WESLEY V. GEARY
DECEMBER 6, 1934 - FEBRUARY 24, 2016

You are invited to attend the Memorial Service for Wes Geary at Trinity Presbyterian Church of McKinney, at 10am on Saturday, March 5th. The service will be held in the Great Hall and it will be streamed live from our TPC website. Wes was a dear friend and he loved this congregation. His death seems sudden because his vitality was legendary - he literally was full of life! He meant so much to so many and he served with distinction in all phases of his life. I hope you will join me in celebrating his remarkable life journey and to be comforted by the good news of Jesus Christ. Below is the obituary information that his family has prepared. My prayers are for his wonderful family and legion of personal and professional friends.

Sincerely,

Chaplain (COL.) Wesley V. Geary (Ret.)

Chaplain (COL.) Wesley V. Geary was born in Klondike, TX. His family moved to Pampa, TX in 1943 and he completed high school in Pampa. He is a graduate of Texas College in Tyler, TX and one of the first black graduates of Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, TX. Wesley served parishes in Texas, Florida, Arkansas, and Oklahoma before joining the U. S. Army Chaplain's Corps in 1963 as a 1LT. He served a tour of duty
at Ft. Sill, OK before being assigned to the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam in 1966. He served with three Infantry Battalions: 1/18th, 2/18th and 1/28th. After he was wounded the second time he was assigned to Division Headquarters as an Assistant Division Chaplain. After his combat tour he was assigned as R and R Center Chaplain in Hawaii. His other noteworthy assignments were: Brigade Chaplain, 4th Infantry Division, Ft. Carson; Assistant V Corps Chaplain, Frankfort, Germany; Staff and Faculty, U. S. Army Chaplain's School; Division Chaplain, 101st Airborne Division; Command Chaplain Ft. Riley, KS; Command Chaplain, U. S. Forces Korea 8th Army; and Corps Chaplain, III Corps, Ft. Hood. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College. Geary's decorations include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star with V-device and two oak leaf clusters, Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal and Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster.

Since retirement he has been active in religious, military and civic organizations, including pastoring several Presbyterian churches and a United Church of Christ congregation. He was the regional president of AUSA (Association of the United States Army), a leader of in the Kiwanis club and Omega Psi Phi fraternity. He was director of the Samaritan Inn homeless shelter in McKinney, TX. Chaplain Geary is a retired minister from the C. M. E. Church and lived in Plano, TX with Bobbye Louise, his wife of fifty-eight years. They have two children; Wesley Geary III and Dr. Vanessa Paugh and two grandchildren, AJ and Genevieve.