



*Celebrating the Life
of
Rev. Charles Synclair Neal II*
Sunrise: November 1, 1925 - Sunset: December 28, 2020

Services

Saturday, January 23, 2021 11:00a.m.
Council Road Baptist Church
2900 N. Council Rd., Bethany, OK 73008
Rev. Elvyn Hamilton, Officiating Pastor

Life Sketch of
Rev. Charles Synclair Neal II
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Charles Synclair Neal II was born in "Neal Bush" in the Township of Virginia, Liberia on Sunday, November 1, 1925 to the blessed union of Charles Synclair Neal, Sr., and Caroline Taylor-Neal. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age in the Eddie Memorial Methodist Church in Virginia; and remained consistent in his devotion to the body of Christ throughout his lifetime.

While growing up in Neal Bush, young Mybo, as he was affectionately called, and his younger brother Willis had to performed several chores. They had to get fire wood, carry water from the spring, set crawfish baskets, go fishing, cut palm nuts to make oil and make cassava and eddoes farms to help feed and support his family. On Saturday, they took their wares by canoe down the ever flowing St. Paul River to Monrovia to sell them in the marketplace. They bought supplies for the family and the home with the money they earned.

Charles began his educational journey in the 1st and 2nd grades at Bromley Mission in Clay Ashland, Liberia as a day student. He enrolled at the Lott Carey Mission in Brewerville, Liberia in the 3rd grade; where he had to walk about 4 miles, each way, to and from School. In 1948 he graduated from Lott Carey Mission as valedictorian of his class. The following year, he matriculated to The Liberia College. Unfortunately, he had to put his educational journey on hold after his freshman year in college. He took on the responsibility of the family and also became the surrogate father to his nieces and nephews after his parents went to be with the Lord. His first job was a police officer with the Liberian National Police Force. After serving for a year in the police force, he was blessed with a job in the State Department, now the Ministry of Foreign affairs, where he rose quickly through the ranks. He also taught part time at the AGM (Assembly of God Mission) School in Monrovia, Liberia.

On April 7, 1951, he met the love of his life, the beautiful Ethel Fairy Campbell of the House of Campbell and Dyer. After a one year courtship, her family properly vetting him and the customary letter requesting her hand in marriage they said their "I Do's" in the Providence Baptist Church in Monrovia on April 6, 1952. The newlyweds moved to his beloved Neal Bush where he spent the halcyon days of his boyhood and was known as "The Only Rooster That Crowed In Neal Bush." Their union was blessed with eight children three of whom predeceased them. The first child born to their union was John followed by Charles III, and then 1st Fairy (deceased), 2nd Fairy, Verdelle (deceased), Willis (deceased), Carolyn and Elizabeth Lulu. They also adopted five sons; Moses K. Neal, Jarjay N. Karyeah, James Neal, Albert Atangana (from Cameroon) and Julius J. Neal (JJ). Their union lasted for 68 unbroken years until the "till death do us part" of the vows they took became a reality when he was called from labor to reward on December 28, 2020 in their home in Oklahoma City.

In 1956 he re-enrolled in The University of Liberia (formerly Liberia College) and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education in 1959. He was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel with The St. Paul River District Conference as well as the Liberia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church in 1960. He served as Pastor of the following churches in Liberia: Concurrently at St. Luke UMC in White Plains and St. James UMC in Robertsville, Eddie Memorial UMC in Virginia, Burns Phelps UMC in Brewerville City, Reeves Memorial UMC in Crozerville, First UMC in Kakata City and The UMC in Yekepa, Nimba County. He served as Assistant District Superintendent and District Superintendent respectively in the St. Paul River District of the UMC in Liberia. He also served at Quayle UMC in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and The First United Methodist Church of Crescent, Oklahoma.

In 1961, Rev. Neal was blessed with an appointment to the Foreign Service by the Late President William V. S. Tubman as 1st Secretary and Consul to the Embassy of Liberia near Yaoundé, Cameroon. This was a good fit for him because he was a natural in the vineyard of diplomacy. He faithfully served his country as a consummate diplomat from 1961 thru 1968. From 1969 to 1970, he taught English at the Methodist Elementary School (now J.J. Roberts) and The College of West Africa. He also taught French in the MCSS (Monrovia Consolidated School System).

He joined the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs as Administrative Coordinator in 1970 and worked in several capacities for 30 years. He had to leave that position in 1990 because of the interecine civil war. In 1991 he joined his wife and children in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where he resided until his passing. He was a member of several fraternities including the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, The I.O.G.T. (International Order of Good Templars) and The UBF (United Brothers of Friendship). He was also a captain in the 6th Infantry Regiment of the Republic of Liberia.

He was predeceased by his parents Charles Synclair Neal, Sr., and Caroline Taylor-Neal, his children. The 1st Fairy Neal, Willis Neal, Verdelle Neal-Cooper, and Moses K. Neal, his grand children Dimanche Neal, Charles Synclair Neal IV aka Spyda and Jewel Knuckles-Ashiq and his four siblings, John R. Neal, Isabella Neal-Smallwood, Louise Neal-Ricks and Willis N. Neal, his nieces Virginia Mary Neal, Anna Gray-Kamara and Caroline Roberts-Conteh.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and caring wife of sixty eight unbroken years Ethel Fairy Neal, his children John Hygliptus Neal, Sr., Charles Synclair Neal, III, (Darlene), Fairy Neal-Knuckles, Carolyn Neal, Elizabeth "Lulu" Neal-Maycole (Melvin), Isabella M. Neal, Julius J. Neal, James Neal (Arnett), Albert Atangana, Jarjay N Karyeah (Mary), his nieces Gwendolyn Roberts, Louise Washington, Isabella Johnson (David), Vermont Richardson, Viola Smallwood-Robinson, Benetta Smallwood-Conneh (Jimmy), Zoe Kamara-Wilson (Ike) and Ethel Kamara, several grand, great grand and great great grandchildren, and a host of relatives.

Our beloved Papie was a great man of God who always gave of his best to the master. He was a kind, loving, warm hearted member of the human race who spoke the universal language of humanity. He loved his darling wife his children and his family unconditionally. He also touched many lives from all walks of life while traveling on life's highway.

Rev. Neal, The Only Rooster, Mr. Neal, Teacher Neal, Papie, Uncle Papie Mybo, Uncle Mybo, Uncle Charles, Borbor Charles, Bor Charles, Cousin Charles, Con Charley or Sarlaynee; You were a tireless soldier in God's Army. You fought the good fight, you finished the race, you kept the faith and now you are following the path he laid for you. Well done faithful servant! Now your laborer's task is over, go and take your well deserved rest until we meet again...

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Melvin F. Maycole - Moderator

Musical Prelude Jessie Davis-Wesley

Processional The Clergy, Funeral Directors, Family

Opening Hymn "It Is Well With My Soul"

Invocation Rev. Elvyn Hamilton Co-Pastor, Quayle UMC

Scripture Readings

 Old Testament Scripture Psalm:1-6 Ashley Aborisade

 New Testament Scripture Romans 8:31-39 Viola Smallwood-Robinson

Selection "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Rev. Erica Thomas
 Associate Pastor QUMC

 Tributes & Resolutions (2 minutes please)
 Quayle United Methodist Church
 The Liberian Community Association Virginia Association
 St. Paul River District, Inc.
 Friends of the Family
 Dyer and Campbell Families

Selection "Wind Beneath My Wings" Jessie Davis-Wesley
 Neal Bush Family
 Grand and Great grand Children and their Spouses
 Children and their Spouses
 His Loving Wife of "68" Unbroken Years

Life Sketch Monique Wiltshire

 Video Presentation: Produce by Monique Wiltshire

Selection "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" A. Darlene Neal

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Victor T. McCullough
 Heartland District Superintendent, OKUMC

Selection "My (His) Way" Melvin F. Maycole

Prayer for the Family Rev. Bessie Hamilton Co-Pastor, Quayle UMC

 Acknowledgments * Vote of Thanks * Announcements

Closing Hymn "God Will Take Care Of You"

Benediction Bishop Bennie D. Warner Retired UMC

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I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY

I said a prayer for you today And know God must have heard. I felt the answer in my heart Although he never spoke a word.

I didn't ask for wealth or fame I knew you wouldn't mind. I asked Him to send treasures Of a far more lasting kind.

I asked that He'd be near you At the start of each new day; To grant you health and blessings And friends to share your way.

I asked for happiness for you In all things great and small, But it was for His loving care I prayed for most of all.

Dianna T. Johnson



It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ (yes, He has) has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul (Chorus)

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought (a thought)
My sin, not in part, but the whole (every bit, every bit, all of it)
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more (yes!)
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Chorus)

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul! (Chorus)

God Will Take Care of You.

Be not dismayed, whate'er betide
God will take care of you.
Beneath His wings, of love abide,
God will take care of you.

God, will take care of you
Through every day,
O'er all the way.
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you.
Lean weary one, upon His breast,
God will take care of you.

God, will take care of you
Through every day,
O'er all the way.
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.
He will take care of you,
God will take care of, of, you

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Blessed Be The Tie That binds

Blessed be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like that to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

*The
Patriarch
of
Neal Bush*

*Rev. Charles
Synclair Neal II
a.k.a.
The Rooster*

*Cornelius Neal
Jacob Bright
Adrian Wiltshire*

PALL BEARERS
*Prince Johnson
Paul "PJ" Ajibolade
Tobi Aborisade*

*Amir Ashiq
John "JJ" Neal
Thodonte Wiseman*

FLOWER BEARERS
The Grand Daughters of Papie

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS
*Elizabeth Nancy Campbell Elizabeth Affuah Campbell
Williametta Zubah-Williamson Esther "Tonia" Stuart*

*Theresa Hughes
Agnes Gblah*

HONORARY PALL BEARERS
*Floyd V. Campbell
Samuel Payne Cooper*

*Jesse Banks, Sr.
John Moore*

*Kandakai A. Duncan, Sr.
Willie Lahai Campbell*

Acknowledgement

The Family of Rev. Charles Synclair Neal II, would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your outpouring support, expressions of condolences, prayers, calls, financial gifts and love you all showed us during the passing and Home going of our Patriarch, Rev. Charles Synclair Neal, II.

*Because of Covid-19 in lieu of a
Repast To go lunch boxes will be handed out.*

INTERMENT
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*The trumpet
of the Lord
has sounded
The roll has
been called
up yonder
And the
Golden Gates
have
opened for*