

Home Going Service

for

Rev. Dr. Joseph Clemont Paige, Sr.

1930 - 2002



*"Work-Well Done
Life-Well Spent
Rest-Well Deserved"*

Wednesday, January 23, 2002
12:00 p.m.

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church,
Bunn, North Carolina
and
Boyd Chapel, Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina

The Celebration

Reverend Gwen Horton, Officiating



The Prelude Reverend Clarence J. LeMay
Pastor, Sandy Fork Missionary Baptist Church

The Processional

The Invocation Reverend Jeffrey Anderson

The Music Gethsemane Combined Choir

The Scriptures:

Old Testament Reverend Jon R. Murphy

New Testament Reverend Anthonette Wright

The Prayer Reverend Petris Price-Chavis

The Acknowledgements, Resolutions, and Obituary Jacki Wilson

The Reflections:

Friends
Dr. Helen McLaughlin

Pastor, FaithStep Ministries Church

Church Family Deacon Larry Neal
Steven Floyd



Special Tributes **Dr. Talbert O. Shaw**
President, Shaw University and Shaw University Divinity School

Dr. James T. Roberson
Dean, Shaw University Divinity School

Reverend Sam Blalock
Moderator, Middle Baptist Association

Dr. E. B. Turner
Former President of Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees

Dr. Archie Logan
Executive-Secretary Treasurer, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Family **Joseph C. Paige, Jr.**
Dr. Dorothy Demby-Paige

The Music **Gethsemane Combined Choir**

The Eulogy **Dr. Gregory Headen**
Pastor, Genesis Baptist Church

The Solo **Deacon Lynn Davis**

The Benediction **Reverend Greg Hall**

The Committal **Dr. Gregory Headen**

The Recessional and Parting View

The Obituary

Joseph C. Paige, Sr., son of the late Bennie and Elnora Fuller Paige was born on February 8, 1930 in Siler City, NC, where he grew up in a family of twelve siblings. He was the nephew of the late Dr. William H. Fuller, former pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Durham, NC.

He departed this life at home late Saturday night, January 19, 2002.

He received his early childhood, intermediate and high school education in the public schools of Chatham County, NC. He graduated from Chatham High School in Siler City (then Chatham County Training School), in 1945.

Dr. Joseph C. Paige was a former President, Shaw Divinity School, where he also served as Executive Vice President, Interim President, Interim Provost/Dean, Director of Development, and a tenured Professor of Practical Theology. He was recently appointed to a six-year term as Adjunct Professor, Department of Nutrition, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH). He also had an appointment in the school of Nursing, UNC-CH. He served as faculty representative on the Board of Trustees, Shaw Divinity School. He was First Vice Moderator of the Middle Baptist Association, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. (GBSC), and former President of the Franklin County Friends of Black Children Community Council, Inc. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of Bunn Residents Organized Against Drugs, Inc. (BROAD).

Dr. Paige was former President of the World Council on Religious Liberty, an international organization dedicated to the promotion and encouragement of understanding and tolerance on matters of differences in religion practices and beliefs, and the elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or beliefs. In this capacity, he traveled worldwide in association with agencies and activities of the United Nations, and other international organizations. He was recognized internationally as an expert on religious liberty, world religions, new religions and new religious movements, and was frequently invited to serve as a mediator in these areas, worldwide, when problems arose.

He was the founding chairperson of the Rural Church Committee of the General Baptist State Convention and served as chairman for 12 years. He was also an Associate Chaplain of the World Conference of Mayors, and a member of the National Advisory Board of the American Freedom Coalition.

Dr. Paige graduated from A&T State University at the age of eighteen. He earned a Master of Education degree from Boston University and Doctor of Education degree from the

American University, Washington, D.C. He also studied at Harvard University, where he was a DuPont Fellow, and he was a National Science Foundation Fellow at Tufts University. He earned a "Certificate in Theology for Professionals," and a Master of Divinity degree from Shaw Divinity School, where he also received the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree.

He had held faculty/administrative positions at Bethune-Cookman College (Florida), Edward Waters College (Florida), Howard University (Washington, D.C.), Federal City College (now the University of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.), American University (Washington, D.C.), and Wayne State University (Detroit).

Dr. Paige was host of the Shaw Divinity School Hour, a weekly public affairs radio program on WSHA, Shaw University Radio for more than ten years. He had also hosted the weekly Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church radio program, WHLQ & WRYN Louisburg radio station.

He was former Host and Executive Producer of the JOE PAIGE SHOW, a weekly NBC TV Public affairs presentation on Channel 4, Washington, D.C., and host of WHAT'S HAPPENING, a weekly NBC-Radio minority-oriented public affairs program.

Dr. Paige was a former columnist for The Sanford Herald, a daily afternoon newspaper and has written extensively for other newspapers and periodicals.

Dr. Paige was a world traveler, having traveled extensively in Europe, Africa, Asia and South America. He was generally respected as an expert on South Africa and Asian affairs, and was a frequent "trouble-shooter" in dealing with concerns in these areas.

He was believed to be among the nation's top successful business entrepreneurs and was generally well respected as a bottom line, no-nonsense person, renowned for his business successes, Christian philanthropy and generosity.

He leaves to mourn: his loving wife, Dorothy; six children, Jo-Ellen Paige of Raleigh, Tia Demby-Ulmer (Greg) of Durham, Joseph Paige, Jr. of Alexandria, VA, Edward Paige (Beverly) of Maulden, SC, Hiawatha Demby (Karen) of Chapel Hill, and Harod Demby (LaPonda) of Raleigh; nine grandchildren, Jay Paige, Adam Paige, DeLorean Clark, Katherine Demby, Justin Paige, Kenneth Demby, Chelsea Ulmer, Carmen Ulmer, Andrea Demby; his ex-wife Eleanor Paige of Greenville, SC; two sisters, Mrs. Shirley Kearney of Greensboro, Mrs. Delois Bell (George) of Southfield, MI; five brothers, Mr. Bennie Franklin, Jr. (Myrtle) of Siler City, Mr. Alcana Paige of Siler City, Mr. Graphel Paige (Mae) of Siler City, Mr. Otha Paige of Boston, MA, and Mr. Henry Paige (Cathy) of Boston, MA; one aunt, Mrs. Mattie Paige of Siler City; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

To Our Friends and Supporters

On behalf of the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church Family, we welcome you to another significant moment in the life of our Church and our Pastor, the Homegoing Service of Dr. Joseph Clemont Paige, Sr.

This event affords us the opportunity to thank God for blessing us to share the life of a good man, Dr. Joseph Paige. God used Dr. Paige to provide God-centered leadership to our various church ministries. As we reminisce over how God has led us under the leadership of Dr. Paige, we praise God for what he has done for us as a congregation and as individuals. As the song states, "He keeps on blessing us – over and over again." We are truly blessed to have had Dr. Paige bless us for thirteen years. Our discipleship has increased. We have more tithers. There is more love. We care more. We are exceedingly grateful to God and tremendously encouraged by His faithfulness and His blessings.

To The Paige Family

Good things have happened because of the teachings of Dr. Paige. We give God the glory and the honor and the praise because Dr. Paige walked with God. We feel certain that the union of the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church and the Paige family was an act of God, and we are grateful.

To All of Our Faithful Members

As we reach the end of another page in the history of the union of Pastor Paige and the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church family, let us remember the words of Paul in Philippians 4:13...*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* God has blessed us with indescribable talents and energy. In other words, we dare claim unmatched potentials for service to God. Therefore, let us keep our eyes, ears, heart, and yes, our very lives committed to doing His will.

We acknowledge, with deep appreciation, your continued prayers as we celebrate the life of our dear Pastor, friend and brother...Dr. Joseph Clemont Paige, Sr. May God continue to shower His richest blessing upon you.

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church Family

“I Won’t Complain”

*I’ve had some good days,
I’ve had some hills to climb.
I’ve had some weary days
And some sleepless nights.
But when I look around,
And think things over,
All of my good days,
Outweigh my bad days,
And I won’t complain.*

*Sometimes the clouds hang low,
I can hardly see the road.
So I ask the question Lord,
“Why so much pain?”
But He knows what’s best for me,
Although my weary eyes can’t see.
I just want to say “Thank you Lord,”
I won’t complain.*

*God has been so good to me.
He’s been so good to me.
More than this old world could ever be.
He’s been so good to me.
He dried all of my tears away.
Turned my midnights into days.
I just want to say “Thank you Lord,”
And I won’t complain.*

Pallbearers

(Nephews)

Lonnie Bowden
Sherman Bowden
Michael Bowden
Doug Paige
Eugene Paige
Robert Paige
Anthony Paige

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacon and Trustee Ministry of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church

Floral Bearers

Geraldine F. McKenney
Razzie F. Kearney
Annette Hall
Geraldine Harris
Evelyn Teasley
Pastor's Aide Ministry
Deaconess Ministry

Ushers

Gethsemane Usher Board Ministry

Appreciation

Perhaps you sang a lovely song or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent some lovely flowers, if so we saw them there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever deed was done—great or small, the FAMILY thanks you for it all.

Arrangements

William Toney's Funeral Home, Spring Hope, NC 27882