

Funeral Services

for

REVEREND DR. HOWARD WASHINGTON GIVENS
PASTOR EMERITUS MEMORIAL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1982 — 12:00 NOON



MEMORIAL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2600 BEATTIES FORD ROAD
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28216
REVEREND EDWARD B. NEWBERRY, PASTOR, OFFICIATING

OBITUARY

Howard W. Givens, Jr., the son of Howard W. Givens, Sr. and Ada Givens Jenkins, was born in Burke County, Georgia, August 5, 1904.

After completing his high school training at Boggs Academy, Keysville, Georgia, he entered Johnson C. Smith University where he graduated in 1932, receiving the H.B. degree. He then entered Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary and in 1935 received his B.D. degree. Years later he earned the M.A. degree from Union Seminary in New York City.

His first pastorate was at Ben Salem and Lloyd churches where he served for 5 years.

In 1940, he received and accepted a call to Biddleville United Presbyterian Church which merged in 1961 with Emanuel United Presbyterian Church. A new edifice was built and the name changed to Memorial United Presbyterian Church. He pastored here for 36 years until retiring in 1976. He served as Pastor Emeritus until his death.

As Pastor of Memorial, Rev. Givens had many honors to come his way. In the Presbytery he was Chairman of Christian Education, Chairman of Youth Budget, Chairman of Stewardship and Promotion and Chairman of National Missions. For 15 years, he served as Stated Clerk of Catawba Presbytery and for a number of years he was Stated Clerk of Synod of Catawba, now the Piedmont Synod. He was a member of the General Council of Catawba Presbytery.

Rev. Givens was very active in community work. He was President of the Ministerial Alliance and the first man of color to serve as President of Mecklenburg Ministerial Association.

He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Charlotte Branch of NAACP and was its treasurer for a number of years.

He was President of the Thanksgiving Committee which included Mt. Carmel Baptist, Gethsemane AME Zion and Memorial United Presbyterian.

He received a citation from the President of the United States for work performed on the Ration Board during World War II.

He was one of the original organizers of the Biddleville Community organizations.

On October 23, 1935, he was united in marriage to Helen Bampfield, a teacher in the local school system. The union was blessed with one daughter, Lois and twin grandchildren, Joseph and Helen Green.

He leaves to cherish his memory a wife and mother, Ada Givens Jenkins, sister, Mattie Wablower of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, two grandchildren, Joseph and Helen Green, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, nieces and other relatives.