



*Servant of God, Well Done!  
Rest from thy loved employ;  
The battle fought, the victory won.  
Enter thou Master's joy!*

*Casket Bearers*

Deacons and Laymen's League

*Flower Bearers*

Deaconess and Auxiliaries

*With Our Heartfelt Thanks*

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. **God's Word has been manifested through** your many expressions of sympathy and support; **we praise God from whom all blessings flow.** Your thoughtfulness will forever remind us of your love and support. May God continue to keep you in His tender care. In our risen Lord, **we have peace that passes all understanding.**

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*A Celebration of Life  
For*

**Reverend Dr. J. Eric Morgan, III**



*A Gift Given*  
November 10, 1959

*A Gift Returned*  
June 30, 2023

**Saturday, July 15, 2023  
11:00 a.m.**

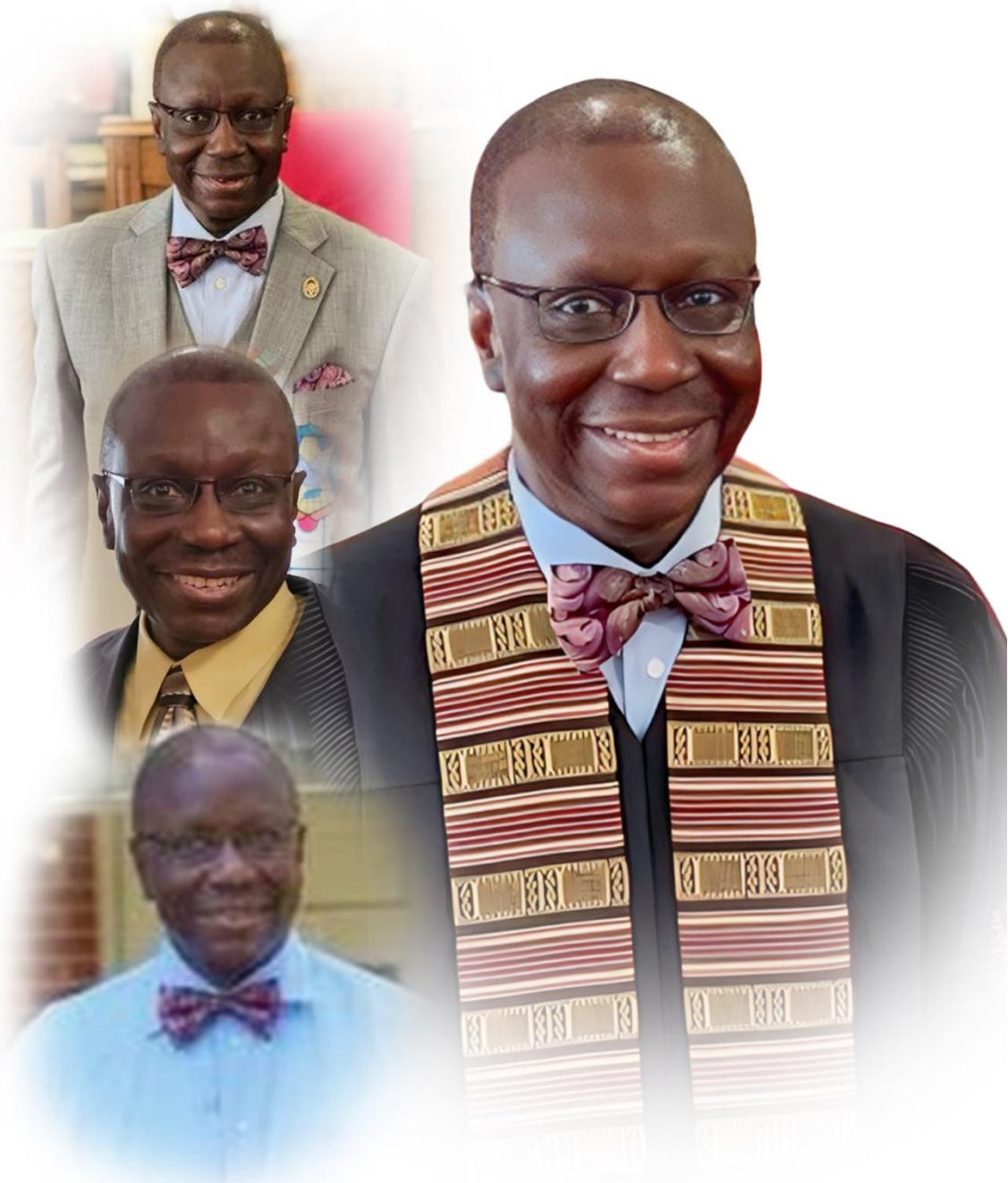
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Reverend Dr. Paul Anderson, Eulogist**



REV. DR. J. ERIC MORGAN, III

NOVEMBER 10, 1959 — JUNE 30, 2023



I have fought the good fight,  
finished the race,

*kept the faith.*  
2 Timothy 4:7

*A Service of Love and Remembrance for*

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**The Viewing**

**10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.**

**The Order of Service**

**11:00 a.m.**

The Opening Statement .....	Rev. Robert L. Daniels <i>Saint John Baptist Church, Durham, N.C.</i>
The Musical Selection .....	Mt. Vernon Combined Choir
The Scriptures:	
Old Testament .....	Reverend Orlando Hyatt
New Testament .....	Reverend Archer Wilkins
The Prayer of Comfort .....	Reverend Dorothy Evans, <i>Pastor</i> <i>Pine Grove Baptist Church, Creedmoor, NC</i>
The Solo .....	Angela Mason
The Liberian Tributes: <i>(Limit two minutes please)</i>	
♥ First Baptist Church Oldest Congo Town Association, Representative Othello Brandy	
♥ Liberian Baptist Seminary Representative	
♥ Congo Town Family Representative - Deacon Charles F. Brandy	
♥ Morgan Family Representative – James H. Morgan	
♥ Galilee Baptist Church – Rev. Arthur Paygal	
♥ Liberia Community Association of Durham Representative	
The Musical Selection .....	Mt. Vernon Combined Choir
The Remarks and Local Tributes: <i>(Limit two minutes please)</i>	
♥ ECGA – Moderator – Rev. Dr. George Crews, III or Representative	
♥ MVMBC – Rev. Dr. Mollie Boyd	
♥ MVMBC- Deacon Johnny Blow	
♥ Ministers Class Representative – Deacon Cynthia Lawrence	
The Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....	Kristian Daniel, <i>Church Clerk</i>
The Obituary (Life Sketch) .....	Monique Morgan
The Musical Selection .....	Mt. Vernon Combined Choir
The Eulogy .....	Rev. Dr. Paul Anderson, <i>Pastor</i> <i>The Fountain of Raleigh Fellowship Church</i>
The Musical Selection.....	Mt. Vernon Combined Choir
The Recessional	

*Please remain prayerful as we travel to the final resting place.*

*\*\*\*Entombment will follow at Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.*

*\*\*Repass for Family and Church family and out of town guests will be held at South Granville Cafeteria.*

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Pastoral Thought for the Week  
(June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023)  
“Don’t Let No One Talk You Out of Your Dream”

A story was told of a of twenty-five years-old lady named Tula. Tula had parents who were very generous to her. Almost everything she needed, which they could afford, they would give it to her. One day, Tula decided she wanted a car with four-wheel drive. The particular car she wanted cost little more than her parents could afford. Therefore, Tula decided to get a part-time job which would help her to pay for the car on her own. When she asked her father to go with her to get her car, both he and her mother tried to talk her out of it. Her father told her if she got the same car without a four-wheel drive on it, it will cost less and he would pay for it. Her mother told her, “If you wait until the fall, I will help you pay for the car”. Tula insisted she wanted what she wanted, and she wanted it now. What her parents did not understand, she wanted to be able to drive through some impassable roads to pick up people who needed a ride to church. Tula’s dream was foreign to her parents, but it was what the Lord had put in her heart. She wanted to fulfill her purpose here on earth. She knew some people who could not afford to get to church on the days when it rained or snowed. Therefore, she dreamed about owning a truck that she could drive through the impassable roads and bring those people to church.

Even though Tula tried to explain to her parents why she needed the four-wheel drive truck, they insisted she didn’t need it. One evening, just about the time Tula parents got home from work and she and her brother were home, their next-door neighbor knocked on their door with a offer for her father. The neighbor told her father that he had been given a new truck, one that had four-wheel and dirt tires, just like the one Tula wanted. Her father told the man, “I can’t afford that truck, It cost too much. The neighbor looked at her father and said to him, ‘I’m not selling the truck to you, I’m giving it to you as a gift.’” Tuta ran to the neighbor hugged him and told him; “This is what I’ve been waiting for”.

Sometimes your blessing is already set up and waiting for you. All you need is the dream to release it to you. People will try to talk you out of it. They will tell you all the reasons why it’s not going to happen. The problem in this matter is, the Lord did not put the dream in them. He put the dream in you. They can’t see what you see, and they can’t feel what you feel. They are looking at it in an ordinary way. They can only see the natural. But the Lord puts things in your spirit that are greater than you can accomplish on your own. You may not know how it will happen, but He will do it through you. Always be mindful that His promise is your dream that is about to happen. The Lord you serve is a supernatural, unpredictable and promise keeping God. He knows how to set things up for you, and He knows how to bring them together for your good.

There is a story recorded in Genesis chapter 37 that is worth mentioning. In this story, The Lord gave Joseph a dream. This dream was strange, confusing, and misunderstanding for his family. And because of the confusion, his father tried to talk him out of his dream. Listen to how verses 10 and 11 record it; “When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, ‘what is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you. His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind’” (NIV).

As we may observe from this text, Joseph’s father felt like he was too forceful, arrogant, and insistent about his dream. He wanted Joseph to retrieve his dream. As for his brothers, they were jealous that he had the ability to dream the impossible. This may be the same situation you find yourself in now. You may have family members or friends who always think you are too ambitious, or busy doing things that are not necessary. But you must be mindful that the things you dream of and do are promises and gifts from the Lord that He expects you to do.

You do not have the ability to do all that you do and say without the help of the Lord. He is the one who sets you up and puts in your spirit the desire to do some of the things you do. Because of that, you can not allow people to change your mind and talk you out of your dream. The Lord who gives it will also complete it.

Thought to Remember: The dream that I have is not just a thought that runs through my mind. My dream is not just wish I want to fulfill. My dream is the expectation the Lord has put in my spirit and I have to fulfill it. Therefore, watch me as I live out my dream by the way I obey the Lord.

Written by: Rev. Dr. J. Eric Morgan

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## Service of Love and Rememberance

*As We Remember*

### Reverend Dr. J. Eric Morgan, III

*A smile for all, a heart of gold  
One of the finest this world could hold  
Never selfish, always kind  
These are the memories he leaves behind...*

**Reverend Dr. J. Eric Morgan, III**, was the youngest of four sons of the late Deacon J. E. and the late Deaconess Beatrice Smith Morgan. He was born and raised in Oldest Congo Town in Liberia, West Africa.

At a very early age, he accepted his call to the ministry and was licensed to preach by his home church, The First Baptist Church of Oldest Congo Town, when he was fourteen years old. He was also ordained at the said church and was accepted into the minister's council of the Providence Baptist Association (the oldest Baptist Association on the continent of Africa).

He graduated from Liberia Baptist Seminary College, Paynesville, Liberia in 1983. He served as Interim Pastor at Salem Baptist Church Brewerville, Liberia from July 1985 to December 1986, and Pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Paynesville, Liberia. His quest for higher education and service led him to the USA to pursue a Masters Degree of Divinity and Christian Education Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina. He also earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, South Carolina and his Clinical Pastoral Education at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. He also attended Erskine College and Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

In 1992, Rev. Morgan began his pastorate at Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, Creedmoor, North Carolina. He was the Senior Pastor of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church for over thirty years. There were over twenty ministers who were either trained and/or ordained under the leadership of Pastor Morgan at Mt. Vernon. His mission was to make disciples who would carry on the work that he had begun. He established a Minister's training class where he invited the community churches to be a part of. He taught Inductive Bible Studies and trained numerous ministers, students and members of community churches.

Pastor Morgan organized the six area churches (Mt. Vernon, Talley Ho, Pine Grove, Greenfield, Synama Grove and Rock Spring) to establish the "Passion Week Services" which are held each year on the week leading up to Easter Sunday.

Reverend Morgan served as Executive Director of the Men and Boy's Department of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention; member of the Executive Board of the Providence Baptist Association, Monrovia, Liberia. At one time, he was the Second Vice Moderator and Moderator respectively of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association, and was a member of the World Baptist Historic Society.

In addition to his parents, Deacon J. E. Morgan and Deaconess Beatrice S. Morgan, he was preceded in death by a brother, Emmett Morgan and a sister, Ida Morgan.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his brothers, Shadrach Cooper (Lucy), James H. Morgan, Jr. (Peggy), Rev. Edwin G. Sherman (Quenah), Wiston Morgan, Joseph Morgan and Richard Morgan; his adopted parents, Mr. Edward and Mrs. Mary Louise Lyons; his sisters, Jewel Crews and Sonya Blow (Johnny); his nieces, Monique C. Morgan, Denise L. Carter, Satara G. Sangai, Ophelia Furgerson, McKenzie Daniel, and Kristian Daniel; his nephews, James H. Morgan, William Wilson, Tristan Gaylord and Trevor Daniel; a host of other relatives, The Mt. Vernon Church Family, The East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association, the Minister's class, neighbors, the community and dear friends.

Pastor Morgan spread the Gospel to more people than we will ever know and the impact that he made on lives will forever be remembered.

*It seems so unreal that you are gone  
When just the other day  
You walked and talked and laughed with us  
Then suddenly slipped away  
Your peaceful smile, your joyful laugh  
How sweet the memory still  
Your parting left an aching void  
Only God's love will fill.  
Our love for you continues  
The Family*

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