

We rejoice that God raised up this prophet among us. He fought a good fight for truth and justice, kept the faith under constant persecution, and with hope he entered into the full joy of his Lord.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Alumni Chapel

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A Service of Worship

in

Memory

of

Clarence Jordan

(1912-1969)

In Memoriam

RESPONSIVE READING NO. 22

"The Lord My Strength"

HYMN NO. 465

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

EULOGY

"The Man and His Message"

"The Man and His Influence"

SCRIPTURE

I John 1:1-4; 2:7-11, 15-17; 3:13-15

I Peter 1:22-25

From Letters From Partners:
Rock, Jack and Joe

PRAYER

(Those needing to leave following the prayer, please do so quietly.)

Among the prophets America has produced Clarence Jordan stood tall. Theologian, translator of the Scriptures, preacher, farmer, and fearless civil rights leader, he was in demand as a lecturer at universities, seminaries, conferences, and churches. As the editor of The Christian Century put it, "Dr. Jordan was a divine combination of gentleness and ferocity, fun and heroism, simplicity and eloquence, a man in whom both the unlettered poor and the sophisticated professionals found a fathomless reservoir of inspiration."

Dr. Jordan founded the Koinonia Farm near Americus, Georgia in 1942, a pioneer Christian community where whites and blacks lived as brothers and equals. For this he, his wife, four children, and associates became the victims of violence and legal and economic reprisals.

A first-rate scholar, Dr. Jordan earned the B.S. degree from the University of Georgia, the Th.M. and Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Seminary. As a graduate student, he served as Dr. A. T. Robertson's Fellow in Greek. Upon graduation from the Seminary, Clarence became Superintendent of City Missions for the Long Run Baptist Association, the first person to hold such a position.

As an author, Dr. Jordan wrote several works. Among these are The Sermon on the Mount, The Cotton Patch Version of Paul's Epistles, and The Cotton Patch Version of Luke and Acts. Three L.P. records contain some of his interpretations and translations of the Scriptures.

While autographing a copy of his latest book, Clarence died of an apparent heart attack in his study. He was buried in a wooden box under the pine trees on Koinonia Farm in the soil he loved.

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