THE MAN, THE MINISTRY, THE MEMORY

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith - 2 Timothy 4:7

THE HONORABLE
Elder Dr. Edward Buckner

SUNRISE
September 1, 1937

SUNSET
October 4, 2013

TRIUMPHANT
HOME GOING Celebration

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013 11:00 AM

ZION ORTHODOX PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
715 SOUTH FISKE BLVD COCOA, FL 32922
PASTOR – ELDER P.L. JONES, JR.
Father, I stretch my hands to thee

Father, I stretch my hands to thee,
   No other help I know;
If thou withdraw thyself from me,
   Ah! whither shall I go?

What did thy only Son endure
   Before I drew my breath;
What pain, what labour, to secure
   My soul from endless death!

O Jesus, could I this believe,
   I now should feel thy power;
Now all my wants thou wouldst relieve
   In this, the accepted hour.

Author of faith, to thee I lift
   My weary, longing eyes:
O let me now receive that gift!
   My soul without it dies.

Surely thou canst not let me die;
   O speak, and I shall live!
For here I will unwearied lie,
   Till thou thy Spirit give.

How would my fainting soul rejoice,
   Could I but see thy face!
Now let me hear thy quickening voice,
   And taste thy pardoning grace!
OBITUARY

The Man...

Elder Edward Buckner was born September 1, 1937 in Ashton, South Carolina and is preceded in death by his parents the late Walter and Louise Robinson Buckner, and is the oldest of five children born to this union: Perlis (deceased), Eugene, Viola (died at birth), and Carrie Buckner. Elder Buckner was educated in the South Carolina Public Schools and later moved to Florida and worked for the Brevard County School Board as a maintenance supervisor, where he retired after over 30 years of faithful service.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his legacy a loving and devoted wife: Lillian Hardy Buckner, three daughters: Elaine B. McCoy (Luke B. McCoy, Sr.) of Daytona Beach, Florida, Terri L. Bell (SFC. Frank G. Bell, Jr.), and Valarie Buckner of Columbia, SC; and one son Michael Edward Buckner of Cocoa, Florida; four cherished grandchildren: Luke B. McCoy, Jr., Frank Gracia Bell III, Lukeeshaa Shanee’ McCoy; and Kendall DeShone Bell; spiritual daughter: Gloria Johnson-Jones; Goddaughter Amanda Roan, a devoted nephew: Michael Roan, and a host of nieces, nephews, sorrowful family and friends.

The Ministry...

Elder Buckner was a visionary, who loved people. His vision was to help others help themselves, while leading them to Christ. This was demonstrated in his daily walk with the Lord. His service to others included; Deacon of Zion Orthodox Primitive Baptist Church; Pastor of the Friendship Primitive Baptist Church; Moderator of the North Central Florida District Primitive Baptist Association; Treasurer of the National Primitive Baptist Convention, USA. President of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention; Chairman of the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Board; President of the WLC Homeowners Association; Administrator of several Friendship Ministries such as the Child Care Development Center; and the Friendship Christian Academy and many other projects too numerous to name.
In the year 2002, Elder Buckner was awarded the Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree. Through his leadership and guidance, he implemented many ministries, and worked in numerous capacities for the body of Christ and his community. **The Memory...**

In 2002, Elder Edward Buckner, was elected as President of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention and served from 2002-2009. Elder Buckner also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Miracle Hill Nursing and Convalescent Center from 1993-2002 where he experienced and realized the great demand for quality health care and supervision for our elderly and convalescent citizens. Under Elder Buckner’s leadership, Miracle Village, a 45 unit independent living facility was constructed. Elder Buckner envisioned that other facilities of this magnitude would be built in other areas across the state of Florida.

Miracle Village Independent Living, Inc. (the “Village”) is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida. Miracle Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is dedicated to reflect in all its activities, a philosophy which enhances the promotion of health and the advancement of growth for the residents of the facility, the staff, and for the people within its community. Miracle Hill believes in the dignity of the human person, and recognizes that each person has physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs and rights which must be respected and which will not be violated. The respect is reflected in the tireless effort of the facility to serve and preserve life.

On May 1, 2010, the Florida State Primitive Baptist Educational Foundation became the management agent for Miracle Village and during their Winter Board Meeting in 2010, they unanimously voted to rename Miracle Village, Inc. “The Elder Edward Buckner, D. D., Miracle Village Complex.” Thank God his memory and love for others will forever live on.
ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Officiating
Elder Dr. Willie J. Williams, General Secretary
National Primitive Baptist Convention
First Vice President - Florida State P. B. Convention

Musical Prelude

Processional

Call to Worship  Elder Chris Burney
Greater St Mark Primitive Baptist Church
Tallahassee, FL

Invocation  Elder Frazier Arnold, Pastor
Mt Olive Primitive Baptist Church
Miami, FL

Selection  “I am Free”

Scripture  Old Testament  Reverend Michael Roan, Pastor
Dayspring Missionary Baptist Church
Miami, FL

New Testament  Elder J. C. Tookes, Church School President
North Central District P. B. Association

Selection  Elder Chris Burney
Greater St Mark Primitive Baptist Church
Tallahassee, FL

Tributes  Elder Dr. Bernard Yates, President
National Primitive Baptist Convention USA

Dr. Elder F. R. Rush, President
Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention

Elder I. Ellis, Vice Moderator
North Central District P.B. Association
Tributes continued

Deacon George Simmons, Chairman
Friendship Primitive Baptist Church

Jamal Hardy, President
Florida State P.B. Youth Convention

Special Reflections

Elder P.L. Jones, Pastor
Zion Orthodox P.B. Church

Hymn of Preparation

“Father I Stretch My Hands To Thee"
Elder Kenneth Washington, 2nd V.P.
Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention
Moderator - East Coast Florida Association

Eulogy

Reverend Keith Buckner, Pastor
Greater St. James M.B. Church
Mims, FL

Musical Interlude

“Tis The Old Ship of Zion”

Call to Discipleship

Resolutions

Rutha Williams, Church Secretary
Friendship Primitive Baptist Church

Acknowledgements

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Recessional
With love, from your family

Your Loving Wife, Lillian
Terri, Frank Jr., Frank III, Kendall
Michael and Valarie
Tis The Old Ship of Zion

'Tis the old ship of Zion
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'Tis the old ship of Zion
Get on board, get on board.

It has landed many a thousand
It has landed many a thousand
It has landed many a thousand
Get on board, get on board.

Ain't no danger in the water
Ain't no danger in the water
Ain't no danger in the water
Get on board, get on board.

It was good for my dear mother
It was good for my dear mother
It was good for my dear mother
Get on board, get on board.

It was good for my dear father
It was good for my dear father
It was good for my dear father
Get on board, get on board.

King Jesus is the captain
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Get on board, get on board.
God saw the road was getting rough,
the hills too hard to climb,
so He gently whispered
“close your eyes”, then whispered
“Peace Be Thine”.

On behalf of the Buckner family, we would like to express our deepest appreciation
for the many comforting messages, floral tributes,
prayers, and the many other expressions of kindness
extended during this time in thoughts and deeds.
A more personal acknowledgement will be made at a later date.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Sister Lillian Buckner & Family
PALLBEARERS

Friendship Primitive Baptist Church Deacons
Deacon George Simmons † Deacon Izeal Battle † Deacon Billie Bryant
Deacon Joseph Butterfield † Deacon Ira Davis
Deacon Charles World

FLOWER ATTENDANT
Friends of the Family

INTERMNMENT
Florida Memorial Garden’s
Rockledge, FL

REPAST
Cocoa West Community Center
West Cocoa, FL

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