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STATEMENT LETTER FOR RENAMING STREET 1932 DENNISON ST. REV. DR. WALTER BOOKMAN

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By CHARLES WALLINGTON
Staff Writer

When the Rev. Walter Bookman organized New Morning Star Baptist Church in 1946, he had six members, four of them relatives.

They worshipped in a small gray-block building on Dennison Street with a sanctuary, choir room and pastor's study.

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said. "The building got too small for us and we had to move."

Today the West Dallas congregation has increased to more than 500 members and is housed in a \$150,000 church next to the site of the old church.

Accomplishments like that have earned

Bookman the respect of his peers. And on Friday he will receive the Minister of the Year Award from the 300-member International Ministers' Alliance during a banquet at the Apparel Mart on Stearns Freeway. The alliance, with members throughout the area, supports educational and social programs, among other things.

"We look for longevity and leadership for this award," said the Rev. S.M.

Bookman has promoted minority voting rights, the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center in South Dallas and activities of the National Association for the

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Ministers honor Bookman

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Advancement of Colored People.

Bookman also helped organize and is leader of the Unity Missionary Baptist District Association, made up of 25 churches that support, among other things, local and foreign missionary work and predominately black colleges.

"My greatest joy is when I do something for someone else," Bookman said. "I emphasize the need to love and help people by doing it myself."

Bookman, 73, was born in Elmo, Texas, about 41 miles east of Dallas, and his family moved to Checotah, Okla. when he was six months old. His parents died before he was 10 and Bookman and his four brothers and one sister lived with their grandmother in several North Texas cities.

In 1931, Bookman married his wife Everjean. They have a son and a daughter.

Bookman's ministerial career began in 1938 when he was "called to preach." He was baptized at St. John's Baptist Church in Carrollton, where he served as president of the choir and superintendent of the Sunday school, a deacon and pastor.

Bookman was ordained in 1940 and became minister of Hamilton Chapel Baptist Church in Frisco in Collin County. He remained there for six years until he organized New Morning Star Baptist Church.

To support his family, Bookman has worked as a bus driver and a mechanic. "I was a washer, greaser and wrecker," he said of the latter trade. "I was black so I had to do all the work."

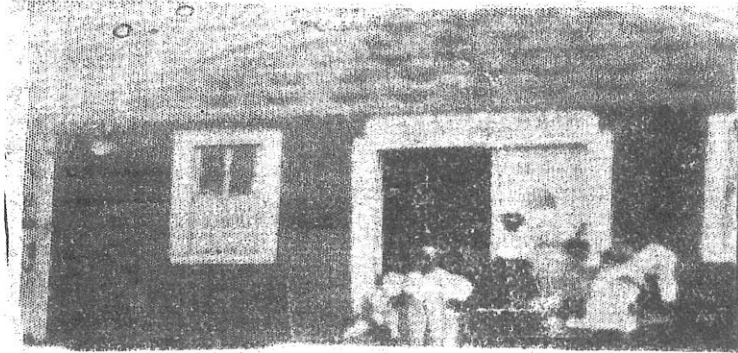
As the Morning Star congregation grew, members decided to build a new church. They raised much of the money and did much of the work.



Rev. Walter Bookman helped organize his church in 1946

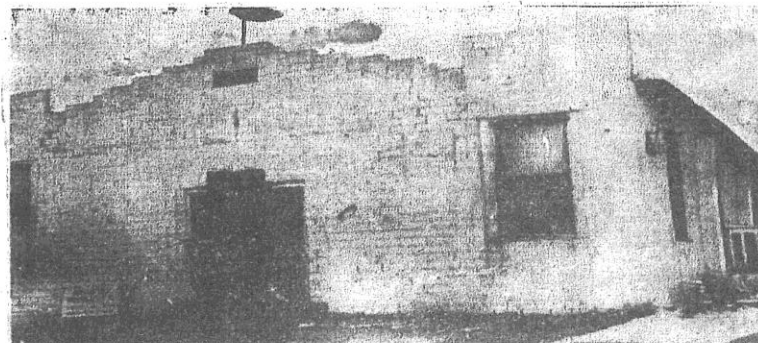
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First Building



The First Building of Morning Star Baptist Church was built in 1946, the year of its organization. Six charter members along with Rev. Walter Bookman. They began worshipping in this building following its construction.

The Second Building



The Second Building of the Morning Star Baptist Church which was constructed in 1946, three years after the church was organized. It was later used as a dining room and recreation unit for the YMCA.

Evening Star Missionary Baptist Church

2730 Boynton St.

Dallas, Tx 75212

January 25, 2022

To: Dallas Councilman Omar Narzaez

My name is Joe Martin, I started my preaching ministry under the late Pastor Dr. Walter Bookman. I am now the pastor of the Evening Star Missionary Baptist Church located in the West Dallas community and is writing to you with the support of those in the membership who knew and heard of the late Dr. Walter Bookman.

We are writing in regard to the street change of Dennison to honor Pastor Walter Bookman who was known for his humanitarian of love in the West Dallas community and nationwide.

1 Corinthians chapter 13 is known as the love chapter in the Bible. This chapter was the driving force in Pastor Bookman life. It was the fire that burned in the humanitarian concern and care for others. This concern and care for others lead him to push for better living conditions in the West Dallas community in the 1950's, asking for sewerage, water, and gas lines to be furnish to the residents in that part of the city.

He believed that there is no limit to the power of the love of God. He taught us, when we love like God; God's love will create a love in us that is self-giving of ourselves that seeks the better good of others. He practice this attitude of behavior of love unselfishly toward others, regardless of their response toward him.

I recall when Pastor Bookman presented to New Morning Star the breakfast program to feed the hungry on Sunday morning in the early 80's. He believed that if one person could change their life for the better, it is worth all the money or wealth in the world. And from that Sunday morning breakfast there were some who made a change in their lives for the better. And today is still living a productive life in the city of Dallas. He understood that true love is to be without hypocrisy, and unconditional in caring for others regardless of their condition or status in life. Because of this unconditional love Pastor Bookman demonstrated; in 1980 he was criticize for reaching across religious boundaries and bringing together Christians and Muslims to fellowship and worship together.

It is our prayers that the City of Dallas will grant the name change of Dennison St. to honor Pastor Walter Bookman because of his humanitarian impact he had on the West Dallas community, the City of Dallas, the State of Texas, and this Nation we live in.

Sincerely yours,

The Evening Star Missionary Baptist Church



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AT&T Yahoo Mail - Letter of Recommendation, Sylvia Shackelford

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From: Lourice Collier (lo.cinderella@sbcglobal.net)

To: georgecastro@att.net

Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 10:08 PM CST

January 19, 2022

Dallas, Texas 75241

Attention: Council Member Omar Narvaez

Re: Renaming of Dennison Street to Rev. Walter Bookman

My name is Evangelist Sylvia Shackelford, former resident of Dallas West Community, formally known as West Dallas. Born and raised in that neighborhood, attended school, and held church membership at New Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church.

I join in with others requesting this honor bestowed on the late Reverend Doctor Walter Bookman, long-time Pastor of New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church 40+ years.

Dr. Bookman was an outstanding Pastor and did great work in the community of assisting those in need of food and financial assistance to meet everyday demands. He was active in working with the city officials to help clean up the Dallas West area by removing trash and unwanted litter. So many times, Dr. Bookman would open up the church facility for the homeless; especially when it was cold. His wife, along with other helpers, would cook breakfast for those who stayed overnight, as well as serve to others who would come in off the street to eat without any charge.

My late husband, Rev. Willie James Shackelford, Pastor of New Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, worked closely with Dr. Bookman to advance wholesome projects for the community. Both churches shared a unique fellowship by hosting and promoting Back-to-Back Revivals for spiritual enhancements and seeking to win souls for Kingdom Building.

Both Dr. Bookman and Dr. Shackelford served as Unlty District Association Moderators, giving leadership to over 18 churches located in Dallas, Texas. This fellowship provided College Scholarships to students within the district of churches. Both leaders did everything to help the underserved communities.

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Dr. Bookman served as President of the Dallas West Ministerial Alliance which was an body of churches working as one to help improve the community. This Alliance distributed clothes, food, assisted with shelter, youth in trouble and others efforts to do good work in the community.

Dr. Bookman served as Pastor of New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church for many years doing an amazing job both as Pastor and a friend to all. His heart was like gold, priceless.

I am pleading with you to help us make this request a reality by honoring Dr. Bookman's loyalty and dedication to helping and serving in West Dallas for many years. I am honored to make this request.

Evangelist Sylvia Shackelford

Evangelistshack@yahoo.com

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Rev. Dr. Walter Bookman Service – Involvement Youth/Others

Rev. Bookman turned the old church bldg. that was next to the new sanctuary, into a Youth Center for after school activities and care. He and church members would mentor the kids, take them on field trips and outings. He and the late City Councilwoman, Mattie Nash, would have the youth going door-to-door in West Dallas and the Oak Cliff bottom neighborhoods to Register People to Vote and to pass out literature.

Rev. Bookman Spoke at the 1974 Senior Class Baccalaureate Program at L.G. Pinkston H.S. One of the senior sponsor, Mrs. Thomas, commented on his speech and was impressed by him calling some students by name. Some of the students looked at him as a grandfather figure. He showed them that he was concerned, supportive and cared about their well-being. He showed them Love, Patience and Kindness.

Rev. Bookman was Instrumental in bringing The Baptist Church Conventions to Dallas at the Convention Center.

Rev. Bookman, Prison Ministry – During the late Henry Wade, District Attorney era... When some of the youth got into trouble, because of Rev. Bookman's work in the community, and his good name was well known, on his word Alone, the police would release the youth in his custody.

I remember a family's house caught fire, they lost everything. He stepped right in and help the family get back on their feet. He Helped financially and put them in touch with city assistance!

When Families didn't have money to bury their love ones, he would HELP with the finances and services.

Families following on hard times, he was always there!!

In closing,

Rev. Walter Bookman, a man of such Faith and one who showed his dedication of Love for Humanity in the community, deserves to have a lasting tribute to his legacy. I Hope and pray that renaming this street will bestow honor on him!!

With Gratitude,

Lourice Collier

Former Member of 50 years

Biography Of Rev.
Dr. Walter Bookman

Rev. Dr. Walter Bookman Sr. was born to the late Eugene and Rosie Bookman on April 5, 1911 in Elmore, Texas

He married the former Everjean Garnes on December 24, 1931. To the union, two children were born. Walter Jr. and Rose Roberts. He lived to see 10 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and 13 great great grandchildren. Wow! What a blessing! He exhibited a remarkable degree of loyalty, devotion, and courage to his biological family and to his spiritual family.

He accepted his call to the Gospel

Ministry March of 1938. He pastored the St. John Baptist Church in Carrollton, Texas and the Hampton Chapel Baptist Church in Frisco, Texas. Inspired by God, he organized the New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church on July 11, 1946, and he was pastor for 47 years.

In 1957 he received a diploma in Theology from the Southwestern Theological Seminary and Bishop College. He received a Doctor of Divinity from Union Baptist Theological Seminary of Detroit, Michigan, and also from Inter-Baptist Theological Seminary of Houston, Texas.

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services. On February 8, 1985, he was honored by the Interdenominational Minister's Alliance as "The Man Of The Year." He received a "Humanitarian Award" on August 30, 1980 from Dallas Maslid of Atislam; and he received various community awards. Even the former Blue Bird Choir was renamed to the Bookman Highlights in honor of Dr. Walter Bookman.

Rev. Dr. Walter Bookman was very active in virtually every religious and civic organization in our city. He was the Moderator of the Unity District Missionary Baptist Association for over 25 years. He served as Moderator Emeritus, President of the Dallas West Ministerial Alliance, and was very active in the Interdenominational Minister's

Alliance.

One of his favorite hobbies was fishing. He claimed that he could beat anyone catching fish, and he was a great fisherman.

Rev. Dr. Walter Bookman organized the New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church July 11, 1946. There were six members in the organization. The old building was located on one small lot. Later two other lots were purchased. After the street's name was changed to Dennison, a new building was erected. Our membership grew to the extent that we needed a larger building. The second building was demolished. And one of Dr. Bookman's dreams was to build a larger building, with red carpet on the floor, padded seats and a large sign saying New

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church,
and with the blessings of the Lord and
the help of the members that dream did
come true. We are now in that building
with the Red Carpet on the floor, padded
seats and a sign saying New Morning Star
Missionary Baptist Church.

Rev. Dr. Bookman's favorite scripture
was Romans 8:28, "and we know that all
things work together for good to them
that love God, to them who are the called
according to his purpose."

"And he always dismissed with
Lord Make Us One All Over The World!

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From: Lourice Collier (lo.cinderella@sbcglobal.net)

To: district3@dallascounty.org

Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 11:08 AM CST

Good morning Ms. La' Wanna, this is Lourice Collier. Per our conversation this morning ref renaming street in West Dallas... I was a member of New Morning Star B.C. since I was 5 yrs. Old and for almost 50 years.

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Let me know if I've missed something. Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely yours Lourice Collier 214.339.2665/713.670.6173

Walter Bookman, church founder, dies at 83

By Joe Simnacher

Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News



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The sojourn from Earth to Heaven was completed for Dr. Walter Bookman, Sr. on Sunday, February 5, 1995. Quietly and peacefully he went away to be with God, "Doc," as he was fondly called, was a gift from God to the late Eugene and Rosie Bookman on April 5, 1911, in Elmore, Texas. Dr. Bookman was a very lovable person and devoted his entire life to his fellow man. He was known for his genius, poise, dignity, generosity, and love of God and humanity. He exhibited a remarkable degree of loyalty and devotion and courage to his biological family and to his spiritual family, the New Morning Star Baptist Church. Dr. Bookman was preceded in death by his wife, the late Everjean Barnes Bookman on February 18, 1992, and his son, Walter Bookman, Jr. on August 11, 1991. Dr. Bookman leaves an abundance of fond memories that will be cherished by Rose Evelyn Roberts, daughter; Fred Bookman, brother; Dave Milliner, brother; nine grandchildren: Rev. Paul E. (Sandra) Brown, Jr., Ada Katherine Edison, Michael Wayne Bookman, Willena (Jerry, Sr.) Halon, Curtis Jean Brown, Rev. Kevin E. (Lenora) Brown, Samuel Brown, Carolyn Renee (Kenneth) Bacon, Marsha Yvette Ocelll Donaldson, all of Dallas; 23 great grandchildren; 13 great great grandchildren; two devoted nieces, Bobbie (Willie) Sppe and Betty (Moses) Brown; godchildren, LaRhonda Thomas and Glenida Coleman of Dallas; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and relatives. Services will be Saturday, February 11, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at the NEW MORNING STAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 932 Denison St., Rev. Dr. C.C. Jones, Sr. officiating. Rev. Dr. W.J. Shackleford, eulogy. Visitation will be Friday, February 10, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Lone Star Funeral Home, 3626 Spring Ave. Wake will be at the New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 1995. Interment Lincoln Memorial Park.

LONE STAR FUNERAL HOME
426-7883

Walter Bookman began his working life as a mechanic. But in March 1938, he answered a call from a country church in Frisco that needed a pastor.

That call began Mr. Bookman's second career. After seven years of commuting to churches in Frisco and then in Carrollton, Mr. Bookman founded New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in West Dallas.

Mr. Bookman would be a guiding force for the church until he died Sunday of congestive heart failure and Alzheimer's disease at the age of 83.

His funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday at the New Morning

Star church on Dennison Street. Burial will follow at Lincoln Memorial Park in Dallas.

When Mr. Bookman founded the church, it had six members, four of whom were family members, he recalled for *The Dallas Morning News* in 1986. Originally housed in a rented shack constructed out of apple boxes and lard cans, New Morning Star now has more than 1,000 members and has outgrown two buildings.

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in Houston.

Mr. Bookman also held positions with several civic and religious organizations, including president of the Dallas West Ministerial Alliance and vice president of the Interdenominational Minister's Alliance. In 1985, he was named man of the year by the Interdenominational Alliance.

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