

# Zion Baptist Church

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To The Family of Mrs. Ada Elaine Bracken who departed this life on Thursday, April 17, 2008.

**Whereas**, again a human spirit has taken its flight at the call of the Heavenly Father to the mansion prepared for her from the foundation of the earth by an all-wise and loving God. We pen these resolutions to express our grief in the loss of our faithful member and friend Mrs. Ada Elaine Bracken.

**Whereas**, the Zion Baptist Church has lost a fine loyal member and the world has lost a noble character in the passing of Sister Ada Elaine Bracken. We rejoice that her belief in the promise of God in Psalm 73:24 is now fulfilled. "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel and afterward receive me to glory." Her daily life gave evidence to the fact that she believed God's Word and followed His guidance, seeking His leadership in all that she said and did. She was upright and loving and kind in all her ways – sincere and genuine in all her doings.

She was a faithful member of the Zion Baptist Church for many years until her health began to fail. She served as Church Clerk for more than 20 years. She was a member of the BYPU (Baptist Young Peoples Union) which is now called BTU (Baptist Training Union). She served in the Sunday School, Youth Choir and Missionary Circle.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved:**

That, even as we mourn Sister Bracken going away from us, we are resigned to the all-wise Heavenly Father's will;

That, we express our gratitude to God for having left this beautiful life among us for a time to blossom out and bless us with its sweetness and righteousness, like the fragrance of a rose;

That we express to the family and relatives who grieve today our deep sympathy in their loss and the reminder that their loss is heaven's gain;

That we assure the members of her family that they have our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to her family and a copy be placed in the "official records of the Zion Baptist Church, 807 Piedmont Street, Reidsville, NC."

**In the words of the Hymn writer Henry F. Lyte we echo his sentiments:**

Abide with me fast falls the even tide, the darkness deepens Lord, with me abide; When other helpers fall and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me!

Hold thou Thy word before my closing eyes, Shine thru the gloom and point me to the skies; Heavens morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

In Deepest Sympathy,  
The Zion Baptist Church Family  
Rev. Michael Anthony Long – Pastor  
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