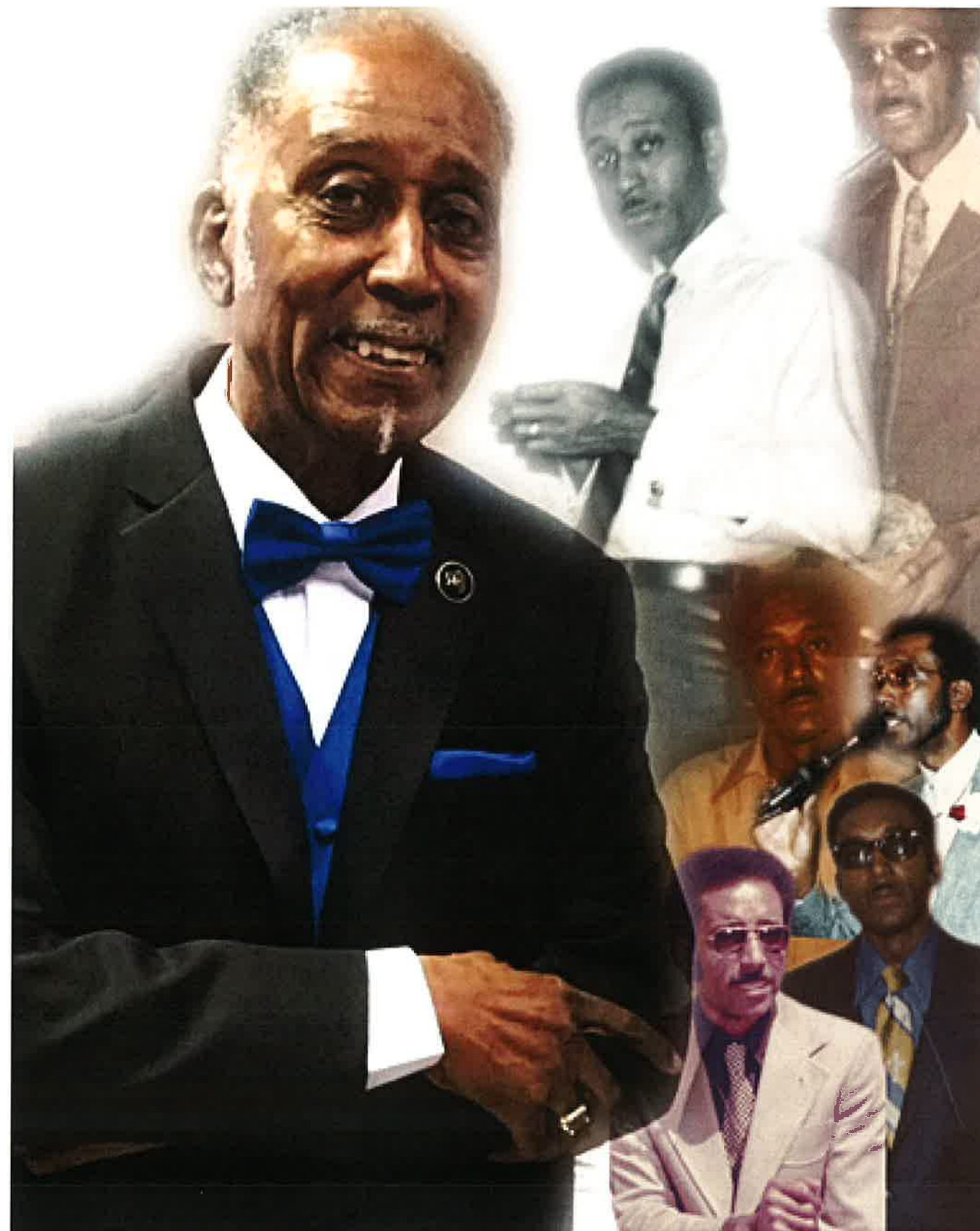




*Born Into Time ~ December 16, 1935*



*Born Into Eternity ~ February 15, 2020*



*In Loving Memory ~ “A Humble Servant of God”*

*For we walk by faith, not by sight, and we are confident and satisfied to be  
out of the body and at home with the Lord. —II Corinthians 5:7*

Rev. Dr. James H. Tucker was born in Boswell, Oklahoma. He is the sixth of thirteen children. He was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Hugo, Oklahoma. He is the father of two sons, three daughters and the grandfather of eleven and great-grandfather of twelve.

On April 11, 1969 at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Rev. James H. Tucker accepted his calling to the Christian ministry. He has received a multiplicity of religious training through studies at numerous churches and various schools of religion.

On February 4, 1954 Dr. James H. Tucker married Bobbie J. Tucker and they were married for 51 years.

In 1970, Rev. James H. Tucker accepted the call to The Greater Shiloh Baptist Church as the Assistant Pastor under the Leadership of Rev. Dr. T.H. Hubbard, where his focus was on the spiritual guidance of the youth and young adults. The membership grew tremendously under the leadership of these two spiritual warriors.

In 1972, Rev. James H. Tucker was called as Pastor to the Antioch Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Ok, where he fulfilled his faithful service until God saw fit to increase his spiritual growth.

In March 1973, he accepted the pastoral leadership of The Greater New Zion Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, with 80 active members. He was able with God’s help, to bring the membership back together and vowed to God that he would add more young people to the membership, especially young adult men, to give the Church more strength, security and a future. He has been carrying out the Divine calling of leading, feeding, and guiding the congregation to spiritual growth and service for our Lord and Savior.

Pastor Tucker organized the Young Adult Usher Board, the J.T. Choir, Cherub Choir, and the Mass Chorus. He reorganized the Male Chorus, Church School, and the Building Fund. Within a span of one and half years, the Church membership began to accelerate because of this growth and the great number of young people that united with the Church. Dr. Tucker organized the J.T.’s that at its peak reached 75 members. With his strong faith in the Lord and obtaining his vow, more young adults began to unite with the Church including several young men. Within three years, the membership had grown to over 300 members. Continuing to Praise God for his faithfulness and the many blessing bestowed upon The Greater New Zion Baptist Church family, Pastor saw the need for a new and more modern worship facility.

On June 20, 1976, Dr. Tucker conducted the groundbreaking ceremony for a new worship facility. The theme used was “The House that Wisdom Built”, Proverbs 9:1. Trusting God and leaning and depending upon his word, God granted the prayers of the Saints. The Greater New Zion Church family moved from its old location at 400 N.E. 9th Street to our present location 1005 N.E. 28th Street, December 1977.

After moving to the new location, several hundred members have united either by Christian experience, by letter or candidate for baptism and continued increasing Sunday after Sunday. Under Dr. Tucker’s anointed leadership, a myriad of accomplishments had been made, i.e., various auxiliaries were organized, numerous men were called to the ministry and several deacons were ordained.

Dr. Tucker continued to instill in the congregation to continue to pray and have faith because good things come to those that wait. On June 17, 1990, The Greater New Zion family broke ground for the new sanctuary. Almost one year later, the foundation was laid, and we moved into this current beautiful edifice on June 28, 1992 with the Church Motto “We Walk by Faith, Not by Site” II Corinthians 5:7.

On November 27, 1994, Rev. Dr. James H. Tucker received a Doctorate of Divinity Degree from the Eastern Theological Seminary Center in Lynchburg, Virginia, conferred upon him by Pastor Leonard Smith, Chairman of the Eastern Theological Center, Lynchburg, Virginia, thus his B.A.C. (“Born Again Christian”) Degree, he had already received at a very young age.

On August 12, 2003 at the 83rd East Zion Consolidated District Association, Dr. Tucker became moderator. This event took place and for the first time at Fairview Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. John A. Reed, Jr.

From August 2003 to August 2007, Dr. Tucker served as Moderator of the East Zion Consolidated District Association. In January 2007, he became the fifth Vice President of the Western Region National Baptist Moderators’ Auxiliary (National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.). He is listed in The Heritage Registry of Who’s Who 2007-2008 Edition for his continuous accomplishments and achievements as God’s Servant.

On March 23, 2009, the Oklahoma City Council approved the request renaming N.E. 29th Street & Kelley Avenue to J. H. Tucker Lane. On April 12, 2009, at the Great Western Consistory #34 Easter Reflection Breakfast (held at GNZBC), Dr. Tucker was crowned a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Dr. Tucker was an active member of the Oklahoma City Baptist Ministers Alliance where he served as 1st Vice President for many years, and a member of the Baptist Home Mission. He has travelled throughout the United States preaching, teaching, praying and singing God’s Word and His Goodness!

Rev. Dr. James H. Tucker was preceded in death by his wife Bobbie J. Tucker, Mother Hattie Tucker, Father Henry Tucker, brothers L.C. Tucker and Macon Tucker, sisters Gussie, Elizabeth, Ella Faye and Grace.

Rev. Dr. James H. Tucker gained his heavenly wings Saturday, February 15, 2020. His memory is left to be cherished by his family; two sons, Melvin (Quita) of Oklahoma City, OK and Donald (Kim) of Sherman, TX; three daughters: Delores (Dee) of North Richland Hills, TX, Shelia (Mike) of Murphy, TX, and Sherri (Brian) of Mesquite, TX; sister, Fella Mae Hester of Mesa, Arizona; brother, Lenard Tucker (Thelma) of Oklahoma City; 12 grandchildren: Chanda, Chad, Donald Jr., Tameka, ShaRonda, Shaunta (Leon), Amber (Carlos), Daphne, Jeremy, Patrick, Keetra, Rashika; 11 great- grandchildren: Destinie, Kaitlyn, Jaden, Carlos Jr., Chase, Ayden, Madyson, Brooklyn, JaMarcus, Journey and Donald Jr. III (Trey); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, adopted children, adopted grandchildren, other relatives and friends.



*Order of Celebration*



Processional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, and Family  
“All In His Hands” — Greater New Zion Baptist Church Mass Choir

Presiding Minister . . . . . Rev. Dr. John A. Reed, Jr.

Words of Encouragement . . . . . Pastor Kenneth Sherrill

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament . . . . . Reverend Raymond Wandick, First Baptist Church, Spencer, OK  
New Testament . . . . . Reverend Tracy Garth, Perfect Peace Baptist Church, Colorado, Springs, CO

Prayer . . . . . Reverend Moses Howard, Greater Marshall Memorial Baptist Church

Resolutions/Acknowledgment. . . . . Sister Barbara James

Selection . . . . . Greater New Zion Baptist Church Mass Choir

Special Remarks (Two minutes) . . . . . Bro. Anthony Scott,  
Oklahoma Baptist State Convention President  
Reverend Dwight McGhee, Union Baptist Church, Watonga, OK  
Bro. Kevin Cox, Former State Representative

Solo . . . . . Carolyn Traylor, Gospel Recording Artist

Special Remarks (Two minutes) . . . . . Reverend Sean Jarrett, New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Tulsa, OK  
Dr. Major L. Jemison, 1st Vice President, BMA and Pastor, St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Remarks from The Family — Remarks/Solo . . . . . Bro. Lenard Tucker, Brother, Oklahoma City, OK  
Bro. Clydell Tucker, Nephew, Kansas City, KS  
James Tucker, Cousin, McKinney, TX • Reverend Michael Birt, Son-In-Law, Murphy, TX

Solo . . . . . Valencia McKenzie, Friendship Baptist Church, The Colony, TX

Eulogy . . . . . Dr. Errol A. Redwell, Sr.

Solo . . . . . Reverend James Willis, Gospel Recording Artist, Prospect Baptist Church

Memories from the Past/Video Tribute . . . . . Conceptual Video — Bro. Kelvin Mitchell

Farewell to Family & Friends . . . . . As Recorded by Rick James

Parting View/Special Tribute . . . . . Bro. Marcus Williams, New Jerusalem C.O.G.I.C.

Recessional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family



## Tributes

— 2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Dear Papa,

Our anchor, our hero and our Father. Although you're gone, your legacy will continue to live on through us. You taught us to work hard, be thankful, treat others right, always say thank you, and never complain. You were a quiet man, but your strength and courage shined bolder than the ordinary man. You are the definition of love in its purest form. Your love for God, your Wife, family, church and community is a blueprint for those who aspire to be what God defines as a loving and faithful servant. You and Grandma instilled our morals and values, so our prayer is that your love and light will continue to shine through your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We won't let the lessons you taught, the conversations had and the prayers for our protection be in vain with tears of grief. You wouldn't want us to cry on this day, because this is the day we celebrate what your life and ministry exemplified—"Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God." So, we say well done thy good and faithful servant.

Until we meet again. We love and miss the both of you.

Love,

ShaRonda and Shaunta, Granddaughters

### 2nd Tribute

I am learning how to live in a new way since that day  
You were taken away.

I am learning how to live with the things left unsaid,  
knowing I got to say them with every tear that I shed  
I am learning how to live by embracing the pain knowing  
that you live on through the memories that remain  
I am learning how to live knowing I will never again see  
your face And I have peace knowing you're in a better  
place

I am learning how to live knowing you're in God's care...it  
gives me the strength to move on

### IF TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

If tomorrow starts without me,  
And I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me;

I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things,  
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you,  
And each time that you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too;

But when tomorrow starts without me,  
Please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name,  
And took me by the hand,

And said my place was ready,  
In heaven far above.  
And that I'd have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love.

And when I thought of wordly things,  
I might miss some tomorrow,  
I thought of you, and when I did,  
My heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through heaven's gate,  
I felt so much at home.  
When God looked down and smiled at me,  
From His great golden throne,

He said, "This is eternity,  
And all I've promised you."  
Today your life on earth is past,  
But here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow,  
But today will always last,  
And since each day is the same way,  
There's no longing for the past.

So when tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here, in your heart.

— Your Loving Sister, Fellamae Hester

## Home Going Celebration for

Rev. Dr.  
James H.  
Tucker



*"Our Beloved  
Patriarch"*

*Rev. Dr. James H.  
Tucker*



**SERVICES**

Saturday, February 29, 2020  
10:00 a.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

1005 Northeast 28th Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Rev. Kenneth Sherrill, Pastor

*Officiating*

Dr. Errol A. Redwell, Sr., Pastor  
Original Mount Pleasant  
Missionary Baptist Church  
Chicago, IL

Dr. John A. Reed, Jr.  
Presiding Minister  
Fairview Baptist Church

*Active Pallbearers*

Associate Ministers / Sons in The Ministry

*Honorary Pallbearers*

The Tucker / Jenkins Family

*Flower Bearers*

Ministers' Wives / Pastor's Aide

*Interment*

Frogville Cemetery  
Frogville, Oklahoma

*Services under the direction of:*

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*Acknowledgment*

The family would like to extend special thanks for your prayers, cards, calls, flowers, and all acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God bless each of you. A "Special" thanks to the Home Health Nurses who took care of our Dad personally as their own father. Your thoughtfulness, spoiling, special attention and knowledge was so much appreciated. You ALL were God sent!

*23rd Psalm*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*"Beyond Life's Gateway"*

There's an open gate at the end of the road,  
Through which each must go alone,  
And there is a light we cannot see,  
Our Father claims His own;  
Beyond the gate our loved one finds  
Happiness and rest,  
And there's comfort in the thought  
That a loving God knows best.



*"I'm Free"*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work for play,  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that place, at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with memories of joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
All these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.



