



## Reverend Gregory Thomas

January 9, 1953 - August 6, 2015

On August 6, 2015, The Lord dispatched His angel to bring home His beloved and humble servant, Pastor Gregory A. Thomas. A graduate of I C Norcom High School, he was called to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ at the tender age of 22. He proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ for many years and served as Pastor of First Baptist Church Elm Avenue for 29 years.

He was predeceased by his parents, Edward O. & Virginia Welton Thomas. He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his loving wife, First Lady Renita Cherry-Thomas, son, Gregory A. Thomas (Nordanne), daughter, Maria Cherry; sister, Deborah Thomas and three grandchildren: Jaelin, Kayla, and Josiah.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA

# Previous Events

## Wake Service

AUG 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church, Elm Avenue  
1025 Elm Avenue  
Portsmouth, VA

## Visitation

AUG 14. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
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## Wake Service

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AUG **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Third Baptist Church  
461 Godwin Street  
Portsmouth, VA

## Service

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AUG **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Lebanon Baptist Church (The Mount)  
215 Las Gaviotas Blvd.  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 13, 2015 at 01:08 PM

MT

*That was beautiful. Praying for you the family*

Mary T - August 13, 2015 at 06:26 PM

BD

*Absolutely beautiful tribute*

Brenda Dixon-Lee - August 15, 2015 at 12:21 PM



*Awesome*

Brenda Lee - August 15, 2015 at 12:22 PM

CW

*A beautiful tribute. The family is in prayers.*

Carolyn Wilson - August 19, 2015 at 12:34 AM

SE

*My long time pastor and friend*

Sherri Edwards-Hockaday - August 20, 2015 at 08:44 PM

PJ

*That was beautiful when I first met pastor Thomas in a revival in 1987 at my home church it calls my relationship to grow deeper in the Lord I never forgotten that message it changed my life he's been a good friend and pastor and brother ever sense god bless you all you are in my prayers Pastor James and Andanita Bynum Jr Strait Gate Evangelistic Baptist Church and First Baptist Church Money Point God Bless!*

Pastor James Bynum Jr - August 21, 2015 at 11:08 PM

SH

*This man of God truly has touched my world in a grand way. Rev. Gregory Thomas married my parents when I was only 8 (eight) years old. Shortly following my 25th birthday Rev. Gregory Thomas did the eulogy for my father. Having seeing him, his church family and awesome spirit through the years, it was an instant emotion of tears with respect for you sir. God Bless your family, member following and love ones.*

*-Shawn Harris  
Portsmouth, VA*

Shawn - April 13, 2016 at 09:08 PM

RR

“ *Ramona Ransom lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



Ramona Ransom - April 07, 2016 at 09:28 PM

AH

“ *Antonio Howell lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



Antonio Howell - August 17, 2015 at 10:34 AM

LS

“ *Lisa Sorrell-Bickley lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Lisa Sorrell-Bickley** - August 16, 2015 at 10:46 AM

MB

“ *Myesha Bellamy lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Myesha Bellamy** - August 16, 2015 at 10:05 AM

GJ

“ *Love sister Johnson*



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**Gloria Johnson** - August 14, 2015 at 09:28 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Brown lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Barbara Brown** - August 14, 2015 at 09:16 PM

DS

“ *To First Lady Renita Thomas*

*I was sorry to hear about the passing of Pastor Gregory Thomas. Just wanted to give my condolences to you and the family. My heart go out to you, and know that my prayers are with you all. I know that the presences of the Sweet Precious Holy Spirit will give you that comfort and peace that surpasseth all understanding. He is now resting in the arms of Jesus. My brother Mitchell Simmons sends his condolences also.*

*Pastor Gregory will be missed. Rest in Peace!*

*Mitchell Simmons & Minister Deborah Turner- Simmons*

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**Deborah Simmons** - August 14, 2015 at 08:38 PM

GE

*I was so sad to hear about the passing of Pastor Thomas, but i know that you know he's safe in the arms of Jesus.i pry god give you perfect peace as you make this transition. God bless and keep your heart now and forever.! 💔💔💔💔*

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**Gertie** - August 15, 2015 at 11:15 AM

LJ

“ *To Sis. Renita Thomas, Family and Church,*

*We extend our deepest condolences in the passing of Pastor Gregory. We pray that God will strengthen, encourage, and grant you peace as He wrap his loving arms around you during and after this very difficult time.*

*In our prayers*

*Leroy & Phyllis Jones and Family*

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**Leroy & Phyllis Jones** - August 14, 2015 at 05:26 PM

SH

“ Stacy Hurdle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



Stacy Hurdle Hardy - August 14, 2015 at 01:42 PM

SB

“ Sonia Bellamy lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



Sonia Bellamy - August 14, 2015 at 12:47 PM

RL

*To the pastor's family and church family you have my deepest condolences. Rev. Thomas was my dear friend and I don't say it lightly. This was a great shock to me, as well to many others I'm sure. Be in encouraged, remembering always, earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal....Rev. Darnell Lang*

Rev.Darnell Lang - August 14, 2015 at 05:00 PM

RF

“ *To my friend Pastor Gregory Thomas. Thanks for being there for me when I really needed you in my sad hours. When I would call and sometimes you would call just to see how I was doing. It was that moment I truly needed to hear your voice with words of encouragement and your prayer of consolation. I will truly miss you, may you R. I. P.  
Royanne Fuller*

Royanne Fuller - August 14, 2015 at 12:18 PM

RF

“ Royanne Fuller lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



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**Royanne Fuller** - August 14, 2015 at 11:55 AM

RF

*To my dear friend Pastor Gregory Thomas. Thanks for being there for me when I really needed you in my sad hours. When I would called and sometimes you would call just to see how I was doing. It was that moment when I needed to hear your voice with words of encouragement and your prayer of consolation. I will truly miss you, may you R. I. P. Royanne Fuller*

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**Royanne Fuller** - August 14, 2015 at 11:59 AM

DW

“ Diamonds White lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



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**Diamonds White** - August 14, 2015 at 07:37 AM

PH

“ *To The Thomas Family*

*I want to express my love to you all at this time. I have Known Gregory all my life from Glassgow and Armstrong St. Ms Virginia and my mother were the best of friends. Gregory's smile is enough to brighten anyone's day. He has been a servant of God all is life. His work has truly spoke for him. He will be missed but will remain in our hearts. Deborah, I know you are going to miss him all to much, you both were the prime example of brother and sister love. God has one of the greatest of his creations with him now. So dry your tears he is all right now. Brand New In Jesus. Praise God*

*Much Love  
Phyllis Y.( Elliott) Hill*

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**Phyllis Elliott Hill** - August 13, 2015 at 06:16 PM



VW

“ *Twine Memorial Holy Temple Church extends*

*our sincere sympathy to the Family of Pastor Gregory Thomas and First Baptist Elm Avenue Church. We were sadden to hear of the loss of our dear friend, brother, and Pastor, but we know that God will send all of us comfort in this difficult time of understanding His Will for our friend, brother, and Pastor. His Legacy and love for us will live forever be remembered.*

*Done for Pastor Michael B. Porter, Sr. and First Lady Eula Porter and Members*

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**Valorie M. Wesson** - August 13, 2015 at 06:13 PM



TW

“ our condolences go to frist lady Renita Thomas and family our prayers are with you forever in our hearts we will miss him sadly ms Thompson and daughters

Tracey WATKINS - August 13, 2015 at 05:31 PM

NW

“ To the family of our dear friend Rev. Gregory we were sadden and shocked to hear of the passing of Gregory , but we can truly say the last words he had with us at the White family reunion was up lifting and he had that wonderful smile on his face. Richard and I enjoyed his time with us. We are sure of this one thing God makes no mistakes and we know that he his resting in God's arms. We pray that the Lord comfort you at this trying time. Mr. & Mrs. White

Naomi White - August 13, 2015 at 04:45 PM

NW

“ Naomi White lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



Naomi White - August 13, 2015 at 04:35 PM

TW

“ Tracey WATKINS lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



Tracey WATKINS - August 13, 2015 at 04:31 PM

MJ

“ *Mr. Craig Cherry & Shelia, Craig Jr purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Reverend Gregory Thomas.*



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**Mr. Craig Cherry & Shelia, Craig Jr** - August 13, 2015 at 03:52 PM

SW

“ *Samuel R. White & Family I thank GOD for putting Pastor Gregory Thomas in my life 25 years ago. I'm going to miss my Brother- In - Law. Oh how I love Him. The fellowship, friendship, straight talk, preaching, teaching, & I will always remember that SMILE. I'm very thankful for all the memories. To GOD be the glory. What a strong man, smart, always positive, kind, caring, respectfully to others, and a heart of gold. He love to minister to GOD'S people always lifting them up in prayer. What good times we had every time we got together making each other laugh and talking about the goodness of the LORD and always praying before we departed. Gregory love his wife, sister, sons, daughter, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, family, and friends very much. Well my brother/ friend I'm so happy for you. You have meant so much to me. What a legacy you are leaving behind. A Man Of Integrity, Peace, And All About Doing GOD'S Will. God knows best. I can hear GOD saying it is time for you to check out, and Gregory saying OK lets do this I'm ready to come home. There is many things I'm going to miss about my Brother- In- Law. But one thing I will surely miss the most. That is hearing him say Y'all Don't Hear Me. WELL I always heard you and I always will. Thanks Be To The Father, Son, And The Holy Spirit*



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**Samuel R. White** - August 13, 2015 at 03:13 PM

EF

“ *Edward O. Smith Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Reverend Gregory Thomas.*



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**Edward O. Smith Family** - August 13, 2015 at 12:37 PM

BS

“ *The flame on this candle is symbolic of the love we shared as Brothers. It will burn forever within my heart.*



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**Brother Willie T. Williams, Sr.** - August 13, 2015 at 12:33 PM

PS

“ *The Zion Hill Pentecostal Church Family, Waverly, VA extends our deepest sympathy to the Thomas & Cherry Family ! Our thoughts, prayers, and love is being sent to you today and for the difficult days ahead. Our Church Family will never forgot the edifying sermons he preached. Pastor Thomas was truly a "great man of God." He will be missed !*

*Pastor Elder Willie T. Williams, Sr. & Elect Lady Patricia Williams*

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**Pastor Willie T. Williams, Sr.** - August 13, 2015 at 12:10 PM

TN

“ A good and decent man who was loved by his church, his friends, and the Portsmouth community. He will truly be missed. May he rest in peace. Our condolences to his family.

*Tony and Marie Nicolo*

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**Tony & Marie Nicolo** - August 13, 2015 at 11:13 AM

DN

“ Doug Nixon lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



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**Doug Nixon** - August 13, 2015 at 10:34 AM

SE

“ I want to express my condolences to the whole family Of Rev Gregory Thomas. To me, Rev Gregory Thomas was more than just a pastor. He knew the Lord. He was Filled with joy, spirit and wisdom And there will never be another pastor like him. I will truly miss him!

*SHERRI EDWARDS-HOCKADAY*

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**sherri edwards-hockaday** - August 13, 2015 at 09:40 AM

MK

“ Sending my condolences to the Thomas Family. Thanks for all you have done. Tell my Grandad Tillett & Aunt Janet hi for me. R.I.H



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**My'Keisha King** - August 13, 2015 at 09:10 AM

MK

“ *Marquita King lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Marquita King** - August 13, 2015 at 08:57 AM

RF

“ *May the Holy Spirit provide the miraculous strength to carry the family today and in days to come.*



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**Rev. Joyce Foster** - August 13, 2015 at 08:19 AM

MJ

“ *Our condolences to the Thomas family. Personally my memories of Reverend Thomas begin with his sister Deborah and the close protective sibling love that I observed when we were students at our beloved George Peabody and Riddick Weaver Elementary Schools. Forever remembering the beautiful bond between God's chosen brother and sister. Never forgetting Gregory's smile that always radiated in his service to Christ.*

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**Miriam Jackson Jiggetts** - August 13, 2015 at 03:41 AM

KC

“ Hello the Thomas Family, I want to express my condolences to the whole family. Rev Thomas has been in our family for years "Gambrells" and I know he is in a better place now. I will always admire the blessings he gave to my dad(Charlie Gambrell) and mom (Shirley Gambrell) until we meet again MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU ALL STAY STRONG.

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**Kathleen "Kat" Copeland** - August 13, 2015 at 02:18 AM

KC

“ Kathleen "Kat" Copeland lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



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**Kathleen "Kat" Copeland** - August 13, 2015 at 02:12 AM

PM

“ To the family of Pastor Gregory and Debra Thomas:

*I was saddened to hear of the passing of Pastor Gregory. It has been such a long time since I have seen you both, but I'll always remember the warmth of your family and our times as neighbors on Charleston Avenue and the friendship of the mother's. I will always remember the gracious homegoing service Pastor preached on behalf of my mother, Lillian Mayo. We gratefully remember you all in this time of transition.*

*May God's peace and love continue to comfort you during this time.*

*Respectfully,  
Patricia of  
The Mayo Family  
Charleston Avenue  
Portsmouth, Va*

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**Patricia Mayo** - August 12, 2015 at 11:29 PM

JH

“ *I am sadden to know that Rev. Gregory Thomas is no longer in the presence of man, however, joyful to know that he is now In the presence of the LORD. "Well done thy good and faithful servant".*

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**James Hymon** - August 12, 2015 at 09:11 PM

MF

“ *Ms Jackie Freeman lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Ms Jackie Freeman** - August 12, 2015 at 07:22 PM

RH

*The Spiritual Leaders of Mount Hermon Baptist Temple bow in humble submission to the Will of our Heavenly Father, who knows best. We extend to the sorrowing family our heartfelt sympathy in their lost, and commend them to God who is able and willing to heal all sorrow. Reverend Gregory Thomas was truly a blessing to us. Reverends Larry and Thelma Humphrey and Reverend Cynthia I. Sears.*

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**Revs. Larry & Thelma Humphrey** - August 13, 2015 at 07:25 AM

PH

“ *Phyllis Harris lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Phyllis Harris** - August 12, 2015 at 04:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Reverend Gregory Thomas.*



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August 12, 2015 at 03:09 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 12, 2015 at 02:49 PM



“ To God be the Glory, because many people don't get to share a life with family and be so. Well loved like the life he shared with you all and the life that you all shared with him.



Theresa - August 12, 2015 at 01:42 PM



“ We send our thoughts and prayers to the family of Pastor Gregory Thomas. He will definitely be missed. He was family to us. We were delighted to share with him the good news of our recent engagement and looking forward to the day when he could take part in this joyous occasion. He encouraged our souls and we thank him for the wisdom shared. Again, He truly will be missed,

Angel D. Cross  
Eddie B. Williams

Angel Cross - August 12, 2015 at 01:36 PM

AJ

“ Rev Gregory Thomas lived the life of Jesus. He loved and cared for everyone he came in contact with. His infectious smile and soft spoken manner radiated wherever he went. He lived and gave tirelessly of himself; letting the Jesus in him shine and reach out to all souls anywhere. Rev Gregory, you will be missed, but I know your spirit will live on forever. May the Thomas family find peace and comfort in knowing that your loved one is now resting in the arms of Jesus.

*Albertha Johnson*

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**Albertha Johnson** - August 12, 2015 at 01:31 PM

AJ

“ The Johnson & Edwards family lit a candle in memory of Rev Gregory Thomas.



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**Albertha Johnson** - August 12, 2015 at 01:13 PM

AF

“ Al & Linda Fleming purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Reverend Gregory Thomas.



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**Al & Linda Fleming** - August 12, 2015 at 12:29 PM

AC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of Pastor Gregory Thomas. It was indeed a pleasure and delight to have known you and to have called you family. We were excited to share with you the news of our engagement and looking forward to you taking part in our wedding ceremony. We thank you for the encouragement given and for the wisdom shared. May you rest in heaven.

Angel D. Cross  
Eddie B. Williams

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Angel Cross - August 12, 2015 at 11:29 AM

AP

“ Angela Perry lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



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Angela Perry - August 12, 2015 at 10:43 AM

MA

“ To my Sister Renita Cherry-Thomas, this is Mary Ames sending prayers & the comfort of us both knowing that all is well. God knows best for us all. Love you & your family

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Mary E. Ames - August 12, 2015 at 10:05 AM

KR

“ *Karentina Scott, CCMA Sentara Riverwalk lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Karentina Scott, CCMA Sentara Riverwalk** - August 12, 2015 at 09:42 AM

EE

“ *My condolences and prayers are extended to the family during this time of bereavement. I am so honored that God allowed my path to cross his while he was here working in God's vineyard. His compassion, humility and love superseded the norm and reflected that of Jesus Christ. He eulogized my son with a short notice of request when oppositions confronted us. He also ministered to me during my bereavement and I was not a member of his church. Afterwards I knew he was sent by God. God had sent me the right man with the heart of God who understood what I needed at the right time. I can't express how much that meant to me that he knew what to say. God was speaking to him. God chose the right man at the right time to speak the right words from the mouth of God. I can remember when I spoke at his church and was waiting in the speaker's room. Rev. Thomas came in and said, "Can I get you anything?" I replied, "yes some water." All of a sudden I thought and said you are the Pastor oh no you don't have to get me any water. Rev Thomas replied, "I'm a servant first, I'll get it." He wasn't above the people but he walked with the people, just like Jesus. I can't express in words how much I appreciated him and what a jewel God gave to his wife, family, the church and the world. He will be greatly missed and will always be remembered for the spiritual legacy he lived.*

*God's Strength and Love to the Family of Rev. Thomas  
Evangelist Carolyn Elliott*

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**Evangelist Carolyn Elliott** - August 12, 2015 at 09:20 AM

GE

“ George & Pamela Easter lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



George & Pamela Easter - August 12, 2015 at 09:15 AM

FR

“ From the class of 1972, I.C. Norcom, you have now graduated to HEAVEN, CLASS of 2015. Well done my good and faithful servant. Frances L Johnson

Frances - August 12, 2015 at 08:49 AM

FR

“ Frances lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



Frances - August 12, 2015 at 08:42 AM

FF

“ Fred And Peanie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



Fred and Peanie Ferguson - August 12, 2015 at 08:37 AM

FF

“ *Rev. Thomas was a true man of God! He will forever be missed! RIH Heaven has true Angel!*

Fred and Peanie Ferguson - August 12, 2015 at 08:36 AM

AJ

“ *The Johnson & Edwards family lit a candle in memory of Rev Gregory Thomas. We will miss that infectious smile and loving disposition he had toward everyone he touched. He truly let Jesus shine through him as he sought to save souls for God's kingdom. May the Thomas family find peace and comfort in knowing that your love one is at rest in the arms of Jesus.*



Albertha Johnson - August 12, 2015 at 07:23 AM

DL

“ *Rest in peace Rev. Thomas, Gone from Labor to Rest, (Daphney L. Jenkins).*

Daphney L. Jenkins - August 12, 2015 at 05:04 AM

RJ

“ *To the Family and Friends of Pastor Gregory Thomas: What a devastating blow it was to hear; That my friend and brother is no longer here; But I find consolation in the living Word; Which accurately describes what has now occurred. A soldier of the Lord has entered into a state of final rest; And it was done by Almighty God's request. This earthly chapter is concluded; But don't you be deluded. Gregory has made his well deserved transition; And resides forevermore in an eternal and everlasting coalition. Rev. Dr. John Elvey Jones Pastor Emeritus of Lakeview Missionary Baptist Church, Suffolk, Virginia*

Rev. Dr. John Elvey Jones - August 12, 2015 at 01:36 AM

LB

“ We send our prayers for the family of Pastor Thomas. Also for the church family of First Baptist Church. May God comfort you in a very special way as only He can. From E. Lewis & Diane Brame, Yokohama, Japan

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**Lewis & Diane Brame** - August 11, 2015 at 07:29 PM

JM

“ I have known Gregory most of my life from singing in the Interdenominational Revival Choir to adulthood and seeing him here and there for other functions including being around my family. He was always an inspiration with just his smile, some encouraging words and a prayer. I loved him so much because he was so loving towards everyone he encountered. He will be missed greatly. God's blessings to you, Renita, and the entire family at your time of bereavement. May your pain be eased in knowing that he lived a beautiful life.

*Jocelyn "Shortie" Marsh*

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**Jocelyn "Shortie" Marsh** - August 11, 2015 at 07:05 PM

BR

“ Brenda & Joyce lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



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**Brenda & Joyce** - August 11, 2015 at 06:53 PM

CB

“ Rev Thomas would always come to our citi trends on airline blvd he would always say you all are always trying to make me buy something and he would he would always ask our opinion I only knew him for a short while but he was a very nice man my condolences go out to the family my name is Cecelia bright our staff will miss him very much

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**cecelia bright** - August 11, 2015 at 06:50 PM

BR

“ Brenda&Joyce lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



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**Brenda&Joyce** - August 11, 2015 at 04:14 PM

KA

“ Our prayers are with the Thomas family for the love one who has gone home. We thank you for allowing him to be there for Bishop Adams home going service. He was a man after Gods own heart and a servant of Jesus Christ. ( The family of Bishop Adams)

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**Karl Adams** - August 11, 2015 at 04:08 PM

Tonya  
Freeman

“ We send our heart-filled condolences and prayers all the way from Winston-Salem, NC from our family to yours, in this timely need. God has given another angel his wings and Pastor Thomas will truly be forever missed and always remembered. A very kind man that was lit on fire for glorifying God and praising his way through any and every obstacle. We thank you for being a wonderful person that you were to each of our family members and we will continue to pray for the strength of those in need. Being kind doesn't cost you anything. Much love from Tonya Freeman and family



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**Tonya Freeman** - August 11, 2015 at 03:21 PM

LF

“ Earth has lost a great spiritual leader. I will always to: Pray!, Pray!, Pray!

*My condolences to First Lady Thomas and family. Also to Deborah, my '69 classmate*

*Linda Freeman*



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**L. Freeman** - August 11, 2015 at 03:00 PM

MN

“ I always remember Pastor Thomas as being a very humble person that truly loved God and never placed himself above anybody as we often see happening in the ministry. His desire was to serve others. May the life he lived, speak for him. To God Be The Glory!

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**MARIA NORMAN** - August 11, 2015 at 02:51 PM

LI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Lisa** - August 11, 2015 at 02:44 PM

AE

“ ANTHONY E.HOLLOWAY lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



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**ANTHONY E.HOLLOWAY** - August 11, 2015 at 02:40 PM

MJ

“ Resting in the arms of Jesus, and as Pastor Thomas would say...ain't nobody mad but the devil!



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**Myrtle Jones** - August 11, 2015 at 02:21 PM

  
JaCynthia  
Jenkins

“ A man of integrity, and dignity. Who carried enduring to the end to another dimension. You have always inspired me since I was a little girl....I won't forget you.

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**JaCynthia Jenkins** - August 11, 2015 at 02:16 PM

RD

“ We offer our prayers to the family and church family during the passing of Rev. Gregory Thomas. We will never forget your words of inspiration and wisdom. You were a true man of God with great integrity. God bless you.

Rev. Dr. William and First Lady Dennine - August 11, 2015 at 02:06 PM

LE

“ Leonora lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



Leonora - August 11, 2015 at 01:36 PM

Telisa  
Johnson

“ My heart felt condolences to Rev. Thomas's family and church members. He always had a smile on his face & had a way to make you smile too. A true man of God. He will be greatly missed.



Telisa Johnson - August 11, 2015 at 12:59 PM

LG

“ Praying that God strengths you all in your time of loss.



Leslie Gray - August 11, 2015 at 12:58 PM

Gloria Govan

“ *Juanita Pope lit a candle in memory of Rev. Gregory Thomas!*



Gloria Govan - August 11, 2015 at 12:28 PM

Gloria Govan

“ *Extending prayers of strength and comfort to First Lady Renita Thomas, Thomas Family, and the First Baptist Elm Avenue Church Family - Gloria Govan and the Pope Family.*

Gloria Govan - August 11, 2015 at 12:14 PM

LB

“ *Praying for your family. He was very special to our family, the Blows. May God Bless you at this time.*



Lynette Blow - August 11, 2015 at 12:03 PM

SF

“ *Sheila Foster lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



Sheila Foster - August 11, 2015 at 12:01 PM

SE

“ *Pastor Thomas was not only my spiritual leader, but a true and dependable friend. He was my family and I will truly miss him. I offer my prayers and love to the family.*

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**Sandi Edwards** - August 11, 2015 at 10:56 AM

MS

“ *" To the family of the late Rev. Gregory Thomas, our prayer go out to you. may God forever keep you. he will be missed by all. A true man of God. may you find peace knowing he is at rest in the arms of God."*



*Twine Memorial Holy Temple  
Elder Michael B. Porter, Sr.*

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**Mary Smith** - August 11, 2015 at 10:37 AM

VP

“ *While i don't have a special memory, I would like to extend my condolences to Renita who i grew up with. I buried my first husband and your husband was kind enough to allow me to use his church. i will be forever grateful. Renita you and your family are in my prayers.*

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**Vera Potts-Anderson** - August 11, 2015 at 10:14 AM

EC

“ *Evangeline Crayton lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**evangeline crayton** - August 11, 2015 at 10:14 AM

RW

“ To the Thomas family as well as the First Baptist Elm Ave. Church family. May God bless you in your time of mixed emotions. Time of sorrow, yet time of celebration for a servant of the Almighty God. What a great man of God he was. I've known Pastor Thomas for years and last saw and talked to him as we ordained four candidates into ordination on last year. What a fun time with a real funny yet sincere friend as we ate doughnuts and drank coffee together. God made only one Gregory Thomas and then He broke the mode. May the life he lived speak for him. God bless you all.  
Rev. Edward (Peterman) Wilson  
Chesapeake, Va.

Rev. Edward (Peterman) Wilson - August 11, 2015 at 09:57 AM

JW

“ Joe & Betty Wright lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



Joe & Betty Wright - August 11, 2015 at 08:33 AM

RH

“ I will be praying for you all.



ReChell Hansen - August 11, 2015 at 07:55 AM

BB

“ To the family, You have my deepest Sympathy,you are in my prayers..

Barbara J Brown - August 11, 2015 at 01:24 AM

RB

“ To the family of the late Rev. Gregory Thomas my prayers are with you. Truly Rev. Thomas will be missed by those who knew and loved him.



Rev. Elizabeth Winn Bozman - August 10, 2015 at 11:45 PM

JG

“ Jennie Gainey lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



Jennie Gainey - August 10, 2015 at 11:04 PM

JG

*I extend my love to Gregory's family and friends as you celebrate his home going. To God be the glory for allowing Gregory to spend the time that he did teaching and loving us according to God's will. I love you and I know that without a shadow of doubt that he is alright and happy. He helped prepare us for the same trip that we must make. There will be an adjustment period for all of us because we are still human. But know that we will make it. My prayers and love is here for all of us. Gregory is resting in peace now.*

Jennie Gainey - August 10, 2015 at 11:14 PM

MC

“ I met Rev. Thomas while working at Grove Church. He was always so soft spoken and kind. I still have an angel he gave me as a thank you for helping First Baptist Elm with a problem. I'll never forget his genuine kindness. To the family and congregation: I'm so sorry for your loss and am praying for your strength and comfort!



Maggi Curry-Williams - August 10, 2015 at 10:52 PM

JR

“ Joan Redd lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



joan redd - August 10, 2015 at 10:24 PM

SF

“ Sending prayers of comfort to the Thomas family. May God comfort you as only He can. From the Sherrod Family



Sherrod Family - August 10, 2015 at 10:05 PM

CJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Gregory Thomas. Rev. Thomas was a fellow classmate from IC Norcom, class of 1972. A great man of God and one who will be missed by all. Craig and Gwen Jones



Craig Jones - August 10, 2015 at 09:26 PM

CT

“ We shall always remember how Pastor Thomas always went out of his way to recognize the women in the Gospel. His humility and love for souls my husband and I shall always remember. Gregory, the Lord didn't pick flowers he created them. And everything that God loves He keeps for Himself. Therefore, we know Jesus , kept you for Himself. We won't say Good bye, just say see you later. To the wife, children, and my classmate Deborah, God got it all in control. Chief Apostel Joyce White -Tasby and Apostel Arthur Tasby: St. Luke Miracle Tabnacle/ and The Young Peoples Guild . Love and Peace forever.



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**Chief Apostel Joyce white- Tasby** - August 10, 2015 at 09:26 PM

DB

“ To: First Lady Thomas, The Thomas Family, and The First Baptist Church Elm Ave Church Family. Pastor Thomas was a dear friend to us. He telephoned us on Wednesday August 5. We laughed and we talked about a few things but to make a long story short, he asked us to call and check on him Saturday to see how he was doing. However, the Lord stepped in and took him home. At the hearing of his passing, we were saddened and by Saturday, we rejoiced and said, 'Our brother, today is Saturday and you couldn't be doing better. Well done, thy good and faithful servant. Well done.' May God comfort you all is our prayer. Love, Yours in Christ, Elder Russell and Evangelist Diane Bullock

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**Diane Bullock** - August 10, 2015 at 09:15 PM

BS

“ When love has touched our lives, it remains forever in our hearts. May the special memories Rev. Thomas left you in some way ease the grief you feel and bring you comfort.

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**Barbara & James,li Sparks** - August 10, 2015 at 09:06 PM

CE

“ *Camilla / Rashad / Jazmin & Erin lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



Camilla / Rashad / Jazmin & Erin - August 10, 2015 at 09:01 PM

JS

“ *Joyce Stephens lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



Joyce Stephens - August 10, 2015 at 09:00 PM

BS

“ *Barbara & James,li Sparks lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



Barbara & James,li Sparks - August 10, 2015 at 08:58 PM

IR

“ *You was my pastor for as long as I remember my mother was a member to my brother Leonard to May the family be bless just hold on miss Thomas he is home now and resting around gods thorn from miss Irenescott hold on you will be ok love from the family*



irenescott - August 10, 2015 at 08:27 PM

SW

“ *Sandra White lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Sandra White** - August 10, 2015 at 08:06 PM



“ *Psalmist Jeanette Adams Widowed sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Psalmist Jeanette Adams Widowed** - August 10, 2015 at 08:02 PM

VB

“ *Powerful Man of God.*

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**Vincent Briggs** - August 10, 2015 at 07:50 PM

TM

“ *Tonya Monk lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**tonya monk** - August 10, 2015 at 07:50 PM

VB

“ *Vincent Briggs lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Vincent Briggs** - August 10, 2015 at 07:49 PM

DB

“ *DeShara Blount lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**DeShara Blount** - August 10, 2015 at 07:34 PM

AV

“ *Annette Vaughter lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Annette Vaughter** - August 10, 2015 at 06:50 PM

EW

“ *The first time i met Rev Thomas was at the bank bringing the dep for Firestone smiling R I P*

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**evette williams** - August 10, 2015 at 06:43 PM



“ Lana Brown lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



Lana Brown - August 10, 2015 at 06:30 PM



“ Ms. Mary Bellamy lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



Ms. Mary Bellamy - August 10, 2015 at 06:29 PM



“ Condolences to the family of the late Reverend Gregory Thomas may God continue to strengthen your hearts. A great man of God.



Devette Riddick - August 10, 2015 at 06:22 PM



“ Extending our deepest sympathy to the Thomas Family and the entire First Baptist Elm Avenue Church family. Rest In Peace, Rev. Gregory Thomas Junius H. and Costella B. Williams



Costella B. Williams - August 10, 2015 at 05:51 PM

M)

*MAY THE PEACE of GOD be with the FAMILY of Rev. Gregory Thomas. Rest In Peace My Brother.*

**Michael L. Bright ( Foamy )** - August 10, 2015 at 10:45 PM

K(

“ *Keysha Richardson (Buffy) lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



**Keysha Richardson (Buffy)** - August 10, 2015 at 05:40 PM

EW

“ *Rev. Thomas was my childhood pastor and a great person in the community. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. God chose another angel to serve him for eternity. May you rest in internal peace.*  
*Elena Edwards-Whitaker*

**elena whitaker** - August 10, 2015 at 05:33 PM

RO

*Rest in peace Rev.Thomas  
Rojackson-*

**Regina O.Jackson** - August 10, 2015 at 06:58 PM

GG

*Sending prayers of peace, strength, and comfort to the Thomas and First Baptist Elm Avenue Church Family. You have my deepest sympathy. Rev. Thomas was my skilled trustworthy mechanic when he worked at Firestone. He was the former Pastor of my sisters, Ethel Pittman and the late Mary Jo Blount. He came over to the house several times to have prayer with my mother, the late Dorothy Pope before surgery. He had a heart for people and he will be missed greatly!!! Gloria Govan and the Pope Family!*

**Gloria Govan** - August 10, 2015 at 09:30 PM

AB

“ I have never known a pastor like Pastor Gregory Thomas I'm glad I came to the church with a member! It was a joy to talk to him and see that Smile he will greatly be missed. ❤️RIP and I will always remember this "You Don't Hear Me!"

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**Andrea Boone** - August 10, 2015 at 04:45 PM



“ An awesome man of God with a kind sprit. He will be greatly missed coming to pick up his grand daughter from St Mark Christian Academy. May he rest in Peace,



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**Jackie Wilson** - August 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

 Dawn Heffley

“ Dawn Heffley lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



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**Dawn Heffley** - August 10, 2015 at 03:24 PM



“ Just wanted to send my condolences to the Thomas-Cherry family. My mother has always utilized this quote that I would like to share... "Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear"... Rest in peace Reverend Thomas

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**Brandon Ricks** - August 10, 2015 at 03:18 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Jermaine & Andrea Scates lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Rev. Jermaine & Andrea Scates** - August 10, 2015 at 03:02 PM

JJ

“ *Jacquelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Jacquelyn Jackson** - August 10, 2015 at 03:01 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Hall lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Wanda Hall** - August 10, 2015 at 02:59 PM

CF

“ *"YOU DON'T HEAR ME!" - Oh yes I did - My brother and my friend. My family be blessed with the Grace of God and hold on to the Happy memories.*

*Cathy F.*

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**Cathy F.** - August 10, 2015 at 02:30 PM

CM

“ Sorry to have heard of Pastor Thomas passing. He was a great minister and he will be surely missed. My condolences goes out to the family. He's singing in the heavenly choir. God bless.



Carolyn McKennelly - August 10, 2015 at 12:48 PM

JH

“ Juanita Harris-Jones lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



Juanita Harris-Jones - August 10, 2015 at 10:37 AM

MC

“ “Gone yet not forgotten, although he has gone to be with The Lord his spirit lives within our heart's forever”  
Pastor Michael Chance

michael chance - August 10, 2015 at 07:27 AM

CW

“ To the family of the transitioned Reverend Gregory Thomas, I lift you all in prayer and ask the Comforter to come and give you the peace that only he can give. I remember our days on Glasgow Street as neighbors and your mother's friendship with my mother. I remember your father's best friend was my dad, Jerry. Ms. Virginia loved her Deborah and Gregory just like Ms. Annie Mae loved her Cynthia and Regina. Precious memories. In loving kindness. Cynthia Lewis Williams



Cynthia Lewis Williams - August 09, 2015 at 04:27 PM

GR

“ To the family of the late Reverend Gregory Thomas you have my deepest sympathy. May it be a source of inner strength to know that there's a loving God watching over you, and that, throughout this time of need, He'll stay close by your side.  
Prayerfully,

*Gloria B. Richardson*



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**Gloria Richardson** - August 08, 2015 at 08:23 PM

RL

“ Deepest condolences to the Thomas Family. I grew up with Gregory on the old Glasgow Street. Rest in Paradise.

*Regina Lewis*

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**Regina Lewis** - August 08, 2015 at 07:22 PM

DM

“ My husband Cliff and I send our deepest condolences to the Thomas family and to the First Baptist Church of Elm St. It saddened our hearts to learn that Rev Greg Thomas is no longer with us. We remember fondly, how he use to refer to my husband as his twin brother. Most importantly though, is the fact that he was effective for the kingdom of God and he loved everyone! He will be sorely missed. We love you Mrs. Thomas and our prayers go with you.  
Always In His Love, Mrs. D. Mason



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**Debra Mason** - August 08, 2015 at 05:12 PM



“ *Always smiling, always caring, always serving God.*



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**Audrey Shealey** - August 08, 2015 at 03:17 PM



“ *My husband Cliff and I send our deepest condolences to the Thomas family and the 1st. Baptist Church of Elm St. family. It saddened our hearts to hear that Rev Thomas has passed away.*



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**Debra Mason** - August 08, 2015 at 01:26 PM



“ *Dr. Horace Allen and the praying members of Strait Gate Evangelistic Church send our prayers and condolences to Lady Thomas and the church family of First Baptist Elm Avenue. We thank God for such a great man of God such as Pastor Thomas. We will always remember his warm hospitality and humble spirit. We appreciate the great years of fellowship that he shared with us. May God comfort all who mourn as Pastor Thomas has climaxed from labour to reward. We shall see this warrior in the faith again. Peace and blessings.*

*Dr. Horace S. Allen, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Vivian Cooper  
Rev. Kelvin A. Johnson  
Strait Gate Evangelistic Baptist Church  
Chesapeake, Virginia*

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**Kelvin Johnson** - August 08, 2015 at 08:54 AM

EL

“ TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE REVEREND GREGORY THOMAS YOU HAVE MY PRAYERS AND SYMPaTHY HE WAS A GOOD PREACHER HE KNOWS THE BIBLE GOOD HE WILL BE MISSED.  
FROM FBCSP AND NPTHCOD.

ELDERBRIANCANSLER - August 08, 2015 at 08:00 AM

PH

“ Rest well my friend. I will truly miss you. Now receive your crown of righteousness, for you have fought a good fight and finished your course. Love you always.---Pastor M. T. Harvin



Pastor Marlon T. Harvin - August 08, 2015 at 07:36 AM

RM

“ To the family of Pastor Gregory Thomas: with “Heartfelt Sympathy” may it comfort you to know others care, think of you warmly, and in every Prayer, asking God to comfort and bless you during this time. From Elder R. Miles

RITA MILES - August 08, 2015 at 07:23 AM

RM

“ RITA MILES lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas



RITA MILES - August 08, 2015 at 07:12 AM

MO

“ *Min. Anthony Owens lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Min. Anthony Owens** - August 08, 2015 at 06:30 AM

MA

“ *Marie Anders lit a candle in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Marie Anders** - August 07, 2015 at 09:01 PM



“ *Mrz Jordan sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Gregory Thomas*



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**Mrz Jordan** - August 07, 2015 at 01:32 PM

MW

“ We believe that God never makes mistakes and know that He is a comforter and a keeper; especially, in times like these. We thank God for the peaceful and pleasant personality always shown by our dearly departed brother, Rev. Gregory Thomas. We thank God for the life and legacy of Rev. Gregory Thomas. We thank God for the faithfulness of Rev. Thomas to the First Baptist Church. We lift the entire First Baptist Church Family and pray God's strength as you embark upon this period of transition. We ask the Lord to bless the Thomas Family and ask God to allow them to find comfort in one another at this time. May you all lean and depend on Him. For earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

*With our deepest sympathy.*

*Deacon Michael L. Williams and Family  
(Third Baptist Church, Portsmouth, VA)*

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**Michael L. Williams** - August 07, 2015 at 12:42 PM

MM

*Cuz, we are more than sadden to hear about Gregory's passing. He never met a stranger and was always friendly to everyone. Even in his passing, he lives. He taught us how to transition peacefully -- know where you're going. He had his eyes on the prize. He made an lasting impression on my husband the first time they met and immediately had a spiritual connection. They both loved to share about the goodness of God and inspired your grandmother as she watched the two of them speak into her life. He lived the life he talked about, stayed on course for a long time, and he finished that race.*

*We share your loss and pray that God will sustain you and give some peace.*

*Minister Dan & Gwen (Doles) Matarita and Family*

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**Min. Dan & Gwen (Doles) Matarita** - August 10, 2015 at 02:57 PM

MW

*The City of Portsmouth has lost a great and compassionate leader, and I've lost a personal friend! Pastor Thomas has been a true champion for the Kingdom of God, and was never ashamed to share his Christian Character. Thanks for stopping by Portsmouth (on your way to Glory)! R.I.P my friend!*

*-Mayor Wright-*

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**Mayor Kenny Wright** - August 10, 2015 at 06:33 PM

RL

*It is with heartfelt and deepest sympathy that we offer condolences to you on the passing of our dear friend and spiritual mentor. Gregory taught us to celebrate life and to walk by faith. His life was an epistle of Godly servitude and a reflection of God's love as he nurtured family, his flock and all those that he came in contact with. We celebrate this wonderful man of God and will cherish the times that God blessed us to spend with him. We will miss that beautiful smile and the prayer times that we shared. We pray that God will strengthen you and that the presence of His spirit will comfort you. We thank God for precious memories. "To God Be the Glory" for the gift of Pastor Gregory Thomas. May you find "peace that surpassed all understanding" in knowing that Gregory now resides with our Lord.*

*Revs. Frank and Theresa Long*

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**Revs. Frank and Theresa Long** - August 10, 2015 at 07:40 PM

KM

*It is with deepest sympathy that I write these comments. Pastor Thomas was a very dear friend of the Moore and Davis families for quite some time. I never had the privilege of fellowshiping with him, however, I will always remember his kind and gentle ways and the impression he left on my grandmother and our family back at the old Firestone on Frederick Blvd. I just spoke with Pastor Thomas, or Gregory as I knew, him a couple of months ago. He and I prayed together in the parking lot of Victory Crossing Shopping Center as he rejoiced in hearing the news that I was now Pastoring, "Life of Christ" Ministries in Elizabeth City, NC. I know he will be truly missed and our prayers are with his First Lady and the entire church family during this time of bereavement! Remember, earth has no sorrow, that Heaven cannot Heal!!*

*Sincerely,*

*Pastor Kelvin B. Moore Sr.*

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**Kelvin B. Moore** - August 11, 2015 at 09:24 AM

JK

*Heartfelt condolences to the Thomas family .Rev. Thomas was a friend and pastor to the Kellogg family .He was loved and respected for being there in our times of spiritual need. May God bless you and keep you .*

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**John and James Kellogg** - August 11, 2015 at 10:30 PM

DD

*Cuz, we were deeply sorrowed and saddened to learn of Gregory's passing. He was a joy to be around. He was always smiling. When I photographed your wedding, he smiled throughout the entire ceremony and reception. He had been smiling ever since! Now In Heaven, he's really smiling.*

*Be strong.*

*Your cousin Danny and Joy Doles.*

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**Dannis and Joy Doles** - August 12, 2015 at 11:50 AM