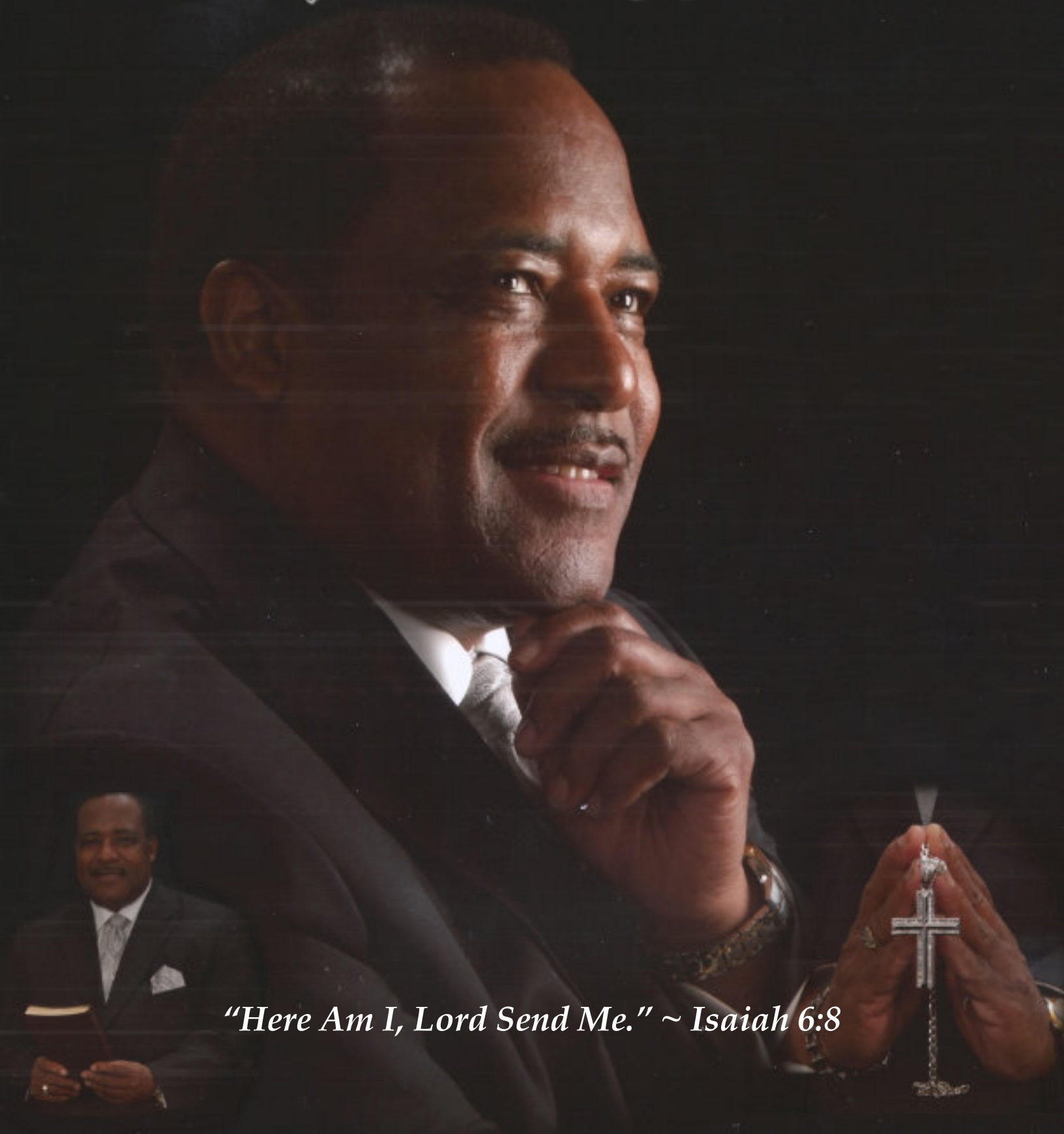


Rev. Dr.

*W. Louis McDowell*



*"Here Am I, Lord Send Me." ~ Isaiah 6:8*

**Memorial Service**  
**Saturday, October 16, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.**

*Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church*  
163 Autumn Street, Passaic, New Jersey

*Order of Service*

Worship Leader ..... Rev. Dr. Richard Wingfield, Senior Pastor  
Unity Baptist Church, Braddock, PA  
Immediate Past Moderator of Allegheny Union Baptist Association

Opening Hymn..... “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”

Prayer ..... Rev. James K. Williams, Pastor  
Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Hoboken, NJ

Scripture Reading, Psalm 27 ..... Rev. Ashley Lipscomb, Youth Minister

Selection ..... Combined Choir

Reflections by Clergy ..... Dr. Calvin McKinney, Pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey Garfield, NJ  
Immediate Past General Secretary NBC, USA, Inc.

Dr. Gregory Jackson, Pastor Emeritus  
Mount Olive Baptist Church, Hackensack, NJ  
Immediate Past President, Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention

Rev. Dr. Michael Jordan, Pastor  
Mount Olive Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ

Reflections by Elected Officials ..... Dr. Terrence Love, Councilman  
City of Passaic

Commissioner Bruce James  
Passaic County Board of County Commissioners

Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter  
New Jersey Legislative 35th District

John Currie, Chairman  
Passaic County Democratic Committee

Selection..... Brother Carlton Ellen

Reflections..... Rev. Lula Baker, Pastor  
Cross and Crown Christian Church, Orange, NJ

Rev. Horace Austin, Pastor  
New Vision Missionary Baptist Church, Dublin, GA

Rev. Thurselle Chisolm-Williams, Executive Pastor  
New Hope Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ

Selection .....Ms. Coretta Lawrence and Ms. Denasia Lawrence

Reflections ..... Brother Roosevelt Powell  
Deaconess Lorretta Powell, Co-Leader  
Rev. Mable Grier, Associate Pastor  
Deacon Michael Veal, Chairman Deacon Board

Selection ..... Rev. A. Samar Biggham, Pastor  
Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Newark, NJ

Reflections .....Rev. Julius B. Hargett, Sr., Pastor  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Passaic, NJ  
President, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Passaic and Vicinity

Rev. David Flowers, Pastor  
Buckeye Baptist Church, Dublin, GA

Selection .....Keeping God's Trust

Memorial Tribute

Family Expressions ..... Sisters, Elder Mary Ware and Mrs. Betty Simmons  
Granddaughter, Nala S. Sallie

Introduction of Preacher..... Rev. Joann Collins, Pastor  
Mount Zion Baptist Church, South Hackensack, NJ  
Second Vice Moderator, NJDMBA

Family Expression ..... Grandson, Theodore Hill, Jr.

Preacher of the Hour .....Dr. Robert L Curry, Pastor Emeritus  
Mount Zion Baptist Church, South Hackensack, NJ

Closing Remarks

Benediction .....Dr. Robert L. Curry



# Rev. Dr. W. Louis McDowell

Founder and Pastor

## “HIS LIFE STORY”

Rev. Dr. Willie Louis McDowell was born on March 1, 1941, to the late Curtis “Wee” and Missie Lou McDowell. Rev. McDowell was born and raised in Hawkinsville, Georgia along with his two sisters. He migrated to New Jersey in 1963 seeking better opportunities for himself. Rev. McDowell received his education through the Hawkinsville school system graduating in the class of 1959 from J. L. Bozeman High School.

Rev. McDowell was a longtime servant of God, beginning his Christian training as a child at the Salem Salome Baptist Church in Hawkinsville. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in Mosquito Creek there in Hawkinsville.

On August 10, 1963 he wedded our beloved “First Lady” Sanella (Burnham) and to this lovely union came two beautiful children, Arndra Lisa and Rev. Pamela Denise; all of whom began this thirty five year Christian journey together as a family. Pastor McDowell is the proud grandfather of three; Tamarra, Theodore, Jr. and Nala who have been trained in the “way they should go.”

On Saturday, April 11, 2020, the eve of Resurrection Sunday, the Lord veiled our Pastor with 2 wings and he flew away home to be with Him in Glory.

Pastor McDowell began to sing very early in his childhood and thereby constituted his early foundation into the church realm. At that time his favorite song was “You Can’t Hurry God, You Just Have to Wait.” After experiencing Christ in the power of the Holy Ghost, he was called to the ministry. He expressed his dedication to God through sermons, testimonies and songs throughout the state of New Jersey and wherever he was called. The Lord put upon Rev. McDowell’s heart a song entitled “If the Lord Needs Somebody, Lord Send Me, I’ll Go” which became his personal testimony.

Pastor’s many interests and pastimes included: looking at his favorite TV shows, Perry Mason, the Lone Ranger and Matlock and watching his favorite football team, the Jets “lose.” Pastor couldn’t wait until 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and 4th Saturdays to spend time with his “ole biddies”, the Golden Agers and Seniors. His love for the children of the church and day care was never ending.

His greatest joy was always being around and spending time with his family; traveling to the “ranch,” giving everyone a tour on every visit.

Rev. McDowell was a faithful and diligent employee with GlaxoSmithKline Beecham, Clifton, New Jersey, retiring in 2002 as an Operations Manager for over 35 years.

He joined the Mt. Zion Baptist, Passaic, New Jersey and served faithfully as a Sunday school superintendent and in many other capacities. He also sang in the Male Chorus where people loved hearing his melodious voice as a young man. It was at Mt. Zion that Rev. McDowell was ordained as a Deacon “a good Deacon” for 22 years.

Rev. McDowell heard the call on his life and answered it by saying “If The Lord Need Somebody, Here Am I, Lord Send Me.” It was then that he met the late Rev. Johnnie W. Brewster. He and his family united with the First Baptist Church of Madison in 1982. It was there that Rev. McDowell preached his trial sermon and received the Certificate of License to Gospel Ministry on December 12, 1982. He also obtained his Certificate of Ordination on November 13, 1983. After having served with First Baptist for two years the Lord gave him the vision to organize a church and guided him back to the city of Passaic.

Accompanied by a devout and devoted woman of God at his side he along with a group of other spiritual missionaries and believers in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ met and organized a church; which is the body of Jesus Christ of which he himself is the head. This group met on February 10, 1984 at the home of Rev. W. Louis McDowell at 117 Linden Street, Passaic, New Jersey at nine o’clock in the evening. There were 14 people present and being led by the Holy Spirit and prayer the name “Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church” was presented by Rev. McDowell and agreed upon by all. The main interest was to have a spiritual church and establish as its goal; to honor the head of the church who is Jesus Christ and to always aid our spiritual leader, the Pastor; who God has placed here to lead and guide us. Our interest lies in saving souls and proclaiming to the world that “the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.” Rev. McDowell conducted the meeting and it was agreed upon that we would march into the Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church at 163



Autumn Street, Passaic, New Jersey on March 11, 1984 at 11:00 a.m. After the sermon was delivered, at our very first service, 138 people joined the church; 63 as candidates for baptism.

On October 16, 1986 Rev. McDowell was the recipient of a proclamation from the city of Passaic for outstanding community service and this day became recognized as "Rev. McDowell Day."

In the year 1997 through the recommendation and support of the City of Passaic the corner of Central Avenue and Autumn Street became recognized as "Mt. Pilgrim Square."

Since the church's inception Pastor McDowell has instituted over 35 boards and ministries of which all have flourished and grown spiritually under his leadership. Various outreach ministries and programs are held for the benefit of the community, including both adults and youth. Establishments of Feeding the Homeless, Tutoring and Mentoring, the Drug Referral Program(s) and the Mt. Pilgrim Tiny Tot Day Care Center, Inc. (established in 2006) are among his many achievements.

The Dr. Howard E. Anderson school of religious studies was instituted from 2004 to 2008 under the instruction of the late Dr. Howard E. Anderson.

Rev. McDowell was President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Passaic and Vicinity, member of the Hampton University Minister's Conference, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, United Missionary Baptist Convention of New Jersey, North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association, American Baptist Churches of New Jersey, and the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. After embarking on a three year international ministry immersion in South America; West Indies and South Africa; Pastor McDowell graduated from the Pastoral Excellence Program (PEP) of Lott Carey, in December, 2008 at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. This spiritually cross-cultural network had allowed Pastor McDowell the opportunity to transform his ministry visions. Thank God for an enriching and rewarding experience.

In his own time and when he found the time Rev. McDowell was still actively involved in other religious and secular organizations. His commendations received throughout his pastoral calling are numerous. His greatest attainment was that of receiving his Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Evangel Christian University of America in Monroe, Louisiana on February 8, 2001. Educational opportunities had allowed him to further his religious educational training at the New York Divinity School of theology.

On December 19, 2005, a resolution, "Honorary Street Name Change" was adopted by the city of Passaic, naming the corner of Harrison Street and Central Avenue, Sanella McDowell Way. This change was in memory of his late wife who was so instrumental in supporting him in instituting the ministries and programs of Mt. Pilgrim.

On October 16, 2011, Rev. McDowell was presented the "Keys to the City" of Passaic, New Jersey by former Mayor Alex D. Blanco. In May, 2019 he was named and took on the title and responsibility of Chaplin for the U.S. Armed Forces.

Rev. W. Louis McDowell was pre-deceased by his dear wife, Sanella, his parents, Curtis and Missie Lou McDowell, two sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law, one of whom he had a very close bond with; Joseph Ware of Atlanta, Georgia.

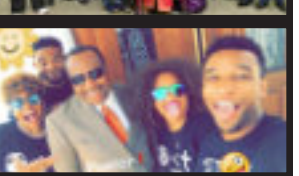
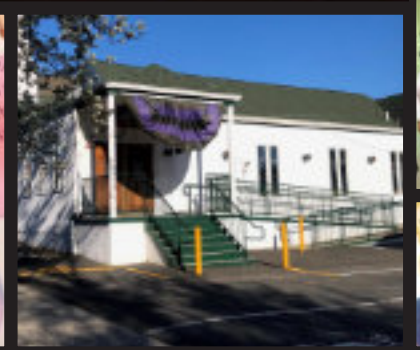
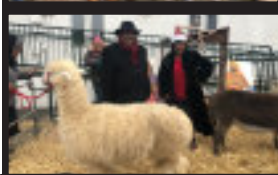
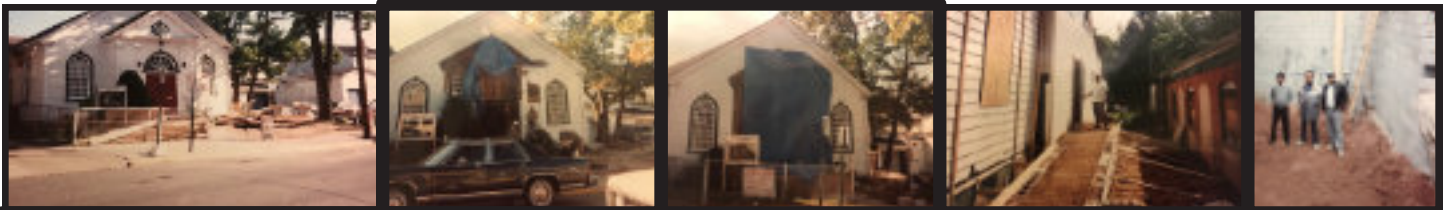
He leaves to cherish loving memories, two daughters, Deaconess, Arndra Lisa Hill McDowell, Hackensack, NJ, Rev. Pamela Denise Sallie, and devoted son-in-law, Deacon Barry Sallie, West Orange, NJ; Rita L. Sallie who was "like a daughter" and a loyal Church Administrator; three grandchildren, Dr. Tamarra Denise McDowell of Hackensack, Theodore "Teddy" Hill, Jr., Wilmington, Delaware, Nala Sanella Sallie, West Orange, NJ; two precious loving sisters, Mary Ware and Betty Simmons both of Atlanta, GA; Mary Lue Hansford who was "like a sister" Clifton, NJ; fond memories with nieces, Java, Janet, Donna, LaRue, Alvia and "adopted niece" Mary Ann Cheese Webb; nephews, Leon, Alfonso, Steve and loving Godsons; Terrence and Troy and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

He also leaves to treasure his memories, a dear friend, Roosevelt "Jr." Powell, a faithful Deacon Board Chairman, Michael Veal who was so devoted to his ministry, the last one standing of the "3 amigos" Trustee Dave Johnson and last but not least a flock in which Pastor McDowell loved dearly and shepherded for 36 years. Rev. McDowell was a trail blazer in the city of Passaic, the community at large, and worldwide. These are just a few words that describe his devotedness as a son, husband, father, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, shepherd, pastor, preacher/teacher, prophet, bishop, apostle, visionary, missionary, entrepreneur, community activist, advocate, mentor and friend!











*"Together Again"*

*Acknowledgment*

The family of the late **Rev. Dr. W. Louis McDowell** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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