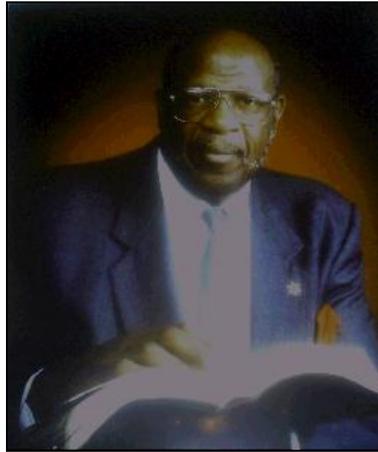


Biographical Sketch of Dr. Frank J. Higgins Sr.



Dr. Frank J. Higgins 1929 -1996

Husband 43 years to Laura B. Higgins

Father : 9 children, 8 boys and 1 girl

Pastor & Builder of True Way Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA

Founder of Triangle Christian Services Inc.

President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Los Angeles & Southern California for 18 years until his death.

Former Dean of The Providence Theological Seminary.

Army Veteran who served in the Korean War.

Dr. Higgins life work, as a Husband, Father, Grandfather, Pastor, Leader of Pastors, Seminary Dean, Teacher, CEO, Community Organizer, Civil Rights Leader, Community Worker, Builder, Visionary, Veteran, and Servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. Higgins was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP),

Just to mention some his civil rights work,

It was Dr. Higgins, who during the 1965 Watts Riot, as a young preacher, got out in the streets in an effort to quell the violence. An Article was done on his efforts in LIFE Magazine.

Always at the forefront when it came time to address civil rights issues or injustice in the community, Dr. Higgins led the effort the prevent insurance red lining in the south Los Angeles area, where California insurance companies were charging exorbitant amounts for insurance premiums to

predominantly African Americans. Dr. Higgins regularly addressed the LA City Council, the Los Angeles Unified School District and the LA County Board of Supervisors to address a plethora of community issues and problems. The Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Adjourned early in Honor of Dr. Higgins in order for board members to attend his funeral.

Dr. Higgins was highly sought after for counsel on community matters from Dignitaries, Politicians, Pastors, and Laity alike.

He had an opportunity to meet with the president Bill Clinton, Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, the President of France, Governors, Police Chiefs. Then Sheriff Sherman Block presented Dr. Higgins with a Clergy Badge for his work in the community,

Dr. Higgins was also got involved in the organized labor movement. He, along with Actor Ed Asner and the United Autoworkers Union led rallies and got involved in negotiations with General Motors to save jobs at the then GM Van Nuys plant. It was during one rallies that Dr. Higgins Stated “ You’ve Got a Tiger by the Tail” This phrase Tiger by the Tail became the motto for the Save GM Van Nuys Movement”

Tiger by the Tail became an award winning documentary, which captures an inspiring movement by workers and community activists that kept the GM Van Nuys plant open in L.A. for a full decade--before GM finally closed it in 1992.

Dr. Higgins was the Founder of Triangle Christian Services Inc., which includes Triangle Women’s Shelter and Triangle Family Preservation Network.

Due to Triangle’s early success in keeping families together, it became the prototype and a model for family preservation programs for this nation, drawing a visit by then United States First Lady Hilary Clinton and a Delegation of child welfare experts from around the country. Triangles’ work also caught the attention of TIME Magazine.

Triangle Christian Services is an organization that is part of the Family Preservation Network devoted to the development of families that are in distress. Triangle is the first African American run lead agency for family preservation service in the History of the County of Los Angeles.

Triangles goal is simply to “Keep Families Together”.

Dr. Higgins was gifted with capability and vision to serve his community in an effective manner.

Being a family man himself, Dr. Higgins saw the importance of keeping families together.

Through out the Years of his Ministry, Dr Higgins was able to witness first hand the multiple distresses that families had to endure when state agencies would come into their homes and separate them because of negative situations and frivolous reports which resulted in long legal process's that would cause emotional damage and compound financial distress and then inevitably cause the destruction of a family through separation.

If I could use on passage of scripture from God Word befitting of it would be

Matthew 25:31-46

31"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you? 39When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40"Then the King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

To God Be the Glory.