

*IN LOVING MEMORY*  
*OF*  
*MICHAEL K. PENISTON*



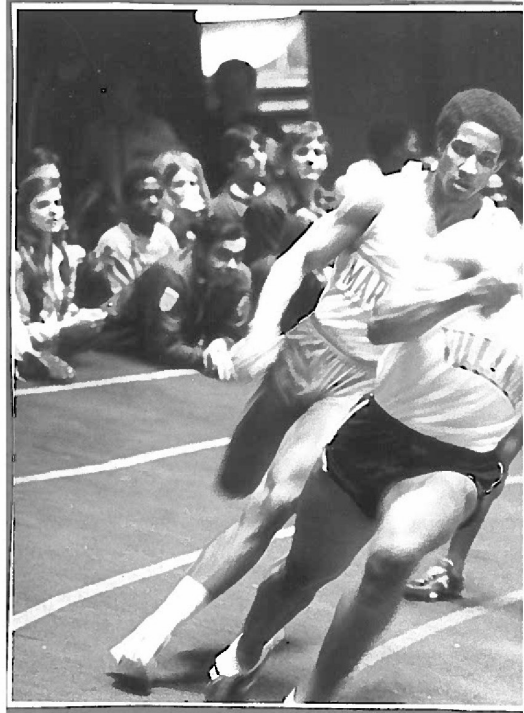
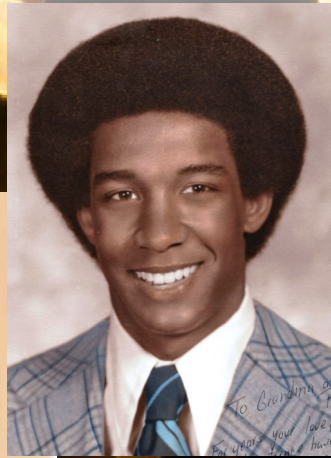
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December 25, 1957      ~      November 19, 2015

**November 23, 2015**

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## *A Tribute to Michael K. Peniston*

### **Everybody is Special**

*Mike was special. Was he perfect in his human nature? NO!!! Neither are you or I. If we were, there would have been no need for Paul to begin all his letters with: "Grace to you and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."*

*Michael and his family came to this ministry in 1996 and they are numbered with the most faithful as I have ever known. Over the past nineteen years I have observed Mike grow, make mistakes, fall, and above all, always get back up. Mike was the most determined believer as I have ever known to succeed. As a Pastor I have seen many people come and go, but Mike was special in that he knew his limitations. He would tell me how much he was willing to serve. Whatever I would ask him to do he would do it with no question. I have never gotten an arrogant response from him. If ever there was a time of correction or rebuke he would accept it with humility.*

*Mike was special in that he loved his family. He always wanted to do more for them than that which he was able. He was so proud of Mikey and Chelsey.*

*This ministry is about to experience something it hadn't experienced in nineteen years and that is to operate without Michael Peniston.*

*I am confident that God is faithful to fill every void, to replace every missing link.*

*Thank you Michael for serving with us here for the past nineteen years.*

*Pastor*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Litany of Praise

Scripture Reading

91 Psalm

2 Corinthians 5:1-9

Remarks~ Family Member

Special Music

Reflections:

Pastor David Harrington

Pastor Henry Davis

Pastor Leslie Alston

Communications ~ Frankie Worthy

Special Music

Eulogy ~ Pastor Owen Alston

Closing Prayer

## *Free from Indwelling Sin*

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. <sup>8</sup> So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

*<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. <sup>10</sup> And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

Romans 8:1-11(NKJV)

## OBITUARY

**Michael K. Peniston**, 57, was born on December 25, 1957 to Reginald and Carolyn Peniston in Neptune, New Jersey. He attended Neptune Public Schools and graduated from Neptune High School in 1976. He received a full Track and Field Scholarship to the University of Maryland, College Park and graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Behavioral and Social Sciences. He was a Behaviorist for Adults with Disabilities. He worked for Easter Seals, the ARC of Union County, and most recently The Open Door of NJ. He was licensed for the Gospel Ministry at Harmony Ministries on January 24, 1999. He received the call to preach while on a spiritual mission at America's Keswick in Whiting New Jersey, in June of 1997. In 2012, he entered the Chaplaincy program at Jersey Shore University Hospital, Neptune, NJ.

As a child Michael came to know the Lord as an altar boy at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Asbury Park, New Jersey. However, it was in March of 1992, while a member of Bethany Baptist Church, Farmingdale, New Jersey, that he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. Soon after he enrolled as a student at the Monmouth Bible Institute (MBI) in Farmingdale, New Jersey, and spent the next four years intently learning the Word of God. Upon receiving a diploma in Christian Education in June 1996, and eager to build on the foundation of truths learned at MBI, Michael and his family joined the membership of Harmony Ministries, USA, Inc., in Lakehurst, New Jersey, under the pastorate of Owen L. Alston.

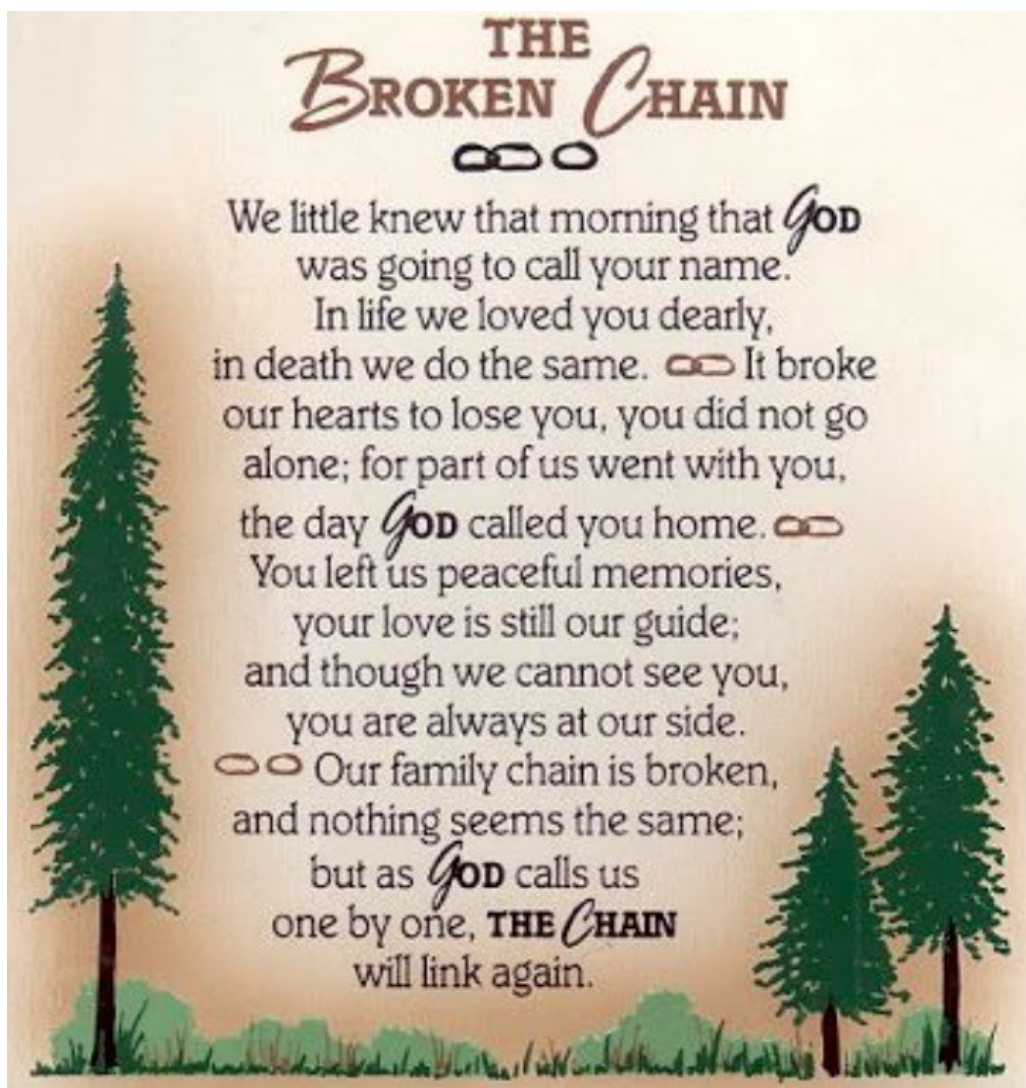
In 1997, Michael returned to MBI to study in the Advanced Program. He graduated in June of 1999 and was an instructor at the institute.

Michael was a devoted husband and father. He was known by his smile and his love for people. He loved to make people laugh. He married Deborah Hill in June 1990 and moved to Farmingdale, NJ. To that union, two children were born, Chelsey and Michael II (Mikey). Together, they headed the Couples Fellowship Ministry at Harmony and their counselling ministry touched the lives of many married couples and families in the area.

Michael was also head of the Men's Fellowship and Nursing Home Ministry at Harmony for many years. He was an instructor for the Christian Training Program (CTP) and was involved in Missions Outreach and the audio/video ministry. He was in charge of pastoral covenants for graduates of the Colony of Mercy at America's Keswick. He was also a member of the Fellowship of Inner-City Word of Faith Ministries (FICWFM).

Michael was predeceased by his father, Reginald Peniston.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Deborah, and children, Chelsey and Mikey, Farmingdale, NJ; his mother, Carolyn Peniston, Neptune, NJ; one sister, Joanne Peniston, Neptune, NJ; two brothers, Greg Peniston, Neptune, NJ and Jeffrey Peniston, Easton, Pennsylvania; his aunt, Paulette Wainright, Brick, NJ, two uncles, Dwight Gray, Manchester, NJ, Mark Gray, Asbury Park, NJ; in-laws, Charlie and Lois Hill, Farmingdale, NJ; Bill and Pam Hill, Farmingdale, NJ; Danny Hill, Farmingdale, NJ; six nieces, Shannah, Jasmyn, Amora, Victoria, Kayla, Kyra; two nephews, Bill Jr, Sean; and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.



Submitted by Mike's niece, Shannah Baker

### Acknowledgements

*Our Family wishes to acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude the many expressions of love and support shared with us during this time. Each prayer, call, text, visit, and other acts of condolence have been tenderly tucked away in our hearts and will always be remembered and appreciated.*

### Pall Bearers

Greg Peniston  
Jeffrey Peniston  
Mark Gray  
Bill Hill  
Danny Hill  
Clayton Sanders II