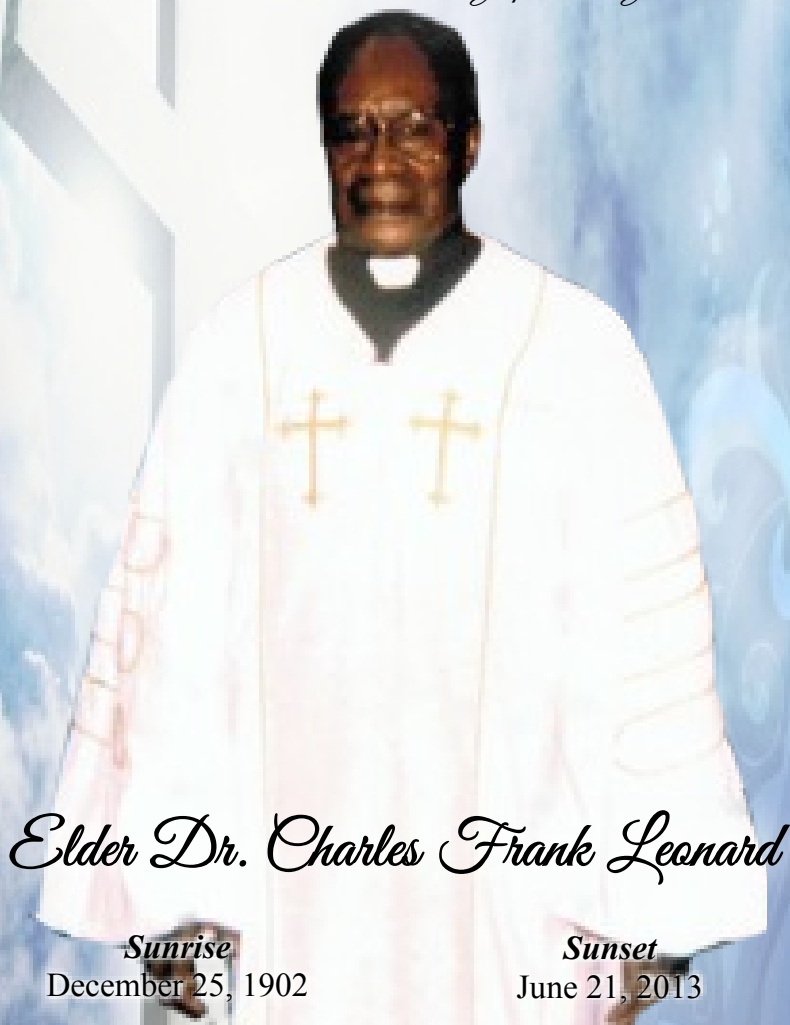


# *Homegoing Services For*

*A faithful, dedicated Servant*

*Pastor, Preacher, Teacher, Father, Uncle, Godparent and God's Servant*



*Elder Dr. Charles Frank Leonard*

*Sunrise*

December 25, 1902

*Sunset*

June 21, 2013

*Service*

*Thursday, June 27, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.*

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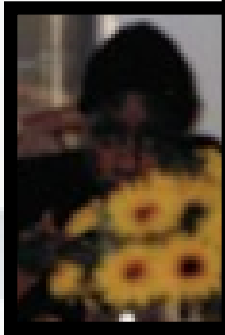
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***General Bishop MacDonald Moses, Eulogist***

***Come and Celebrate a Blessed Life Well Lived***

*Precious*



*Memories*

## *Reflections of Life*

On Christmas day in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred two on the twenty fifth day of the twelfth month, God gave Joseph Leonard and Lilla Bell a gift— a son. And they named him **Charles Frank**, being the fourth child of twelve children.

Charles Frank's secular education began at the Gatewood High School in Americus, Georgia, where he graduated. He is the recipient of a diploma in engineering from the Delehanty School of Engineers.

Brother Leonard's religious education began in the deaconry at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, where he was ordained a Deacon. He later enrolled in the Berean Bible School at Shiloh Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ. Upon completion of the courses offered at this school, Bishop William C. Gillams urged him to enroll in the Baptist Educational Center on Edgecombe Avenue and 143rd Street under Dr. Horatior Hills. Deacon Leonard received his degree and moved on.

In 1987, Elder Leonard became a student at United Theological Seminary. At this institution Dr. George Polk and Dr. Robert Washington conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Charles Leonard. On Friday, May 22, 2009, Dr. Maeवonne Thompson, President of Goldsboro Disciple Institute in Goldsboro, North Carolina, bestowed upon Dr. Leonard the degree of Doctor of Divinity during his 106th Birthday Celebration, following his preaching the morning message.

Elder Dr. Leonard's preaching ministry extended over six decades and his shepherding ministry for over five decades. He preached his initial sermon March 13, 1951, at Shiloh Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ in New York City, under the pastorate of Bishop William Charles Gillams. On September 1, 1957, Bishop Gillams assigned Elder Leonard to the pastoral ministry at Mt. Zion Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ. Elder Dr. Leonard remained the pastor of Mt. Zion until his demise on June 21, 2013.

Services rendered: Elder Dr. Leonard offered outstanding service throughout the General Assembly of the Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ International. He served in both elected and appointed positions as a councilman of the Board of Council of the General Assembly and the Northeastern District Assembly, Treasurer in the District Union, Chairman of the Home Mission Convention Benevolence Committee, Seminar Leader in the NED

*Sunday School Convention's Youth Retreat, President of the Ministerial Conference, Secretary of the Northeastern District Assembly Trustee Board and innumerable positions too many to list.*

*Elder Dr. Leonard devoted his entire life to the work of the Church of Christ where God sent him. Dr. Leonard will be remembered best for his excellent recall of events, his keen sense of direction and his ability to be on time, even at the age of a hundred-ten. Elder Leonard's steadfastness, preaching of God's Word in its fullness and loyalty to the brotherhood are but a few characteristics that made Charles Frank Leonard Elder Doctor Charles Frank Leonard.*

*We conclude with Elder Charles F. Leonard's favorite scripture from Romans 8:35-39, depicting his life's final goal: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Left to cherish Dr. Charles F. Leonard's life and to emulate his legacy: one daughter, Alice Mae Leonard of Spring Valley, New York; grandchildren, Myrna Suzette Leonard (daughter of Alice) of Virginia, Derrick Burton, Edith Burton, Jeanne Burton, Ronald Burton and Johnny Burton (children of Elder Leonard's son, the late Charlie Lee Leonard); nieces, Katie Jones, Minnie Jewel Whitehead and Annette Young; stepdaughter, Mother Janie Holmes; grandchildren, James Galloway, Jr.; and Elder Sharon Holmes; great-grandchildren, Evangelist Carrie Holmes, Charlie Holmes, Marcus Holmes and Crystal Holmes; Elder Leonard was adopted as the oldest son of the late Alice Cherry. His extended spiritual family: daughter, Margaret Wragg; grandsons, Clarence Wragg and David Wragg; nieces, Brenda Greene and Joyce Greene; godchildren, Elder Claudia M. Pearson (John) and Deacon Leonard Gillams (Antwanette), Minister Helen Spencer (Leroy) and the Marshall Fowler family.*

*Humbly submitted,  
The Family*

# Order of Service

Presiding: Elder Dr. Sheila H. Gillams, Pastor

Organ Prelude.....Bro. Jonathan Gray

Invocation.....Elder Sheila Gillams

Hymn.....“Down At The Cross”  
Combined Choirs Of Shiloh Church of Christ

Scriptures:

Psalm 48:9-14.....Elder Lenora Cuffie  
John 14:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 15:53-58

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Solomon Bryant

Hymn.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”  
Combined Choirs of Shiloh Church of Christ

Cards and

Acknowledgements.....Sis. Delores Sessoms

Solo.....“You Are The Desire Of My Heart”  
Elder Sharon Holmes

Reflections (2 minutes, please).....Sis. Lillie Jacobs,  
Mt. Zion Church of Christ  
Deacon Julius Greene, Sr., Shiloh Church of Christ  
The Godchildren, Deacon Leonard Gillams  
Elder Claudia Pearson

Solo.....“Jordan River”  
Deacon Clarence Wragg

Church Resolutions.....Sis. Delores Sessoms

Condolences From The Clergy

Musical Selection..... The Brotherhood of Shiloh

The Obituary.....Dr. Loreatha Jones

Solo.....Sis. Mae Lois England

Eulogy.....General Bishop MacDonald Moses, D.D.

Benediction.....Elder Sheila H. Gillams

Parting View

## **Interment**

Rose Hills Memorial Park  
Putnam Valley, New York

## Pall Bearers Blessed to Serve

Charlie Holmes  
Marcus Holmes  
James Galloway, Jr.

## *Wreath*

*Remember, O Lord, this  
Thy servant, who is gone  
Before us with the sign  
of faith, and sleeps in  
the sleep of peace.  
To this one, O Lord and  
To all who rest in Christ,  
Grant, we pray Thee, a  
Place of refreshment, light,  
And peace.*

*-Author unknown*

## *With Gratitude*

*We, the family of Elder Dr. Charles Frank Leonard, deeply appreciate your love in action shown to us during this period of bereavement. Know that your acts of kindness have not gone unnoticed by us nor by God Almighty. It is our unceasing prayer that your blessings will be multiplied and your life will be full of God's grace.*

*Sincerely,  
The Family*

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