

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou  
art with me; thy rod and thy  
staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before  
me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all  
the days of my life: and I will dwell in the  
house of the LORD for ever.

Psalm 23



**Flower Attendants**  
Nieces  
Friends of the Family

**Pall Bearers**  
Nephews  
Friends of the Family

### Acknowledgement

We would like to thank our family, friends,  
Pastor Sean Dogan and the Long Branch  
Baptist Church, Pastor Jimmy and Debra  
Miller and the Real Life Church  
for their support during this  
time of transition.



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# *Celebrating the Life* of *Mrs. Bessie Lee Pendergrass*



**Sunday, July 28, 2019**  
**2:00pm**  
**Lowndes Hill Baptist Church**  
1516 Lowndes Hill Road  
Greenville, South Carolina 29607  
Dr. Edward D. Brantley, Pastor



## Order of Service

Pastor Sean Dogan, Presiding  
Long Branch Baptist Church, Greenville, SC

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Selection.....Pendergrass Family Choir

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Rev. Jerry Wilson

New Testament....Rev. Sis. Alberta Cooley

Prayer.....Minister Karen Brockman

Solo.....Rev. Derrick Gambrell

Remarks (Please limit to 3 Minutes)

Deacon Eugene Harrison (Church)

Sister Freddie Pendergrass (Family)

Rev. Clevan Oliphant (Family)

Resolutions.....Sister Gloria A. Duckett

Selection.....Wilson Sisters

Words of Comfort.....Dr. Edward D. Brantley

Selection.....Lowndes Hill Combined Choir

Recessional

Interment

Committal/Prayer/Benediction  
Lowndes Hill Church Cemetery



## Obituary

Mrs. Bessie Lee "Sister" Pendergrass, was born January 28, 1944, to the late David Thompson and the late Lula Mae Taylor. She entered the presence of God, her Heavenly Father on July 24, 2019, at Prisma Health Upstate.

Bessie was the devoted wife of the late James Preston Pendergrass and the loving mother of four: Evonne (Clevan) Oliphant, James Pendergrass, Erwin (Carol) Pendergrass and Nathaniel Pendergrass, to whom Bessie modeled Christlike character until the day she entered her rest.

Bessie was very young when she began her spiritual journey. It was at the tender age of 16 that she joined Lowndes Hill Baptist Church where she committed her heart to Christ and devoted her life to God and to the service of His Kingdom. Bessie served faithfully as an usher, a choir member, and in missions for many years. She especially enjoyed taking care of the elderly and visiting the sick. Special care and hospitality for the elderly came very natural to her. Bessie even took care of her grandmother, the late Bessie Jones, for many years. Bessie has been correctly described as faithful, devoted, steadfast, and dedicated. She served God most of the days of her seventy-five years here on earth. She shall humbly wear her crown for eternity as she basks in the wonderful presence of her Great Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Bessie retired from the Greenville County School District where she worked in the cafeteria and as a bus driver.

She leaves behind to cherish her legacy, three grand-children; three step grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Mae Thompson of Greenville, SC; three brothers, Rufus L. Thompson, David L. (Thelma) Thompson, both of Greenville, SC, and Carl Thompson of Jersey City, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, and special friends.