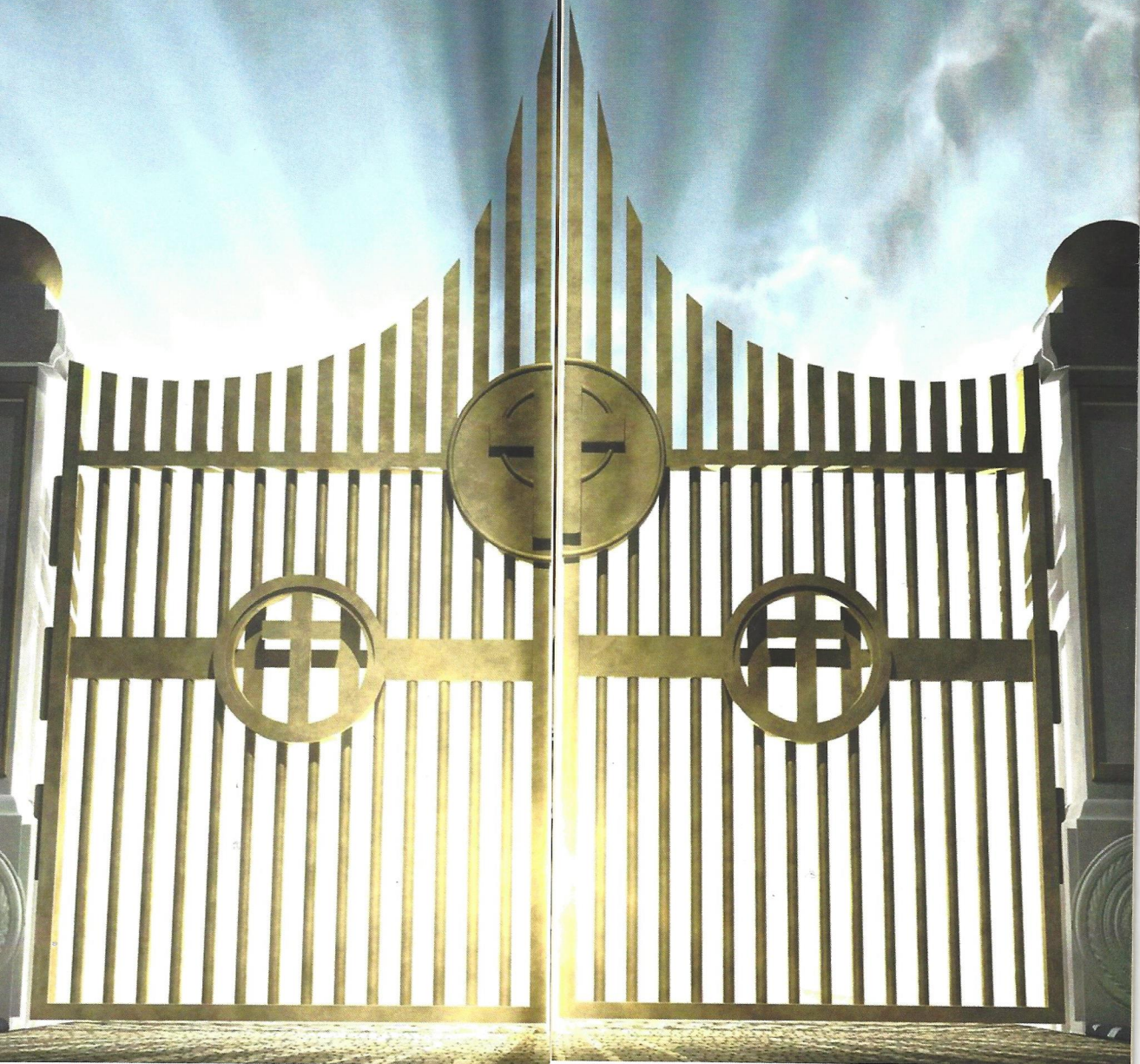


*Entering Through  
the Gates of Heaven*





# A **HOMEGOING** *Celebration for*

A portrait of Pastor Ruth Thompson, a Black woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing a light-colored jacket over a white collared shirt. She is looking slightly to the left with a gentle smile. The background is a textured, light brown or beige color.

*Pastor Ruth Thompson*

**Saturday, September 10, 2016  
12:00 Noon**

**Welfare Baptist Church  
Belton, South Carolina**

**Reverend Shawn Kilpatrick, Officiating  
Pastor Ankoma D. Anderson, Presiding**

**Interment:  
Westview Cemetery  
Anderson, South Carolina**





May the  
Work I've  
Done Speak  
for Me



## Obituary



For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. **2 Timothy 4:6-8**



**Pastor Ruth Ann Thompson**, 86, entered Heavenly Rest on Saturday, September 3, 2016. She was born on February 5, 1930 in Pendleton, South Carolina to the late Gaties and Annie Young Wright who were sharecroppers. As a child, she attended Mountain Springs Church and Mountain Springs Public School. In the early 1940's, the family relocated to the City of Anderson, and she then attended the Reed Street School. In 1946, at the age of 16, Pastor Thompson moved to Brooklyn, New York where she continued her education at Central Evening High School. After graduation, she attended the Church of Christ Bible Institute in New York City and graduated as salutatorian of the class of 1970. It was then she heard the call of God saying, "Come out and learn the way of holiness." She became an active member of Refuge Church of Christ in Brooklyn, New York and received the Holy Spirit. God wasn't done with her yet. He spoke again to encourage her to go further. She attended the Church of Christ Bible College where she graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Theology. After resisting God's calling, to no avail, to move back South, Pastor Thompson returned to Anderson, South Carolina and became founder and pastor of Refuge Church of Christ.

**Pastor Thompson** leaves to cherish fond memories, son-in-law, Robert E. Lee of Anderson, SC; grandson, James Christopher Lee (Ann) of Charlotte, NC; granddaughter, Nikita Lee of Atlanta, GA, two great-grandchildren, James Christopher Lee, Jr. and Nicholas Dean Lee, both of Charlotte, NC; three sisters, Dorothy Pickens, Willie Mae Hatten, both of Brooklyn, NY and Sylvene Wright of Anderson, SC; and a host of relatives and friends.

**Pastor Thompson** was the widow of the late John Henry Thompson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gaties and Annie Young Wright; brother, Sylvester Wright; and a dear cousin, Doris Young.



# *Order of Service*

**Pastor Ankoma D. Anderson, Presiding**

Memorial Video Presentation.....Soft Music

Devotion.....Pastor Amanda Moss & Welfare Choir

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Pastor Craig Pender

New Testament.....Reverend Arthur Higgins

Prayer.....Pastor Willie Young

Solo....."To God Be the Glory"  
Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson

Testimonials.....Evangelist Margaret Jones  
Pastor Larry Clinkscales

Duet....."Another Soldier Gone Home"  
Mrs. Gladys Adams & Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson

Testimonials.....Pastor Kenny Lomax  
Pastor Jeffrey Starks

Solo....."How Great Thou Art".....Reverend Mark Miles

Eulogy.....Reverend Shawn Kilpatrick

Recessional.....Pastor Amanda Moss and Welfare Choir

**Committal / Benediction / Interment**

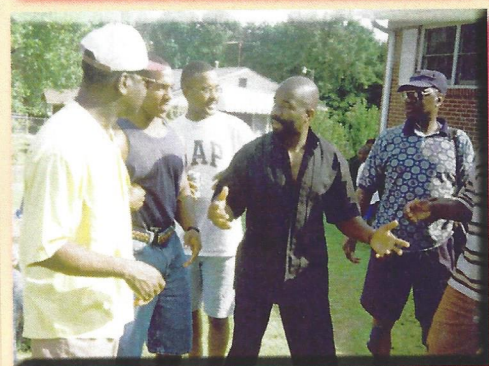
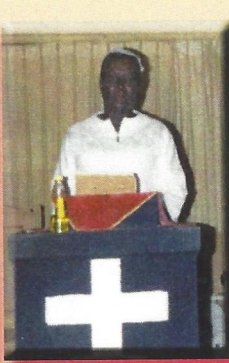
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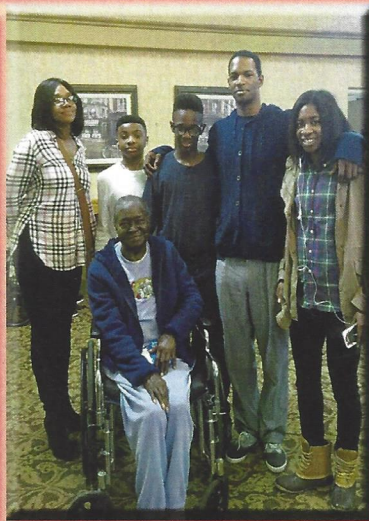
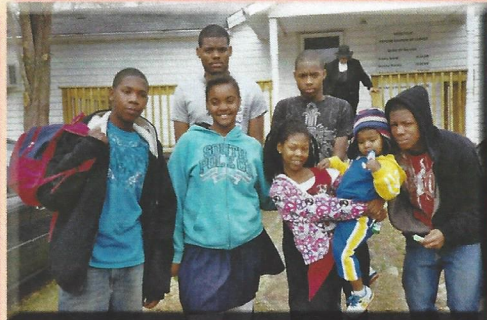
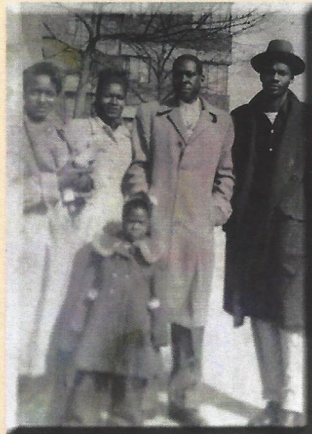
**Repast**

Welfare Baptist Church Banquet Hall









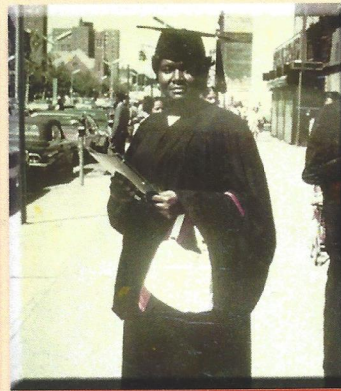
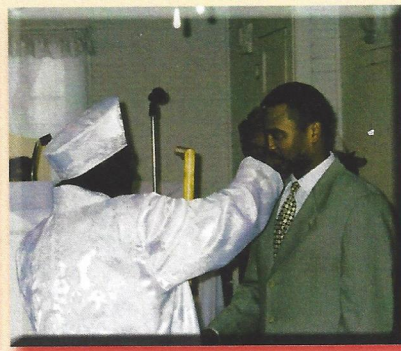
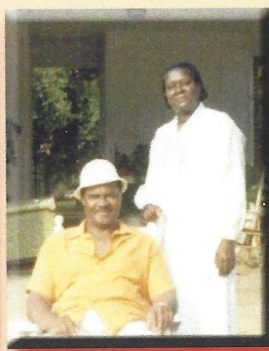
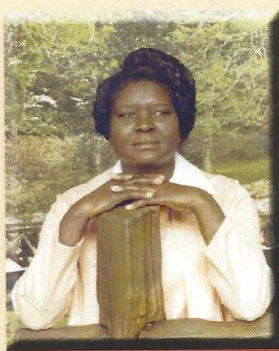




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FAMILY









# *Pastor Thompson's Favorite Scriptures*

## *& Sermon Excerpts*

Psalm 116: 12-14

12. What Shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? 13. I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. 14. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

### Sermon Excerpt

David here is expressing his love for the Lord because God had heard his prayers and delivered him from certain death. God had listened to him! Troubles were numerous in David's life, just like it maybe in our lives today. David still was able to praise God for his goodness and he found that serving God is not a one way street. When you truly serve the Lord, you learn that he is faithful and that he is ready and willing to answer your prayer; so pray. You can whisper a prayer. You can groan a prayer. You can think a prayer. The Lord will hear you! I believe that God hears prayer according to the realness or sincerity of your heart.

Proverbs 3: 5-6

5. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
6. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

### Sermon Excerpt

"These verses have three commands: Trust \_ Lean \_ Acknowledge  
Some of us have been making our own decisions for so long that we don't trust anyone, not even God. God has given us the ability to lean on him because our understanding alone is not enough to get us where he wants us to be. Without Jesus we don't understand the way of Salvation, but with him, he will teach us all things."

Revelation 3: 20

20. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me.

### Sermon Excerpt

Open the door, Jesus is knocking, so let him come in. Down through the years God has been knocking at your heart, and many of you are hiding and hoping he will go away. 2000 years ago Jesus issued a universal invitation, but you refuse to open your door. He is speaking loud and clear. Church time is running out and Jesus is coming soon!



## *Flower Bearers*

Diane Adams

Patricia Clinkscales

Janice Geer

Judy Godtrell

Victoria Jones

Connie Kelley

Judy Morrison

Nikki Swilling

## *Pall Bearers*

Donald Clinkscales

Larry Clinkscales

Chris Jones

Kenny Lomax

Wayne Rhea

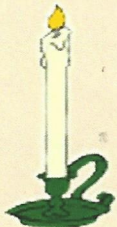
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## *Acknowledgment*



The Family wishes to thank everyone for the sincere acts of kindness shown during our time of sorrow. Your prayers and thoughtfulness will always be remembered. May God bless each of you.

~ The Family ~



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