



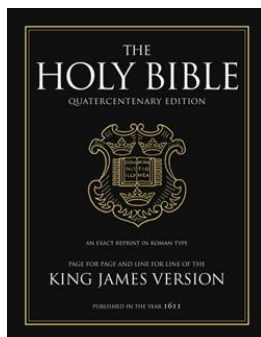
In Memory: Pastor Ralph Stovall



Pastor Ralph J. Stovall of Allentown, Pennsylvania went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at the age of 55.

He was married 34 years to Helen (Evans) Stovall. In 1983 Ralph Started and Pastored New Beginnings Baptist Church in Downtown Allentown, Pennsylvania. The Church met every Sunday for Sunday School and Services at the Hilton Hotel which at the time was at 28 South 9th Street hopefully to one day be able to get a building of the Church's own to have Services beyond the Sunday Morning. I was able back in the early 1990's to attend one of his services!

Born in Allentown, he was educated at Louis E. Dieruff High School and United Wesleyan College in Allentown. He received his Bachelor of Science and Th. B. degrees in Pastoral Ministries. In 1983, he started approaching un-churched members to begin a new church in Allentown. In 1984, he was ordained by the Central Baptist Association of Pa.



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I knew Ralph from 1990 on. I worked with Ralph when we worked Security Together and he was the overnight shift supervisor. Ralph was one of a few preachers I got to know in my adult life who had to work full time to support his family while he built his church. Ralph is a man of God (STILL is; absent from the body and present with the Lord), man of faith, has an excellent reputation and character and is above reproach! Ralph as an Independent Baptist Preacher stood for the Word of God without compromised and preached from the King James Version! There were nights at work we read Scripture together and prayed together for various issues of that day! In 1992 I moved out of the Lehigh valley due to a job transfer but in the middle 1990's I did come back and worked with Ralph for a short time before changing employment again and even though we no longer worked together we were able at times to stay in touch.

In a time in America's history when there are very few (in MY opinion) real Bible Believing Churches and Preachers, Ralph is one of them and quite frankly, I miss him!

If you are blessed enough to be in a REAL Bible Believing Church, PRAY for your preachers! Pray that God keep them healthy, protect them and that they be able to preach the Word for a long healthy life time! Good Preachers are far and few in between!

If Ralph would be allowed to see this, Ralph, when the roll is called up yonder I'll be there!

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder | James Milton Black, 1893

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more
And the morning breaks eternal bright and fair
When the saved diverse shall gather over on the other shore
And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there
When the roll is called up yonder when the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder when the roll is called up yonder I'll be there

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.
When the roll is called up yonder when the roll is called up yonder

Let us lay before the Master from the dawn till setting sun
Let us talk of all his wondrous love and care
And when all of life is over and our work on earth is done
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there
When the roll is called up yonder when the roll is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder when the roll is called up yonder I'll be there

