

Order of Service

Presiding – Dr. Rolous A. Frazier, Jr., Pastor

Processional with Final Glimpse

Invocation Bishop Terry Maxwell

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Rev. Willie Green
New Testament Rev. Leroy Dennis
The Epistle Rev. B.J. Wilson
The Gospel Rev. Franklin Greenway

Solo Sis. Angelia Green

Proclamations

United States of America – Congresswoman Corrine Brown
State of Florida – Senator Gary Siplin
Orange County – Mayor Richard Crotty
City of Orlando – Mayor Buddy Dyer (or Richard McGill)
City of Orlando – Commissioner Daisy Lynum

Resolutions and Acknowledgments Sis. Eunice Windom (Church Clerk)

Reading of the Legacy (silently)(Soft Music)

Hymn – “I Love Thy Church Oh God” (Dr. Maxwell’s favorite hymn)

Words of ComfortDr. Larry G. Mills (A “son” in the Ministry)

SoloBro. Moses Steele (Son-in-law)

Reflections (Please limit your comments to 3 minutes)

As a Minister of the Gospel – Pastor Willie C. Barnes
As a Community Leader – Commissioner Homer Hartage
As a Pastor – Louise Daniel, Cynthia Jackson & Deacon James Lockett

A Special Tribute Adrian Rodd (Great Grandson)

SoloReverend Dr. Yvonne Gainer

EulogyReverend Dr. Sam Maxwell (Nephew)

Recessional – “On My Way Home”

Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!

– Isaiah 26:19_{NLT}



There is a city God has prepared for His own, eternal in the heavens. Daddy, you are now residing in that great city where there are no cares, no worries. The family chain has been broken, but soon and very soon, we'll be together again.

– All your sons and daughters

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

The Male Chorus of St. John MBC
Step-Son and Grandsons

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Orange County Sheriff’s Department

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

The Deaconess Ministry
The Nurses Guild

INTERMENT

Washington Park Cemetery
Orlando, Florida

REPAST

Northwest Community Center on W.D. Judge

APPRECIATION

The family of Dr. Fred L. Maxwell wishes to extend their most heart-felt gratitude for the many acts of love and kindness shown to them by everyone during their time of sorrow. All of you helped to make the process easier. May God Bless each of you!

– The Family

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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR DR. FRED L. MAXWELL



SUNRISE
August 2, 1907

SUNSET
December 13, 2005

Monday, December 19, 2005

11:00 A.M.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

2025 West Central Blvd.
Orlando, Florida 32805

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Eulogist – Rev. Dr. Sam Maxwell

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The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

– Psalm 27:1

The Honorable Late Pastor Dr. Fred L. Maxwell

PATRIARCH OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

“A Man of Influence”

“A Father and Mentor to Many”

“A Pastor’s Pastor”

“A Friend to the Poor and Homeless”

The Reverend Doctor Fred L. Maxwell, 98 years of wisdom, went home to be with God on Tuesday, December 13, 2005. Pastor Maxwell retired as the Senior Pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, and will always be highly regarded as a Community Advocate, Economic Development Pioneer, and Spiritual Leader. Pastor Maxwell worked as a “Catalyst for Change” for at least a decade, to bridge the gap between the rich and poor and the black and white communities of Central Florida.

He was born on August 2, 1907, in the Town of Williston, Florida, to the late Ben and Alzada Maxwell. In 1911, his family of farmers relocated to the quaint town of Stuckey, Florida, which is west of Groveland, Florida. At the age of 17, he learned of the “big” City of Orlando and took his first trip to Orlando with his uncle to drive a few men who worked in the fruit business to a packinghouse known as Robinson Fruit Company. It was on his first



night in Orlando that he took a “liking” to this city, which became known as the “City of Lights.” He progressed into manhood and in 1928, at the age of 21, he married the late Janie Moore Maxwell and the Lord blessed their marriage with six children. In 1936, Dr. Maxwell moved his family to Fort Lauderdale, Florida and he

worked in the construction industry for ten years. He was proud of his newfound status as a husband and father but he had yet another goal to accomplish and that was to complete his formal education. Thus he and his wife with a sixth grade education launched out to obtain a high school diploma and both entered night school at Dillard High School at the age of 39 and graduated the same time as their oldest daughter, Alberta. Against all odds he remained committed to higher education and entered a corresponding school, LaSalle Extension University located in Chicago, Illinois and took courses in bookkeeping, accounting and law. He often joked about not being able to qualify for the state Bar, he still had the knowledge, and later in life was recognized by various legal associations. It was after his graduation that he officially relocated to Orlando in 1947, became an entrepreneur with a janitorial business with offices in Orlando and Gainesville, Florida.



Dr. Maxwell received the divine call into ministry in 1926 at the age of 19; but it took him twenty years to heed to the call in 1946. In 1950, he became the pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Orlando and also Shiloh Baptist Church in Alachua County – said to be the oldest black church in the county of Alachua. Eventually in 1964, he was called to pastor at St. John Missionary Baptist Church when the church was located on Carter Street and in 1971 he organized the purchase of the church’s current location on Central Blvd. In the early 80’s, many homeless people were affected by two major winter storms and Pastor Maxwell used the church’s fellowship hall to provide food, clothing and shelter to people with no homes with the aid of members of the church. It was at this time that he became an advocate for the homeless and prayed, “*Lord, let Your will be done. I desire to do something to make conditions better for some homeless people; Lord, teach me, lead me, guide me.*” Sure enough, years later in 1990, Pastor Maxwell was approached and later joined by Rev. B. J. Wilson, to start having prayer meetings and Bible studies in a drug infested apartment community and later Pastor Maxwell, again against all odds, founded Grand Avenue Economic Development Corporation and purchased several properties with the aid of Congresswoman Corrine Brown and HUD to house homeless and disenfranchised individuals and families. . . .the rest is history.

Fred Maxwell was a man of distinction, sought after for wise counsel by many of the most powerful leaders in both political and business circles. Yet, his greatest sense of satisfaction came from always being available and accountable to the everyday soul seeking salvation and spiritual

guidance, especially in the form of a father figure. This public servant has received many awards and accommodations which include the Community Advocate Award from the Central Florida Urban Bankers Association in 1981, and though he did not get a chance to take the bar examination, he was the recipient of the “Liberty Bell Award” from the Orange County Bar Association in 1997, and in 1998 he received the Non-Lawyer’s Community Service Award.”

In addition to his public sector work, Pastor Maxwell was an author, and started a credit union, construction development company, citrus business, tax preparation business, transportation company, and even appeared in commercials promoting Florida orange juice.

In 2001 he retired as the Senior Pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, but never from ministry and remarked, “Retired, but not slacked up one bit!” So as destiny would have it, in 2001 Pastor Maxwell came to the aid of a church without a pastor and became the Overseer of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Longwood, Florida. Even with the appointment of the church’s new pastor, Dr. Maxwell continued to provide spiritual guidance to the leadership of the church until his demise.

Active in many organizations, boards and associations which include The First South Florida Missionary Baptist District Association, The Progressive Baptist State Convention of Florida, National Baptist Convention of America, he was also president of Congress #2 for many years.

With many years of great success, awards, honors, recognitions and expressions and outpouring of love from all over the world, his greatest joy came from the love of God, family, his church, his community and most of all the love of his life – his devoted and loving wife. Pastor Maxwell professed his love to the world for his wife, Minister Norweida Maxwell, whom he wed in 1985.

Pastor Maxwell is survived by his **wife** – Norweida Maxwell, **son** – Joseph (Irma) Maxwell of California, **daughter** Leonora Maxwell Rigell of Orlando, **daughter** Alzada Maxwell (Moses) Steele of Indiana, and **step-son** Richard (Theresa) Thompson. Children which preceded him in death are **daughters** Alberta Maxwell and Joyce Maxwell McCoy, and **son** George Maxwell.

He was man of God, a business man, a leader, a servant, a forerunner, a pioneer, a husband, a father, a friend, a brother-in-law, grandfather, great grand father, great-great grand-father, and a friend to many.

