

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
Had no army, yet kings feared Him.
He won no military battles, yet
He conquered the world.
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The Family of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
wishes to thank everyone for their love and
support. The family has requested that
everyone try to live as Jesus did by loving
everyone - even enemies - unconditionally.
Whosoever will let them come?*



Thank You to the . . .

Service Participants

Concert Choir

*Sister Shirley Cuffee, Ministry Leader
Brother Robert L. Williams, Jr., MM*

Combined Usher Ministry

Brother Linwood Baker, Sr., Ministry Leader

**The family will reassemble at the
New First Baptist Church (Taylorsville)
on Easter Sunday Morning (April 5th)
at 7AM and 11:15AM.**

The Homegoing Celebration of Jesus Christ

**Friday, April 3, 2015
7 PM**

**New First Baptist Church
(Taylorsville)
2720 Turnpike Road
Portsmouth, VA 23707**

**Reverend Dr. William J. Smith, Jr.
Pastor
*Officiating/Eulogist***

Order of Celebration

Prelude Brother Robert L. Williams, Jr., MM
"Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"
"The Blood will Never Lose Its Power"

Processional Clergy and Deacons

Invocation Pastor William J. Smith, Jr.

Hymn of Praise Concert Choir
"At the Cross"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: **Isaiah 53:1-6** Deacon Curtis Elliott

New Testament: **John 19:28-42** Deacon Everett Brower

Prayer of Comfort Deacon Fred Rodgers

Choral Response Concert Choir
"Near the Cross"

Hymn of Comfort *Anthem: "Glorious Medley"*

Acknowledgements/Expressions *2 Minutes Please*

Speak of His Miracles ~ Sister Pearl Lennex

Speak of His Teachings ~ Deacon Terrence U. Jones

Message from His Mother ~ Sister Kathy Burton-Bell

Silent Reading of the Obituary *Soft Music*
"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

Musical Selection Concert Choir
"He Would Not Come Down from the Cross"

Eulogy Rev. Dr. William J. Smith, Jr., Pastor

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

~ Offering ~

What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?
Psalms 116:12

Recessional

INTERMENT: The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a secret disciple. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

Obituary

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas Iscariot, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the supposed son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth and Mary, His devoted mother. (He often substantiated His claim that His true Father was God.) Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful apostles, and numerous disciples.

Jesus was self-educated and spent the last three years of this life working as a teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a medical doctor, and it is reported that He healed many patients. Until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the good news, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a last supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

John 9:4
I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

