

## Reverend Floyd McKinley Blackwell

August 29, 1938 - October 31, 2019

The Seasons of Life...In Loving Memories of Dr. Floyd M. Blackwell, Emeritus

Sunrise: 8.29.1938

Sunset: 10.31.2019

Inspired by Ecclesiastes 3

Spring - A Time to be Born

Reverend Floyd McKinley Blackwell was born in Dinwiddie County, Virginia on 29 August 1938. He was the youngest of eleven children born to the late Stanley and Sarah Blackwell. At an early age, he confessed his faith in Christ as his Savior and was baptized at the Big Bethel Baptist Church in McKinney, Virginia. After his high school graduation, he moved to Brooklyn, New York where he became active in all aspects of the church and furthered his education.

Floyd attended the Virginia Seminary and College in Lynchburg, Virginia where he served on the Board of Trustees. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Masters of Divinity Degree. Later in life, he was bestowed an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree and received a Doctor of Humane Letter (LHD) from the Maryland School of Religion.

## Summer - A Time to Love

On one Sunday morning at St. John's Baptist Church (Brooklyn, New York), Floyd met the love of his life, Suzanne Strong, who greeted him at the door as part of the hospitality committee. That afternoon, they went to lunch together. Six months later, they embarked upon their romantic journey of a lifetime, and for 59 years it continued.

From that "Love Affair," Patricia Annette Watts was born. He was so proud of her 22 years of serving in the U.S. Army with continued service in the Federal Government. With Pat's commitment to the military, they as grandparents contributed to the rearing of their granddaughter Tashonia LaShae "Bone" Blackwell (wife of Ronney Revis). He was the great grandfather of Phoenix Skye Jasmine and Paxton Orion.

He was blessed to have the support of his last remaining sibling, Robert Blackwell (wife - Florence Blackwell) of Suffolk, Virginia; and sister-in-laws, Sarah Blackwell (wife of Richard Blackwell) and Evelyn Blackwell (wife of Thomas Blackwell).

Autumn - What Profit Hath He that Worth in that Wherein he Laboureth?

"Let's Build the Church Spiritually, Morally, Mentally, and Materially." - Dr. Floyd Blackwell

Pastor Blackwell was a leader of many institutions, but none were closer to his heart than his service to God at Miracle Temple Baptist Church.

In 1976, Rev. Blackwell was called to Pastor at Second Baptist Church. He was sent with a vision to inspire, uplift, and transform. And that he did... With the trust and physical participation of his faithful congregation, Pastor

Blackwell joined hands in prayer over the construction site, now known as Miracle Temple Baptist Church, modernizing the church experience for an increase in church population. He invested in the idea of church expansion by purchasing nearby real estate (for additional parking and church activities), acquiring transportation, and re-furnishing the establishment as needed. He pursued technical advances (computer/audio/video) by offering opportunities and training for church members. He praised educational achievements by initiating the FMB Scholarship Fund, hosting reading competitions, and launching a children's church program (to include Bible Study and Vacation Bible School). He encouraged us to engage with the community by leading prayer walks through the neighborhood and embarking on missionary outreach.

The congregation named the Fellowship Hall, the "Floyd M Blackwell" Fellowship Hall in honor of his service.

Winter - To Everything there is a Season, and a Time to Every Purpose Under the Heaven

In 2011, Rev. Blackwell heard God's command and made a decision to transition into the next stage of life. He was honored to have chosen his successor, Apostle Anthony R. Cooper, as Pastor of Miracle Temple Baptist Church. In retirement, he continued to preach throughout the community on many Sundays and officiate various church functions. He was often sought after for advice and counsel. He remained devoted to his family, church family and friends until he went home to be with the Lord.

He is survived by McKinley Miller, (wife - Sheryl Miller) and children. He is also survived by the following nieces and nephews: Cynthia, Regina, Faye, and Trina (James); Penny (Lorraine); Ralph, Anthony, and Erica (George); Wanda,

Pam, and Gail (Richard); Theodore, Barbara, Diane, and Geraldine (Thomas); Gary Myra, Jay and Trinese (Robert). He has numerous great-nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

"Teach, Preach, Until I Reach Each..." - Dr. Floyd M. Blackwell

The Horse Drawn Carriage Procession will leave Miracle Temple Baptist Church at 11:00 am, right turn onto Jefferson Avenue, right onto 48th Street, left onto Roanoke Avenue, and will arrive at Gethsemane Baptist Church to begin the ceremony.

# Cemetery Details

## Hampton Memorial Gardens

155 Butler Farm Road  
Hampton, VA 23666

# Previous Events

## (Blackwell) Public Viewing

NOV 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

Miracle Temple Baptist Church  
617 32nd Street  
Newport News, VA 23607

## (Blackwell) Funeral

NOV 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Gethsemane Baptist Church  
5405 Roanoke Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23607  
<http://gethsemanebaptist.org>

## Entombment

NOV 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

Hampton Memorial Gardens  
155 Butler Farm Road  
Hampton, VA 23666



# Tribute Wall

MC

“ To God be the Glory, Dr. Blackwell was a great man of God. I remember him preaching many revivals in Chatham VA at Greater Triumph Missionary Baptist and Vance Street Missionary Baptist in Danville VA. Heaven has gained a True Man of God who was filled with the Holy Ghost. My mother was healed in one of his services over 20 years ago. He would encourage me to keep preaching the gospel of Jesus. Dr. Blackwell touched the lives of many people. Thank you for sharing him with us. May God Continue to give you strength daily as you continue to adjust to his physical absence.



MIN. RITA CHILDRESS - April 22, 2020 at 09:07 PM

MV

“ Let everything that have breath Praise the Lord!!! That's what Pastor Blackwell did !❤️ I witness God use Pastor Blackwell heart to save alot of people out of their Lion's Den. He was a man after God's own heart. Job well done Pastor! Thanks for pouring Gods word in my heart❤️  
We will see you again 🙌🙌🙌🙌 Much Love to the Blackwell Family and MTBC Family ❤️ JESUS is LORD 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Melanie Hayes, Newport News Va - November 09, 2019 at 08:06 AM

MW

“ We send our deepest condolences to Suzanne and the entire Blackwell Family regarding the loss of a beloved husband and family member. We pray that you find comfort in knowing he is with our Father. We pray that you celebrate his life and all of the wonderful things he did for his family, church, and community. We love you. Edgar and Margaret (Oates) Watson & Family of Charlotte, NC.

Margaret Oates Watson - November 08, 2019 at 03:33 PM

TM

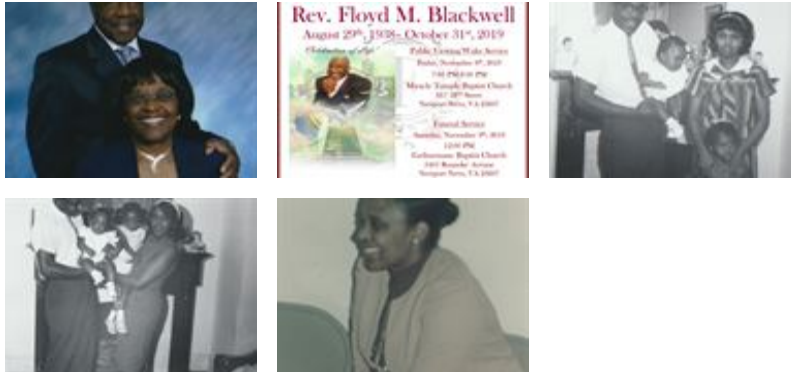
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T. McPhatter - November 07, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - November 06, 2019 at 03:26 PM

RJ

*My condolences to the Blackwell family. My name is HG McGhee Junior I was roommate with Dr. Blackwell in seminary it is with profound sadness that I respond to the home going of this great man of God my prayers go with the family and the miracle temple church God bless you all.*

Rev Dr H G McGhee Jr - November 07, 2019 at 07:37 AM

SR

“ *My deepest and sincere condolences to the Blackwell Family!! May God comfort you for your Loss! Prayerfully Yours-Sallie B.Hall Rose and Family 🙏🙏*

Sallie B Hall Rose - November 06, 2019 at 12:14 PM

LB

*Prayers to the family, he was a great man of God, rest in peace Pastor!!*

Lisa banks - November 08, 2019 at 01:49 PM

JW

“ *I will forever be grateful to Pastor Blackwell, He was a man of honor, a anointed man of God. When I first started visiting Miracle Temple, sitting in the balcony, Pastor Blackwell called my name. He said Jackie, I looked around, again he called "Jackie" I nodded he then said Run to the Alter. He had never meant me before but God told him to call me. God's Man*

Jackie Woods - November 06, 2019 at 10:06 AM

NA

“ *Pastor Blackwell was a good preacher and teacher of God word Rest In Peace we love you but god love you best the Harris family.*

nancy - November 06, 2019 at 07:37 AM

CA

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**Carlos Anthony** - November 05, 2019 at 08:58 PM

TM

“ Mark 16:15

*"Go into all the world & Preach the Gospel to all Creation". Floyd McKinley Blackwell, a job well done.*

*I'm grateful for Pastor Blackwell laying the foundation for my spiritual journey. A true man of God and a blessing to so many. Praying for strength and peace of mind for the Blackwell family. May you find comfort in the memories you all share.*

*God Bless,  
Ms. Tanya McPhatter*



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**T. McPhatter** - November 05, 2019 at 08:16 PM

MI

“ Our condolences to the family I will never forget the sermon he preach “ Can these dry bones live” what a word we thank God for a great vessel.

*Quentin and Michell*

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**michelle** - November 05, 2019 at 07:59 PM

HM

“ Henry Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Floyd McKinley Blackwell



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Henry Mitchell - November 05, 2019 at 03:44 PM

JT

“ Dr. Blackwell, Thank you for the time's u allowed me to drive for you during ur Revivals. It was a honor and a privilege, and I will never forget it. I Love you Sir, and I'll see you on the other side.

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Jeffrey Tolbert - November 04, 2019 at 10:20 PM

DW

“ I was converted under Pastor Blackwell while he was conducting a revival in Bedford VA 40 years ago. I never knew him personally, yet he is one of my spiritual fathers. I hope to see him on the other side one day. My condolences to the family and many thanks to YHWY for using Pastor Blackwell to deliver the Word that delivered me.

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Dauida Wingfield - November 04, 2019 at 04:20 PM

TL

“ Twona Linzy lit a candle in memory of Reverend Floyd McKinley Blackwell



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Twona Linzy - November 04, 2019 at 03:44 PM



“ *My heart is ruly heavy and sadden. The entire MIRACLE TEMPLE FAMILY. Knos how Rev. Blackwell made a change in my life. He had become the heart throb of the community, i proudly proclaim Dr. Blackwell as my personal paster, preacher, brother, friend. Sleep on Doc, I'll see you afterwhile. Much Love, Honor and Respect*  
*Jimmy*

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**Jimmy Pete** - November 04, 2019 at 03:31 PM

GD

“ *Pastor Blackwell you will be missed but NEVER forgotten. I thank God how he put you in not only my life but my family's life, You were there when we needed you and you were more than a Pastor to a great many of us, You married my oldest, you were a mentor to my youngest in his times of troubles, you baptized several of my grandchildren, you were there when my sister went home,,,so you see you were more than a Pastor you were a FATHER figure to so many, and an awesome Man of God, there may be others but none like you...Pastor Blackwell, you rest because your job has been well done.*



*First Lady: He is home with his best friend...and you will always be my spiritual "MOM"*

*Love Gloria A. Davis  
Charlotte N.C*

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**Gloria A. Davis** - November 04, 2019 at 12:49 AM

ES

“ Elizabeth, Kevin and Victoria Strong purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Reverend Floyd McKinley Blackwell.



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**Elizabeth, Kevin and Victoria Strong** - November 03, 2019 at 07:59 PM

SC

“ Gone from our sight but never our hearts and memories! We are truly Blessed to have know and to be United as ONE by Reverend Blackwell 19 years ago. I'm 5'8 and my husband is 5'6.. Pastor grabbed a step stool for my husband so he could be taller than me while taking pictures on our wedding day!! We all laughed so hard and long it took a while to finish taking pictures. I'm very thankful to have quite a few pictures of him, myself and my husband together on our day. Blessed to know a Pastor with such humor! Blessed to know a Pastor that was devoted to giving so much! You Committed to serve when you answered God's call and you proved it by being a servant to ALL!! Each time we embrace a memory, we meet again with those we love for the heart never forgets. With our love and condolences...

Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Cooper 3rd  
Charlotte, Nc

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**Sylvester & Shawnda Cooper** - November 03, 2019 at 04:51 PM

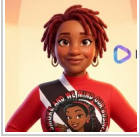
PW

“ Pat Watlington lit a candle in memory of Reverend Floyd McKinley Blackwell



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**pat watlington** - November 03, 2019 at 06:06 AM



“ *Nicole Thomas-Monroe lit a candle in memory of Reverend Floyd McKinley Blackwell*



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**Nicole Thomas-Monroe** - November 02, 2019 at 10:29 PM

SM

“ *To the Blackwell family  
We admired Dr. BLACKWELL for his strength of character and his faith in God. We will continue to be inspired by his action he took and the things he said while he was alive. He will live in our memories. Our prayers are with the family.  
Dr. S.B. & G.W Matthews, Jr.*

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**Slater Matthews** - November 02, 2019 at 08:33 PM

BD

“ *My heartfelt condolences are extended to First Lady Blackwell and the entire Blackwell family. I remember witnessing the Rev. Blackwell preach and teach when I would visit Second Baptist Church or he would render service at Ivy Baptist when led by Rev. Maxwell. Rev. Blackwell was a pleasant man and his smile was so warm and welcoming.  
I lift the family in prayer knowing that God will comfort them all.*

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**Beulah M Davis** - November 02, 2019 at 01:17 PM

AJ

“ *Pastor Blackwell was a leader and a great man. He welcomed me and my family into his flock, and we always knew he would look out for us. My kids loved him, especially my daughter, who has an uncanny ability to know a person's heart almost immediately. We are so grateful to have had the chance to worship under his leadership and he will be sorely missed.* ”



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**Andra Hunter Jiggetts** - November 02, 2019 at 10:58 AM

PB

“ *Well done, thy good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.* ”

*On yesterday my spiritual father Dr. Floyd M. Blackwell transition to a place where God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

*I really appreciate the depth of his wisdom in Christ, the depth of his love for people, his in mountable faith, the gifts of healing, miracles, prophecy, tongues and interpretation, discerning of spirits, which have manifested themselves through him for so long. You have fought a good fight, You have finished your course, You have kept the faith: and now there is laid up for you a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give you at that day.*

*To the lovely Suzanne, Pat, Shae, Robert, the Blackwell Family, to all of his spiritual children and the community, I am praying for you all. We are going to miss this great patriarch of Gospel. Love you all and praying much for you* ❤️❤️❤️

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**Pastor Adal Bell** - November 02, 2019 at 07:06 AM

PR

“ Pastor Blackwell knew his flock. A couple of years ago, Pastor Blackwell called me at home and said he wanted me to be Vice President of the Women of Unity. I was beyond surprised. First I was surprised that he asked me, I am not one who has to be out in front, I feel more comfortable in the background. I'm not one to be in the pastors' office or in his face so I didn't know he knew who I was. I did not think myself capable of fulfilling that position. Pastor Blackwell knew more about me than I knew about myself. He had the ability to see the gifts and talents in a person. I will miss his love and his compassion for GOD's people. Sleep on Pastor Blackwell

Pauline Robinson - November 02, 2019 at 01:08 AM

SF

“ Condolences to and Prayers for First Lady Suzanne and Family. We will truly miss this quietly strong spirits that was Spiritual Overseer of Pastor Bobby L. Holden at Agape Hands Cathedral; you were a beacon of light and hope and we miss you already. Rest easy sir in God's Kingdome.



Sylvia Freeman - November 01, 2019 at 05:57 PM

RD

“ When he spoke you listened. If you did not then you had to deal with the consequences. He was a loving, giving and kind man of God who truly left his mark in my heart and in Newport News and the surrounding areas. Your work down here is done. Your rest has just begun. I thank God that He allowed you to come into my life. Reba Deloatch.



Reba Deloatch - November 01, 2019 at 03:57 PM

FJ

“ *Condolences and prayers to the Blackwell Family. God bless this Awesome Man of God and leader.*  
*Faye James*

**Faye James** - November 01, 2019 at 03:46 PM

 Chasity Boone

“ *Chasity Boone lit a candle in memory of Reverend Floyd McKinley Blackwell*



**Chasity Boone** - November 01, 2019 at 03:34 PM

HT

“ *When God called me into ministry, I waited 3 years before I shared it with Pastor Blackwell. He listened intently as I told him how called I believe I heard the Lord say He wanted me to cry loud and spare not, lift up my voice like a trumpet. I t hgv en asked, " Pastor what should I do next. He paused a moment and said, go back to the choir and keep singing. " Best advice I could have gotten. I continued to serve where I was and 5 years later, he told me to do my initial sermon and the rest is history (HIS story).*

**Helen James Turner** - November 01, 2019 at 01:23 PM

MB

*My most heartfelt condolences go out to Mrs. Blackwell and family. What a mighty man of God, who was such a great influence in my spiritual development....Rev. Marie Burkins*

**Marie Burkins** - November 01, 2019 at 05:42 PM

BB

*Pastor Blackwell was a awesome MOG, he'll surely be missed. My sincerest condolences goes out to his family and spiritual children. . Blessings.*

**Bennie R Baynard** - November 01, 2019 at 09:40 PM

BJ

*My condolences to the entire Blackwell family. Pastor Blackwell is an awesome and mighty man of God. A preaching machine..A true and faithful dedicated servant and doing what he was anointed and appointed to do. Such a great inspiration to me and full of wisdom and knowlege. I will neverdd forget the many wonderful sermons he brought forth at Second Baptist Church/Miracle Temple....Rest on Pastor Blackwell.*

**Benita Jones** - November 02, 2019 at 01:39 PM

DW

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**Davida Wingfield** - November 03, 2019 at 07:14 PM

LW

*My condolences to the Blackwell family. You will be missed.continue to rest and Heaven.*

*Lisa Waiters-Nov 4,2019 @11:34pm*

**lisa waiters** - November 03, 2019 at 11:34 PM