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Robert Turnage 12/15/43 - 07/27/22

Robert Turnage, Pastor Emeritus of Victory Temple and President of the School of Christ International, went Home to be with the Lord at 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 27, 2022, surrounded by his Family.

Robert began his ministry in 1965 with a revival in Vivian, Louisiana, and traveled as a full-time evangelist for thirteen years. Along with his own pulpit ministry, Robert traveled with the Victory Crusaders across the country, preaching and singing in revivals and crusades with Founder B. H. Clendennen. After leaving the Evangelistic field, he became the Co-Pastor and Song Leader of Victory Temple. Robert was known as much for his singing voice as his preaching. His friend Rusty Goodman of the Happy Goodman Family always said that Robert had one of the best singing voices he had ever heard. Robert became the Senior Pastor of Victory Temple in December 1991. He resigned from the Pastorate on December 10, 2017, after serving Victory Temple as Senior Pastor for 26 years, and became the full-time President of the School of Christ International, a ministry he was devoted to until his passing.

We want to say "Thank You" to everyone who has called, sent text messages, provided food, sent plants and made donations to the School of Christ in memory of Robert. But most of all, we thank everyone for praying for our Family over these past days. We miss him greatly but find comfort knowing that today he is with our Lord, worshipping around the Throne, well and whole in body. Please continue to keep us in prayer throughout the coming days. God bless you all.

Brenda, Shannon, and Family

Editors Note:

Below is the last Alpha and Omega of Pastor Turnage that we posted on the SOC Facebook page July 20, 2022.



"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." –*Revelation 1*:8

"WHY ONLY A FEW WILL ENTER HEAVEN"

Genesis 1:1 says, "...God created the heavens and the earth." He is the originator of Heaven. With very limited time and space, let's say God created an ultimate place for His intended purposes.

God is holy and perfect. So is Heaven, His dwelling place (Psalms 89:6, Nehemiah 9:6). Then Romans 3:10 says, "...There is none righteous, no not one." No earthly being is holy enough for Heaven. Only the perfection of Christ produces a holiness providing entrance to God's abode. Leviticus 19:2 records the Lord's emphasis on being holy "...Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy." The word for holy in Hebrew is "qadash," which means to be sanctified, consecrated, and dedicated or to be separated from the world and worldliness.

Jesus said in John 14:3, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Who is "you" in verse 3? This is a unique place where God has invited His family to be with Him where He is. Has God created Heaven for just anyone and everyone? God Who inhabits eternity abides there. The entire verse says: "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." Isaiah 57:15 (KJV) (Created for those exactly like Him). The phrase under consideration in Hebrew is "you". "The first word, "you" means to reside or inhabit. This verb is in the active participle form, which in the King James Version was translated as "inhabiteth," or in modern English, "inhabiting." The King James Version, the word in this verse was translated as "eternity." Interestingly, this is the only time the word "eternity" appears in this translation of the Bible. The uniqueness of this combination of words allows for many different translations and interpretations.

To understand, let us compare the spiritual and natural events by way of analogy. Very few people would have visitors in their homes, and certainly not strangers that they do not personally know. The visitor and the homeowner would have no common interests and therefore no desire to be there in fellowship together. It is the same with the unsaved and the perfect Christ.

The fact Jesus died for all means nothing to the unsaved man. They have no fellowship based on gratitude, common interests, or goals. It means nothing to them that Christ died for them, offered to meet their need, etc. God has a holy house; He has invited all to gather there with Him; most refuse, have no desire to be there, ignore the invitations, and have no feelings or heart for the house or owner. Such is the condition of the lost sheep of the world. Jesus did not fail in His wondrous works, and a great cloud of witnesses will enter His abode. Thank God.

Assuming the Ministry of SOC

Editors Note:

We are pleased to announce that at the passing of President Robert Turnage, Brian Larsen, former Vice President, has accepted the position of President of the School of Christ International. Also, Robin St. Clair will be assuming the position of Vice President. Brenda Turnage will remain as the Secretary/Treasurer. The office staff, directors, and officers will continue to work diligently for the SOC Ministry. Everything will stay the same as we move forward in this time of transition with the leadership of the Holy Spirit.



Brian W. Larsen SOC President

Brother Brian Larsen started working with the School of Christ in 1999. He clearly remembers the day that he sat at breakfast with Brother B.H. Clendennen in the country of Jordan. God confirmed the call He had placed on his life in 1995 to become a full-time missionary with the School of Christ. Brother Brian, a 1997 SOC graduate, has served as Director/Supervisor of South America, Angola-Africa, and Japan for the last 22 years. In 2017, he also accepted and has served as Vice President till July 2022. He holds Ordination Credentials through Bethel Pentecostal Fellowship, Patterson, Louisiana where Brother Marty Harden is Pastor. Brother Brian also holds Pastoral Credentials through the Brazilian Assemblies of God. He is a Chaplain with Capellan Misionero (an International Chaplains Ministry in the province of Misiones, Argentina). He also serves on

the Board as an advisor of the AMADA Asia Missions Ministry (which is a Ministers Missions Association for the continent of Asia). It is an honor and a role of great responsibility in assuming the position of President of the School of Christ International. It is Brother Brian's prayer and desire that God give wisdom and guidance for this great ministry that is full of a great heritage and history and has great potential in moving forward for the building of God's Kingdom.



Robin St. Clair is the Pastor at Pottsville Assembly of God in Pottsville, AR. Robin graduated from the SOC in 2003 and served on the staff at Victory Temple in Beaumont, TX from 2005-2011. Robin has also traveled and ministered for the SOC in conventions and different meetings across America and in Europe since 2011. He has served on the Board of Directors since 2019 and he has accepted the position of Vice President of the Governing Board.

Robin St. Clair SOC Vice President



Brenda is the wife of Robert Turnage, Pastor Emeritus of Victory Temple and former SOC President, and the daughter of Bertram and Janice Clendennen. She came to work for Victory Temple and the Voice of Victory in 1975. Brenda, a 1999 SOC graduate, became the Administrator of SOC in 2003 when the name formally changed to the School of Christ International. She has served as Secretary/Treasurer on the Governing Board since the beginning.

Brenda Turnage SOC Secretary



Cindy Wilson Cindy, a 2005 SOC graduate, has worked as the Bookkeeper and Secretary for SOC since 2006. She handles all foreign and domestic wires.



Cathy Hoke Cathy, a graduated from the SOC in 2010. She is over the Mail Room and handles the Prison Correspondence Course since 2000.



Daniel St. Clergy Daniel, a 2006 SOC graduate, has worked for Victory Temple, Voice of Victory, and SOC since 1990 as the Systems Administrator, Information Technology, and Media Manager.



B. J. Larsen B.J. graduated from the SOC in 2010. He has served on the foreign mission field for 10 years as translator for the Portuguese and Spanish languages.



Bivian Larsen Bivian, is a 2018 SOC graduate. She works as a Secretary to President Brian Larsen and a Proofer Reader for everything that goes out of the SOC office.



Caleb Larsen

Caleb a known artist in Argentina started to work for the SOC as Graphic Designer in 2019. He is also a 2018 SOC graduate. School of Christ International P.O. Box 5470 Beaumont, TX 77726-5470



