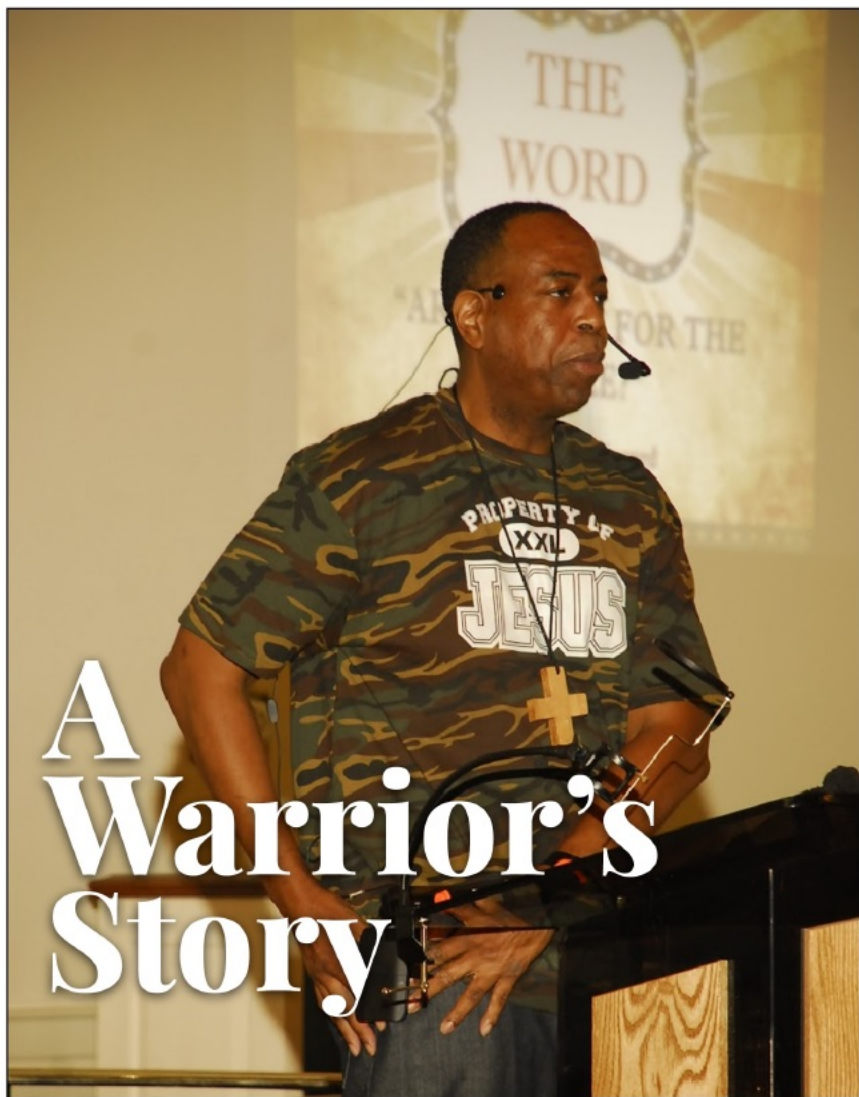


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SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA  
Saturday, May 13, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.



## A Warrior's Story

**The Holy Spirit**  
*presents*  
**A Warrior's Story**

Produced and Directed By  
**Jesus Christ**

Performed By  
**Dr. Philip J. Ginyard**



*A special thanks to his co-star, Donna Brown Ginyard*

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# PROGRAM

CALL TO WORSHIP .....	Sharon Frisby <i>First Baptist Church of Swedesboro, New Jersey</i>
OPENING WORDS .....	Dr. Larry L. Anderson, Jr., <i>Officiant</i> <i>Great Commission Church</i>
SCRIPTURE READING: — <i>New Testament: James 1:25</i>	
PRAYER OF COMFORT .....	Pastor Brian H. Grant <i>Germantown Christian Assembly</i>
INTRODUCTION .....	Marjorie Andrews <i>First Baptist Church of Swedesboro, New Jersey</i>

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## ACT 1

MISSIO SEMINARY .....	Dr. R. Todd Magnum, <i>Academic Dean</i> <i>(formerly Biblical Theological Seminary)</i>
THE URBAN PRIESTHOOD .....	Dr. D. Kyle Canty
WORD OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP (WOL).....	Mike Bush <i>Ministry Relations Coordinator-Advancement</i>
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WOL CAMPERS .....	Zania Winfrey
ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. ....	Sean L. McCaskill <i>Executive Director</i>
SWEDESBORO/WOOLWICH, NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY .....	Captain Sheldon Lewis <i>Former Police Captain</i>

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## ACT 2

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SWEDESBORO .....	Charlene Arnold, <i>Poet Laureate</i>
WORD OF LIFE KENYA .....	Reverend Peter Odanga, <i>Director</i>
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/OBITUARY.....	Derik and Andrea Gadson
PRAISE AND WORSHIP .....	Pastor Crystal J. Lucky <i>Sword of the Spirit Church</i>

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## ACT 3

THE McMICHAEL FAMILY REUNION .....	Carolyn Harley
THE BROWN FAMILY .....	Flemuel III, Edward and Flemuel “Max” IV
LIFE LONG FRIENDS .....	Ronald Young and Claude Flack Pastor Michael Hatch
GOD-DAUGHTER .....	Kaylin J. Young
SISTERS .....	Dr. JoAnn Hayward and Elaine Barley
SON .....	Quentin McCray
WIFE .....	Donna B. Ginyard

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## ACT 4

### “FALLING IN LOVE WITH JESUS”

Ruth Naomi Floyd, *vocalist*  
Louis Taylor, Jr., *saxophonist*  
Raymond Arnold, *accompanist*

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## FINALE

EULOGY .....	Dr. Garrett L. Marsh <i>Christ Community Bible Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</i>
INVITATION TO CHRIST .....	Elder Daniel T. Sawyer, Sr. <i>Calvary Gospel Chapel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</i>
RECESSIONAL	



## REPAST

*Immediately following the service at*  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SWEDESBORO  
700 Auburn Avenue | Swedesboro, New Jersey 08085



## INTERMENT

*Monday, May 15, 2023— 10:00 a.m.*  
IVY HILL CEMETERY  
1201 Easton Road | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151

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# A WARRIOR'S STORY

On Friday, May 5, 2023, Dr. PHILIP J. GINYARD went from earth to eternal glory with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Phil, as he was lovingly known, was born on January 17, 1961 to the late Dr. Joseph "Brother Joe" and Cecelia Jackson Ginyard in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania kicking off his performance for God. The youngest among four children, Phil's older siblings tremendously influenced his life. His sisters, JoAnn Hayward and Elaine Barley, were his first babysitters, and Martin, who predeceased Phil, was the big brother to emulate.

Phil grew up in the Wynnefield section of Philadelphia and graduated from Overbrook High School. After graduating from high school, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) in 1983. While at IUP, he was initiated into the Omicron chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.® After graduating from IUP, Phil served as the Philadelphia Area Director for the fraternity. Phil worked in the insurance industry for many years and his last corporate role was as an Account Executive with AmeriHealth Casualty.

Phil was a voracious reader and exceptional writer. He proved to be a reader straight out of the womb with his first interest being comic books, of which he had an extensive collection. Often, after church on Sundays, one could find him watching football, eating pizza (his favorite food), and surrounded by current editions of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*. His interest in political science was evident as some of his work was published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer's* editorial section.

Phil was a lover of the arts, culture and travel. He often spent time visiting

museums and enjoying brunch with his best girl and love of his life, Donna Marie Brown. He was a theater aficionado and loved Broadway. His favorite playwright was August Wilson. Donna and Phil attended the Broadway productions of all ten of Wilson's plays. Phil appreciated fine dining and he was a Philadelphia Magazine Fine Dining expert. If you needed a recommendation for that special occasion, all you needed to do was ask Phil. Phil and Donna spent many vacations on islands of the Caribbean, where he loved the ocean; he would spend hours in the crystal blue water. It was there Phil described finding the most peace.

After years of dating, Phil and Donna were married on August 31, 1997. They moved to Logan Township, New Jersey and started another scene of his performance, where Phil shifted direction to focus on ministry.

Being raised at Calvary Gospel Chapel, in West Philadelphia, under the eldership of his father, Phil was rooted in the Word of God. As a youth, Phil attended Word of Life (WOL) Camp, where he gave his life to Christ at the age of ten. For the last twenty years, Phil continued to honor his father's legacy by exposing youth to WOL Camp.

In 1999, Phil and Donna joined First Baptist Church of Swedesboro, where he began working with the men of the church. This experience filled him with a desire to expand his knowledge and inspired him to enroll in Bible college.

He attended Palmer Theological Seminary and received a diploma of Biblical and Theological Studies. But, Phil did not stop there. He continued his studies at the Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, Pennsylvania (now Missio Seminary), earning a Master of

Divinity (2011) and Doctor of Ministry (2016). He led his cohort on a mission trip to Kenya, Africa, where he had the opportunity to preach to prisoners, sharing the Good News and having many make the life changing decision to trust and accept Christ as their personal Savior.

In 2011, he was ordained as reverend by Reverend Frank Jones, Jr. After Pastor Jones retired, Phil was installed as the seventh Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Swedesboro in New Jersey. Pastor Phil was known for being mission minded. He was a strong proponent of Christians living as missional disciples of Jesus Christ in a post-modern world. The church quickly evolved into a "Covenant Community" with a "Missional" mindset.

Phil possessed a sincere desire for teaching. He absolutely loved preaching the Gospel and reveled in the opportunity to invite people to Christ through the spoken word. He delivered his sermons with passion and vigor. His preaching style was engaging, yet conversational and personal. His sermons were a clarion call to action, challenging each of us to be disciples of Christ. Sermons to Phil were connection points to highlight the fragilities of life that are strengthened by and through our relationship with Jesus Christ. He fully embraced the church's mission: "cultivating a covenant community by living out the mission of Jesus Christ."

As a servant-leader in his community, Pastor Phil was on the forefront of an awakening missional movement to advance the Kingdom of God in tangible ways throughout Swedesboro, Woolwich and Logan Townships. This was accomplished through coalition building with multiple churches of varying denominations to incarnate the gospel and promote unity. As the Police Chaplain for Woolwich Township Police Department, Pastor Phil facilitated the New Jersey Station House Adjustment-Community service program for juveniles, providing youth with counseling, a second chance

opportunity, and avoidance of a criminal record.

From his own experience, Pastor Phil was passionate about making seminary education readily accessible to those in the city of Philadelphia and the tri-state region that may not possess certain academic credentials or perhaps have been away from the rigors of the classroom. Accordingly, he proposed an unprecedented program at Missio Seminary called the "Diploma in Biblical and Missional Theology" and was appointed the program's first director. The program was launched in the fall of 2021 and the first class will be graduating in June 2023.

A special event for Phil, as a father and a pastor, was the day that he officiated the wedding ceremony of his son, Quentin McCray, and his lovely bride, Rasheeda.

In 2020, the role that would demonstrate his profound love for the performance God called him to, was a diagnosis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, it is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. As it progresses, muscles are essentially starved of nourishment and atrophy. Despite this grave diagnosis, Phil's faith only grew and strengthened. He refused to allow ALS to stop him. In the midst of this debilitating illness, he created his own blog site "The Disabled Disciple" and continued to teach and help others grow in their knowledge of Jesus Christ until he was called home.

His legacy shall remain constant in the lives of those who loved him. In addition to his wife, son and sisters, he leaves a special god-daughter, Kaylin Jeannae Young; brothers-in-law, Flemuel III and Edward Brown; his grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, fraternity brothers, church family and colleagues.



# TO BE AN ALPHA MAN

By Fred H. Woodruff

*To be an Alphaman means more than just  
to wear a pin,*

*It requires intrinsic qualities that are  
developed deep within,*

*It calls for lasting brotherhood, a word  
sometimes used in vain,*

*It means an honest devotion, not  
anticipation of personal gain.*

*Fraternity speaks of brotherly love, that's  
something to achieve,*

*It's more than just a grip of hands, it's an  
ideal to conceive.*

*You're proud to be an Alpha, and share  
her praises won,*

*Before you inflate yourself with pride, ask  
yourself, honestly, how much have I  
done?*

*To realize the wealth of personal  
satisfaction, from knowing you've given  
your all, To have helped her cause  
unflinching, when you rally to her  
call.*

*To combine all these qualities, and root  
them deep within,*

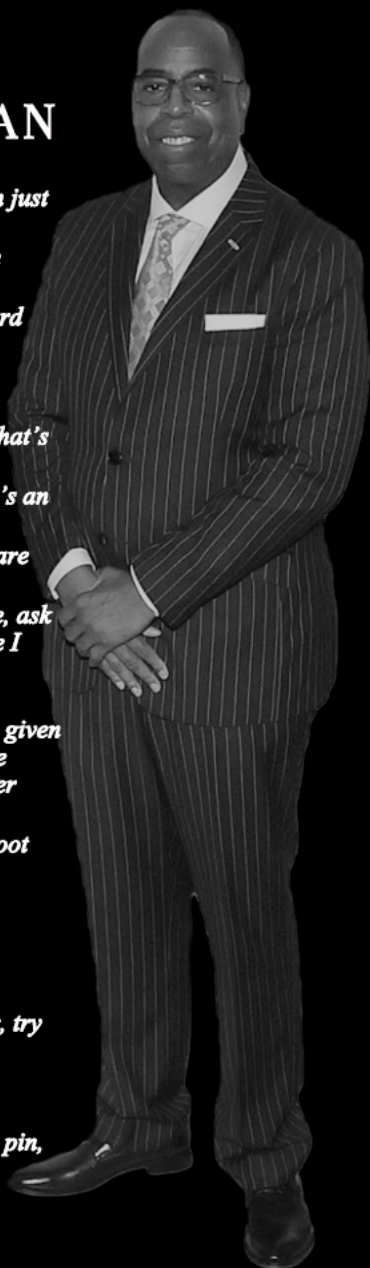
*The product would be an Alphaman,  
deserving of his pin.*

*So take an honest inventory of your  
character within,*

*And for every virtue you find missing, try  
and weave it in.*

*For a man without these virtues isn't  
worth a grain of sand.*

*It's plain to see, it's more than just a pin,  
that makes an Alphaman.*



**The  
Disabled  
Disciple**



**THE DISABLED DISCIPLE** is a ministry conceived by Dr. Philip Ginyard. This blog site is a platform for literary expressions that reflect the perspective of the Kingdom of God.

Dr. Ginyard was committed to living out the mission of Jesus Christ despite the encumbrances that limit his physicality. He hung his hat on *James 1:25*.

You can visit the blog site at [www.thedisableddisciple.com](http://www.thedisableddisciple.com) or by scanning the QR-Code. There you'll find the obituary, resolutions, photo tribute and more . . .

*Don't forget to share!*



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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