

*Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the Life of
The Reverend Dr. Clyde A. Anderson*



*Sunrise
July 26, 1955*

*Sunset
August 13, 2015*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015
12:00 PM

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
226 West Liberty Street
Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Reverend Steve Holler, Senior Pastor

Order of Service

Reverend Telley L. Gadson, Presiding
Senior Pastor, St. Mark U.M Church, Taylors, SC

Prelude.....Medley of Music
Organist, Mr. Walter Wilson

Processional Hymn.....(page 64)....."Holy, Holy, Holy"

Call to Celebration and Invocation.....Reverend Jeffrey Salley
Congregational Specialist, African American Ministry

The Occasion.....Reverend Steve Holler
Trinity U.M. Church, Pastor

Celebration Hymn..... (Page 370).....Victory in Jesus
Combined Choirs, Oswego Circuit, U.M. Church

Prayer of Consolation.....Reverend Dr. Robin Dease
Hartsville District Superintendent

Solo.....Mr. Marlon Prince

The Scripture Lessons

Old Testament.....Psalm 27.....Reverend Wyatt C. Minton III
Oswego Circuit, Pastor

New Testament.....St. John 14:1-7..... Reverend Delores Barrett
Community U.M. Church at Middle Village, New York

Solo.....Mrs. Clarissa Jenkins
Sister-In-Law

Musical Selection.....Denmark Inspirational Choir

Witness of the Life of Reverend Dr. Clyde A. Anderson:

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Resident Bishop of South Carolina Annual Conference
Reverend Dr. Thomas Bowman, Pastor of St. Marks U.M. Church
Reverend Ernest Frierson, Pastor of Jeremiah-Mount Seal U.M. Church
Elder Billy Gaskins, Superintendent of the J.H. Sherman District-COGIC

Allen Jackson, Director of the Annual Fund and Alumni Relations –Claflin University

Musical Selection.....New Grace U.M. Church Assembled Choir

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Theresa A. Matthews, Sister

Celebrating God through Music.....Nieces and Nephews

Witness of the Life of Reverend Dr. Clyde A. Anderson:

Reverend Jack Washington, Pastor of Canaan – Sandhill Charge

Reverend Johnny R. Johnson, Retired Minister of the New York Annual Conference

Reverend Dr. Ernest Etherdge, Pastor of Francis Burns U.M. Church

Elder James Tillman, Grace Tabernacle

Reverend Curtis Andries, Ward Chapel AME Church

Musical Selection(s).....The Singing Angels

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Cecil B. Stone
Springfield Gardens U.M. Church, Jamaica, New York

Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Reverend Willie Lawson
Lake Point U.M. Church

Benediction.....Reverend Sharon Petgrave-Cundy
Sheepshead Bay U.M. Church

Recessional.....(page 701)....."When We All Get to Heaven"



The Life and Legacy of Reverend Dr. Clyde A. Anderson

“Success is not measured by what you accomplish but by the number of lives you have touched, the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds.” Orison Swett Marden

Reverend Dr. Clyde A. Anderson's life and the works he performed for the goodness of God told the story of a laborer of the gospel for over 40 years. Truly, the life he lived spoke of a man with great vision who loved the Lord, his family, church and community.

Reverend Dr. Clyde A. Anderson was the fifth of twelve children born to the late George Sr. and Sarah Plowden Anderson on July 26, 1955. In addition to his parents, he was pre-deceased by his paternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph (Sallie Lou Abraham) Anderson, his maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. John Jackson (Sadie Charles) Plowden and his sister, Mrs. Velma A. McGee. Reared in the village of Mayesville, South Carolina, he attended the public schools of Sumter County District 2, and, in 1973, he graduated from Mayewood High School, Sumter, SC.

Reverend Dr. Anderson's Christian experience began at an early age at Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church in St. Charles, SC where he served faithfully as a devout member in numerous capacities. His pastoral role commenced in 1974 as a student pastor in the South Carolina Conference where he received his Deacon's orders in 1978 and his Elder's orders in 1980. In 1986 he transitioned to New York and as a member of the New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, he formerly served as the Executive Director/CEO of The United Methodist City Society of New York, a multi-ethnic community based organization that works cooperatively with other denominational and ecumenical agencies to develop human and financial needs to empower and transform urban churches and communities throughout the five (5) boroughs of New York City. Humanitarian and world traveler, he also served as Executive Secretary for the General Board of Global Ministries in both the National and World Program Divisions with specific mission responsibilities throughout the United States, Africa, Middle East and Europe where he traveled abroad extensively for more than a decade building bridges and strengthening partnerships between ecumenical and tribal groups under the leadership of the United Methodist Church Mission Board. His work is widely recognized and has earned him great respect for producing the phenomenal, by challenging and empowering oppressed people to achieve the impossible.

Reverend Dr. Anderson's commitment to the call for spiritual healing, racial parity, social justice and economic equity for all people has garnered him national recognition as a 21st century leader on the national and international levels. In his relationship with religious and government leaders, he led the United Methodist Church in analyzing and evaluating the context in which the church is called to Christian ministry in Sub-Saharan Africa. Special attention was given to culture, religion, history, politics, economics, environment and demographics.

Reverend Dr. Anderson had a yearning thirst for education and an invigorating passion for motivating God's people to excel. He earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological

Seminary, Dayton, Ohio; received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC; and his Masters of Divinity degree from the Interdenominational Theological/Gammon Center, Atlanta, GA. Most recently in May 2015 he received an honorary doctorate degree from Anointed by God Ministry Seminary in Brooklyn N.Y.

Reverend Dr. Anderson was also a strong political and social activist. He was engaged in a variety of religious, social, economic, fraternal and political organizations that played a significant role in empowering and transforming the lives of individual and communities. He co-founded and served as the first President of the Southern Leadership Conference and the first President of the NAACP in the Pee Dee Region of South Carolina. He also served as President of the Ministerial Interfaith Association of New York; President and Charter Member of the Rainbow Push Chapter of New York where he was appointed eight years ago by the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.; Co-Founder and First President of the Marlboro County Southern Christian Leadership Conference; National Vice President of the Advisory Board of the United African Congress, National Executive Officer of the ARWW Family reunion and Former President of the General Board of Global Ministries Black Staff Forum. **Reverend Dr. Anderson** was also a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and was the recipient of numerous awards including receiving the Key to the Town of Mayesville, SC in November 2000. He also has received countless citations and proclamations for his unwavering contributions to the spiritual, socio-economic and political context.

Prior to **Reverend Dr. Anderson's** demise, one of his greatest accomplishments he was most proud of was his life and teachings that were being featured into a movie documentary entitled, "**God is up to Something**".

Reverend Dr. Anderson was a very compassionate, extraordinary, distinguished and knowledgeable man; who touched the lives of many. To know him was to love him and he was the wind beneath our wings. The indelible impression and enormous impact of his life will always be remembered and revered.

Rev. Dr. Anderson leaves to cherish and honor his legacy, a loving, supportive and devoted wife, Loretta Martino Anderson; five extremely devoted and loving sisters, Jeanette(Kenzie) Alston , Lauretha (Leon) McCants , Theresa A. Matthews, Yvette A. Young, Katrina (Frank) Simmons; five dedicated brothers, George(Sherry) Anderson Jr., Willie(Gail) Anderson , Leander Anderson Sr., Randolph(Gloria) Anderson , Garrett (Ruthie) Anderson ; a mother in law, Gertrude Martino; four sisters-in-law, Joann B. Anderson, Joann Frazier, Clarissa(Ralph) Jenkins, Gerlien (Lawrence) Harrison ; twelve aunts, Carrie Anderson, Sarah Dean, Rena Burrell, Willie Mae Anderson, Carrie Wheeler, Jacqueline Burgess, Sadie Mae Plowden, Marie Washington, Gertrude Wilson , Essie Bolden; two uncles, Wash(Vida)Anderson, John(Addie)Plowden; one great aunt, Bessie Wilson; thirty-four nieces and nephews (two of whom were raised in the home), twenty-five great nieces and nephews, and a host of dear cousins, relatives and friends.

A Wife's Tribute

GOD WAS UP TO SOMETHING



My Darling Clyde,

*God was up to something when he brought you into my life!
God was up to something when you asked me to be your wife!
You could complete my every sentence, it seems you read my mind.
A man so embracing and loving, Clyde, you were so very kind.
And oh, how you made me laugh! You were such a joy to be around.
You were my song, my rhythm in time, you lifted me when I was down.
Such a brilliant mind you had, your sermon discourses so deep.
But you would take all you possessed and bind it in one great heap,
And give it all to help the poor, never giving it a second thought.
You lived the life you preached to others, you were the lessons you taught.
Each night before we went to sleep, we thanked God for giving us each other.
You were my Adam, I was your Eve; God blew breath into us together.
Equal partners, we both were, as we shared the load to success,
Asking no more than each could give, but expecting our very best!
Times were not always easy as there were struggles from day to day,
But God stood with us through it all and He kept us along the way.
We stood faithfully on His promises, believing in God's holy will;
And when the load became too heavy, we'd hear God say, "Be still."
Then, God stretched His hand over us and kept us protected by His grace.
That's how our life became a hymn of never-ending love and praise!
We were so young when we first met but we both knew from the start,*

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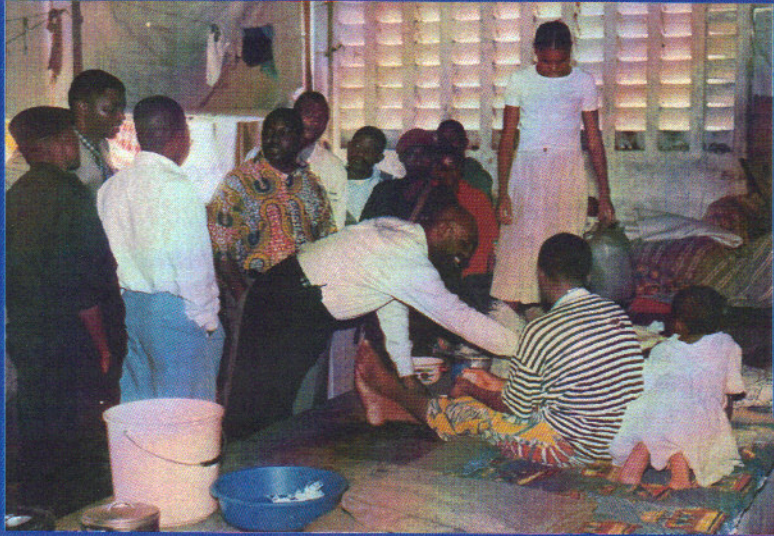
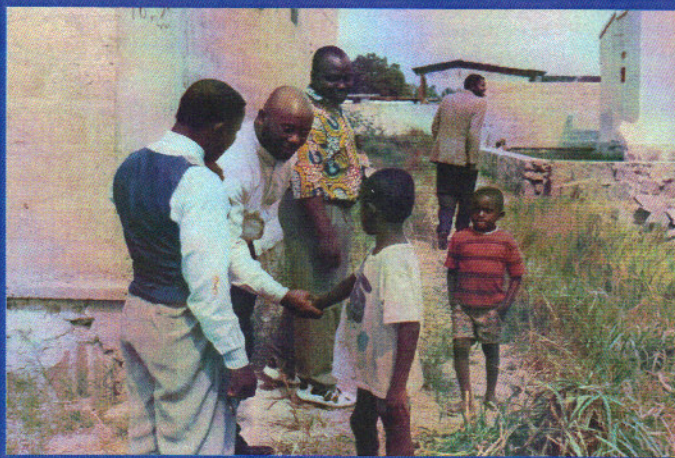
That we were destined to have this love God planted in our heart.
Our love was more precious than fine gold; flexible enough to bend.
We quickly become each other's support, lover and most trusted friend.
Some people say they can change the world but few of them ever do.
Yet, you were one who gave all he had and to God remained so true.
You traveled the globe to the Motherland and planted seeds of faith
By touching the hearts of those forgotten with God's amazing grace.
You'd take a shirt straight from your back and offer it to one in need
Clinics, schools, churches, you built; oh, how you planted the gospel seed,
The seed of hope that springs forth life in the hearts of all you knew!
And you never thought it was exceptional because Clyde, it was just you being you!
I was so very proud to stand beside you on this journey to destinations unknown,
Because you kept things exciting and new, and you never left me alone!
God was up to something in July 1977 when we said, "I do."
He intended you for me, Darling, and surely me for you.
You were my rock, on whose shoulders I leaned, sturdy, strong and true.
But for the grace of God, now I do not know what I will do...
When I look for you and you're not there in the middle of the night
To hold me and comfort me and say, "Rett, it's going to be alright."
Still I know I'll hear your voice in the quiet rustling of the trees.
I'll feel your arms embracing me with the gusts of the gentle evening breeze;
And I'll hold onto God's unchanging hand and trust the Creator to do
What He has done for us so many times before, and in His love I'll make it through.
But I shall never forget you, My Love, you were peace for me in a troubling storm!
You were a light in dark times for me, in your arms I felt safe and warm!
Oh, how I thank the Father for you and the blessings on us He bestowed.
And whether I sail under clear blue skies or walk the dusty road,
I will keep my Hand in the Master's, trusting Him as I go along
For deep inside I know the truth, God will use it to make me strong.
God was up to something in 1977 when we both said, "I do," for sure;
And the bond He weaved was meant to last, it was built forever to endure.
So rest My Darling, and wait for me until that day God unites us once again.
And we can celebrate how we made it over, My Husband, My Pastor, My Lover, My Friend!
It's not goodbye but just farewell, because love lives long after we're gone.
And your love will stay with me until I take my last breath as long as my life is long.

With every breath, heartbeat and thought,

I lovingly submit to you...

Forever and ever and ever in love,

Your LORETTA!



"Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father."

John 10:37

A full-length photograph of a Black man with glasses and a goatee, smiling. He is wearing a black cassock with red piping on the sleeves and a white stole. He is standing on a rocky shore with waves crashing behind him under a blue sky with light clouds.

Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace Forever,
Safely home in **Heaven** at last.*

*Did you wonder why I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But **Jesus'** love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And **He** came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with **Jesus'** arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our **Father's Will***

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth-
You shall rest in **Jesus'** land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you **Home**;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

FULFILLMENT

*I have worked in the fertile earth and planted a garden, so I know what faith is.
I have listened to the birds caroling in the morning and dusk, so I know what music is.
I have seen the mornings without clouds after showers, so I know what beauty is.
I have sat before a wood fire with old friends, so I know what companionship is.
I have walked the path of quietness along the forest floor, so I know what peace is.
I have dwelt in the valley of remembrance on the hills of home, so I know what love is.
I have seen the miracle of spring, the fruition of summer, and the beauty of autumn
followed by the repose of winter, so I know what Life is.
And because I have perceived all of these things, I know what God is.*

Active Casket Bearers

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Active Floral Bearers

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Interment

EVERGREEN MEMORIAL GARDENS PARK CEMETERY

Sumter, South Carolina

Acknowledgement

The family of Reverend Dr. Clyde A. Anderson wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all, for your prayers and support at this time of our bereavement.

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