



Together Again

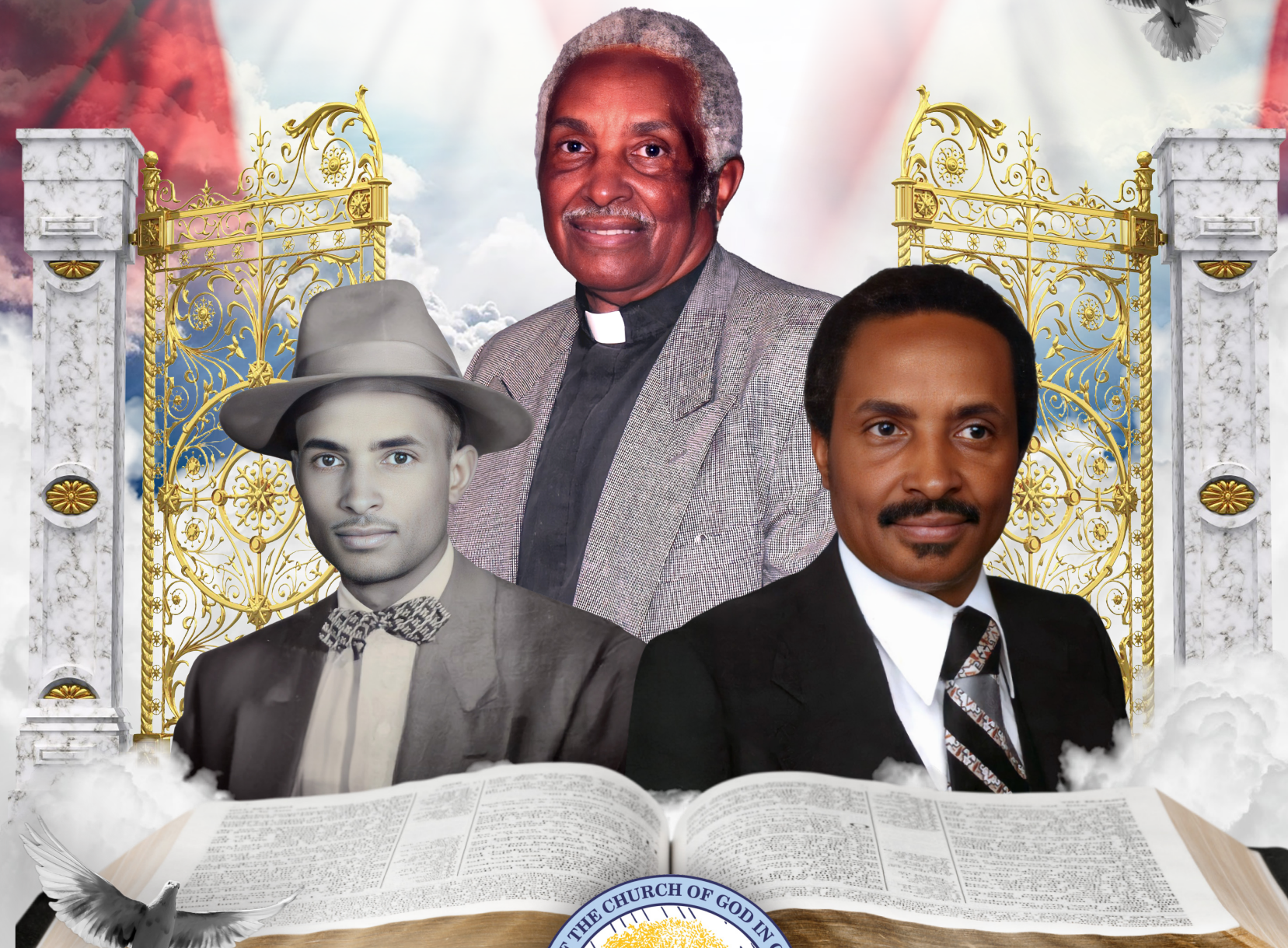
*There was a couple whose love was strong,
 their life together was happy and long.
 But one day the wife sadly passed away
 and the man was left alone to stay.
 One life carrying a torch for the two,
 until a lifetime on this earth was through.
 Joined once again in a heaven to share,
 he longed for the day to see her there.
 A single flame burning deep in the night,
 held in a little room hidden from sight.
 Nearly touching and yet so far apart,
 kept barely alive in one lonely heart.
 One faithful morning the man was gone,
 Now they are reunited and never alone.*



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WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE BECOMES A MEMORY, THE MEMORY BECOMES A TREASURE

– GOD’S SERVANT & MAN OF VALOR –

Pastor James M.
FENNELL



SUNRISE
 October 7, 1928

SUNSET
 June 28, 2024



The Servant's Story

PASTOR JAMES M. FENNELL

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:16

ON October 7, 1928, Elder James M. Fennell was born in Holdenville, Oklahoma to the proud parents of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Fennell. He was the youngest boy of eleven children. During his early childhood he was raised in Bealands, Oklahoma before his parents moved the family to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he received his formal education.

AT the age of twenty-two, he moved to Detroit, Michigan. A year later he met his wife, Mona Marie Rice. On New Year's Eve of 1950, he received the Lord as his personal Savior, under the leadership of Elder Jonathan Greer, Sr. Thirteen days later January 13, 1951, his proclamation to friends that Mona would be his wife became a reality. He married the beautiful and lovely Missionary Mona Marie Rice. A few days later, he received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

ON July 30, 1952, he was called to serve in the United States Army, six months after his marriage. He served in Michigan and was later transferred to Fort Knox, Kentucky, until July 29, 1954. During this time, his first child Minnie was born. Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the armed services, the family returned to Detroit, Michigan. They joined Bailey Temple COGIC under the leadership of the late Bishop J.S. Bailey.

THEY served with Bishop Bailey for ten years. During this time he served faithfully as a deacon of the church and was also a choir member under the direction of Dr. Mattie Moss Clark. During this period three more children were born to this union; Janie and James (twins) and Larry. After attending a Youth Congress Meeting, the family moved to Denver, Colorado in August of 1963. They placed their membership at Holy Trinity COGIC under the leadership of Bishop C.E. Morgan for a short period of time and then under the leadership of Elder Samuel Feaster. During this time the family was blessed with a second set of twins, Charlotte (deceased after birth) and Charlette (Charlie). At this time Elder Fennell was also called into the Ministry. Elder Fennell faithfully worked at C.A. Norgren and Company for over thirty years until he retired. Sunshine, rain, or snow, whether well or sick he arrived early each morning fifteen minutes to an hour early to start his day and to provide for his family.

HE was ordained an Elder of the Churches of God in Christ in the year of 1979. He continued to serve faithfully and diligently at Holy Trinity where he held various positions as a Deacon and Trustee, a local President of the Y.P.W.W for twenty-five years. In the year of 1983, he was elevated to be the Assistant Pastor of Holy Trinity. He served in this position for five years. He also served as the President of the Young Ministers Meeting for several years. Upon leaving Holy Trinity he attended Antioch COGIC for a while and was led to start his own church for the Lord. He founded New Beginnings COGIC. In May of 1989 where he pastored for three years.

IN May of 1992, he was appointed the Pastor of Holy Trinity COGIC. After rejoining the Central District, he was appointed Chairman of the District under the

ECCLESIASTICAL EXPRESSIONS(Clergy)

SONG OF HOPE "Wait Till I Get There"..... Memorial Choir

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD..... Bishop W.H McDonald

THE UNITED STATES ARMY SALUTE OF HONORS

COMMITTAL/CLOSING PRAYER/BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL Reverend Chris Wilson

Following the service a Repast will be served.

Bearers of the Bier

Larry Fennell, Jr.	Andre Fennell	Elijah Curtis
Darius Fennell	Larry Fennell, Jr.	James J. Payne

Honorary Bearers of the Bier

Larry Fennell, Sr.	John Morgan
Alvin Hill	Kenneth Thompson

Final Resting Place

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024 - 11:30 AM

- Stage Area A -

Ft. Logan National Cemetery

4400 W. Kenyon Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80236

Pastor Charles Fennell, Officiating

Acknowledgment

During a time like this, we learn how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be treasured. May God richly Bless each of you.

The family of Pastor James M. Fennell



The Service of Celebration

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024 - 11:00 AM

Jurisdiction of Colorado Church of God in Christ Headquarters

750 Chambers Road, Aurora, Colorado 80011

Bishop W.H. McDonald, Eulogist

Superintendent David L. Warner, Officiating

PROCESSION "Soft Music" Minister Solomon Chapman

A GLIMPSE TILL GLORY Pipkin Braswell Directors

SONG OF PRAISE "Weeping May Endure for a Night" Memorial Choir

NOW GOD SPEAKS Appointees

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading 23rd Psalm Pastor Paul Johnson

New Testament Reading 2nd Timothy 4:1-8 Pastor A.J. McDonald

NOW GOD LISTENS Superintendent Henry Dubose

SONG OF HOPE "Goodness of God" Memorial Choir

WORDS OF EXPRESSION Three Minute Remarks

A FRIEND REFLECTS Deacon Vincent McDonald

THE CHURCH REFLECTS Deacon Tyrone Mills

WORDS OF COMFORT District Missionary Louvenia Craft, Emeritus

SONG OF HOPE Elder Charles Miller, National Recording Artist

WORDS OF EXPRESSION Remarks

THE FAMILY REFLECTS

Niece Charlotte Fennell

Sister Gracine Wright

Grandchild Pastor Lamont Black

Son Pastor Charles Fennell

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, CONDOLENCES,
RESOLUTIONS & OBITUARY Dr. Denise Green

Leadership of the late Superintendent Lamar Kennedy. Pastor Fennell served Holy Trinity COGIC as a dedicated and loyal servant until he turned the church over to the leadership of his grandson, Pastor Lamont Black.

SOME of his favorite scriptures were Proverbs 3:5-6; 2 Timothy 4:2, and Matthew 25:3. Elder Fennell's purpose in this life was to teach and preach the word of God and be used and led by the Anointing of the Holy Ghost. It was his goal to preach the Gospel in season and out of season so that those who are lost may be saved. His desire in the end was to hear the Lord say "Well done thy Good and Faithful Servant, Well Done."

PASTOR JAMES M. FENNEL departed this life to the embrace of the Lord on June 28, 2024 at Baptist East Hospital. Those left to cherish his memory and mourn his loss include: three sons, James M. Fennell of Memphis, TN., Larry L. Fennell of San Diego, CA., and Pastor Charles (Susan) Fennell of Dallas, TX.; two daughters, Minnie L. Black of Memphis, TN., and Janie M. (Supt. David) Warner of Memphis, TN.; one sister, Gracine Wright of Kansas City, Kansas; grandchildren, Pastor Lamont (Tamara) Black, Katura (Ben) Thompson, James Fennell Jr., Larry Fennell Jr., Jantier Fennell, Darius Fennell, Manasseh Warner, Alexis Warner, Kenya Nave Fennell, and Atira Fennell; great-granddaughters, Jerariya Smallwood, Javaya Smallwood, and Nahriya Black; great-grandsons, Kortlan Thompson, and Swayay Moore; the Fair Park COGIC, El-Shaddai COGIC and Holy Trinity COGIC Church Families; as well as a host of extended relatives and friends.



I am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following paths God made for me
I took his hand I heard him call
Then turned, and bid farewell to all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found my peace... at close of play
And if my parting left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened... deep with sorrow
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full I've savoured much
Good friends, good times, A loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with grief
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wants me now... He set me free.

-Anne Lindgren Davison



Life Reflections

