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Blessed be God even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the father of mercies and the God of all comfort. Who comforts us in all our tribulations that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted by God.

Whereas it has pleased the Eternal Father to remove from her earthly labor, our co-laborer, Dorothy Jean Shirley, our hearts are greatly saddened. We, the members of the First Missionary Baptist Church, wish the family to know that it is with deep sadness and a sense of great loss that we gather to bid farewell to our beloved sister. Whereas, we are consoled by the words of Jesus "I will never leave you or forsake you."

Sister Dorothy Jean began her christian journey here at FMBC and served as pianist/organist here. She had a particular touch when it came to playing hymns, and this writer will ever remember the way an hymn would pop whenever she played; she actually set the atmosphere, and it seemed the whole church would sing, even if they couldn't. Did not our hearts burn within us? Sister DJ, we will miss you, but we'll not be saddened in our hearts as those who have no hope, for we shall meet again! We extend our love and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Sister Dorothy Jean. In the scriptures God is called "the God of all comfort". Therefore be assured, courage and strength will come to us in this hour.

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