



And we know that ALL things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. — Romans 8:28 KJV

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HONORING
THE LIFE, LOVE
AND LEGACY
OF OUR BELOVED
PASTOR
ANTHONY
LEON HODGE

ALPHA OMEGA
August 22, 1961 – October 17, 2022

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So let’s fight!”

Saturday, October 29, 2022 • 11:00 AM

Mosaic Church

14175 W. Colonial Drive, Winter Garden, FL 34787

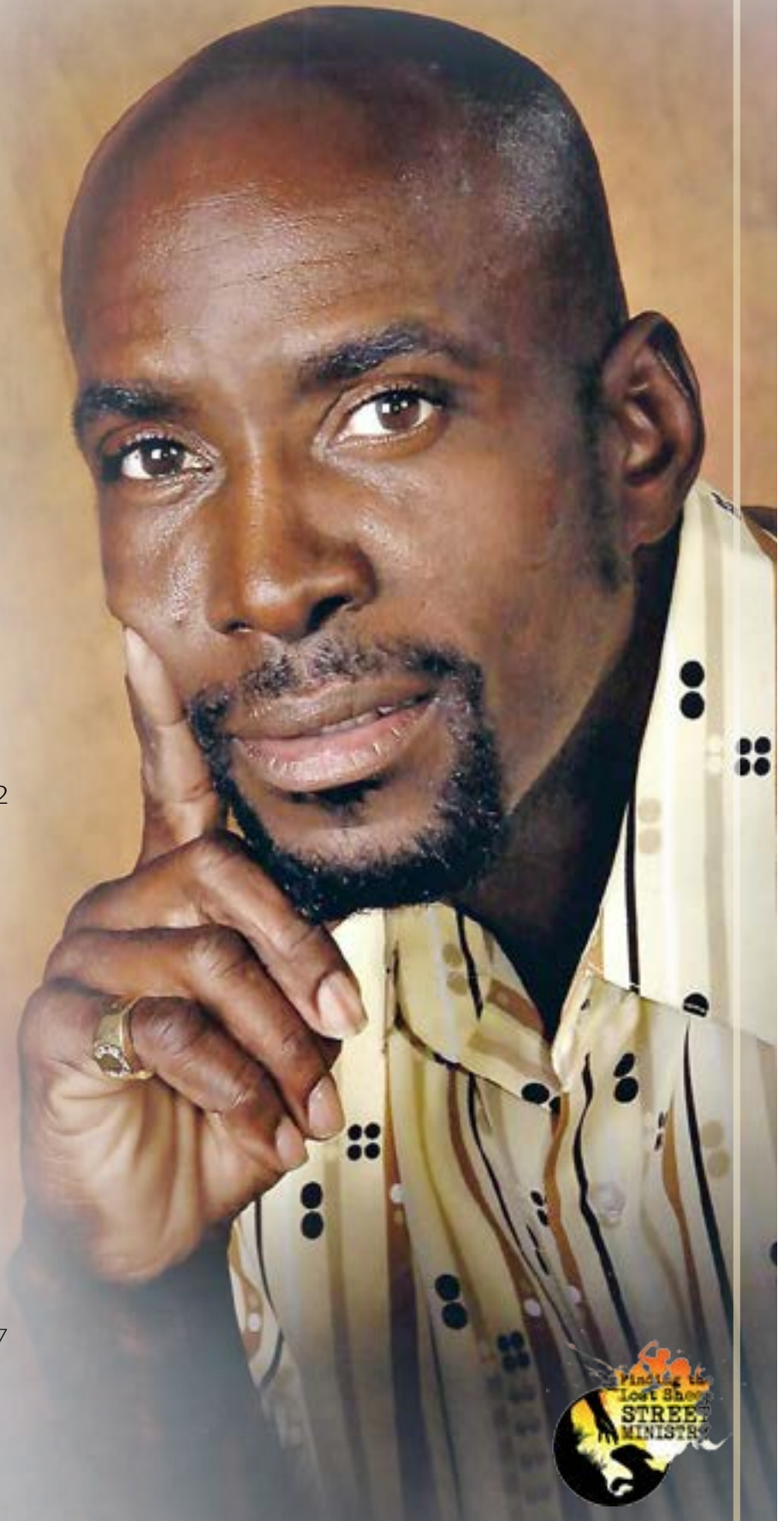
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Bishop Sylvester Robbins, Overseer

Restored Life Worship Center, Winter Garden, Florida

Eulogist

Pastor Rusty Belcher



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*"Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of His saints."* – Psalm 116:15



Pastor Anthony Leon Hodge

Pastor Anthony Hodge, the founder of Finding the Lost Sheep Street Ministry was born in Winter Garden, Florida on August 22, 1961, to his parents, the late Clifford and Katie Hodge. He was one of 9 children born to this union. He attended the public schools of Orange County, Florida to include West Orange High School, where he enjoyed playing football and modeling. His life took a turn down the wrong path, but in 1992, at the age of 31 in the Orange County Jail, he DID receive his high school diploma.

Anthony's story is a true testimony of God's love, redemption, and grace.

From the age of 17 to 41, Anthony went to jail 23 times, prison five times, and his personal testimony was always: *"Through drugs, crime, and violence, from jail to institution, God had a PURPOSE for my life. From the perilous streets of a Central Florida community, through drug addiction to prison, the Lord allowed me to escape Satan's clutches for one divine life mission: 'To find, to feed, and to be a light to God's lost sheep.'"*

He last went to prison in 1999, but in 2000, facing 70 years behind bars, his life was changed forever when he gave his life to Jesus. His sentence was greatly reduced, and upon release in 2001, he received and answered the call from God to, "Find the Lost Sheep." And it was in 2004 that he founded *Finding the Lost Sheep Street Ministry* in east Winter Garden.

In 2005 he enrolled in the Institute of Theology and Ministry Training in Lake Mary, Florida, under the tutelage of Dr. S. Walker, where he received an AA in Biblical Studies with a specialization in Evangelism. He exercised those studies on the streets of Orlando, east Winter Garden, and in other cities, jails, and prisons nationwide.

As God would have it, Anthony met the love of his life, Sharee Villard in 2011 when a pastoral colleague introduced the two. Hodge invited her to sing at a holiday outreach event he was holding in east Winter Garden. Sharee had been planning a ministry trip to the Caribbean, but changed her mind and sang at the program – and she fell in love with Hodge and his hometown.

They were married in 2012, and, together, the couple made an impact on the people who lived in the community in which Hodge grew up. Anthony won numerous awards in recognition of his community service to mankind everywhere, but at home Anthony was just as passionate about his family. God blessed their marriage with a beautiful baby girl they named Miracle, and Sharee's testimony about Anthony as a husband and father includes the fact that *"He always made sure we had everything we needed, and frequently verbally shared his love by telling us his message, 'I love you always.'"*

His ministerial peers voted him in as the Elect Overseer of the United Fellowship of Community Churches; he served as a Member of New Canaan Society of Orlando, and was an active Member of Oakland Presbyterian Men's Prayer Breakfast. He served as a bi-vocational pastor at Restored Life Worship Center while working full-time as a driver for Kelly's Food. He ordained other ministers and ran his own business Miracle Lawn Maintenance, which he started in 2020 to fund Miracle's college endeavors.

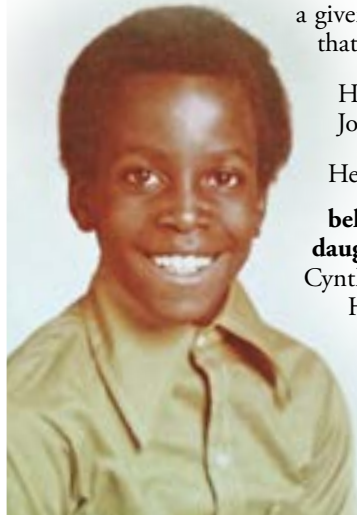
There have been numerous articles written up about Anthony and can be found on the ministry website: www.FindingtheLostSheep.org

Anthony's life was full, blessed and balanced. His life's Scriptures were Romans 8:28 and Isaiah 55:11. In his downtime he simply enjoyed fishing and hanging out with his family. He was a giver personified and an encourager to all, often lovingly reminding us all that, "the biggest fight we have is our fight of FAITH." So let's fight!

He was preceded in death by his **parents**, Clifford & Katie Hodge, **brother**, Johnny Hodge, and **sister**, Rose Hodge.

He leaves behind many memories of a life well-lived, to be cherished by his:

beloved wife – Sharee Villard-Hodge;
daughter – Miracle Hodge; **sisters** – Cynthia Tucker, Claudine Hodge, Theresa Hodge, and Jeanese Hodge; **brothers** – James (Ian) Hodge and Jimmy Hodge; **mother-in-law** – Sylvia Garner; and a host of **nieces, nephews, cousins**, other relatives, numerous friends and colleagues.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating – Bishop Sylvester Robbins

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Prelude

Processional – *"His Eye is On the Sparrow"* Minister, Funeral Director, Family
[as recorded by Lauren Hill]

Invocation Pastor Melissa Stump
First United Methodist Church of Winter Garden

Lessons from the Scripture

Old Testament – *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8* Pastor Frank Milton
Victory Community Church, Orlando

New Testament – *John 10:11-18* John Zachariah
Member of Oakland Presbyterian Men's Prayer Breakfast

Ministry Thru Music – *"In the Midst of It All"* Monica Cheryl Johnson [cousin]

Reflections (Limit your remarks to 3 minutes or less, please)

Cynthia Tucker [sister]
Tyron Hughley [nephew]
Terika Henry [niece]

Ministry Thru Music – *"Believe For It"* Jeanese Hodge [sister]

Reflections Continued (Limit your remarks to 3 minutes or less, please)

Don Stanton [Oakland Presbyterian Prayer Group]
Josh Taylor [friend]
Kenny Kelly [friend]
Godfrey Davis & Lorenzo Blair [friends]
Ed LeMasters [friend]
Mitch Schrenk [friend]

A Special Poem – *"Vineyards"* Shawn Welcome, City of Orlando Poet Laureate

Resolutions and Acknowledgments Postell's Mortuary

Video – *"Convicted By Grace"* Documentary by Bryan Thomas

Special Presentation Bishop F.L. Patton
United Fellowship of Community Churches

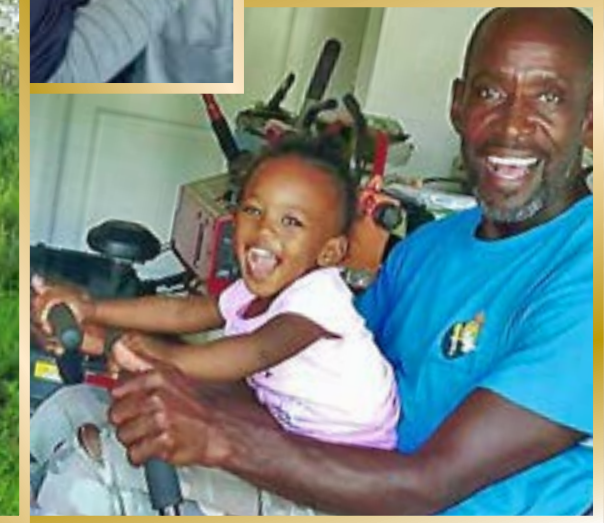
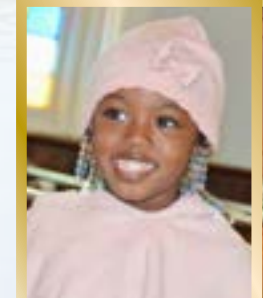
Message of Hope Pastor Rusty Belcher

Ministry Thru Music – *"I'm at Peace"*
Monica Cheryl Johnson [cousin]

Closing Pastor Rusty Belcher

Recessional Officiates and Family
"Let the Church Say Amen" [as recorded by André Crouch]

[For the Recessional, PLEASE stand, and allow the Family to exit FIRST. Thank you.]



“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”

– Revelation 21:4

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. – John 8:36



Interment

Woodlawn Memorial Park

400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road
Orlando (Gotha), FL 34734

In Appreciation

We, the family of the late Pastor Anthony Hodge, truly thank each and every one of you. Your outpouring of prayers, love, kindness and support have sustained us throughout the passing of our loved one. The many kind acts that you have shown us through this difficult time have truly been a blessing. God bless you!

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9...

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

– the Family



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