

*Celebration*  
OF LIFE FOR

*Sunrise*  
January 13,  
1970

*Sunset*  
January 9,  
2021



THE RIGHT REVEREND  
BISHOP EVANDER  
LEMAN MAJOR

Saturday, January 16, 2021 | 1:00 PM

Good Aim Missionary Baptist Church  
1308 Cherokee Blvd.  
Elgin, SC 29045





THE RIGHT  
REVEREND

Bishop  
Evander  
Major



JANUARY 13, 1970-JANUARY 9, 2021









# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Dr. S. Benjamin Brown, Sr., Presiding  
*Kingdom Life Church of God in Christ*  
*Dallas, TX*



Prelude

Processional

Final Viewing

Medley

Invocation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Video Tributes

Selection

Acknowledgments

Selection

Myers Mortuary

Worship Team

Mr. Thomas L. Smith

Bishop Willie V. Sutton, Jr.  
*Columbia College Drive Church of God*  
*Columbia, SC*

Bishop Michael Jacobs  
*Calvary Holiness Church*  
*Columbia, SC*

Worship Team

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Reverend Donnell Peterson  
*Senior Pastor*  
*Good Aim Missionary Baptist Church*

Reflections (*2 minutes please*)

Reverend Gert Thompson  
Mr. Charles West, Sr.  
Dr. Dorrell Ross  
Mr. Iven King  
Dr. Ledell Rivers  
Ms. Katina Major Anderson







# ORDER OF WORSHIP

CONTINUED



Selection

Eulogy

Invitation to Discipleship

Recessional

Worship Team

Bishop Eddie Ferguson  
*Assistant Presider*  
*World Assemblies of Restoration*  
*Houston, TX*

Reverend Donnell Peterson  
*Senior Pastor*  
*Good Aim Missionary Baptist Church*

Committal, Interment, Benediction

Calvary Holiness Church Cemetery  
Iva Road  
North, SC 29112

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## *Ministerial Appointments and Assignments*

Licensed as Minister, Genesis COGIC, Church of God in Christ, Inc, February 16, 1992

Ordained as Elder, Church of God in Christ, Inc., July 19, 1993

Appointed as Jurisdictional Adjutant, Church of God in Christ, July 20, 2001

Appointed to the National Adjutancy, Church of God in Christ, July 8, 2011

Appointed as Overseer, The United Council of Independent Christian Churches, August 4, 2011



Appointed as Presider of the Tennessee and Arkansas Regions of The United Council  
of Independent Christian Churches, August 4, 2011

Appointed as Overseer of the South Eastern Region, The United Council of  
The Full Gospel Pentecostal Churches, Inc., August 5, 2011

Appointed as Chief Adjutant, The United Council of  
The Full Gospel Pentecostal Churches, Inc., August 5, 2011

Appointment to General Secretary of the Churches of World Assemblies of Restoration,  
State and Diocese, January 16, 2016

Appointment to Bishop - Ordinary of the Churches of World Assemblies  
of Restoration, July 29, 2017







# THE OBITUARY

## The Right Reverend Bishop Evander Leman Major

*Psalm 116:15, Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

God looked down from heaven above, early Saturday morning on January 9, 2021, searching for a Godly helper to serve in His Holy Kingdom. He chose Bishop Evander Major because He knew of the numerous lives he had touched on earth.

Bishop Evander Major was born on January 13, 1970, in Columbia, South Carolina to the late Andrenia Pearl West and Joseph Samuel Major, Jr.

Bishop Major graduated from Richland Northeast High School in 1989. He furthered his education at Benedict College, where he studied business administration, as well as the University of South Carolina, where he studied psychology.

Bishop Major worked in retail for several years including employment at Mitchell's Formal Wear. His exquisite taste for clothing and design was always noted whenever he entered a room. His son, Caleb, inherited his father's great passion for fashion as he dresses the part.

Bishop Major was an excellent event planner. He was highly sought after to plan weddings, birthday celebrations, and other special events. He also frequently planned and organized religious celebrations.

Bishop Major was united in holy matrimony to the love of his life, Tedra K. Smith, in 1996. God blessed their union with a son, Caleb Leman Major, who was born on September 25, 1997.

Bishop Major loved the Lord and the church from childhood, which was evidenced by his insistence on "playing church" with his cousins and friends. Of course, he would always be the preacher. This was God's sign of preparing him to become a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Major was a gentle soul who consistently demonstrated his Christian values by loving and serving humanity. From his childhood and throughout his life, he passionately gave of himself for the good of others. His sister, Katina Major Anderson, recounts how helpful and supportive he was after the death of her husband, Zuriel Anderson. He stepped in and assisted Zuriel's uncle, the late renowned Greggory Spencer, with the funeral arrangements of her husband. His doing so greatly reduced her stress during that most difficult time.

Bishop Major's father-in-law, Elder Thomas J. Smith, often says how helpful and supportive Bishop Major was in the passing of both his mother and father. Elder Smith says his son-in-law's support was and will always be much appreciated.

Bishop Major was preceded in death by his wife, Tedra K. Smith Major; his mother, Andrenia Pearl West; paternal grandparents, Annie Leysath Major and Joseph Robert Major; and maternal grandparents, James and Mary West Gaskins.

Bishop Major leaves to cherish his memories his son, Caleb L. Major; father, Samuel (Tammy) Major; sister, Katina Major Anderson; aunts, Eveline Rivers, Dorethea (Robert) Williams, Lillia Mae Pringle, Janie Ruth Major, Pearline Major Knight, Naomi Major, Evangelist Emily (Bishop Willie) Sutton and Jessie Lou Gaskins; uncles, Frank (Angie) Major, Herbert Lee (Geneva) Leysath, and Walter Dukes; other-in-love, Melinda Anderson; godmother, Reverend Gert Thompson; godson, Ivan (Janelle) King; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends all of whom will miss him dearly.





















# DEAR DAD




The time I spent with you was so precious to me,  
I never imagined the end of time would come so soon.  
Oh, how I enjoyed and treasured the many times we talked last week,  
Having no idea our conversations would eternally cease so soon.

Dear Dad, when mom transitioned I was too young to perceive  
That you were lifted with great despair because you still had me.  
I was the son that you prayed for to make our family complete,  
And you were the husband and father that God gave mom and me.


Dear Dad, I am sad, I'm hurting and I miss you tremendously,  
However, I take solace and comfort knowing that you are now free.  
You are forever free from all pain, suffering, and agony,  
And you have won the victory over death throughout all eternity.

Dear Dad, there's absolutely no need for you to worry about me,  
I will be surrounded by great friends and my loving family.  
So when difficult moments and dark days come, I guarantee,  
My lasting memories of you and mom will surely uplift me.

*I love you Dad! Rest well!*



Your Son,  
Caleb L. Major  
Saturday, January 16, 2021







## PALLBEARERS

Mr. Zuriel Anderson  
Mr. Zetan "Kiba" Anderson  
Mr. Charles West, Sr.  
Mr. Darian Richardson  
Mr. Roger Smith  
Mr. Robert Richardson  
Mr. Gerald Pimpleton  
Bishop Willie V. Sutton, III

## FLORAL BEARERS

Ms. Charletta Henry  
Ms. Tonya West-Addie  
Ms. Terrell Smith  
Ms. Tori Richardson  
Ms. Sharon Coistner  
Ms. Sonya Peebles  
Ms. Annie Rivers

## *Acknowledgments*

We, the family of the late Bishop Evander Major, gratefully acknowledge the expressions of love, support, financial support, and condolences you have shown during this time. Everyone's presence, flesh, and spirit here today is a testimony to the tremendous influence The Right Reverend Bishop Evander L. Major has had on all of our lives. God bless and keep each of you.

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Dorrell J. Ross, Ed.D.  
Reverend Donnell Peterson and the Good Aim Missionary Church Family  
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