



**BISHOP FRANKLIN G.
JONES**

Bishop Franklin G. Jones passed from this life into his eternal life on October 30, 2007. January 1, 1933, was an ordinary New Year's Day for most everyone. People put away gifts, cleaned up all the party favors. The strains of *Auld Lang Syne* were distant memories of a night gone by. But in Lamar County, Texas, Ira Jones paced the floor as his wife, Dorothy, was giving birth to a brand new son. Bishop Jones would be fifth of what was to be 13 children. When this new son received his name, it was in honor of Franklin D. Roosevelt and "Cactus" Jack Garner, President and Vice President of the United States of America respectively. Bishop Jones would grow to be a great leader in his own right. Not a leader of cities, states or countries, but a General in the body of Christ.

Bishop Jones served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. It was while on shore leave in Long Beach, California that this pastor's son walked to an altar and completely surrendered his heart and life to Christ. Not long after his tour of duty was over, Franklin married his sweetheart, Joyce Green, on April 28, 1956.

In 1963 Franklin and Joyce felt the burden of lost souls so strongly that they sold their home and all their furniture to work full-time for the Lord.

Their first revival was in Shepherd, Texas. Coming from a comfortable home to a travel trailer, with two children in tow, was quite a transition. Later in November of that year they settled in Houston to help establish Texas Bible College.

In August of 1964 a small church in Aransas Pass, Texas, called the Joneses to the pastorate. It was a great time for this young family. Seeking the face of God in that South Texas town helped establish the character that would mold so many lives in the coming years. It was there that the family grew to five.

Then in March of 1966 the Jones family moved to the pastorate of Mt. Houston Pentecostal Church in Houston, Texas. There were 21 voting members at that time. From service to service Franklin Jones invested his life into others and the small congregation grew. Upon changing their location in 1990 the congregation became known as Grace Church of Humble and today celebrates a membership exceeding 2900 people. Franklin Jones was consecrated to the office of Bishop in 1992.

Bishop Franklin Jones leaves his legacy to his wife of 51 years, Joyce; daughter Patti Johnson and her husband, Rex and their children, Misty and husband Damon McNicholas, Cassidy and husband Brad Wilkinson, and Kaitlin; son Brett and his wife, Gizelle and their children Kimber, Casey and his wife Kristine, and Carley; son Scott and his wife, Melanie and their children Spencer and Savannah; He was also the proud Papa of three great-grandchildren: Kaden, Conner and Ella.

Memorial Services for Bishop Franklin G. Jones were held on Friday, November 2 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 3, at 10 a.m. Both services were held at Grace Church of Humble, 7224 N. Sam Houston Parkway East, Humble, TX 77396. The burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bishop Jones' honor to the *Imagine Grace for Generations* building fund.

Rosewood Funeral Home