



William James Wise

December 31, 1944 - May 26, 2008

WILLIAM JAMES WISE, JR was born December 31, 1944 at Baltimore City Hospital to the William J. Wise, Sr. and the late Helen Wise. Pastor Wise, who was fondly known as "Deacon Wise," was educated within the Baltimore City Public School System. He gave his heart to the Lord at the age of eighteen. The first Friday in June 1963, he experienced his new birth in Jesus Christ. He immediately joined Evening Light Holiness Church where Pastor Lillian Fontaine was his Pastor. He served as the church's janitor, Sunday School teacher, treasurer, speaker, and any other position his hands could find work. During his eleven years of membership with Pastor Fontaine, he was ordained a deacon under her ministry. Surely, everyone can remember "Deacon Wise" walking down the aisle while playing his washboard and breaking out in a dance with the musicians. One of the happiest days in the life of "Deacon Wise" was when he married his beloved, Maxine Thompson of New Jersey in 1974. Close friends teased him that he went completely outside of Baltimore, Maryland to find his "divine rib." From this union were born two sons, Stephen Samuel and Jonathan Josiah, who had also given their hearts to Christ and labored in the church. In June, 1974, "Deacon Wise" joined The Temple of Pastor Prayer Holiness Church, where Elder Frank Barnes was and still serves as the Pastor. He was a member there for several years. Under the leadership of Elder Barnes, he taught Sunday School, cleaned the church, preached, and ministered as bible teacher. It was no surprise to go downtown and see this bold man of God with a bullhorn preaching the message of

salvation. Many souls, to this day, have come to know Jesus Christ by the street ministry of "Deacon Wise" the evangelist. Pastor Wise became a member of Living Word Christian Center in 1984 where Bishop-elect David Brown was and currently serves as the Senior Pastor. Under Bishop-elect David Brown, "Deacon Wise" experienced a series of elevations and ordinations from May 1986-July 1998. He volunteered as an honor guard, church custodian, and anywhere else the Pastor needed him. He was a Bible School graduate, Resident Pastor, and Chairman of the Deacon Board. He loved to study the Bible, read books and he read several newspapers a day. He loved to listen to talk shows constantly. He was known as the "Walking Bible." He knew well over 2/3 of the Word of God by memory. In some cases, he could quote entire chapters by memory. He had a wealth of knowledge regarding the Word of God, world affairs and politics. "Deacon Wise" was employed at Morgan State University from April 1986-May 1986 and again, from August 1998-October 2007 where he was known as "Mr. Wise." While employed at Morgan State, he worked in various positions where he shared his love for God with students and faculty. Deacon Wise had two siblings that preceded him in death, Charles Wise and Gloria Wise. Still remaining to celebrate his life are: his wife, Maxine Wise; two sons; Stephen and Jonathan Wise; one "adopted daughter" Bethel Demissie; two sisters, Frances and husband, Wade Foster; and Eleanor Thomas; three brothers, Bernard and wife, Yolanda Wise; Larry and wife, Gwen Wise; and Jerry Wise; a committed and a faithful, best friend, Sylvester and wife, Gloria Bracey; as well as his other faithful, best friend, William Alton; the entire Living Word Ministries family and a multitude of relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *William James Wise*

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“ *To Elder Maxine & family, I offer my deepest condolences and much prayer that God will grant you peace that surpasses all understanding. Pastor Wise will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He truly lived up to his name, in that he was "wise" about the bible and a mighty man of God. God bless, Deaconess Lisa Roberts/Pastoral Care Ministries Living Word Ministries (on behalf of Pastor Dr. David Brown)##imported-begin##Dea. Lisa Roberts##imported-end##*

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“ *I attended LWCC with Deacon Wise and his family, he was truly a dedicated man of God.##imported-begin##Pastor Dwayne Saunders##imported-end##*

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“ To the family, I offer my sincere sympathy. I know the sadness associated with the loss of one you love and I know the comfort offered by God in his word the Bible. Please read John 5:28,29 and Acts 24:15 which talks about the hope of a resurrection for the righteous and the unrighteous. After reading these two scriptures please turn your attention to John 3:16 and Matthew 20:28. These two scriptures tell us why we can put faith in the promise of a resurrection. May these provide you with comfort and hope as they have for me.##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##

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“ To Elder Maxine & Family, Pastor Wise will truly be missed, but I know that he and my Dad are now rejoicing in Heaven. You can take comfort in knowing that he is now in perfect Health. God Bless and keep you and your Family. Love Ya!##imported-begin##Adrian Tiggie##imported-end##

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“ WE LOVE YOU UNCLE WISE AND MISS YOU DEARLY!!!!##imported-begin##Shontae S. Hudson##imported-end##

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“ To the family, may you recieve much comfort and strength at this most difficult time. Please keep the hope of the ressurection alive in your hearts, becaue the scriptures say that one day all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus"s voice and come out of those tombs. May Jehovah"s love and comfort be with you to guide you through the dark days until his glorious day arrives. John 5:28,29###imported-begin##Rita Johnson###imported-end##

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