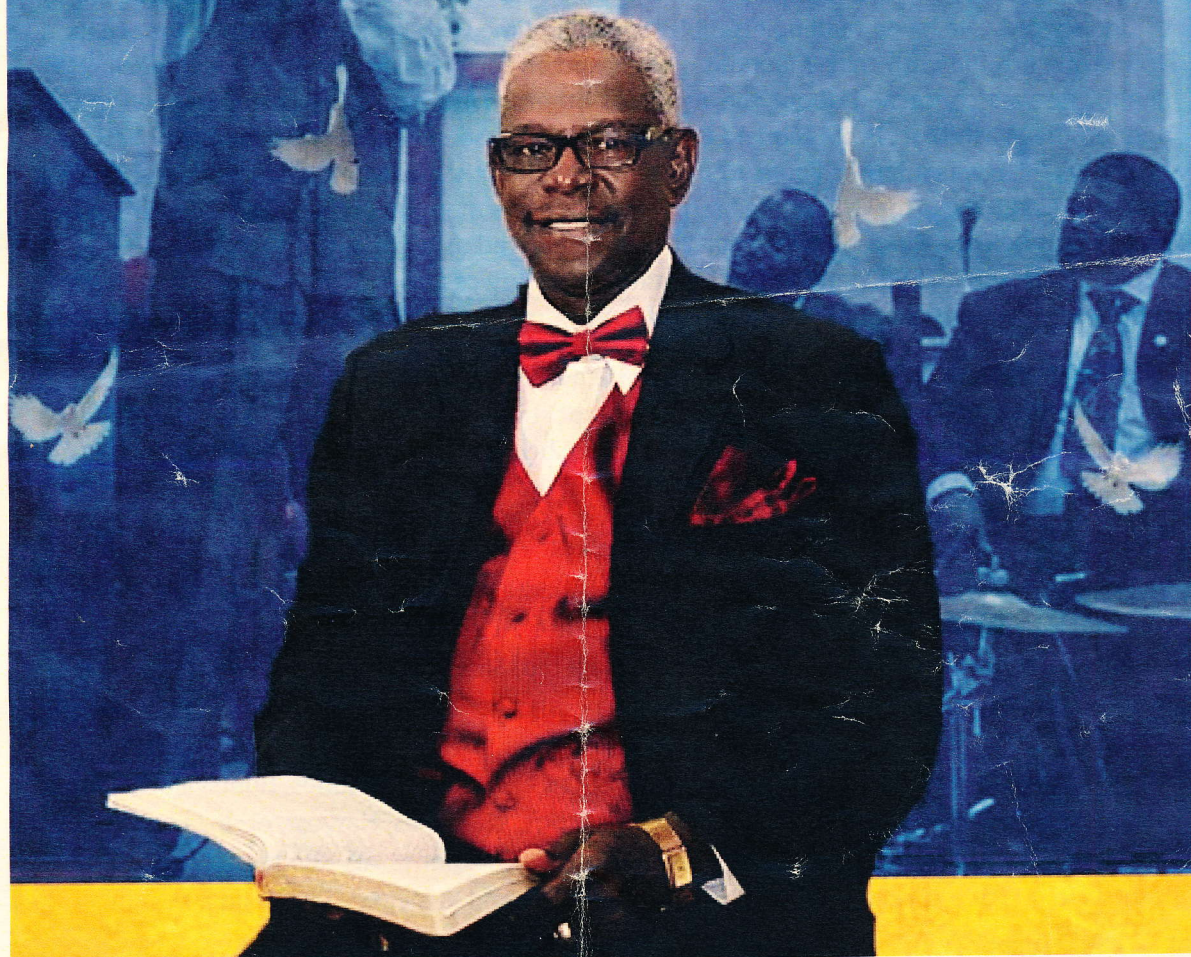


CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF OUR BELOVED

Pastor

Leo Rayberry

SUNRISE: JUNE 14, 1948 - SUNSET: DECEMBER 17, 2019



Obituary

Pastor Leo Mayberry entered this world on June 14, 1948 in Limestone County, Alabama to the late Jessie (Mable) Mayberry, Sr. He peacefully transitioned from this earthly home into the arms of his Lord and Savior on December 17, 2019.

Pastor Mayberry was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Cornelius Mayberry; one brother, Henry D. Mayberry; and two sisters: Carolyn D. Mayberry and Brenda G. Mayberry. He dedicated his life to Christ at a young age and joined the Pleasant Grove CPCA Church under the leadership of Rev. Willis Fletcher. In 2001, he acknowledged the call of God to preach the Good News. After preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, Pastor Leo accepted the call to shepherd God's flock in 2005 at Ebenezer M.B. Church, Athens, AL. January 2008, Pastor Leo started New Beginnings M.B. Church in Tanner, AL where he led his flock faithfully until his health began to fail in October 2019.

Pastor Mayberry worked faithfully to save souls based upon the uncompromised teachings of God's word. He loved reading his Bible, spending time with his family, praying for others, and joking around with that infectious smile. Known for his giving heart, even in declining health, he was concerned about the needs of others. With God's life-changing power, he opened the Wash Mart Professional Car Care to help those in need a "fresh start" or a "new beginning." He was a father figure to many and let them know we all make mistakes, but if you trust God, He can make your life brand new. He was a member of the Rehabilitation Board as a Prison Release Counselor for over 20 years, worked as a counselor at Bradford Health Service from 1986 – 1992, and at the Mental Health Services from 1992 – 1998; and was the proprietor/administrator of the Rainbow Halfway House for recovering addicts and alcoholics.

Pastor Mayberry graduated from Trinity High School in 1965. Later he attended the Huntsville Bible College, Birmingham-Easonian Baptist Bible College, and the American Baptist College in Nashville, TN. These studies proved beneficial for him as he served on the Educational Board for the Round Island Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Pastor Mayberry's memories will forever live in the hearts of his loving wife of 48 years, Shirley Mayberry; daughters: Letoria Mayberry, Atlanta, GA, Sherresa Lockett, sons: Marlon (Angela) Mayberry and Antonio Caldwell, all of Athens, AL; loving grandchildren: Taisha, Julius, and Alexia, all of Athens, AL; three sisters: Emma (Fred) Sloss, Teresa Y. Mayberry, and Bettye Gilbert, Harvey, IL; five brothers: Edward (Frances), and Jessie (Carolyn) Mayberry, all of Athens, AL, Dr. Robert (Rhonda) Mayberry, Atlanta, GA, and Donald (Vicki) Mayberry, Meridianville, AL; two aunts: Viola Benford, Hazelcrust, IL, and Mary Jones, Huntsville, AL; two uncles: Wilson (Vnita) Jones, Athens, AL and Ernest (Brenda) Jones, Harvest, AL; in laws: Queen Simmons, Nashville TN, Geraldine (George) Caldwell, Athens, AL, Gladys (Leroy) Harris, Huntsville, AL; two special God-daughters: Jadyn Hines and Krislynne Lucas, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude.....Soft music

Processional

Musical Selection Woodruff Family Choir

Opening PrayerReverend Leroy Harris

Scripture

New Testament Pastor Barbara Clemons

Old Testament Minister Edward Cox

Musical Selection Woodruff Family Choir

Reflections:

"As a Friend" Deacon Lester Jones

"As a Friend" Deacon Orlanda Moore

"As a Pastor" Minister Milton Watkins

"As a Cousin" Mrs. Jan Matthews

Musical Selection Woodruff Family Choir

Words of Comfort Pastor Larry Lockett

Resolutions/Acknowledgments Minister Wanda Martin

Eulogy Dr. Jothan White

Solo Ms. Shakella Gordon

Closing Prayer Pastor Harold Goodloe

Recessional

~ Pall Bearers ~
Nephews and Family Friends

~ Honorary Pall Bearers ~
Trinity High School
Class of 1965

~ Flower Bearers ~
Nieces and Family Friends

~ Honorary Flower Bearers ~
Trinity High School
Class of 1965

~ Interment ~
Pleasant Grove Cemetery
Athens, Alabama

~ Repast ~
Round Island Creek Mission Center
13829 Lucas Ferry Road
Athens, Alabama

~ Acknowledgements ~

The family of Pastor Leo Mayberry wishes to acknowledge everyone for their prayers, phone calls, visits and all other acts of kindness shown during his illness and their time of bereavement. A special thank you to the New Beginnings Church family, UAB Hospital staff members, Crystal Baker, and Comfort Care Hospice.