



*Victory Celebration
for*

*A Theological Scholar
Rev. Roosevelt Whitted*

*Sunrise
January 19, 1945*

*Sunset
January 2, 2013*

Services

Friday, January 11, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

SOUL SAVING STATION CHURCH

302 West 124th Street
New York, NY 10027

Bishop Robert I. Winley, Pastor

Obituary

Reverend Roosevelt Whitted departed for his reward on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. His vision of victory in Christ was never dimmed by the reality of the struggle.

Roosevelt was born in Raeford, North Carolina to Martha Jane McCall and the late Theodore Whitted on January 19, 1945.

Roosevelt graduated from Eastside High School in Newark, NJ in 1963. Roosevelt attended North Central University; formally known as North Central Bible College. It was at North Central where he met the love of his life, Willa. Roosevelt and Willa were joined in holy matrimony on May 24, 1969. To this union were born the late Roosevelt David, Esther Donzell and Willette Deltriss.

Roosevelt and Willa were both ordained in the ministry in July 1970. Working hand in hand with his wife, Roosevelt served as the Pastor of Bethel Soul Saving Station in Newark, NJ. In fact, it was at Bethel Soul Saving Station, under the leadership of Mother Marshall, that Roosevelt came to know the Lord for himself and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. In addition to his pastoral role, Roosevelt served with his wife as the Sunday School Superintendent at Soul Saving Station Headquarters, NY.

Roosevelt's academic achievements include the following: Master of Theology, American School of Divinity (Manhattan Bible Institute); M.S.W. Rutgers University; M.P.S. Pastoral Counseling, New York Theological Seminary; Postgraduate Center for Mental Health, Blanton Peale Institute of Religion & Health; Theological Studies, Zion Bible Institute; Doctoral Studies, Assemblies of God Seminary.

As a result of "studying to show himself approved and able to rightly divide the word of truth," (2 Timothy 2) Roosevelt instructed in the Collegiate Bible Institute. He had a passion for teaching the word of God and therefore taught the word of God beyond the church walls of his home church, Soul Saving Station, Headquarters, New York. He did this by extending the course registration of the Collegiate Bible Institute to other churches. Those churches included: Gethsemane Soul Saving Station, Pastor Parrish & Wilma King, Rosedale, NY, Faith Revival Center, Hackensack, NJ, Pastor Reverend Marie Hayes, The Gospel of St. Luke Church, Bronx, NY, Pastor Josie Smith, Breath of Life Church, Bronx, NY, Pastor Aubrey Adams. Roosevelt would ultimately become the President of the Collegiate Bible Institute in 1985 with his goal being to create a Bible College. He led this ministry for over twenty years until his health began to fail.

Roosevelt also had a passion for singing. He diligently led Song Service, now known as Praise & Worship, every Sunday at the Soul Saving Station Headquarters in New York. After most of his sermons, he would sing this hymn. "But until then, my heart must go on singing, but until then, with joy I must go on, until that day, my eyes behold that city, until the day God calls me home."

If you knew Roosevelt, you knew of his kindness and humility. He had an infectious laugh that he applied to almost every situation. One day as we were leaving our home in New Jersey to travel to New York for church, and this was done every Sunday, we noticed that the car wasn't where my father parked it. We walked around to see if he might have parked the car in a different spot and just forgot that he parked it somewhere else, but still, we did not see it. So my dad looked at us and started laughing and said, "Someone must have borrowed our car and just forgot to bring it back." We took the bus and a couple of trains to church until we were blessed with another vehicle. That was Roosevelt, he was always able to pull the positive out of any given situation and just laugh.

Roosevelt leaves to cherish his precious memory: his mother, Martha Jane Whitted; two daughters, Esther (Edouard) and Willette; one son-in-law, Ronald Edouard; two grandchildren, Eric and Symphony; one step-brother; and a host of great aunts, great uncles, cousins, relatives, friends, and his loving church family of the Soul Saving Station.

Lovingly Submitted
The Family

Order of Service

Processional Clergy & Family
“Order My Steps”

Presiding Rev. Maurice Winley

Invocation

Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture

Old Testament Isaiah 6:1-8

New Testament 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Prayer of Comfort Lady Roselyn McCombs
United Methodist Church of Orange

Remarks Reverend George Dendy
Reverend Jayroe Thomas
Reverend Sharon Pickett

Cards & Condolences Reverend Sandra Southerland

Obituary Evangelist Janice Tudy Jackson

Selection Creative Arts Ministry

Reflections From Family

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Eulogy Bishop Robert I. Winley

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

A Thought From Roosevelt

Remember the things that we do, the things that we say, for these are the greatest gifts we'll ever give away. Remember the things that we do, the things that we say, are gentle rays of hope to those along the way. Remember that every hand that has been helped was reached out to by someone else along the way. Remember as we pass along the way, we may find a heart that needs to be healed, a tear that needs to be dried, a soul that needs to be found, a life that needs to be changed, by the things we do, by the things we say. These are the greatest gifts we can give away.



In Appreciation

*The family of **Reverend Roosevelt Whitted** wish to express with grateful hearts their deep appreciation to Bishop Robert I. Winley, Minister Mary L. Winley, the Church Family and friends for your love and concern during his struggle. The cards, phone calls and prayers were gifts from God.*

Thank you sincerely, The Family.



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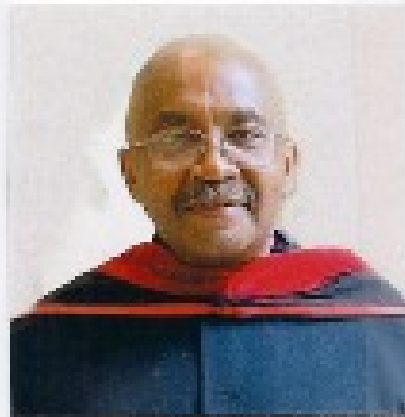
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A Message From

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WHITTED



Reflecting back over my journey in this Christian life, I can agree with the anonymous writer who penned these words, "My yesterday has prepared me for today"! I can say God has led me in both non-traditional and traditional theological educational preparation for life and service.

We are entering an exciting time as well as a time of change and transition. As I reflect back over my journey, God has truly designed my way.

Doors of non-traditional and traditional theological educational preparation were opened to me. The Soul Saving Station, Zion Bible Institute, North Central Bible College, and Manhattan Bible Institute have been the crucibles of formation and foundation that fire my vision of ministry and service to God in a Pentecostal dynamic.

Yes! my yesterday has prepared me for today. Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work, Postgraduate Center for Mental Health, The Blanton Peal Graduate Institutes of Religion and Health, and the Assembly of God Seminary were the institutes which gave me a human perspective of the human condition. I was faced with difficult questions about man's search for meaning and purpose. I found out that growth comes with challenge and conformation. It has been a personal journey in discerning the meaning of being an authentic Christian in a post-modern age. I am still on the journey without all the answers. Yet I know God is leading all the way. My ultimate goal is to bring glory and honor to my God. "My Yesterday has prepared me for today." It has been a great learning experience being in your presence. *God is making all of us ready for the "Harvest." The harvest is ready now.*

Lift your eyes up and look on your world, souls are ready to be harvested into the Kingdom of God. Your Yesterday has made you Ready!

