

# Corner Stone Missionary Baptist Church

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## *Letter of Comfort for Family of Rev. Dr. Autura Eason-Williams*

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand ... For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."* ~Isaiah 41:10, 13

*"You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember her only that she is gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back.  
Or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on." ~David Harkins*

*Dear Eason-Williams Family and Connected Families,*

*We know that when we are born in this world, we will eventually return to the grave, a race that everyone must run. However, we are sorry that the providence of God has brought to a close the life of a longtime woman of faith who shared God's word, a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend on Monday, July 18, 2022.*

*We, the members of Corner Stone Missionary Baptist Church, feel that it is befitting to express our sympathy to the family and to our active church members: Sister Kimberly W. Respass, Sister-in-law (Trustee Colbert Respass), brother-in-law, and Sister Quanetra Respass-Whidbee, niece; during the passing of their loved one.*

*We commend you to Him who knoweth best and will always do right. You have our sincere prayers.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted... "(Jesus' words) ~Matthew 5:4*

*Family, we know your loss is deep, and your sorrow is great, but we want you to know that we share in your sorrow, but more importantly, we recognize that this loss is Heaven's Gain.*

*Humbly submitted on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2022,*

*The Pastor, Officers and the Corner Stone Missionary Baptist Church Family, Elizabeth City, NC,*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Gloria D. Bryant*

Gloria D. Bryant, Trustee Chairperson

*Rev. Antonio M. Williams*

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