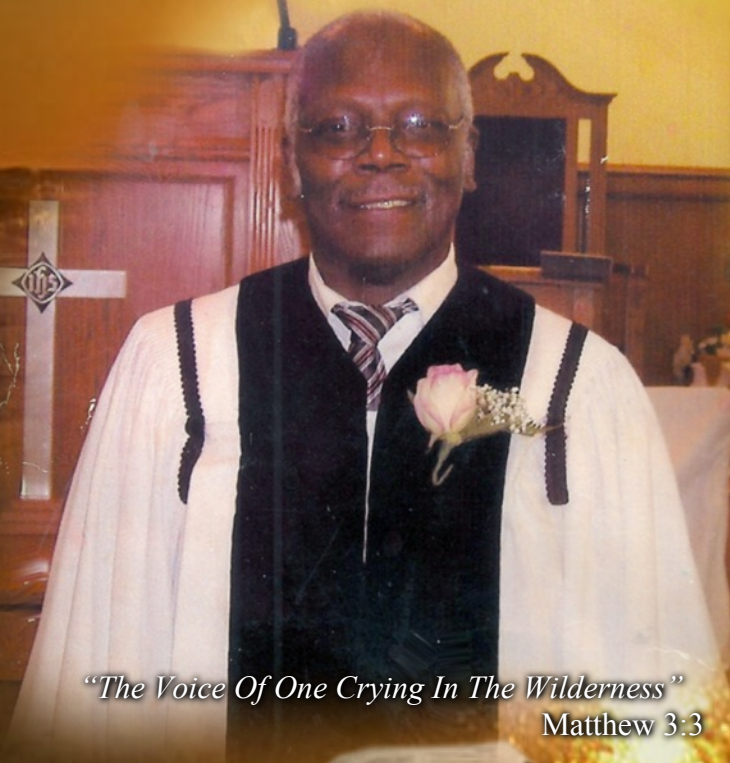


*A Celebration of Life for*  
**Rev. Ernest Mitchell, Jr.**  
*Pastor of the John Wesley Methodist Church*  
*East Rutherford, New Jersey*



*"The Voice Of One Crying In The Wilderness"*  
Matthew 3:3

**Sunrise**  
May 16, 1937

**Sunset**  
July 2, 2011

*Service*  
Saturday, July 9, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
221 Myrtle Ave.  
Paterson, New Jersey

# Reflections of Life

On Saturday, July 2, 2011, Reverend Ernest Mitchell Jr., at St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic, New Jersey, made the transition from earth to Glory.

Reverend Mitchell was born on May 16, 1937, in Ringgold, Georgia to the late Ernest Mitchell Sr., and Ruby C. Mitchell. He was one of six children and was predeceased by his brother John Mitchell, a sister Rosetta Sellers and an uncle, Wilch H. Caldwell.

He was educated and graduated from high school in Charlotte, North Carolina. Reverend Mitchell surrendered his life to Christ at an early age.

Reverend Mitchell moved to New Jersey in the year 1961. In the year 1969, he was ordained as a minister by the Old School Orthodox Primitive Baptist Association of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, Inc. He came to East Orange, NJ from The First Baptist Church, Chesilhurst, NJ which he founded and was Pastor. He was also the Pastor of The Solid Rock Baptist Church, Trenton, NJ, and The Greater Calvary Baptist Church, West Atco, NJ.

Reverend Mitchell attended Grace Bible Institute, Camden, NJ; the Philadelphia College of Bible; and the Northern School of Religion, Newark, NJ.

His community services originated in Hamilton Township, Trenton, NJ. There he was a member of the Mayor's Council, the Bromley Civic Association, and the Minister's Alliance of Trenton, NJ.

In September of 1991, Reverend Ernest Mitchell Jr. became the Pastor of the John Wesley Methodist Church, in East Rutherford, NJ, which he remained Pastor for the past twenty years. Prior to that he was an active member of The New Hope Baptist Church, East Orange, New Jersey where he served as an Associate Minister. There he was a dedicated member of the Board of Christian Education, he taught the high school students' Sunday School Class, and presided over the Wednesday Night Service Meetings. He also initiated as well as coordinated the church's bowling league.

He also originated and developed an Outreach Ministry at the Pavilion, which is a Senior Citizens' Housing Development in East Orange, New Jersey.

In the year 2000, Reverend Mitchell became a member of the Evangelical Fellowship under the leadership of the late Bishop Nathaniel Screven, Bethesda C.O.G.I.C, Newark, NJ.

Reverend Mitchell often referred to himself as "Just a Voice Crying in the Wilderness", and he made it known that his love for Christ, and the desire to do the will of Christ superseded all else in his life.

Reverend Mitchell married his devoted wife, Virmell on March 11, 1990, at New Hope Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ; whom he leaves to rejoice in his triumphant victory; as well as his four sons, Ernest Mitchell III (Marion), Reginald Mitchell, Steven Mitchell (Lorraine) and Lonnie Mitchell (Pat); three daughters, Iris Kelly (Walter), Crystal Johnson and Krystal Bradsberry; 12 grand children; and 10 great grand children; one brother, Lee Grant Mitchell (Mary); two sisters, Reverend Deloris Anne Mason (Boyd) and Dorothy Mitchell. Aunt Moease Caldwell; brothers and sisters-in-law; Clinton and Pamela White, Marsha Harris and Gerald Thorne; mother in law, Priscilla Thorne; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, Spiritual Children, church family and friends.

# Order of Celebration

*Reverend Gail Bazemore / Reverend Cheryl L. Falls, Officiating  
John Wesley Methodist Church*

*Processional*

*Call to Worship ..... Reverend Cheryl Falls*

*Invocation*

*Choir Selection ..... John Wesley Methodist Church  
Minister of Music, Beatrice Smith*

*Scripture Reading*

*Old Testament-Psalm 111 .....Elder James Holmes, Greater Harvest C.O.G.I.C.  
New Testament-Revelations 21:1-7...Rev. Robert L. Davis, Cornerstone Baptist Church*

*Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Ray Frazier  
Mt. Ararat Baptist Church*

*Selection ..... "How Great Thou Art"  
Beatrice Hairston, John Wesley Methodist Church*

*Acknowledgements ..... Beatrice Hairston*

*Reflection of Life ..... Evangelist Cheryl Dillard  
John Wesley Methodist Church*

*Family Expressions ..... Reginald Mitchell/Ernest Mitchell IV*

*Remarks ..... Clergy (2 minutes each please)*

*Choir Selection ..... John Wesley Methodist Church*

*Eulogy ..... Rev. Gail Bazemore / Rev. Cheryl Falls*

*Processional*

*Interment ..... East Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clifton, NJ  
Reverend Ernest Mitchell, III, Soul Saving Christian Church*

# *A Journey with the Lord*

*Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road  
To sweet eternity.*

*We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some  
things, But never meant to stay... Our  
destination is a place Far greater than  
we know. For some, the journey's  
quicker, For some, the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the Lord.*

## Pallbearers

*Jonathan Bazemore  
Kevin Bazemore  
Derrick Derios  
LeRon Dillard  
Jason Falls  
Eric White*



## Acknowledgement

*With much Love, Respect and appreciation.  
Thank you, for every act of kindness and  
generosity you have bestowed upon us....  
The Family of Ernest Mitchell, Jr.*

## Special Thanks

*St Mary's Hospital and Hamilton Plaza  
Passaic, New Jersey*

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