

PALLBEARERS

Mr. Johnnie Simpkins
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HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Mr. Leroy Kelly
Mr. Kendell Smith
Mr. Kelly Fulton

FLORAL BEARERS

Gunter's Chapel Baptist Church Missionaries

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Rev. Curtis Bush wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to the during hour of bereavement. May God bless and keep you!

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Sunrise
December 19
1975

Sunset
October 23
2018



Celebrating the Life and Legacy of
REVEREND
CURTIS CARNELL BUSH

Sunday, October 28, 2018 | 3:00 P.M.

First Northeast Baptist Church

311 Sparkleberry Lane, Columbia, South Carolina 29229

Dr. Stephen S. Masolwa, Senior Pastor | Dr. J. Albert Bush, Sr., Eulogist

THE OBITUARY

A TIME TO BE BORN

Reverend Curtis Carnell Bush was born December 19, 1975 in Columbia, South Carolina to the late Mr. Henry Curtis Wise and Ms. Brenda Bush Dennis.

A TIME TO PLANT

Curtis grew up and received his early education in the public schools of Richland County District One. He learned his leadership skills through his affiliation with the 4-H Club, Boy Scouts of America, and South Carolina Fair Share. He graduated from Eau Claire High School in 1994.

At an early age, Curtis was baptized into the body of Christ at Gunter’s Chapel Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Lewis Gunter. He grew up participating in the life of the church as a member of the Youth and Children’s Ministry, the Junior Usher Board, the Male Chorus and as a Drummer. He later joined the Meeting Place Church International under the leadership of Bishop Erick Freeman, where he was ordained as a Deacon in 2002; licensed as a minister in 2002 and later ordained to preach the gospel in 2004 as an Elder. In 2015, he renewed his membership at Gunter’s Chapel Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Lewis Gunter, where he was officially ordained as a Baptist minister in May 2018.

A TIME TO LOVE

In 1996, Curtis met the love of his life, the former Demetra Chavice Simpkins. After a long courtship, they were joined together in holy matrimony in February 2005. To this union one child was born, Miss Lauren Caroline Bush. He was a devoted husband to his wife and took great joy in being a father to “Beanie”, as he affectionately called Lauren. He loved family, celebrating their accomplishments and spending time together.

A TIME TO STUDY

After graduation from high school, Curtis enrolled in the University of South Carolina and later graduated from Limestone College in Gaffney, South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. He later studied theology at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (now Lenoir Rhyne University) in Columbia, South Carolina in pursuit of a Master of Divinity degree.

A TIME TO DIE

Curtis transitioned into the eternal presence of the Lord on Tuesday morning, October 23, 2018. He is preceded in death by a brother, Terrance C. Bush.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish profound memories, a loving and devoted wife of 13 years Mrs. Demetra Chavice Simpkins Bush; one daughter, Miss Lauren Caroline Bush; his mother, Ms. Brenda Bush Dennis of Columbia, SC; four sisters, Ms. Tasha Williams of Philadelphia, PA, Ms. Kimberly Wise of Charleston, SC, Ms. Whitney Moody and Mrs. Kassandra (Alvin) Henry of Columbia, SC; one brother, Elder James “John” (Sybil) Bush of Columbia, SC; three nephews; one niece; fifteen uncles; twelve aunts; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Anna Lane, Presiding

Musical Processional	Friends of Rev. Curtis Bush	
Final Viewing	Myers Mortuary	
Invocation	Rev. Jamey O. Graham, Moderator Gethsemane Baptist Association Pastor, Saint John Baptist Church, Columbia, SC	
Opening Hymn	“ <i>Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand</i> ”	Gunter’s Chapel Baptist Church & Congregants
Old Testament Scripture	Job 14:1-10 KJV	Rev. Henry Bush, Jr., Pastor Sharon Community Church, Sandy Springs, GA
New Testament Scripture	1 Peter 5:7-11 KJV	Min. Alfreida Butler Good Hope Baptist Church, Covington, GA
Prayer of Comfort	Dr. Johnny Gibbs, Pastor Pine Grove Independent Church, Ridgeway, SC	
Musical Selection	Friends of Rev. Curtis Bush	
Remarks (3 minutes please)	As a Friend As a Sibling As a Father	Min. Leroy Kelly Ms. Tasha Williams, Sister Miss Lauren Caroline Bush Gunter’s Chapel Baptist Church
Resolution	Rev. Johnny C. Bush, Pastor Greater Faith Tabernacle Baptist, Church, Stamford, CT	
Solo	Mrs. Monica Shields	
Family Expressions	Rev. Lewis Gunter, Pastor Gunter’s Chapel Baptist Church, Columbia, SC	
Pastoral Reflections	Friends of Rev. Curtis Bush	
Musical Selection	Dr. J. Albert Bush, Sr., Pastor Walker Memorial Baptist Church, Bronx, New York	
Eulogy	Rev. James Woodley, Pastor Gill Creek Baptist Church, Columbia, SC	
Litany of Consolation		
Committal		
Prayer		
Benediction		
Selection	Friends of Rev. Curtis Bush	
Recessional		

THE LITANY OF CONSOLATION

Leader: Into the presence of El Shaddia, the Almighty God, we draw near in worship, in praise, in adoration and in thanksgiving.

People: Oh, give thanks unto The Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

Leader: For the unique ministry of family and the special gift friendship which You give us to sustain us in the triumphs and tragedies of life.

People: Oh, give thanks unto The Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

Leader: For faithful sons, fathers and brothers who take their callings seriously enough to make family their highest priority. For fathers who love their wives and raise their children in the nurture and admonition of The Lord; teaching them to walk in The Lord; teaching them to walk in the way of faith; teaching them to honor The Lord in their time, talents and treasure.

People: Oh, give thanks unto The Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

Leader: For husbands who love their wives as Christ loves The Church and who serve as priests over their households leading their family in worship to God and service to humanity.

People: Oh, give thanks unto The Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

Leader: For the guidance of the father and the wisdom of raising his children, the warmth of his smile, the strength of his testimony and the power of his witness.

People: Oh, give thanks unto The Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

Leader: Thank you for the faith that can not be shaken and a peace that can not be disturbed and for a hope anchored so firmly in Jesus Christ that it cannot be denied. By Your grace and power give us all that is needed to be sustained in the days that lie ahead.

People: Oh, give thanks unto The Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

Leader: Help us to bow in humble submission to Your perfect will as we are called now to give back to You what You first gave to us in Rev. Curtis C. Bush. Give us the comforting aid of Your Holy Spirit that we might properly adjust to this new Southern reality.

People: Oh, give thanks unto The Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

Leader: Help us to take comfort in the bright hope that is ours in Christ Jesus, Your Son. Who from the dead, still speaks to us over the passing ages, saying: "I am the Resurrection and the life. ... He and she who believes in me shall never die." May we hear Him now, saying: "...Because I live, you shall live also." In the strong and matchless name of Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd of the Church, teach us to say: "Oh give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever." Amen.



