

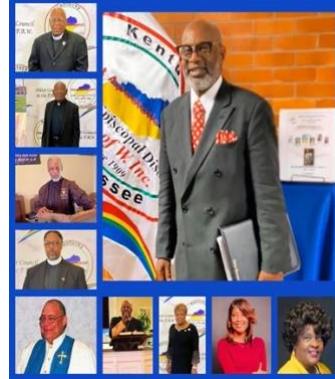


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Long before the birth of Pastor Waverly Holland, on August 15, 1932, the Lord had made him a peculiar people. At 90, he fulfilled his purpose in this world and his spirit entered Heaven, a place he called home.



Pastor Waverly James Holland

Sunrise: August 15, 1932 - Sunset: February 12, 2023



“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)



“Like Mother, Like Son”

Pastor Waverly J. Holland was baptized in Jesus’ name and filled with the Holy Ghost at an early age at *Newburg Apostolic Church* where his mother, Mattie Holland, was the pastor. When his mother became ill, she urged him to take the Aenon course and get his minister’s license. Elder Holland was ordained in 1991. A few years later he was ordained by the late Bishop Morris E. Golder in 1996 as the pastor of *Newburg Apostolic Church*.



Order My Steps ...

Elder Holland would say, "this world is not home; I'm just passing by." Every step that he took, he was just one step closer to going home.

Whether it was while he was ...

- F.A.C. Director Church Extension Fund
- Cutting the church lawn
- Teaching adult Sunday school classes
- ... or driving the church bus.

Even during his sickness, he still had a mind to serve and attend councils.



Elder Waverly Holland was the embodiment of the *Newburg Apostolic Church* doctrine which was:

- We believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- We believe one must be water baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance according to Acts 2:38 and Acts 2:4.
- We believe this constitutes the new birth, as recorded in St. John 3:1-8 and



A Close Look at the Man of God



**ELDER
WAVERLY J. HOLLAND
90th
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**



*Sunday Morning Worship
Guest Speaker
Subbragan Bishop Larry Smith
Apostolic Revival Center-Dickson, TN*



*The Refinery
Guest Speaker
Bishop Sherman Merritt
Greater Christ Temple-Nashville, TN*



**BIRTHDAY BANQUET
THE REFINERY (41 from tickets left)
600 MISSOURI AVE.
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47130**

*90th Birthday Celebration
Elder Waverly J. Holland*

*Thanks for
Celebrating
With Us!*

Ticket Price: \$ 30.00
Ticket # 032 Ticket #032

Newburg Apostolic Church
4817 E. Indian Trail
Louisville, Kentucky 40218
Elder Waverly J. Holland, Pastor
Elder Nathaniel Northington, Associate
502/459-1909

HAPPY 89th BIRTHDAY
Celebrating You Our Blessed Pastor



"This I recall to my mind, therefore have I HOPE
it is of the Lord's Mercies that we are not
consumed, because His compassions FAIL NOT."
They are new every morning:
Great is Thy FAITHFULNESS.
Lamentations 3:21-23

*The Celebration of a Life Well Lived
Waverly James Holland*

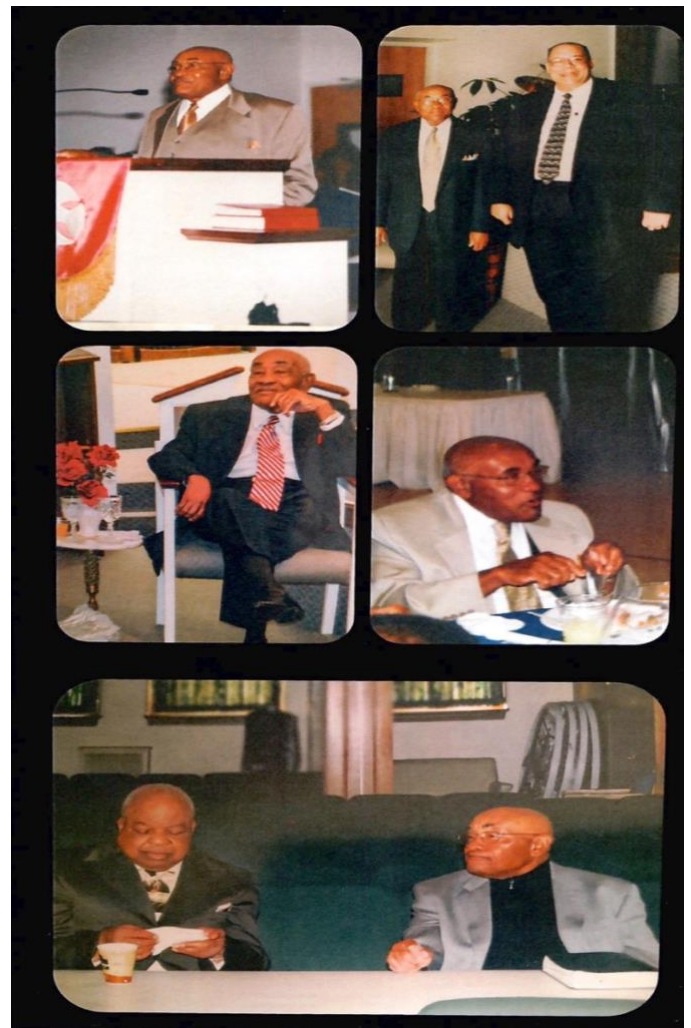


Alpha: August 15, 1932 - Omega: February 12, 2023

Funeral Service
Saturday, February 18, 2023
11:00 am

Newburg Apostolic Church
4817 E. Indian Trail
Louisville, Kentucky 40218

Officiating
Bishop Sherman L. Merritt, Sr.
Pastor of Greater Christ Temple
Nashville, TN



First Apostolic Council of Kentucky & Tennessee

11th Episcopal District - Pentecostal Assemblies of the World
Bishop Sherman L. Merritt D.D., *Diocesan*
Suffragan Bishop Johnnie B. Blissett II, *Chairman*

Resolution In Loving Memory of Pastor Waverly James Holland

God, in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to move from our midst our beloved Pastor Waverly James Holland and has called him to his eternal rest on Sunday, February 12, 2023.

I Timothy 6:11-12

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. Paul in his letter to Timothy had encouraged the man of God to follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness and to persevere and to Fight the good fight of faith.

We, the First Apostolic Council of Kentucky & Tennessee, find these same six virtues in our dear brother and friend, Pastor Waverly James Holland: Righteousness, Godliness, Faith, Love, Patience, Meekness all qualities that sum up a life well lived by Pastor Waverly Holland.

Whereas Pastor Waverly Holland demonstrated a life of sincere obedience to God, quiet-spoken, yet strong in his faith, mild- mannered yet bold in his beliefs, fighting the good faith of faith.

Whereas Pastor Waverly Holland was a faithful supporter of the First Apostolic Council. His years of service as the Church Extension Fund Committee head was commendable.

Whereas Pastor Waverly Holland, embodied a kind & humble spirit of a true Pastor and Man of God; consistent in his preaching and teaching lifting up the name of Jesus and exhorting the body of Christ to live a life of true holiness unto the Lord.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we the First Apostolic Council of Kentucky & Tennessee, publicly acknowledge the sincere and dedicated service of Pastor Waverly Holland.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we embrace the family, and the Newburg Apostolic Church Family, with the love of the Lord and lift you in prayer to the only wise, true, and living God. To Sister Michelle Carter, your many years of loving, care for your uncle and Aunt is indisputable. It has not gone unnoticed. Not only has the Lord seen your compassionate care, but it has been witnessed by many, and we give God praise for you and your service to the man of God, and First Lady Nancy Holland.

Be it further resolved that we bow in humble submission to Him who never makes a mistake, and we sorrow not as others which have no hope. We encourage the family to be strengthened by the Holy Scriptures as recorded in I Thessalonians 4:16-17 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Humbly Submitted on this day, February 18th in the year of our Lord 2023.

The First Apostolic Council of Kentucky & Tennessee
Bishop Sherman L. Merritt, *Diocesan*
Suffragan Bishop – Johnnie B. Blissett II, *Chairman*
Evangelist Annette Tolbert, *General Secretary*

A TRIBUTE TO A FAITHFUL PASTOR:

Elder Waverly James Holland

Elder Waverly James Holland was the pastor at *Newburg Apostolic Church* for 26 faithful years. He was a man of deep conviction whose passionate heartbeat was for the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. In all those years he proved himself faithful to Christ, faithful in preaching the gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ, and faithful to the people he served. He gave himself tirelessly to the work of the ministry. His prized possession was "The Baptism in Jesus' Name and the Precious Gift of the Holy Ghost". Here was his message... a simple man who had responded to God's love by placing his faith in Jesus, receiving the assurance that his sins were forgiven, that he would not perish, but would have everlasting life.

We mourn his passing but know with absolute certainty that he heard those beautiful words, "well done good and faithful servant". Therefore, let us rejoice that he is safely with his glorious Savior, and has already been clothed with Christ's perfect righteousness, and has begun to experience eternal life in Heaven. Pastor Waverly Holland leaves a grieving family, and a grieving congregation. To his son, Louis Hilliard, daughter-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, saints, and friends - find comfort in the Word of God. For Jesus himself said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4) The good news is that God will never abandon us during our times of grief. Instead, he hears our cries and knows our pain and will always provide us with love and hope.

*2 Timothy 4:7: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.*

At the age of 90, Pastor Waverly James Holland accomplished the very thing he preached, taught, and sang about; he met his Lord and Savior on Sunday, February 12, 2023. He indeed fought a good fight; he absolutely kept the faith, and he finished his course here on earth! Brothers and sisters, Pastor Holland would want us to fight the good fight and finish the race that God has prepared for us.

May God bless the memory and legacy of our Pastor, Waverly James Holland.



Prayerfully Submitted,
Elder Nathaniel Northington, Pastor