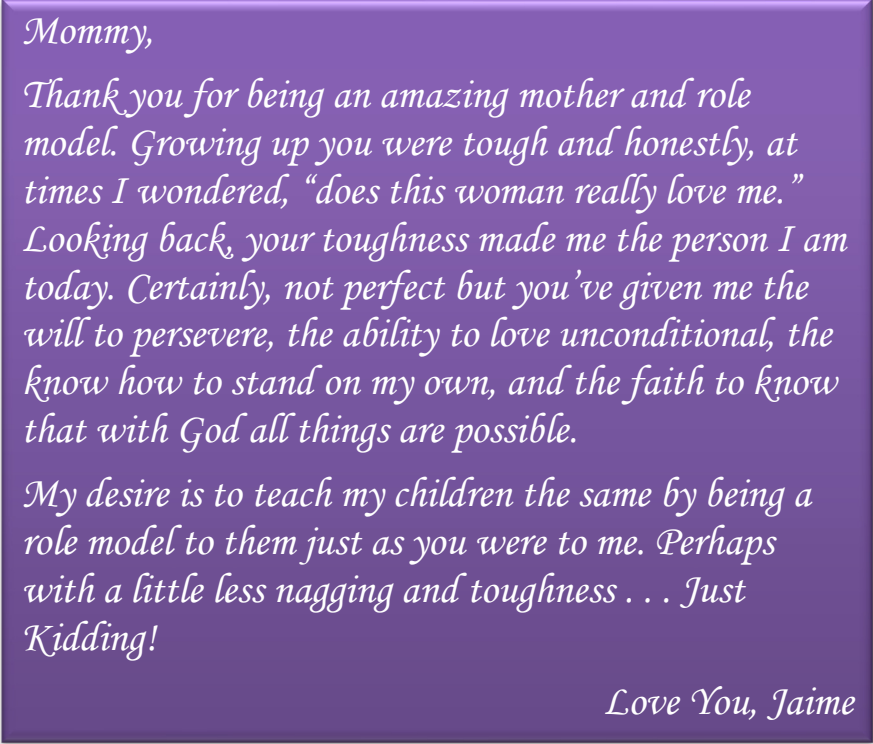
Ma,



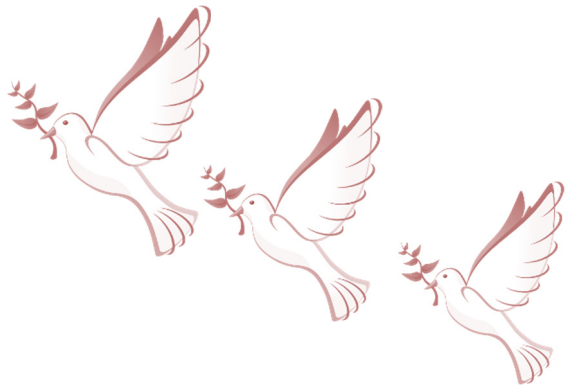
Love, Wayne



Love, Jaden & Eli



In Memory



*In loving memory of our Mother and Grandmother,
Evelyn S. George*



We thought of you today, but that's nothing new, we think of you often. The moments we shared are now treasured memories that we take with us in our day to day thoughts. God has you in his arms but we will always have you in our hearts.

Millicent and Keisha

Remembering Our Loved Ones

Mother—Dutta

Aunts—Lena, Elva

Sisters—Lena, Eleanor, Romaine, Frances

With each day that passes by, we see your spirit in one of us remaining here. Thank you for your love and wisdom that continues to sustain us.

*Love, Marva, George, Ellen, Gail, Joyce,
Cynthia and Gordon*

In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Mothers



Ellouise Catchings



Magdalene Saulsbury

*Softly and gently the memories fall
Gently we gather and treasure them all,
Unseen we know you are always near
Still loved, but missed, and ever dear.
To see your face, to watch your smiles
To sit and chat with you a while,
To be together the same old way
Would be our greatest wish to day.
We know that when we think of you,
you'll just have to say,
Grieve not, we are only sleeping;
we will meet again someday.*



*Lovingly,
Bob and Grace Catchings*

In Memory Ethel May Hill



Mom

*They say time heals all sorrow
and helps us to forget,
but time has only proven
how much we miss you yet*



*In Loving Memory of
Our Grandmother
Gertrude Matthews
(Mama Gertie)*

*Aunts
Catherine Burley
Clara Stratford
Mary "Jeanette" Smith
Deborah Garnett*

*Those we love remain with us
for love itself lives on,
and cherished memories never fade
because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never be
more than a thought apart,
for as long as there is memory,
they'll live on in the heart.*

**In Memory of
Catherine E. Burley**

"Continue to rest in Heaven"

*We miss and love you,
Charles, Bernadette, David Sr., Cynthia,
Aaron, Joseph, Sr., Deidre, David Jr.,
DeVonte, Nia, Tanay, David III, Olivia*

*In Loving Memory of our
Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother*

Hazel Briggs

*"You will forever be
in our hearts"*

*David Sr., Cynthia, Joseph, Sr., Deidre,
David Jr., David III, Olivia*

In Loving Memory

*Emma Jackson, Ida Cager
Viola Wotten, Grace Cook*

*A limb have fallen from the family
tree that says...*

Grieve Not For Me

*Remember the best times,
the laughter, the song,
the good life I lived
while I was strong.*

Happy Mother's Day

Continue to rest and look upon us!

Love, Brenda

*Thelma Wilson
"Lenny"*

Remembering you is easy

I do it everyday

Missing you is a heartache

That never goes away

Carlton, Shimaine, Jason, Courtney



*In Loving Memory
of Our Mother
Dorothy Garnett*

*We love you and
forever and always miss you*

*Love, James, Barbara, Calvin,
Denise, Carolyn, Donald*

*In Memory of
Our Sister*

Jacqueline Garnett

*We miss you and
love you*

*Love, James, Barbara, Calvin,
Denise, Carolyn, Donald*



*Remembering
Corrine and Rennae*

*If the women that lights the home up flickered and burnt out;
We will be all lost in the dark and fall without a doubt.
We will willow in the mud and we will struggle to crawl;
Troubles will seem to be giants, even if they are small.*

*Farewell to the ladies who had been there through thick and thin;
Wipe all the dirt upon stumbling, until we're shiny, bright and clean.
Who smiles at all the laughter we made when we succeed;
God, take care of them, to you we hardly plead.*

Love, Ronald and Family

*Missing You
Always
Remembering
You
Forever.*

Lena Thomas

Children & Grandchildren



In Loving Memory

*Mary Mason,
Clara Harrison,
Helen Smith,
Helen Harrison,
Mildred Awkward,
Cassie Gibson*

*"Gone, but your
memories linger on"*



*In Loving Memory of
Pearl & Bessie Matthews
Ellen & Bernice Brooks*

Gone but Never, Ever, Ever Forgotten

*Love,
Judith, Nena, Jazmen
& Alexandra*



*In Remembrance of Our
Mother, Grandmother & Great-Grandmother
Shirley M. Carey*



Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.

*From,
Michael, Sandy, Debbie
Tasman, Monique, Jason, Justin, Tashana, Monét, Imani
Janet, Vaughn*

"Happy Heavenly Mother's Day"



*Mabel "Sissy" Simms
Bernice "Essie" Brooks*



"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord"

Love, Dwayne

*In Loving Memory
of
Grandmother Essie*



*Always in our Minds and
Forever in our Hearts*

Love, Matthews, Bowie, Nicholson Families

*In Memory of Our Mom
Phyllis Matthews*

*Beautiful memories silently kept
Of one that we loved and will never forget*



*Love,
Matthews, Bowie, Nicholson Families*



Aunt May,

*"Until we meet again, may
God hold you in the palm
of his hand."*

Love, Tommy

*In Memory of my Mother
Sarah Rollins Matthews
Grandmothers*

*Emma T. Rollins and Gertrude Matthews
and all of my Aunts*

Happy Mother's Day



Gloria Maxine Still

Mom,

I think about and miss you daily. I know you would be so proud of me and the boys if you were still here. As I raise them, I think about the many lessons I learned from you. It's hard not having you here to see our family grow. I know you are watching and protecting us. You're our forever Angel.

Love, Wayne

*In Memory of
Christine Dorsey*

Happy Mother's Day

The Children



*Remembering All Our Loved
Ones Who Have Gone on to
Heaven for their Reward*

Announcements

130th Anniversary Shirts — I'm sure you have seen the email about the purchasing of our commemorative shirts. **Sizes:** Small to XL = \$15; 2X = \$17; 3X = \$19. **If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, please contact Millicent at the church email.**



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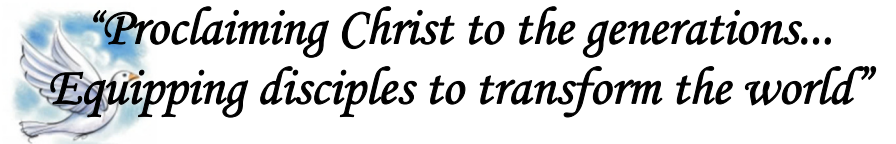
Back

Churches are to remain closed until **May 15th**.

Annual Conference will be held on **Saturday, September 12th**.
(place has not been designated).

General Conference — **August 31, 2021–September 10, 2021**

Jurisdictional Conference — TBA



Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List: If you hear of anyone that is in need of special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact: Rev. Eugene Matthews (443.257.2730 (cell), 410.379.0600 (home), reveugene@comcast.net)

Condolence to the family of the late James Thomas

Rev. George F. DeFord, Nolan Gibson, Sherman / Erica Roy, Janeen Thomas, Eunice Harding (Gemma's Mother), Tyrone / Pat Mundell, Samuel / James Briggs (Cynthia Burley's brothers), Barbara Matthews, Charles Burley, Richard Cager, Jr., Joan Moore, Larry Powell, Veronica Miller, Jeanette Reeves, Ernestine Gibson, Grace Elaine Catchings, James Matthews, Birdie Walker, Paul Browder, Laura Dotson, Mildred Awkward, Phillip Reese, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Nancy Daniels, Eunice Parker, Hannah Polk, Delores Tyler

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