

PALLBEARERS

Zerrick Hart ∞ David Stevens ∞ Erick Sims
Elijah Brown ∞ Timothy Brown ∞ Chris Jenkins

FLORAL BEARERS

Mary Brown ∞ Angela Romain ∞ Lisa West
Jennifer Steven's ∞ Georgia Hammidi ∞ Jordan Loney
Chiquita Roberts ∞ Chinisha Roberts

THANK YOU

The family of our beloved, Bishop Melvin L. Brown, extends our deepest gratitude for every expression of love, kindness, and support shown towards us. Your prayers, comforting words, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, meals, and other acts of compassion have strengthened and encouraged us more than words can express.

Our family offers sincere appreciation to Bishop George G. Bloomer, Chief Presiding Prelate, C.L.U.R.T. International Assemblies. From the very first day of this journey, your unwavering presence, spiritual guidance, heartfelt prayers, and steadfast support have been a tremendous source of strength and comfort.

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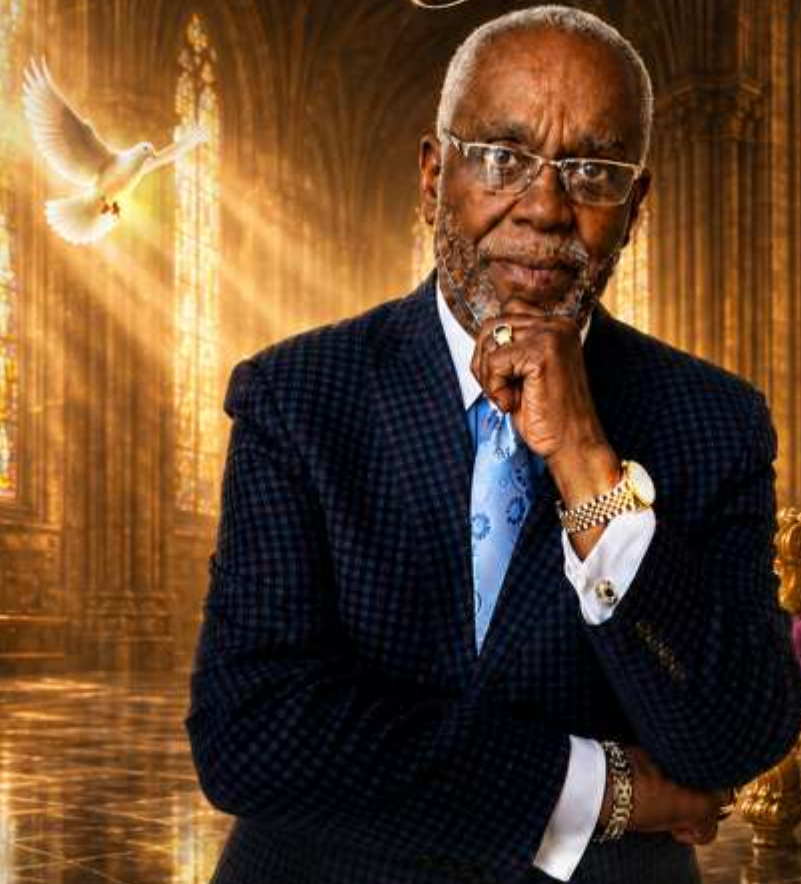
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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

of



BISHOP MELVIN L. BROWN

Senior Pastor
Family Outreach Word and Worship Center

First Assistant and Vice Bishop
C.L.U.R.T. International Assemblies

July 10, 1948



June 26, 2026

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

— 2 Timothy 4:7 —

ORDER of SERVICE

Moderator: Bishop Al Morgan



Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection

Prayer of Comfort
Bishop Cranford Davis

Old Testament Reading
Bishop Charles Johnson

New Testament Reading
Pastor Warren Bolton

Musical Selection

Remarks

Acknowledgements
Vertella Solomon

Obituary Reading
Tanya Bolton

Musical Selection

Eulogy
Bishop George G. Bloomer
Chief Presiding Prelate
C.L.U.R.T International Assemblies

Recessional



Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. Psa. 89:13



1. Time is filled with swift tran - si - tion, Naught of earth un-moved can stand,
2. Trust in Him who will not leave you, What - so - ev - er years may bring,
3. Cov - et not this world's vain rich - es That so rap - id - ly de - cay,
4. When your jour - ney is com - plet - ed, If to God you have been true,



Build your hopes on things e - ter - nal, Hold to God's un - chang - ing hand.
If by earth - ly friends for - sak - en Still more close - ly to Him cling.
Seek to gain the heav'n - ly treas - ures, They will nev - er pass a - way.
Fair and bright the home in glo - ry Your en - rap - tured soul will view.

Refrain



Hold to His hand, to God's un - chang - ing hand, Hold to His hand, to God's un - chang - ing hand;



Build your hopes on things e - ter - nal, Hold to God's un - chang - ing hand.

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THE LIFE OF
Bishop
MELVIN LEWIS BROWN

Bishop Melvin Lewis Brown was born on July 10, 1948, in Columbia, South Carolina, to the late McKinley and Ruth Brown. Affectionately known as “Bish,” “Mel,” or “Uncle Bishop,” he was the Founder and Pastor of Family Outreach Word & Worship Center (FOWWC), which he formed in 1995. Bishop Brown transitioned from labor to reward on June 26, 2026.

A product of Richland School District 1, Bishop Brown graduated from C. A. Johnson High School and Benedict College. He was an ambitious young man who dreamed big, worked hard, and approached life with optimism and enthusiasm.

Bishop Brown entered the ministry as a young man. He was reared in and was a member of Jones Tabernacle Fire Baptized Holiness Church, often referred to as “Tin Bridge” on Gervais Street. He spent 31 years of his five decades of ministry as Senior Pastor of Family Outreach Word & Worship Center. Bishop often talked about his loving and loyal congregation.

Bishop Brown was City Administrator of Columbia, SC. Prior to that, he was employed as an Emergency Medical Technician. He later worked in the insurance industry with A. L. Williams, rebranded as Primerica for a number of years.

Bishop Brown lived a beautiful life dedicated to God, Family, and Friends. He was a faithful servant whose life was a testament to love, faith, and unwavering dedication to the ministry and those he so willingly and lovingly served. He spared not his own gifts, talents, time, and resources in serving God’s people. Whether it was making sure teens were able to take trips, going fishing with the men, vigilantly supporting women’s gatherings, or even picking up members for worship, Bishop Brown was more than willing to give of himself.

In addition to leading Family Outreach Word & Worship Center in Northeast Columbia, he also simultaneously served as Vice Bishop of C.L.U.R.T. International Assemblies under the leadership of Bishop George G. Bloomer, Chief Presiding Prelate.

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He often enjoyed extensive traveling worldwide. Bishop Brown grew to love the high seas and fell in love with a yacht, that he would later purchase, even working to earn his Captain's license.

He was preceded in death by his parents, McKinley and Ruth Brown; brothers, George "Billy" Brown, Charles Brown, and Andre Brown, stillborn; and first wife, Vanessa Brown.

He is lovingly remembered by his current wife, Robyn L. Brown; his son, Darrin Brown of Atlanta; daughter, Vanshenique "Nikki" Hart and her husband, Zerrick, of Atlanta; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Alma Johnson of Columbia and Geraldine Williams and her husband, Macey, of Orlando, Florida; and other loving relatives and friends.

