

**April 6, 2020**

**TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MR. ROBERT PONTOO:**

The pastor, officers, members, and friends of Greater Christ Baptist Church, extend to you at this hour our heartfelt sympathy. Our prayers are with you at this time as you experience the loss of your loved one.

We regret that under the circumstances we cannot be present with you. However, we are with you in spirit. Mr. Pontoo was a great man and one of the pillars of this church. He will be greatly missed but will live always in our hearts.

May you find your sorrows lightened and your faith strengthened by the thought that God is always near.

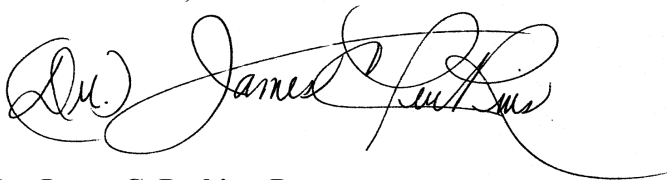
May the thoughts that others care and share your sorrow too, help ease the sense of loss you feel and somehow comfort your heart!

May your faith sustain you in your bereavement. We want you to feel that we are very near to you at this time. Our hearts are filled with sympathy and prayers.

*"God Will Be With You"*

*"God has not said life's pattern is one we'll understand,  
But He's promised He will keep us in the hollow of His hand!  
He has not promised days serene and free from all alarms.  
But He's said that underneath us, are "The Everlasting Arms!"  
God has not promised mountain heights, as on through life we go,  
But He's said that He'll be with us in the valleys dark and low!"*

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. James C. Perkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Dr. James C. Perkins, Pastor**

**Deacon Shirley Johnson, Chairman  
Deacon Ministry**