HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

FOR

REVEREND GEORGE EDWARD WEAVER

PASTOR EMERITUS, MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2005

11:00 A.M.

GILBERT-LAMBUTH CHAPEL
PAINE COLLEGE
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA
Reverend George Edward Weaver was born in Edgefield County, South Carolina on September 9, 1921 to George E. Weaver and Rosa Nicholson Weaver. He went to be with his Lord on June 15, 2005. He grew up in Aiken, South Carolina where he attended the public schools of this beautiful city. Rev. Weaver joined Friendship Baptist Church in Aiken at an early age.

Rev. Weaver’s studies at South Carolina State College were interrupted when he volunteered to serve in the United States Army during World War II. After his honorable discharge from the military, he entered Paine College in Augusta, Georgia where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Philosophy. Rev. Weaver did further study at Atlanta University and Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta. He was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree by Florida Memorial College in Miami, Florida.

On June 25, 1946, he married Mae Smith of Columbia, South Carolina. Mrs. Weaver taught in the public school systems of South Carolina, North Carolina, and Florida. Their daughter, Dr. Margaret Olivia Weaver, is a psychologist and motivational speaker.

Beginning in 1950, Rev. Weaver was the pastor of the Star of Bethel Baptist Church in Hendersonville, North Carolina. He led the congregation in the construction of a new edifice and parsonage. Rev. Weaver served as the first African-American president of the Henderson County Ministerial Association, Henderson County, North Carolina, and he also initiated the movement that led to the integration of the public schools of Henderson County.

In 1962, after having completed twelve years as pastor of Star of Bethel, Rev. Weaver, was called to pastor Mount Olive Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where he served until 1982. Just as he had done in Hendersonville, Rev. Weaver immediately made a positive impact in the religious, civic, and educational life of Fort Lauderdale. He led the congregation in the building of a new church, and there was significant growth in the membership. Under his leadership, the Mount Olive Child Care Center was established. The church was the first to apply for the sponsorship of low rent housing in South Florida. The G.E. Weaver Scholarship Fund was established to provide help for students in need. Rev. Weaver was the first African-American president of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Ministerial Association; he was selected by the Federal Court to head a bi-racial committee assigned to oversee the integration of the public schools of Broward County, Florida, and he initiated the organization of the Broward County Baptist Ministers Brotherhood. Rev. Weaver served nine years on the Board of Directors of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Broward County and the Advisory Board of the Glendale Federal Savings and Loan, Glendale, California. While in Fort Lauderdale, Rev. Weaver became a Life Member of the NAACP.

Rev. Weaver provided leadership on state and national levels as he served as President of the General Baptist State Convention of Florida for five years. During his tenure as president of the state convention, he sought to provide more support and involvement from the churches to Florida Memorial College.

The Fort Lauderdale Awards Committee and the Zeta Phi Beta sorority named Rev. Weaver Citizen of the Year, and he received the Distinguished Community Service Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was the recipient of many other certificates and awards from civic and religious organizations, including the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, The Links, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Mississippi Valley State College.

Rev. Weaver retired from pastoring in 1982. He then began conducting seminars, workshops and evangelistic services for churches and church-related organizations throughout the country. Rev. Weaver moved to metropolitan Atlanta where he and Mrs. Weaver joined Antioch Baptist Church North. He was privileged and thoroughly enjoyed having as his pastor his friend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander. During the retirement years, Rev. Weaver authored three books: “Magnify The Lord, So We Preach, and They That Wait.”

In addition to his wife and daughter, Rev. Weaver’s survivors include nieces Arnette Hedgepeth (Phil), Wendy Wright, Nicole Watlington, and Ashley Wright, nephews Rev. William F. Wright, Jr. (Narcissus), William F. Wright, III, Marc Macklin and many cousins and friends.
ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Cameron Alexander, Presiding
Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church North
President Emeritus, General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc.

Prelude

Processional. .......... "Blessed Assurance" .......... Antioch Baptist Church North Choir

Prayer .......................................... Rev. Kenneth B. Martin, Pastor
Antioch Baptist Church
Augusta, Georgia

Scripture .......................................... Rev. Frederick Davis, Pastor
The Old Testament - Psalm 23
First Calvary Baptist Church
Durham, North Carolina


Selection .................................... Antioch Baptist Church North Choir

Tributes ........................................... Rev. Clarence Moore, Pastor
Good Shepherd Baptist Church
Augusta, Georgia
President, General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc.

Mrs. Patricia Carter, President
Women’s Auxiliary of the
General Missionary Baptist Convention of Florida

Dr. Margaret O. Weaver
The Family

Selection ................................... Rev. William Frank Wright, II, Pastor
New Zion Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina

Acknowledgements ...................................... Mrs. Ernestine Gadsden

Eulogy ....................................... Rev. Dr. Mack King Carter, Pastor
New Mount Olive Baptist Church
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

“Til We Meet Again”

Recessional ....................................... “When We All Get To Heaven”
Pallbearers
Sons of Antioch Baptist Church North
Atlanta, Georgia
Dr. Cameron M. Alexander, Pastor

Floral Attendants
Ministers and Deacons Wives’
Missionary Society
Antioch Baptist Church North
Atlanta, Georgia
Dr. Cameron M. Alexander, Pastor

Acknowledgement
The family is grateful and offers thanks to all of the many friends and loved ones who extended kindness and acts of condolence.

"Immediately following interment a repast for relatives and friends will be held at Schofield High School in Aiken, South Carolina."

Interment
Sunset Memorial Garden
2648 Jefferson Davis Highway
Langley, South Carolina