



## F. Hockenhull

March 16, 2012

HOCKENHULL, Dr. F. O. - Answered the Lord's call on Friday, March 16, 2012 at McLaren-Flint. Dr. Hockenhull will lie in state at First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 1226 Beach Street, and may be viewed from 12Noon-8PM Friday, March 23, 2012, with Family Hour from 6-8PM. Dr. Cullian W. Hill, Presiding, Pastor of Greater Concord Missionary Baptist Church of Detroit, MI and Rev. Larry Walker, Sr. Eulogist, Pastor of Oakland Baptist Church, Detroit, MI.

Family hour 10:00AM Saturday, March 24, 2012 at First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 1226 Beach St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00AM. Dr. George W. Waddles, Sr., Presiding, President of National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, Eulogist, President of National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

Interment Monday, March 26, 2012 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00AM Saturday.

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.” Psalm 37:23

This good man came into the world as the youngest son of Elihue and Delia Hockenhull of Altheimer, Arkansas. His steps led him many places and into many venues as he grew from a quiet son to a strong Christian man. The course of his steps took many twists and turns as he was called to preach at

the age of thirteen, but thinking as a child that he could not have “fun” if he preached. He kept this to himself and began “running” from the Lord. During this time, he enlisted in the United States Navy, married and had three children.

God ordered his steps when he attended Greater New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in 1956. There, as a single man, he met his present wife, Marian. F.O., as his Pastor affectionately called him, confessed his call to the Ministry and was ordained in 1957 by Pastor L.W. Craig.

His steps continued when on July 12, 1958, F.O. Hockenull and Marian Washington were married in holy matrimony by Reverend L.W. Craig at Greater New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. Three years later, a son, F.O. Jr. was born to this couple. The Lord blessed this marriage for fifty-three years; the two became one.

After preaching for seven years as Associate Minister, God once again ordered his steps to be call to pastor the Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. During this time he became president of the Michigan District Congress, a heart of the B. M. & E. Convention and was active in all phases of the National Convention. He became an instructor in the National Baptist Congress, teaching “The Superintendent and His Past.” During this time, he graduated from Detroit Bible College and took classes at Wayne State University.

His steps took him to be called to pastor the First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church after six years in Detroit. This was truly a union from God. There have been forty-three years of harmony; forty-three years of steadfast teaching and preaching God’s Word; and forty-three years of love and follow-ship by those in the church.

During his forty-three years of tenure as Pastor of First Trinity Missionary Baptist church, he became second vice-president of the Great lakes Baptist Congress of Christian Education, later serving as the President. He also served the Wolverine State Baptist Convention as Finance Director and as Director of the Pastor’s retreat.

As God continued to order his steps, Pastor Hockenhull found himself accepting the position of Supervisor of the Administrative Division of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. Under Dr. Hockenhull's leadership this division became the largest in attendance in the National Congress. As a result, four new divisions were formed from this one division. His steps then took him to become Assistant Director General to the National Congress Dean, Dr. George Waddles, later to become Special Staff Assistant and Advisor to now National Congress President, Dr. George W. Waddles, Sr. He leaves precious memories with his faithful wife Marian, sons Frank O., Roland, Donald (deceased), daughter Gail, sister Blodell, and many sons and daughters he has lovingly adopted as well as grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, First Trinity and the Christian Family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *F. Hockenhull*

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“ *Pastor you will always hold a special place in my heart. You baptized me at 12, united my husband and I Michael now deceased baptized all three of my children and then prayed over my first grandson Darieon. You were a Pastor to my whole family from my Father to my youngest brother. But out of everyone who loved you God loves you the most. We will always remember and love you.*

*Marilyn and Family*

**Marilyn Perkins-Wright** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *To The Trinity Church Family:  
Sorry for the Lost of a good God Spirit Man. I know that he shell be miss. For the work he's done for the Church and the Church Family. He was a well out Spoken Christian, and God Fearing Man. He was a good man of service for the community as well. He will be sadly miss by all. From the Galilean Baptist Church and Members, In Jesus Christ our Saviour, In God Name Sake. Amen, Amen, and Amen.*

*From The Kimble Family.*

**Phillip Kimble & Nancy Miles** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ F.O. as we lovingly called him is now with his Father and he and Pastor Roy I. Greer are rejoicing together. I will miss his beautiful smile and his greeting of "Hello daughter". My daughter, Lynise and I will never forget him. Our prayers are with the Hockenhull family, especially his beautiful wife, Sister Hockenhull. We love you.

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**Lynn Barbee** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Pastor Hockenhull will be missed. He was a blessing to a lot of us. May God bless and keep the entire family in His care. Words cannot express the loss at First Trinity. With sincere sympathy.

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**Alberta Williams and Family** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ Dr. Hockenhull encouraged, inspired, and modeled God's unconditional love in countless ways. He was a great supporter of education and the E.C. Morris Ministers Institute that benefits Arkansas Baptist College. I am praying for Sister Hockenhull and the other members of his biological and church family.

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**Wendell Griffen** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dr. F. O. Hockenhull was a caring and giving Pastor, Teacher and Friend. He believed in doing all things decently and in order. I remember the time he gave me a writing pen from First Trinity. It was special because it "lit" up as you wrote with it. This was our on-going connection. Whenever I saw the pen in the hands of others and his hand, I knew it was from him and First Trinity. Dr. Hockenhull was also an encourager. He encouraged me in my work. He shall be missed. Sis. Hockenhull I am praying for you today and beyond!

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**Dr. Carol T. Mitchell** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Pastor Hockenhull will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Pastor baptized me and loved all of his children at First Trinity dearly. I know he is smiling down on us all from Heaven just as he did from the pulpit as he would tap us on the forehead and say, "Now beat it!" We love you Pastor!*

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**Monique Williams** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *We are truly sorry to hear of your loss. Our condolences go out to you and your family. Often during difficult times people turn to the bible. Two scriptures that come to mind are Revelations 21:3,4 and Acts 24:15. I hope that these verses are comforting to you.*

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**R. and K. Muex** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TY

“ *To Sis. Hockenhull You have our sincere condolences in the passing of a great man -- Pastor F. O. Hockenhull. I was raised under his pastorship and he married me and Isaiah. My parents Pete and Edna Hill have gone on to be with the Lord and will rejoice to see Pastor Hockenhull in the fold. You, Franko and the First Trinity MBC family have our prayers as you go through this difficult time. We Love you.*

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**Twana Young** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *With Caring Thoughts and Prayers. To Sister Hockenhull, & family. Delmas I were saddened to hear about Pastor Hockenhull. We are praying and trusting that God will be especially close to you, and provide you with all the strength you need, at this time. My Mother, Althea Garner, became First Trinity's secretary because of Pastor's prayers. She loved both of you, as did my brother Michael Franklin. Thinking of you with love.*

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**Delmas & Audrey Wilson** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *To Director Hockenhull and Family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of bereavement. May God continue to continue to comfort you, the children and church family.*

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**Rev. & Mrs. Donald Lacey** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *The Pastor and members of Greater Freewill MBC family, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the hockenhull and all connecting families members. So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we absent from the Lord. for we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Our prayers are with you; Rev. James E. Speed and Greater Freewill MBC family.*

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**Pastor James E. Speed** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ To Sis.Hockenhull, Franko, the children and the rest of the family. May God bless you in this time of your beaverment. As members, we know Pastor's favorite hymn was "Amazing Grace." Now he's resting in His Grace and His Love.

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**Kathy Lewis** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Marian and family, know that my prayers are with you during this time. May you be strengthen first by the Lord and His Word, and then by those who know and love you dearly. As Dr. Hockenhull use to say to me, you were First Trinity and I was Trinity. His memory will be etched in my mind for years to come. Love and Blessings, Paula

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**Paula Davis** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ZJ

“ We would like to send our condolences to the Hockenhulls and our First Trinity Church Family. Pastor has and will continue to be a great influence on us all. We will keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, but find comfort in knowing he's resting in a better place. God Bless you all.

*Zelton, Ain and Zariya Johnson*

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**Zelton Johnson Jr.** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ JESUS SAID, I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN THOUGH HE DIES;DR. Hockenhull, A MAN OF GOD, WHO HAS TOUCHED MANY LIVE THROUGH OUT HIS LIFE TIME.HIS MEMORIES WILL REMAIN WITH US FOR EVER." A LIFE WELL LIVED AND A LIFE WELL LOVED". OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH THE ENTIRE HOCKENHULL FAMILY AND FIRST TRINITY CHURCH.THE LORD WILL COMFORT YOU AND GIVE YOU STRENGTH AND PEACE.TO GOD BE THE GLORY, SIS. SANDRA EPPS, DIRECTOR.

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**Sis. Sandra Epps** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ I was deeply saddened to hear yesterday that Dr. Hockenhull had passed. I've only met him a few times in working with the church, but found him to be the most charismatic man I've ever met. My prayers are with Mrs. Hockenhull, their family and church members. I'm sure that his loss is deeply felt by all who knew him. Blessings to all of you.

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**Valerie Haight / Bob Haight** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Sister Hockenhul,

*The Lord has not brought us this far to leave us. Lean on him during this great loss. He will carry you when it seems too much to bear. We are both greatly saddened by the physical loss; however we are overjoyed to know that Pastor is now present with the Lord. You are in our prayers.*

*Sister Maria Boyd-Springer*

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**Maria Boyd-Springer** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ To the Hockenhull family:  
For us it has been 43 years that Pastor's kindness, faithfulness and love have touched our hearts. His Christian leadership and love for God enriched our lives and enabled us to grow in faith. Although our hearts are heavy, we are thankful and praise God for putting Pastor in our lives. He was a God fearing man who exemplified God's love in his daily life. We will miss him and he will forever live in our hearts. May the peace and comfort of God be with you during these difficult times.

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**Jacqueline Johnson** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Pastor Hockenhull was dear to our family. He was like a second dad. Our dad, Clarence Kemp, was his driver and friend for many years. Pastor Hockenhull was very supportive during the loss of our dad, 7 years ago. And was also there for us during the loss of our aunts, after our dad was already deceased. We send our deepest condolences to the family of Pastor Hockenhull, especially his dear wife, Sister Hockenhull. May God continue to bless you and give you strength during this time of grief. We love you and the entire First Trinity family. And we shall continue to lift you all in prayer. ..Debra M. Kemp and the entire Kemp family.

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**Debra Kemp** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I remember attending a funeral service when Dr. Hockenhull, quoted 1Cor. 15:55 (Death where is your victory, where is your sting). Soon death will be no more. In that same Book of 1st Corinthians 15:56-57, also shares a positive light on this subject. These are scriptures that has helped me get through the sting of death, I hope these can be of comfort. John 5:28-29.

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**Michael J.** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ So sorry for your loss and may God continue to bless the family.

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**George E Brown** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To a true man of God,

*I thank you for instilling an understanding of God's word and walking in love.*

*I send my prayers and condolences to the family.*

*Julian*

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**Julian Murphy** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Pastor, you were my Spiritual Father long before I even knew what one was. You had us all rooted in the Word of God, and even when times got rough, we didn't stray from it. We were "conditioned" to pray. You have the most amazing home now, where everyday is a Holiday and Birthday. However, I, my family and my First Trinity family will miss you tremendously. Sister Hockenhull, I love you, and I will always keep you and your family in Prayer.

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**Marcia Fair-Stevens** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM