



Agnes Norrine Fields

March 3, 1938 - December 3, 2003

On March 3, 1938 Wilbert and Frances Snell of Howard County, Maryland became parents to their eighth of eleven children, she was named Agnes. This child would grow and develop as one of God's faithful servants, the Reverend Agnes Norrine Fields. Her abundant life has yielded virtuous fruit, overwhelming love and a lifetime of fulfillment. The former Agnes Snell was educated in the Howard County Public School System and graduated from Harriet Tubman High School. She continued her theological matriculation at the Baltimore School of the Bible, from where she later commenced. Agnes accepted Christ as her personal Savior at the St. Stephens A.M. E Church in Howard County, Maryland, then under the pastorate of Rev. Frank Gray. There, you could find the young Agnes, experiencing her early Christian development, serving as an usher, choir soloist, Sunday school teacher, youth leader, and giving recitations for special occasions. As a young adult, she and her husband joined Bethany Baptist Church in 1957, then under the leadership of Rev. Clinton Johnson. Bethany became the place that spawned her ministry. In October 1975, Agnes acknowledged her call to the preaching ministry and delivered her initial sermon and was licensed to preach God's word by Rev. James Reynolds. She was ordained three years later by Rev. Alonzo White of Mt. Carmel Baptist church. Thereafter, she continued serving at Bethany, assuming the position of Acting Pastor for a year during the late 1970's. Under the direction of the Holy Spirit and along with her husband, she united with the New Psalmist Baptist Church with Dr. Walter S. Thomas. New

Psalmist became the launching pad for a ministry that would touch thousands of lives. Reverend Fields was a pioneer for women in the preaching ministry, as she held the distinction as the first female minister in the history of New Psalmist Baptist Church. In this role, she became a mentor, confidant and coach for the many women who would follow her. Reverend Fields unconditional love for people enabled her to minister to families who were dealing with sickness and coping with bereavement. She ministered to countless individuals in hospitals, nursing homes and prisons. Rev. Fields personified the words of Jesus as recorded by Matthews 25:35-36, "For I was hungered and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me." She possessed a unique and rare anointing that granted her the fortitude to minister out of her own struggles and challenges with illness. In fact, she never complained about her circumstances. Reverend Fields will always be remembered for her appreciation to God for allowing her to be one of His servants. She was grateful to be one of God's chosen vessels, and she would often exclaim, "If I had ten thousand tongues, I couldn't thank Him enough!" Some of her major accomplishments at New Psalmist include: Founder of the Spread the Word Ministry, founder of the Prison Ministry, Wednesday Bible Study Class Instructor, Wednesday Noon Day Service – Worship Leader, Chapel Holy Communion Service, Minister to Families, Evangelism workshop leader for "Kickin it with the King:", Pulpit Aid Committee Ministerial Liaison, and Missionary to Haiti in 1980. She loved her church and her Pastor. She always acknowledged her Pastor as "the very fine Dr. Walter Scoot Thomas." Revered Fields cherished New Psalmist and new Psalmist loved her in return. After 30 years of faithful service, Rev. Fields retired from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Maryland, where she served as a claims examiner. Not only did she take her job seriously, she ministered to her fellow co-workers and supervisors alike, leading a work Bible study and winning many souls for Jesus Christ. Co-workers regarded her as a confidant, leader and friend. Rev. Fields was often recognized as the top claims examiner in her unit, going an

extra mile to meet the need of those she serviced. Agnes married her childhood sweetheart, John "Tommy" Fields, and together they would enjoy more than 48 years of wedded bliss. During this union, Agnes became the proud mother of Helen Fields-Moore and John T. ("Bucky") Fields, Jr. Her husband fondly recalls her wanting everything in the right place at all times. Her children were a source of joy and love to her all the days of her life. The ultimate joy and pride of her life were her precious grandchildren, Natia Norrine Moore and Justin Aaron Moore. While bravely facing the challenges of a lengthy illness, Reverend Fields was called home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 3, 2003. Actually as witnessed by the nursing staff at Franklin Square Hospital, Reverend Fields spent that wonderful morning singing God's praises, praying, buying yellow flowers, peanuts and candy. That morning, Rev. Fields spoke with her husband and children on the telephone, as they received her special request of the day, just as she always did. Before they would see her again, Rev. Fields decided to answer her most important call at 12:45 p.m., she sweetly and peacefully responded and entered into eternal rest. Reverend Agnes Norrine Fields name is indelible embedded in the history of New Psalmist Baptist Church and the lives of those she encountered along her fragrant journey: her devoted husband, Deacon John T. Fields, Sr.; her loving children Helen Fields-Moore and John T. Fields, Jr.; two magnificent grandchildren, Natia Norrine Moore and Justin Aaron Moore; three adopted grandchildren, Brittany, Tiara and Lamont; one son-in-law, Kenneth Moore; one daughter-in-law, Vicki Fields, three brothers, Wilbert Snell, Gerald Snell, and Calvin Snell; three sisters, Leenna Martin, Lillian Bradford and Annie Snell; one godson, Rodell Branford; a very special co-labored in the ministry her nephew, Minister Bennie Thomas; three precious friends, Sis. Jean Barber, Sis. Mary Causion, Deaconess Agnes Settles and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and dear friends.

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“ *Agnes Norrine Fields*

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“ Reverend Agnes, your baby has come home to join you. Even though his earthly friends and relatives will miss him dearly and sorely, it was God who wanted him most. Rest on John. You are in the loving arms of your Father. I know your Mother's greeted you with her beautiful smile. We had fun during Morgan State days. You went on to become a Maryland State Trooper, and I recently graduated, majoring in Paralegal Studies. I wish you were here to share with me. You are in a better place now, and I know you would not want to trade places with me. Until we meet again, I will always love you. To Deacon Fields and Helen: I am so sorry to hear of John. We were students together at Morgan State University. I am on a picture with John, in which I gave to Rev. Fields. John is at peace now. He is resting with his Mother, and his Lord. You did all you could, so don't worry, because now he doesn't have to find himself, he was found Jesus. What a time he is having in heaven. He is happy and at peace. He or the family doesn't have to worry about Satan disturbing and harassing him. He doesn't have a care of this evil world. God decided his child had enough, and it was time for him to come home and take his rest. God needed a special flower to fill his rose garden, and he selected John. Go in peace, and dwell on memories that would make you smile, and not make you cry. He is free at last. Thank God almighty he is free at last. John is probably saying, "I am free at last. Thank God almighty, I am free at last". God bless all of you. Love, Karen##imported-begin##Karen Y. Harris##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ God bless the Fields family.....##imported-begin##Lionel Turner##imported-end##

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“ The tears that dampen our eyes in time of mourning are tears of homesickness, tears of longing for our loved ones. But it is we who are away from home, not they! Death has been for them a doorway to an eternal home. They are still with us, lovingly and tenderly waiting for the day when we, too, will enter the doorway of our eternal home. It is such a mistake to see death as separation and nothing more. For us who believe, death is a preparation for eternal union with those we love, in peace and in joy.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##

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“ I had the opportunity to meet Minister Fields by means of her son. We worked together at Loyola College. She was a sweet lady of God. She will be missed. However, nothing is lost if you know where it is... Minister Fields is in Gloryland with the Master. To the family: Follow God.##imported-begin##F. Brice##imported-end##

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“ Dearest John, Helen, and Deacon Fields - my deepest sympathy and heartfelt compassion for your tremendous loss. Having gone through the experience of losing a loved one, one who is cherished throughout time, I know that the days ahead will not always be full of joy, but rest assure, the blessing of precious memories that feed your soul, will be comfort and sustain you, in the days and years to come. Know that she has found PEACE that surpasses all our understanding. You know that I love you each. My prayers are with your entire family. Love always Avalon##imported-begin##Avalon##imported-end##

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“ To John, Jr. and Helen-I am the one on the picture from USF&G's Christmas party (1996). Mother is at peace now. We don't have to look at her suffer. Just think she is with the Lord, whom she loved gracefully, and served so faithfully. I know God has a special place for her in his rose garden. She was a beautiful woman, a precious jewel. More precious than rubies itself. Go forth and smile of good memories, and any advices of life she taught you. Don't dwell on her sickness. I too will miss her. You could see her love of God demonstrated in her daily walk and talk. She was one sharp dressing woman, and a very classy lady. Helen, I wish I could be her daughter with that wardrobe, and beautiful hats. Nobody in the city could come close to those style hats. To the Grandchildren-God bless you. One day you will see Grandma again. Always keep Grandma's love with you. Knowing she is not with you earthly, but her spirit will always be with you. To Deacon Fields-What a remarkable man you are. I could see the love the two of you had for one another. It was like a storybook. God truly annointed you. You did all you could for her, and I know that made her smile. I pray that God keeps his arms of love, strength, comfort, peace, and happiness around you, your children, grandchildren. and other relatives and friends. I too will truly miss her. He prepared a rose garden, and needed one more rose to complete the garden. That rose was Mother Fields. What an angel sent from Heaven. I'm crying as I type this, because I am happy for her. She knew my parents, and was there when my Father passed. But my tears are tears of joy. God bless all of you. Love, Karen##imported-begin##Karen Y. Harris##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Ruth##imported-end##

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“ It was with great pleasure working / learning life and ministry from my aunt The Rev. Agnes N. Fields. I'm just as blessed to have been able to see her husband Deacon John T. Fields stand by her side as a good watchmen on the wall; to protect her and to keep her from all danger. To God be the glory great things he has done. To the family; I say walk together children don't you get weary. Aunt Rinne I LOVE YOU AND I MISS YOU VERY VERY MUCH. To all who read this message: Cheer up don't worry, live in the sun shine, we'll understand it all by and by. Bennie R. Thomas###imported-begin##Rev. Bennie R Thomas##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to the family on the loss of your dear loved one. May you be comforted by the loving promise at 1 Corinthians 1:3,4- "Blessed be...the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation."###imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ Aunt Norrine is what we lovingly called her even though she was my cousin. (She was my mother Bessie Mae's first cousin) I am a diplomat in the Foreign Service overseas and did not get a chance to spend quality time her. But I always remember her saying that "absent from the body--present with the Lord". She will be missed in our family as she was the messenger for many weddings, funerals, etc. I regret that I was not able to attend her glorious journey home. I know her presence will be missed on this realm. But what an awesome throne she must sit on now. My sympathy goes out to my other family members in her immediate family. Jackie Dacus U.S. Embassy - Bangkok, Thailand###imported-begin###Jackie Dacus###imported-end##

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“ To Helen and the Family, Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God(2Corin.1:3-4). God is a comforter and he will take care of you. God Bless you all. Your Discipleship Sister###imported-begin###Beatrice J. Smith###imported-end##

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“ Mr. Johnny, Helen, and Bucky: I am deeply sorry for your lost. More importantly, we all may keep our heads high and smile, because that is the way I remember Aunt Agnes. When ever I saw her at Lexington Market, at the hot dog stall or the raw bar eating her sea food, that smile was always there. Aunt Agnes' smile will continue to be with me, and take me on down life's road. Very truly, I am:
Tyrone###imported-begin##Tyrone Emanuel Murray, Sr.###imported-end##

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“ Rejoice in knowing that just weeks prior to her passing she informed you all that she was alright. In the limo ride home from her brothers burial, a relative told her that she had a bigger plan set before by God. She told all in the car..."I asked the lord to just let me see my brother be put away and he can have his way" That shows me that when you know that you know that you know you know...it is and will always be alright. God never forgets those who come to him with a humble and honest heart. It was a pleasure serving your family.
Theodore Williams(Limo Driver for Mr. Snell service)###imported-begin##Theodore Williams###imported-end##

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“ We want to take this time to offer our sympathy to the family of Rev. Fields, May God bless and keep you in his care. Rev. George Stanton & Minister Brandi Foyles###imported-begin##Rev. G.E.M.Stanton, Min.B.N.Foyles###imported-end##

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“ I pray that the Lord will continue to grant you the peace in knowing that your loved one has blessed many lives. May you find peace in knowing that she has reached her goal, and that was to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. May you continue to look to the hills from whence cometh your help for your help cometh from the Lord. May the Lord continue sending blessings as you need them.##imported-begin##Rev. Beverley Simpson##imported-end##

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“ To the family, May you accept this offer of sympathy during your time of loss. May you also draw comfort from the promise found at John 5:28,29. "The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out..."##imported-begin##G. Winston##imported-end##

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“ TO DEACON FIELDS AND FAMILY REV FIELDS WAS TRULY ONE WHO KNEW AND LOVED GOD. TO KNOW HER WAS TO LOVE HER. SHE WILL TRULY BE MISSED WITH HER STRONG WILL AND VOICE.GOD HAS BOUGHT YOU TO THIS AND HE WILL SURELY BRING YOU THROUGH. MAY GOD GRANT YOU AND THE FAMILY EVERYTHING THAT YOU NEED. SHIRLEY E BURRELL SR USHER BD NPBC.##imported-begin##SHIRLEY E BURRELL##imported-end##

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“ Deacon Fields & Family, Our hearts go out to you and your family. Your wife and loved one was a blessing to many of us on many occasions. Rev. Fields’ words of comfort and prayers helped get us through. We thank GOD for her and will miss her loving smile. My family sends love and prayers to ease your pain. May God’s love wrap you with comfort and know “THIS TOO SHALL PASS”. David, Jeanette, Sherise & Quiana##imported-begin##Jeanette##imported-end##

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“ May God Keep his everlasting arms around you all, during your time of berevment.##imported-begin##Deborah Branford##imported-end##

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