

Charter Member  
**Carithia Alden Griffin Winbush**  
December 13, 1915 – February 8, 2016

Carithia A. Winbush answered the Master's call on Monday, February 8, 2016, in Colonial Manor, Williamsburg, Virginia



She was born on December 13, 1915, the daughter of the late Elizabeth and Emmanuel Griffin. At the age of 18, she became a charter member of Metropolitan Baptist Church. She remained a faithful member of Metropolitan until she moved to Williamsburg, Virginia. Mrs. Winbush was a faithful member of Saint John Baptist Church on Penniman Road. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was also preceded in death by her loving husband, Henry Winbush; and just recently (January 9, 2016) by her sister, Ruth Mae Jones. She leaves to cherish her precious memories; her nieces and nephews, Norma E. Corbitt (Curtis) and Kyle Jones (Kathy); other loving relatives and many caring friends.

## Resolution

It is with a mixture of sadness, yet on the other hand, utmost joy that we remember Sister Carithia Alden Griffin Winbush, whom God has called home to be with Him in Paradise. Joy, because she will join all the Saints that have gone before; and sadness that we cannot share her loving presence among us.

**WHEREAS:** At an early age Sister Carithia Winbush accepted Christ and demonstrated throughout her life a willingness to obey the teachings of the Lord Jesus.

**WHEREAS:** Sister Winbush, at the age of nineteen, became a charter member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Boston, Massachusetts. What a unique experience and great blessing to have been selected by Almighty God to become one of the original founders of the church where we worship, Metropolitan Baptist Church. She helped lay the ground work for the establishment, documentation and original organization of the sanctuary. While the Lord Himself had already laid the foundation that we build upon by His Word to Peter "Upon this Rock, I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it". Sister Winbush showed love, devotion and grace in giving of herself for the Glory of God which we will long remember with gratitude.

**WHEREAS:** Sister Winbush was a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church for more than sixty-five years serving as a devoted Sunday School Teacher, a faithful Usher, a member of the Nurse's Unit, the organizer of many successful fundraisers, and a supporter of all ministries of the church. She was also a community activist.

**WHEREAS:** Upon relocating to Williamsburg in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Sister Winbush became a member of St. John Baptist Church.

**WHEREAS:** On December 13, 2015 she became a centenarian.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** We will lift up the family in prayer and keep Sister Winbush in our hearts with love and thanksgiving to God for allowing her wonderful spirit to bond with us. We pray for God's comfort to keep you as we mourn our loss in the days ahead. While Sister Winbush showed love, devotion, and grace in the giving of herself for the Glory of God, to show our appreciation and gratitude, Metropolitan Baptist Church will honor her memory with the hanging of her picture in the vestibule for thirty days. We further resolve to present this resolution to the family and keep a copy in our archives at Metropolitan Baptist Church.

God bless you.

Done by order of Pastor Ronel W. Gunn, on this thirteenth Day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Humbly Submitted,

Rev. Ronel W. Gunn, Pastor