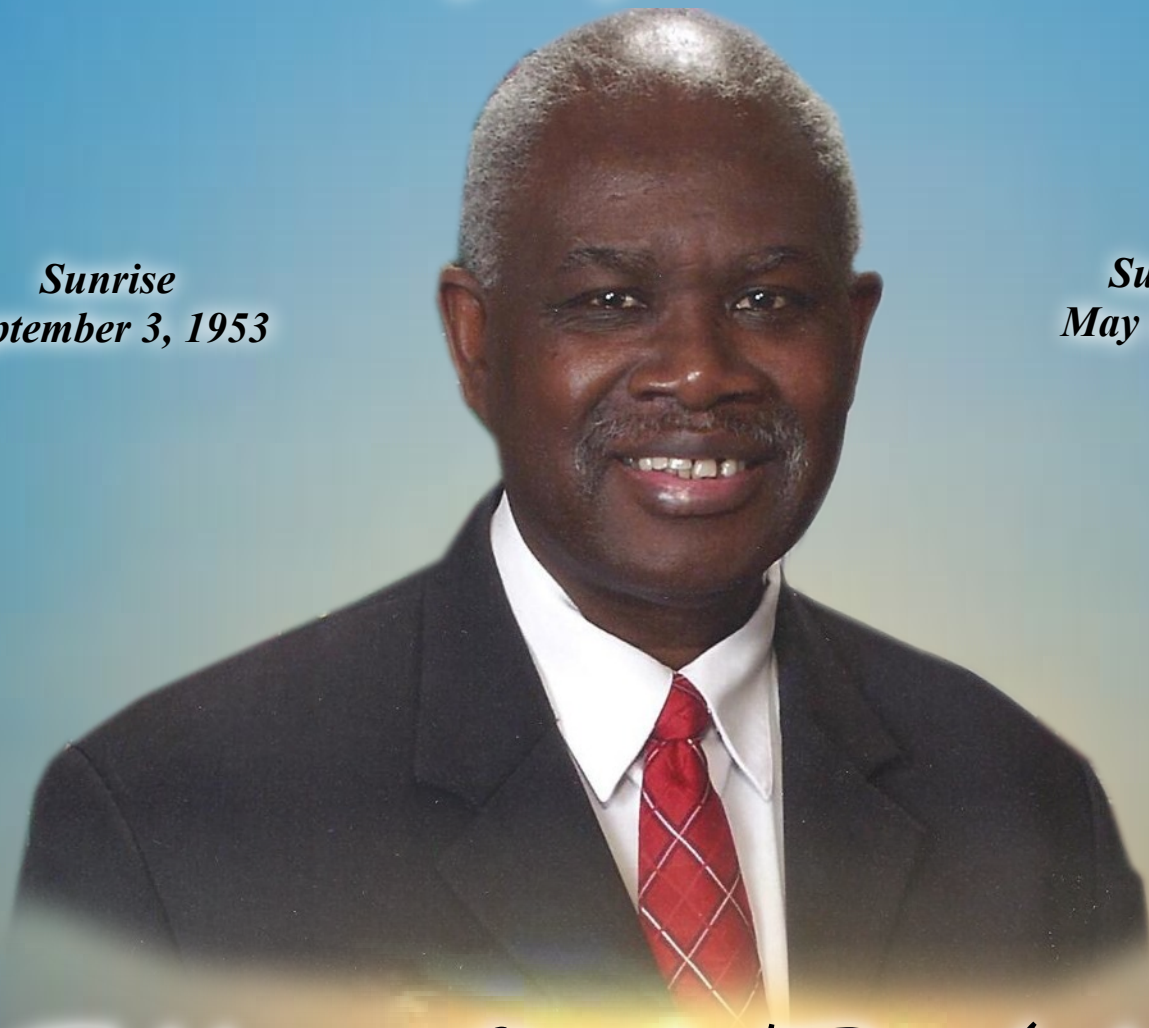


# *Homegoing Celebration*

*Sunrise*  
*September 3, 1953*

*Sunset*  
*May 1, 2011*



## *Elder Floyd B. Askew*

### *Services*

*Tuesday, May 10, 2011*

*11:00 a.m.*

***Saint Paul Sounds of Praise Pentecostal Fellowship Ministries, Inc***

***587-93 Eighteenth Avenue***

***Newark, New Jersey 07103***

***Bishop Cleveland Blash, Jr., Pastor***

## *Celebration of Life: Obituary and History*

*Floyd B. Askew* was born on September 3, 1953 in Elba, Alabama to Josephine Askew and Columbus A. Smith, Jr. He attended New Brockton Junior High School in New Brockton, AL before moving to New Jersey at the age of fourteen. During his years as a youth, Floyd was a troop leader with the Boy Scouts, where he began to shine as a born leader. His journeys with the Boy Scouts took him to many states as well as Mexico. On his return home from these journeys, he always suffered with hoarseness from giving direction to his fellow troop mates. His signature attire included a backpack, which was so heavy that it probably weighed more than he. While in the boy scouts he learned several lifelong lessons, including a special technique to make mouthwatering pancakes and French toast.

After moving to Newark, New Jersey, Floyd attended Clinton Place Junior High, and completed his secondary and college education at South Side High School – now Shabazz, and Rutgers University-Newark, respectively; where he received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

Floyd had a special fondness for sports where he played high school basketball and football. He taught neighborhood young men how to play basketball and could often be found at a community pickup game in the role of a player or coach. He also played college intramural basketball.

Music was another one of Floyd's passions. He was a DJ and his stage name was "Floy Joy." He owned his own equipment and this allowed him to create his first entrepreneurial venture. Floyd combined his talent of the "gift of gab," with his love of music to produce his own unique style, as only he could.

Floyd's business acumen was something that he freely shared with his family and friends. Seldom would his siblings make a business transaction without his input and guidance. These transactions ranged from the purchase of an automobile to a home. He was one of the best negotiators known to man. Floyd's leadership skills and talents were quickly observed by all with whom he came into contact. He taught his younger male family members to paint and to do other home improvement projects long before Home Depot became a household name. He also shared with them an incredible work ethic that was unparalleled.

Floyd was very family oriented and was an inspiration to anyone who shared time with him. He was a co-founder, along with his cousin Lois Hooks, of the Askew Family Group. Their vision enabled family members from all over the United States to come together for the first reunion in 1983, in Elba, Alabama, his birthplace where there were over three hundred attendees. This year the Askew Group will celebrate its 27th family reunion and we know that Floyd will be there in spirit, as his love for his family was the most important part of his life, next to Jesus Christ, his Lord and Savior.

Saved as a child, but committed as an adult to this Christian way, Elder Askew answered the call of teacher of the five-fold ministry gifts to the Church gladly and willingly; dubbed affectionately by some as 'Rabbi.' His desire was to edify and empower others so that the Father can be glorified in their lives. Elder Askew has also received commendations and certificates of completion in General Bible and Evangelism, as well as Armor Bearer: the deacon's role in the church according to the Bible. He was also a registered chaplain with the United Chaplains International Worldwide Outreach, Inc. Elder Askew was ordained at the Saint Paul Sounds of Praise Holy Convocation in October, 2009.

As a team player of Saint Paul S.O.P., Elder Askew was a very busy worker in the vineyard. As Director of Media Ministries, he made it his responsibility to train young people to operate and facilitate media equipment, encouraging them to excel in those areas of the Kingdom that was most enjoyable to them. In this capacity, he interfaced with every department and auxiliary of the church. He was also the lead teacher of the Men's Sunday school class where the brothers were encouraged to strive to be 'a man after God's own heart' and to stand on the Word of God in faith. In addition, Elder Askew led the Prayer Ministry every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. prayer where the Lord met the prayer team consistently in a great and mighty way. Testimonies of answered prayer, healing's, and deliverance's continued to issue forth from the participants, as well as prophecies of God's favor and outpouring on His children.

Another of Elder Askew's many tasks was one of the managers of Saint Paul, the Store- a Christian owned and operated bookstore. He was also a lead teacher of *The Believer's Authority Ministries*, the teaching ministry of Floyd & Lois Askew, with a weekly program airing on Cablevision in several cities and counties throughout New Jersey. He fulfilled all of these obligations while working as a full time employee with B.A.S.F. Corporation where he worked for over twenty years traveling often to their headquarters in Germany.

In January 2010, the Lord told Elder Askew that it was time to start the church that He had put in his heart several years before. And so, in obedience he stepped out in faith on April 4, 2010 to start, *Family of Faith Christian Center Church*, located in Rockaway, NJ. The church has a Healing School which is in its infancy stage. The church is also partners with several ministries that the Lord had put in Pastor Floyd's heart to be a blessing to through finances and prayer, and the church has been blessed for it.

Floyd Askew was pre-deceased by his natural father, Columbus A. Smith, Jr., stepfather, David Bullard, as well as his sister, Christie. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Lois D. Askew (Lo Lo); three adult children, Armand (and his wife, Christine-whom he called daughter), daughter, Sidney, and Aubrey; three precious granddaughters, Jai, Selah, and SiMarr, who affectionately called him Pop Pop and who is his legacy of great things to come (Proverbs 13:22); his mother, the matriarch of the family, Josephine Askew Bullard; his sisters- Doretha Askew, Louella Askew, Lynnette Cooper (Tyrone), Allison Randolph (Frederick); his brothers- Darryl Askew (Karen), Paul Askew (Karen), Eddie Johnson, Vincent E. Smith; sisters-in-law- Ann, Linda, Brenda, Debra; brothers-in-law- Jasper, John, Robert, Walter; his aunts- Mother Ophelia Loman, Mrs. Ovia Ruth Stephens, Mrs. Bessie Ruth Bowens; special mentees- Jeanine Somerville, Tiha Allen, & Gwen Williams, who dubbed him "Rabbi;" a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Elder Brenda L. Williams, presiding

Music Prelude

Processional

Invocation ..... Bishop Eddie J. Cannon  
(Bishop of Tabernacle of Assemblies and Chief Apostle of St Paul Tabernacle of Divine Prophecy)

Selection ..... Saint Paul S.O.P. - United Voices Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament (Psalm 23:1-6) ..... Elder Tony Smith (New Life Ministries, Newark, NJ)

New Testament (John 14:1-6) ..... Elder Mark Lewis (Cathedral International, Perth Amboy, NJ)

Prayer of Comfort ..... Elder Bobby Smith  
(Pastor of Refreshing Springs Holiness Church)

Solo ..... Psalmist Sharon King

Expressions (Two Minutes Please)  
Family Tribute

Selection ..... "Intercession"

Acknowledgements, Cards, & Condolences

Reading of Obituary ..... Sister, Doretha Askew

Selection ..... United Voices Choir

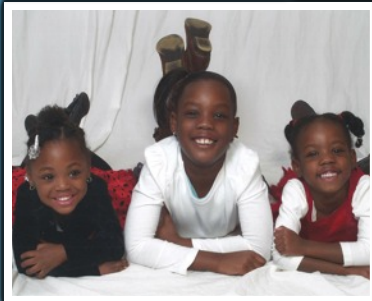
Eulogy ..... Bishop Cleveland Blash, Jr.  
(Presiding Bishop-Province VI & Pastor of Saint Paul S.O.P.)

Recessional

Interment ..... Rosehill Cemetery, Linden, NJ

Repast  
Saint Paul Simmons-Manners House





*Ball Bearers*  
Sons, Nephews, Brothers

### Acknowledgements

The family of **Elder Floyd B. Askew** wishes to take this time to thank everyone who has helped us through this time of transition. Thank you for your calls, cards of sympathy, emails, prayers for strength, and your many expressions of love during this time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you.

The Askew Family

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