



## June Godbehere

January 25, 1923 - June 5, 2016

On Sunday, June 5, 2016, Dr. June Wilton Godbehere, Th.D., loving husband and father went home to be with our Lord and Savior at the age of 93.

June will be cherished and remember by his loving wife of 71 1/2 years, Marcketa "Mickey" Godbehere and his one and only daughter, Twila Godbehere Thibeault and his "Number 1 Son" in law - Michael Scott Thibeault.

Services for Dr. June W. Godbehere are as follows:

\*6/11/16 (Saturday) 1pm to 4pm viewing at Salser & Dillard  
127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia, CA 93277 (559-635-1144)

\*6/14/16 10am (Tuesday) Graveside service at Bakersfield National  
Cemetery...

30338 East Bear Mountain Blvd., Arvin, CA 93203

\*6/25/16 (Saturday) 11am Memorial & Celebration Service  
First Missionary Baptist Church  
1195 E. Shepherd Ave, Fresno, CA 93720 (559-435-1195)

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Chapel Builders 8839 N.  
Cedar #55, Fresno, CA 93720. <http://www.chapelbuilders.com>

June was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma on January 25, 1923 to James & Mary Godbehere. He is preceded in death by his parents and his two sisters, Mae Russey and Viola Frederick.

After graduating from North Texas Agriculture College in Arlington, TX he entered the U.S. Navy in 1942 after the Pearl Harbor attacks. He served in the Pacific on the USS Independence. While serving in the navy, he met the love of his life, Mickey, (who was serving in the US Army) while both of them were on leave back in Chickasha and later in 1945, they were married in Nevada.

After both June and Mickey were honorably discharged from the service, in 1950, June was saved after attending Mother's Day services at Fifth Street Missionary Baptist Church in Marlow, OK, and both joined Beacon Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, TX. In 1952, June surrendered to preach and they moved to Tulsa, OK, where he began attending seminary at Turley, OK and later moved to Marlow and attended Oklahoma Missionary Baptist Institute. He was ordained by the Fifth Street Missionary Baptist Church of Marlow, OK in 1955 beginning a ministry of over 61 years. June received a Graduate in Bible Language, Bachelor of Theology, Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology from OMBI. After graduating, he also was a teacher at OMBI in Marlow, OK.

Dr. Godbehere pastored the following churches: Valley View Missionary Baptist Church, Valley View, OK, Bray Missionary Baptist Church, Bray, OK, Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK, Central Missionary Baptist Church, Wasco, CA, First Missionary Baptist Church, Lomita, CA, Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Reseda, CA, First Missionary Baptist Church, Santa Rosa, CA, Interim Pastor at First Missionary Baptist, Fresno, CA and finally pastor at Oildale Missionary Baptist Church, Oildale, CA,

June and Mickey's daughter, Twila, was born in 1957 in Marlow, Ok and she

was the "light of his life" and daddy's girl. In 1979, Twila met Michael Thibeault and they were honored to have dad perform their wedding ceremony. Michael became the "son" that June never had and "dad" became the father that Michael had missed since his own father passed when he was 13. This family unit of June, Mickey, Twila & Michael had a very special relationship through the years. When Michael was saved in 1980 in Martinez, CA, he was honored to have June perform the baptism.

While still pastoring in California, he taught at CMBI (California Missionary Baptist Institute in Bellflower, CA) and later at FMBI (Fresno Missionary Baptist Institute in Fresno, CA) where he was Administrative Vice President, Dean of Student Affairs, Editor of the FMBI Missionary Baptist Herald and a member of the faculty.

While he retired from teaching at FMBI in 2008, he continued to write. He would spend 2-3 hours each day writing books on Acts, Genesis, Revelation, John, Jeremiah, Ministerial Practicalities to name a few, as well as, sermons, study aids and articles.

June touched the lives of many people over the years and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **11**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 635-1144  
info@salseranddillard.com  
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

## Burial

JUN **14**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Bakersfield National Cemetery  
30338 E. Bear Mtn. Blvd.  
Arvin, CA 93203

## Memorial

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM (PT)

First Missionary Baptist Church  
1195 E. Shepard Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93720  
(559) 435-1195  
brob@bigvalley.net  
<http://www.fmbcfresno.org/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Brother Godbehere is such a blessing! He always had a smile on his face as he extended his hand and said how ya doing? I loved to hear him play his harmonica at church and to tell stories! We always had a great time when we went over to their house to visit! He and Sister Godbehere have always been such a blessing to us as well as the Chapel Builder ministry! He started the dollar fund for Chapel Builders and would stand up and remind people to give! They have been so sweet to give us Christmas cards every year with a special gift in it! I love their name GODbehere! Such special people you could tell God was truly with him and Sister Mickey too! We love them dearly and Mike and Twila too! Praying for you all as you walk these days without him! We know how much you will miss him! We miss them both at church sitting in their usual pew! Driving in the Ranchos isn't the same knowing they aren't there! We can see him smiling in heaven grinning from ear to ear and playing his harmonica and telling stories! Love you all!

*Robyn and Richard*

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**Robyn Wharton** - June 25, 2016 at 08:42 PM

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“ I didn't know him for very long but what I do know is that he was a kind and gentle man. He Always had a smile on his face and I will remember our lunches after church and his sense of humor!!!! Love to all the family...I'm so sorry I could not be there today.

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**Kathy Spears** - June 25, 2016 at 10:07 AM

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“ I have known Bro. Godbehere most of my life. My dad A.D. Compton, Jr and him were preacher friends. There was always a smile and a hug from him. He was pretty proud that my Uncle had told him we were distant relatives. So the last several years when we saw each other the hug included a "Hello Cuz". We will miss him, but only for a short while. "We will be with him far longer than we will be without him" . Looking forward to That Glad Reunion Day! We love you (Cuz) Mickey, Twilla, and Michael . Wish we could be with you for his celebration . Hugs, John and Esther

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**Esther and John Thiem** - June 25, 2016 at 12:16 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of June Godbehere.

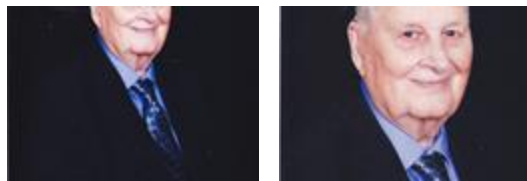


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**Twila Thibeault** - June 10, 2016 at 10:20 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of June Godbehere.*



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June 09, 2016 at 10:52 PM



“ *Another memory I have of grandpa is when he came to the McFarland church, ( while we were still members there) and play his harmonica during I think it was homecoming. The song he played, ( Sweet Hour of Prayer  
The last thing my grandpa said to me when I visited him in the hospital was " when you start dating, I want to check out the guy."*

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**Kelli Bervel** - June 09, 2016 at 10:54 AM



“ *Sis. Mickey and Twali,  
I have so many fond memories of Bro. June. We both started preaching about the same time. Both being from Oklahoma we developed a strong bond. Surely Bro. June was one of the greats. I loved being in his presence whether he was preaching or just sharing one of his stories. May God richly bless and comfort in this your time of sorrow.*

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**Ken Gibson** - June 07, 2016 at 08:12 AM