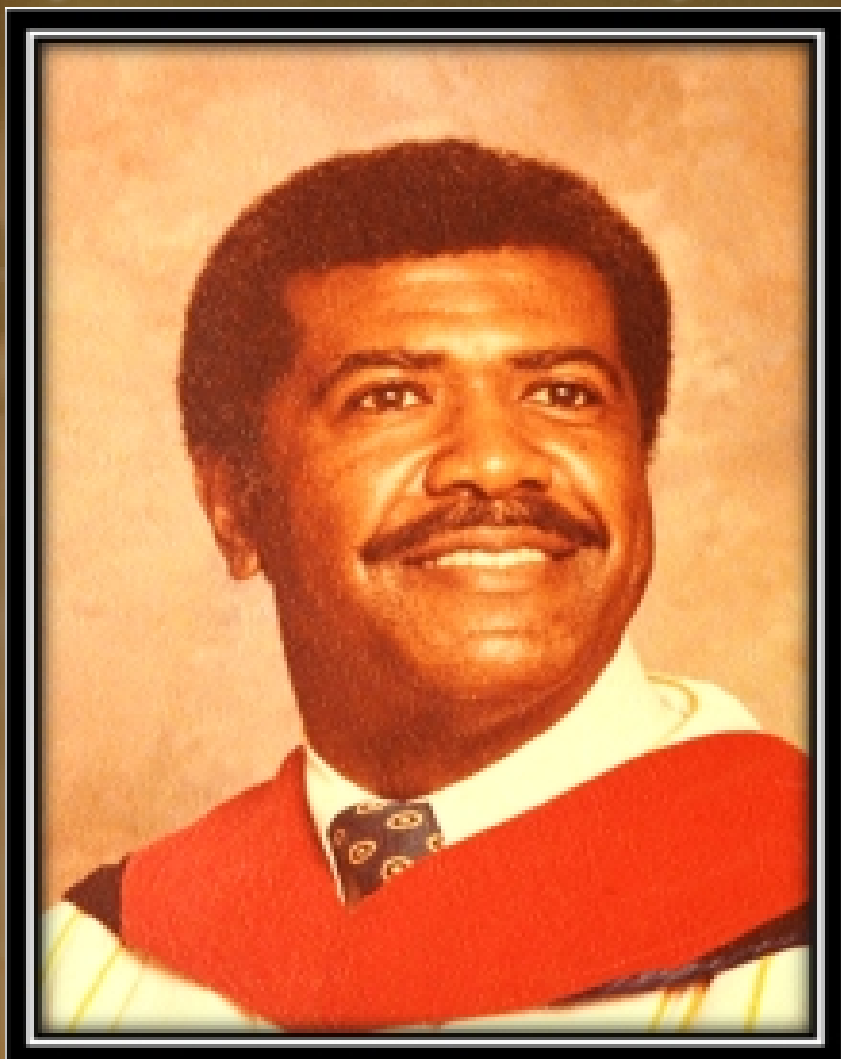


*Celebration of the Life*  
*Of*  
**Rev. Dr. Miles J. Austin**

*Sunrise*  
*July 10, 1933*

*Sunset*  
*July 29, 2016*



*Service of Triumph*  
*Saturday, August 6, 2016 -- 10:00 am*  
*Viewing 9:00 am -- 9:50 am*

***St. John Baptist Church***  
*2387 Morse Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ*  
*Rev. Evans Spangler – Interim Pastor*



## *Desiderata*

*Go placidly amid the noise and haste,  
and remember what peace there may be in silence.*

*As far as possible without surrender  
be on good terms with all persons.*

*Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others,  
even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story*

*Avoid loud and aggressive persons,  
they are vexations to the spirit.*

*If you compare yourself with others,  
you may become vain and bitter;*

*for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.*

*Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.*

*Keep interested in your own career, however humble;  
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.*

*Exercise caution in your business affairs;  
for the world is full of trickery.*

*But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;  
many persons strive for high ideals;  
and everywhere life is full of heroism.*

*Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection.*

*Neither be cynical about love;  
for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment  
it is as perennial as the grass.*

*Take kindly the counsel of the years,  
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.*

*Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.*

*But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings.*

*Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.*

*Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.*

*You are a child of the universe,  
no less than the trees and the stars;  
you have a right to be here.*

*And whether or not it is clear to you,  
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.*

*Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be,  
and whatever your labors and aspirations,  
in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.*

*With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams,  
it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.*

*This was Miles' Creed and the way he lived his life,  
and he left this life in Peace.*

## *Reflections on the Life of Dr. Miles J. Austin*

**Rev. Dr. Miles J. Austin** was truly one of God's chosen ones. Born July 10, 1933 to the proud parents of Charity and Simeon Austin in Sanford, FL His scholastic experience began at the Crooms Academy of Sanford, FL. The lessons learned there guided his zest for learning and he continued after a 3 year tour with the US Army. He Graduated from Florida A & M University of Tallahassee FL with a bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Science. While still in Florida served as the Vice Principle for Florida School for Boys, Okeechobee, FL. He married the former Jeanne Sistrunk (deceased), of that union were two children, Maria and Miles Jr. while he was in Florida.

In 1964, received a Bachelor of Divinity from the Howard University School of Religion Washington, DC and. later he received his doctor of Ministry Degree from Drew University of New Jersey.

Dr. Austin was always striving to make a difference. He came to New Jersey where he accepted an offer to research and plan programs for underprivileged teenagers for the Newark YM-YWCA. Upon completing the assignment, he was offered a position of Youth Director for the YM-YWCA in Princeton and he moved to Princeton, NJ to serve as Youth Director at the YM-YWCA. He later returned to Newark just after the turmoil of 1967 involving Civil Disorders throughout our country. He was appointed Director of Disaster Relief for the Essex Chapter of the American Red Cross in 1968. During his assignment for the American Red Cross many have been recipients of the efforts put forth by him and the many other volunteers of the Red Cross Staff.

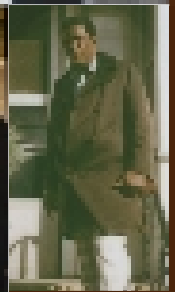
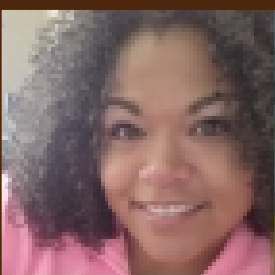
Although having been licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in 1960, it was 1970 that he was ordained at the Bethany Baptist Church of Newark and he then became the Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Vauxhall, NJ. During his Pastorate at Calvary he sought to build on a solid foundation with the Christian message of "Faith, Hope and Love," with the greatest of these being "Love." In 1974 he accepted the call to become the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Westfield. While serving as the Shepard of the Bethel Baptist Church he worked for the Department of Corrections as Supervisor of Social Services at Rahway State Prison, Rahway, NJ. This position transferred him to the Bayside State Prison in Maurice River Township, NJ during New Jersey Department of Corrections layoff crisis. He retired from the Department of Corrections in 1998. Having previously retired from the Bethel Baptist Church in 1989 he was recruited to serve as a Behavioral Therapist Clinician for the Community Educational Centers and Residential Community Center at Talbot Hall in Kearny, NJ.

Dr. Austin has spent most of his years serving humanity and has received many awards and citations that are too numerous to mention. All throughout his life he has given time and leadership to non-profit housing, colleges and universities, foreign students and community improvement association. Worked with several churches in New Jersey and Washington DC to assist them through the processes of selecting a Pastor. He has appeared on radio and T.V. in the Ministry of Jesus Christ. He founded the Life for Christ Foundation in 1978 to be able to assist first time offenders so that they will not become part of the criminal justice system and has worked with young people in that capacity until the time of his illness.

He has authored and published several books: "How I Was Supposed to Know God Had Created a Perfect World/Universe" and "The Threat to Christianity in the World Today" and has one manuscript in process for publishing entitled "Death and Transformation."

He has always had a special bond with his family and would do anything to keep them happy and healthy. He was predeceased by Daughter Maria Smith, Stepson, Kent R. Morgan and Brother, Simeon Austin Jr. and two Stepbrothers, Louis and James Bell. He leaves a legacy of love, strength, and precious memories for: a devoted wife of 28 years, Mary Morgan Austin; one son, Miles (Ann) Austin Jr.; Stepdaughters: Karin Hopkins and Kimberly (Joe) Handy; Granddaughters: Jennifer (Oscar) Arevalo, Jennifer Dawn Johnson, Ria Smith, Ray C. Smith, Kirsten Smith and Charity Smith; Two Grandsons: Brian Davis and Miles (Stacey) Austin 3<sup>rd</sup>. and Several Great Grandsons and Daughters. Also, two loving Sisters: Annie Mae Oxidine, Delray Beach, FL and Annette Norman, Orlando, FL and a host of Nieces and Nephews.

*“A limb has fallen from the family tree that says grieve not for me, just remember the best times, the laughter, the fun and good life I lived while I was strong...”*



*Thanks for*  
  
*the Memories!*

# *Order of Service*

*Organ Prelude*

*Processional*

*Invocation*

*Hymn of Praise*

*Scriptures*

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Expressions of Sympathy*

*Silent reading of the Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Recessional*

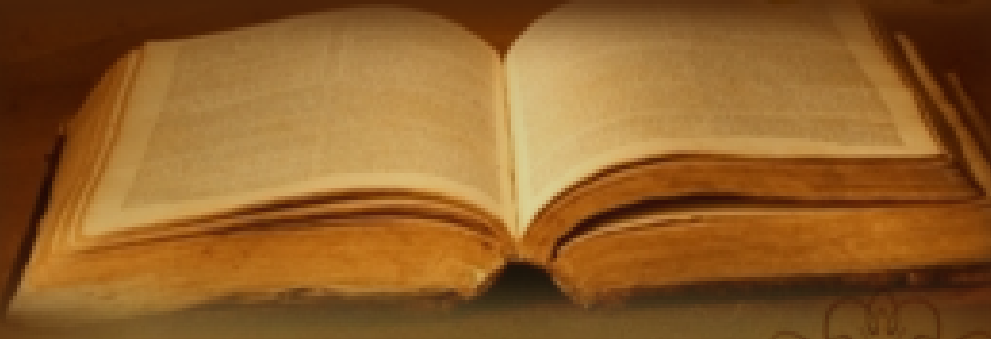
*Interment*

*Monday, August 8, 2016*

*Graceland Memorial Cemetery*

*Kenilworth, NJ*

*Repast—Church Fellowship Hall*



## Special Acknowledgements

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*We believe all of the kindnesses that have been extended, were a truly measure of God's Love!*

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