

# *Celebration Of The Life Of*



*Pastor DeWitt Hill, Jr.*

Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 11 o'clock a. m.

Greater Trinity Church Of God In Christ  
2400 Wright Avenue  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

BISHOP JEWEL WITHERS, JR., PRELATE AND CHIEF CELEBRANT

## **The Affirmation of Faith**

- The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING THE BIBLE
- The People: We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.
- The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING GOD
- The People: We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.
- The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING THE CHURCH
- The People: We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.
- The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING SIN
- The People: We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance: faith in the precious Blood of Jesus Christ.
- The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING SALVATION
- The People: We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.
- The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING CHRIST
- The People: We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.
- The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING THE HOLY GHOST
- The People: We believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it.
- The Leader: OUR BELIEF CONCERNING SANCTIFICATION
- The People: We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world. Amen.



## Promoted to Glory....



### *Saint DeWitt Hill, Jr.*

First Trinity Church Of God In Christ  
1958 – 2019

Greater Trinity Church Of God In Christ  
1973-2019

### *Saint DeWitt Hill, Jr.*

On Monday evening, April 15, 2019 God in His infinite wisdom, called from labor to reward Saint DeWitt Hill, Jr. Saint DeWitt Hill's life was one of faith, prayer and servanthood.

Saint DeWitt Hill, Jr. was born July 27, 1929 to DeWitt Hill, Sr. and Susie Graham-Hill in Sample, Arkansas. He was the eldest of seven children. He graduated from Merrill High School in Pine Bluff, Arkansas in 1947. He attended and graduated from Arkansas AM&N (University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology in 1951. He later earned a Master's degree in Education from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and a Master's degree in Counseling from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. Among the many plaques and awards he has received, he obtained a Doctorate Degree in Counseling as well as an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Pastor Hill was united in holy matrimony to Erma Kendrick in 1951. To this union, there were two children, Finley Wayne and Christine Hill. After forty-six years of marriage, Mother Erma K. Hill transitioned from labor to reward on March 29, 1998.

Pastor Hill acknowledged and accepted his calling into the ministry in 1949. In 1958 at the age of 29, he was appointed pastor of Trinity Temple Church of God In Christ (*Now First Trinity Church Of God In Christ*). In 1973, his ministry rapidly grew as he accepted and became the pastor of Greater Trinity Church of God In Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas. God continued to enlarge his territory in ministries as he began to evangelize throughout the state, nation and foreign fields. Pastor Hill later organized Trinity Evangelist Association (TEA) and traveled with a caravan of vehicles to conduct tent revivals around the country. For more than forty (40) years, he visited the prisons and jails preaching the gospel to those who were incarcerated. His expansive ministry is reflected in the many sons and daughters who have become pastors, missionaries, evangelists and other great leaders in the body of Christ.

Pastor Hill served as the Arkansas First Jurisdiction Youth Department President for fifty (50) years and transformed the lives of many young people across the state. These youths were given opportunities and encouraged to pursue their dreams.

Pastor DeWitt Hill, Jr. and Missionary Minnie P. Brooks were united in marriage on April 19, 2003. With this union, he welcomed Marinda Brooks as his second daughter. Together Pastor and Missionary Hill continued to work in the ministry in Haiti, the Philippines and the Bahamas.

Pastor Hill's body of work is recognized in many venues. As an entrepreneur, in 1989, Pastor Hill was the owner, licensed funeral director and manager of Christian Way Funeral Home in Pine Bluff. In 2016, Pastor Hill became the oldest agent with Lincoln Heritage Life Insurance Company in Arkansas.

As the first African American to broadcast on radio in southeast Arkansas in 1964, his daily radio and weekly television broadcast ministries (*The Ministry of Compassion*) touched many lives. In 2018, Pastor Hill made his debut into the movie industry by securing a role in *"It's Called Life."*

Pastor Hill is predeceased by his parents: DeWitt Hill, Sr. and Susie Graham-Hill; three brothers: Horace, John and James Hill.

Having received the Lord at a very early age, Pastor DeWitt Hill, Jr. was dedicated to prayer, fasting and soul-winning. His memory will be cherished by his loving wife, Missionary Minnie P. Brooks-Hill; one son, Finley W. Hill, Sr.; two daughters Christine Hill, and Marinda Williams (Barry II); five grandchildren, Finley W. Hill, Jr., (Keshelia), Kylen, Mariyah, Makiyah and Barry Williams, III; three great-grandchildren: Ailehsä, Ailidya and Finley W. Hill, III; three sisters – Sara Naomi Thompson, Doris Watson and Bettye Williams and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends, including the members of First Trinity and Greater Trinity Churches of God In Christ.





Order of Celebration

Elder Karl Barnes, Presiding

+ Where Indicated, please stand except family members.

The Organ Prelude

+The Opening Sentences

Leader: We have gathered this morning to celebrate the entry of Pastor DeWitt Hill, Jr. into life eternal.

People: To affirm with praise and thanksgiving the goodness of the Lord God be praised!

Leader: Let us rejoice in God’s presence with us in death as in life. “The Righteous has hope in death” (Proverbs 14:23).

People: Amen! His Love is over all that He has made.

+The Processional ..... “Holy, Holy, Holy”  
Prelate  
Visiting Bishops  
Administrative Assistants  
Superintendents  
Pastors  
The Family

+The Sealing of the Vessel

Hymn of Comfort ..... Arkansas First Jurisdictional Choir

The Invocation ..... Elder Hayward Battles

The Old Testament Scripture - *Psalms 90:1-10*.....Superintendent Johnny Moore

The New Testament Scripture - *II Corinthians 5:1-4*..Superintendent William McGowan

The Choral Response ..... “Yes Lord” Chant

+The Affirmation of Faith ..... Elder Ronald Wilkerson

The Ministry of Music ..... Jurisdictional Choir

Acknowledgement of Condolences.....Sister Joyce Williams

Resolutions.....Elder Anthony D. Coleman  
*Arkansas First Jurisdictional Secretary*

The Ministry Of Music ..... Arkansas First Jurisdictional Choir

Tributes  
As a Pastor (First Trinity).....Missionary Verna Brooks  
As a Pastor (Greater Trinity) .....Elder Darryl Wilkerson  
As a Foreign Missionary .....Missionary Dollie Milford  
*Asst. Supervisor, Haiti Jurisdiction*  
From the Family..... Mr. Spencer Leak  
Elder Finley Hill, Sr.

The Ministry Of Music ..... Arkansas First Jurisdictional Choir  
*Featuring Youth Department*

Tributes  
  
District Women Department.....Missionary Wanda Jones  
*Pine Bluff District No. 1 Women’s Department*  
  
Jurisdictional Women’s Department.....Mother Hazel B. Deloney  
*Arkansas First Jurisdictional Supervisor*  
  
Pine Bluff District #1..... Superintendent Jerry Williams  
  
Board of Superintendents ..... Superintendent David Withers  
  
Board of Administrative Assistants .....Admin. Asst. Alvin Coleman, Sr.  
Arkansas Episcopal Remarks ..... Bishop Frank J. Anderson  
*Jurisdictional Bishop Arkansas Second*

The Ministry Of Music ..... Jurisdictional Choir

Ecclesiastical Expressions.....Bishop Donnie L. Lindsey

Hymn of Preparation - “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand” Arkansas First Jurisdictional Choir

Eulogy..... Bishop Jewel R. Withers, Jr., Prelate  
*First Jurisdiction of Arkansas, Incorporated*

Recessional





Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

*Time is filled with swift transition,  
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

*Hold (to his hand) to God's unchanging hand,  
Hold (to his hand) to God's unchanging hand,  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

*Trust in Him who will not leave you,  
Whatsoever years may bring,  
If by earthly friends forsaken,  
Still more closely to Him cling.*

*Covet not this world's vain riches,  
That so rapidly decay,  
Seek to gain the Heavenly treasures,  
They will never pass away.*

*When your journey is completed,  
If to God you have been true,  
Fair and bright your home in glory,  
Your enraptured soul will view.*

Active Pallbearers

Elders and Deacons of First Trinity and Greater Trinity Churches Of God In Christ

Honorary Pallbearers

Pastors of the Arkansas First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Flower Bearers

Missionaries and Pastor's Wives

Interment

Cypress Memorial Garden  
8917 Highway 63 South  
Pine Bluff, AR 71603

Acknowledgement

The family of the late  
*Saint DeWitt Hill, Jr.*  
wishes to express their thanks for  
every act of kindness expressed  
during this their time of loss.

Final Arrangements entrusted to:

Christian Way Funeral Home  
3705 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Pine Bluff, AR 71603