

Zion Baptist Church

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*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall
give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."*

To the Family of Mrs. Thelma Hines,

The Zion Baptist Church has suffered a great loss in the home going of Sister Thelma Hines, who was affectionately called "Ma Hines" and who was loved by all who knew her. She lived a true Christian life and has served her Lord well. Her loyalty to her church, her faithfulness to her family and her kindness to her friends shall ever be a living memorial to her beautiful life. She has labored hard and long and the Lord has promised her rest.

Today we pause, to pay our last respects to our departed member, friend, and neighbor, who departed this life on Tuesday, October 7, 2008. We can say, without fear or contradiction that, in the passing of Mrs. Thelma Hines, a pure sweet soul is at rest. A full day's work finished, being weary of the burdens of life, the God whom she served so devotedly, sent down from the shining courts of glory, a beautiful Glorified Messenger with orders to release her from any suffering or pain.

She was President Emeritus of the Missionary Circle and the Rockingham County Union, a member of Ruth's Sunday school class, member of the Senior & Mass Choir and the Kitchen Committee. For over 50 years she was a Girl Scout leader. She was a loving and giving person, always willing to give a helping hand to anyone. She loved her family dearly. She had the most friendless way of speaking to everyone she came in contact with.

Our beloved friend has fallen in life's battle, "yield to a victory which no one can resist, and entered upon a complete rest. It was decreed in the beginning," "All Must Die," but we shall rise from death to everlasting life if we are faithful unto death in the cause of Christ. Therefore, be it resolved, that we strive to emulate her beautiful service-filled life in every respect; that we assure the family of the deceased 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."

**Ma Hines was a noble lady, loving wife and mother
She tried to help everyone, every sister and brother
She was a person of wisdom, love and concern for all
She served and loved her Master, until He called;
We shall miss her bright smile, and all her loving ways,
But we'll try to live for Jesus, and meet Ma Hines one day.**

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