



James "Jim" D Whorton

October 1, 1939 - September 3, 2020

James D. "Jim" Whorton, 80, also known as, "Granddaddy" and "Bro. Jim", went to be with Jesus, on September 3, 2020 at his home in Prattville, Alabama. Jim was born on October 1, 1939 in Piedmont, Alabama to Noel and Trudie Smith Whorton.

He was taught the value of hard work as a child. This was carried into his adult life as he served our country as a member of the United States Army and as a concrete finisher by trade on many projects throughout Alabama and Georgia. This also carried over into mission work throughout the Eastern United States.

He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior in his twenties and was ordained into the gospel ministry on April 21, 1974. Since that day, Jim faithfully served the Lord for over 40 years diligently leading local congregations of believers as a pastor in Alabama, Ohio, and Kentucky. While Jim was known for his love of fishing ("catching"), he will be better remembered as a fisher of men. He had a passion for reaching those who did not know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and continually shared the gospel in his daily walk on earth. Jim also found great joy in his family that he faithfully led with incredible love and encouragement. He is survived by his devoted wife of 57 years, Bobbie Whorton, his daughter Angela (Greg) Nichols and his son Mark (Heather) Whorton. In addition, he leaves a legacy of love for his 16 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Lois Brittan. Jim is now forever reunited with his daughters Melanie Whorton and Beverly Easley, and

his son Pat Whorton.

The family will receive friends at Prattville Memorial Chapel on Saturday from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with a service directly following with Rev. James Taylor officiating. A graveside service will be held on Sunday at 2:00 pm in the Gnatville Community Cemetery near Piedmont, Alabama with Prattville Memorial directing.

Pallbearers will be Emory Nichols, Baylor Nichols, Campbell Nichols, Luke Easley, Mason Easley, Patrick Easley, Palmer Easley and Gunnar Whorton. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to the Camellia Baptist Church Building Fund, 201 Woodvale Road, Prattville, Alabama. The family requests that everyone who attends to please wear a mask.

Cemetery Details

Gnatville Community Center

5230 Co Rd 6
Piedmont, AL 36272

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel
841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL 36066
(334) 365-7147
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Service

SEP 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GV

“ We were truly blessed at Hunter Station Baptist Church to have Bro Jim as our interim pastor, then as our Pastor. God has a faithful angel at his side. Ms. Bobby I am sorry we did not know about his passing until now. Our prayers are with you and your wonderful children. In Christian Love Grace Coggins Veazey and J W Veazey

grace veazey - September 20, 2020 at 12:18 PM

EL

“ A faithful friend, A Godly man, He always prayed we would make Jesus the talk of the town. So kind an compassionate,. He was a friend to All and will be missed.

Evelyn Lewis - September 15, 2020 at 05:45 PM

DM

“ Miss Bobbie, Mark and family.....our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

I was blessed to have Bro. Jim as my pastor at FBC New Lebanon. It was truly a blessing and an extreme honor to interpret his messages for our deaf congregation.

Bro. Jim touched many lives during his serving in New Lebanon.....my favorite Bro. Jim-ism....his challenge to us each and every week... to go forth and

Go forth and Make Jesus the Talk of the Town, so other may come to know Christ.

A truly great man who will forever live in my heart. Until we see you again.

Dave Martin - September 08, 2020 at 11:41 PM

MS

“Bobbie, I have waited to send this hoping I would get inspired to say something to help you. It did not happen. I can only say I am crying & praying for you & the family. You know how much we love you both. Jim was such an inspiration & friend to us, especially to Curtis. I so enjoyed the years I was church secretary. This sounds so formal & I don't mean it that way, I am just not good with emotional encouragement. Love you, Curtis & Sue Sparks

Mary S. Sparks - September 08, 2020 at 07:35 AM

WH

“Bro Jim is one of the finest men that we were blessed to know and call our friend. He loved Jesus, his family, friends and even strangers. He lived to make Jesus the talk of the town and to tell people of God's love. We also loved his sense of humor. With all of the losses that he had he still had joy through Jesus and with Bobbi by his side. They made a wonderful couple and were such an example. I know that there will be a big void in the lives of his family and friends but I believe that heaven has gotten a little sweeter. We are praying for you Bobbi and the rest of the family.
Hank and Wanda

Wanda Haskins - September 07, 2020 at 11:14 PM

DB

“Saddens to hear of the passing of Jim. My love and prayers to Bobbie, and family. I have fond memories of the Whorton family.

Diana Bauer - September 07, 2020 at 12:37 PM

RE

“ Our family was so sad to hear of the passing of Bro. Jim. His time at First Baptist Church of New Lebanon is full of fond memories of Bro. Jim. Last year he greeted me with a hug and "how you doing girl, how's Randy and the boys?" He will be remembered as a good and faithful servant. Prayers to Bobbie and the family during this time.

Randy & Dawn Etter - September 07, 2020 at 10:02 AM

KP

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing! So much love and many prayers are sent to Bobbie and your family!!!! Love, Kim Petry

Kimberly Petry - September 06, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ "Do You Know Him" Bro Jim was a genuine follower of Christ and he loved people just as genuinely. I cannot begin to explain how grateful I am that God put Bro Jim as my Pastor. I had not been saved long when he came to FBCNL in 1990. The day he lived for finally came. God mae Jesus 'the talk of the town' through Bro Jim. Mlss Bobbi, Mark and the grils I only wish I could be present to give you big ole hug. Thank you for sharing your husband and Father with us.

Dennis Wylie - September 06, 2020 at 07:24 PM

MB

“ What a wonderful legacy Pastor Jim has left in this world. He was one of the kindest and sensitive men of God certainly called by God to be a pastor/shepherd. His ministry has been left as a testimony of his love for Jesus in so many lives. Thank you for touching mine!
Love you!
Mary Ann Bray

Mary Ann Bray - September 06, 2020 at 04:56 PM

BB

“ Bro Jim was a wonderful pastor always so kind and caring . Our family loved him very much. He will be missed so much but knowing he is with God makes it so wonderful . Well done thy good and faithful servant 🙏
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Bruce and Marilyn Bemis - September 05, 2020 at 04:32 PM

SL

“ I have been so pleased and happy to have them as neighbors for all of these many years. They are the kind of neighbors that you want- that will do anything for you. Jim and Bobbie were a great solace to me after I lost my spouse. My prayers go out to the family. Love in Christ. Susan List

Susan List - September 05, 2020 at 12:16 PM

KH

“ I am sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one, please accept my condolences. I am sure you have in mind a time when "death will be no more" (Rev 21:3,4) and it is my hope you find comfort while you all endure.

K Hunter - September 05, 2020 at 10:19 AM

MA

“ We loved Pastor Jim and his family. He was so good to us when John was activated to Desert Storm. He made a deep impression on John and led him to Christ. He will be missed by so many.

Mary A Anuci - September 05, 2020 at 09:38 AM

CN

“ So sorry to hear of the Loss of Pastor Wharton. I ran around with Mark during high school and pastor and Mrs Wharton always welcomed me into their home as if I was part of the family. My deepest condolences and prayers to the family
Clay Neff

Clay Neff - September 05, 2020 at 08:19 AM

CB

“ I was saved while under Pastor Jim’s shepherdship. He baptized me and I grew tremendously in those years under his teaching. I loved and missed his family dearly as the Lord moved them and me to different places. But my memories of New Lebanon First Baptist Church under Pastor Jim’s leadership are so precious to me. You’ve reached your prize Pastor Jim. Our glorious Savior is now saying to you, “Well done thou good and faithful servant..”

Carolyn P Beck - September 05, 2020 at 07:12 AM

VB

“ Victor Bills I was proud to be on Pastor Jim’s 10 most wanted not so sure I deserved it thanks to him I turned my life over to Jesus he also stayed with my family and I While my mom was passing away at hospice very good man will be missed by all

victor bills - September 05, 2020 at 06:47 AM

AN

“ My family loved Bro. Jim so much. He was such a great guy and we always appreciated him as our Pastor.
Bro. Jim baptized our two youngest children.
We will always remember him.

Amanda N. - September 05, 2020 at 12:21 AM

CB

“ I’m so grateful for Bro Jim and the time he invested here in new Lebanon. His legacy and leadership live on in so many lives. Thankful for his faithfulness to the gospel and his love of people. Praying for you, Mrs Bobbie and the rest of your family.

Charity Betts - September 05, 2020 at 12:03 AM

PP

“ Bro, Jim led Dean to the Lord and we always loved him. Dean died 7/1/15 but Praise God I know where he is. Love to you, Bobbie and your family.

Peggy S Probus - September 04, 2020 at 11:58 PM

AJ

“ Bro. Jim had a genuine love for God and His people. I remember clearly how he visited Steven and his mom in the hospital. God sent Bro. Jim to that hospital room right as his mom slipped into eternity. Bro. Jim led us all in prayer and praise as she entered heaven at the same moment. I always felt that Bro. Jim was almost like an angel that day. He was definitely used in a special way for our family that day. May God continue to comfort all his family, whom he dearly loved.

Amanda Jones - September 04, 2020 at 10:41 PM

TT

“ Going way back to Rock Run Baptist church, (his 2nd) church I think. My family had the pleasure of learning more about “JD” as we called him. He would guide my brother Ronnie back to God. He and JD would go all over the area and find homes where they would share Jesus and soon our church would grow. I remember after God lead him to Goodyear Heights my future husband and I went to ask him to perform our wedding , which he did in 1986. We often recalled that time and we always joked about me asking him to marry me and being the joker he was said “ I appreciate that but I am already married!” I received 3 phone calls to tell me about JD’s home going - because everyone knew how much I loved my dear former pastor. I last saw him at the RockRun Christmas Parade a couple of years ago. He was standing in front of that little parsonage where he once lived with his family. Bobbie, Angela, Mark and families- Thank You all for sharing him with ALL of us. We loved him so much and you all will always have a place in our heart. We are praying for you.

Tonya Tierce-Pike - September 04, 2020 at 10:33 PM

SP

“ Brother Jim was my Pastor and friend. He was there for me and my family when my Dad passed away, even though at the same time his brother was very ill and he was traveling to and from Alabama. Jim had a great sense of humor and always had a story to tell, especially about his fishing buddy and their super secret "fishing hole". Jim and Bobbie were a joy to have as guests. He always wanted to know how everyone in New Lebanon was doing, and he and Bobbie tried to visit as many friends as possible while here. Jim left a legacy, not just at First Baptist, but in New Lebanon. He truly was the "Village" pastor.

Sue Pollock

Sue Pollock - September 04, 2020 at 10:06 PM

TW

“ Jim was a wonderful man. We are so blessed that he was our pastor for many years. Our family has such fond memories and are forever grateful for his leadership. We are praying for your family.
Sincerely
Dean & Teresa Wright and family.

Teresa Wright - September 04, 2020 at 10:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" D Whorton.



September 04, 2020 at 08:45 PM

MW

“ To Bobbi and family we are praying God will wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you. We are blessed to call Jim as our pastor and friend. He was a fisher of men. He truly loved people. So thankful God lead him and his family to serve at First Baptist Church in New Lebanon, Ohio. A fond memory was everyone got a hug after Sunday morning services! He was stationed to greet everyone as they left. He taught us by example how to be a servant and love others. May it comfort you to know how loved he was and what a blessing his life was. We know he is rejoicing in heaven seeing Jesus!

Marvin and Betty Watkins - September 04, 2020 at 08:24 PM

GY

“ A great man, a great man of God, Jim was a friend and one of my mentors in ministry. We share many interests and good times in Ohio and recently in Alabama. One of the last one's together - eating Bar-B-Que of course. The man who baptized my wife, Pam. I could go on and on. Bobbi, Angela, Mark and family, rest in God's loving grace, grow in His peace, and trust in His promises. We love you!

George Yates - September 04, 2020 at 08:14 PM

DW

“ We have always loved J.D. and his family, everyone of us Whorton's looked up to him, He was full of God's wisdom, in that if you had a problem with life, you could talk to him and he would give sound wisdom and pray with you. Thank you for serving Jesus and being a witness for Him.

Darrin Whorton - September 04, 2020 at 06:51 PM

BR

“ Jim was more then a pastor, he was a great friend not only to my family and me but all of New Lebanon. Everyone knew Jim but more so he knew and loved everyone. Bobbie and family may you be comforted and know you are being prayed for.

Boyd and Sherry Risner - September 04, 2020 at 05:57 PM

LB

“ Christmas will not be the same because he always knew that he would be getting orange sliced candy and the brock's old fashion chocolate cream drops from me. Sonny, you were the best brother and I will miss you



Lois Brittai - September 04, 2020 at 04:02 PM

MJ

Yes Lois I am praying for you know you will miss him so much.your message is sweet about the candy at Christmas

margaret jones - September 04, 2020 at 06:57 PM

LB

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Lois Brittai - September 04, 2020 at 03:46 PM

DT

“ *Don and Tamaira purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" D Whorton.*



Don and Tamaira - September 04, 2020 at 02:15 PM

DB

“ *Bro. Jim was such a leader. He is going to be greatly missed.*

Debbie Bowen - September 04, 2020 at 01:17 PM