

Appreciation for the Ministry of Rev. Alfred Colwell

Our fellowship has been and is being blessed with many individuals whose testimony for Christ will continue to bear fruit for Christ long after they have departed this life. Such a person was our beloved brother Alfred Colwell who went to be with Christ on January 21, 1966.

As a Christian, he was one whose life radiated the presence of Christ in his daily walk. Who among us will soon forget the submissive manner in which he received the news of the illness which eventually took his life? His approach to the problem seemed always to express "for me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

As a pastor, he served sacrificially, patiently, and successfully. With Paul, he did not count his life dear unto himself. He has finished his course with joy after having testified the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24).

As the Eastern Representative of our Fellowship, his pastor heart found true expression as he counseled with and encouraged his brethren in the ministry of Christ. Many pastors testify of Brother Colwell's personal interest in them and the churches which they pastor. He will be greatly missed by all who have known and loved him.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we express our gratitude to God for Brother Colwell's faithful service to Christ and to the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as an Association we express our loving concern for Mrs. Colwell and the members of her family in their great loss, being assured that "we sorrow not even as others which have no hope" but that one day soon we shall all together meet the Lord and forever be with Him.

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