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Bishop George Dallas McKinney, Wife and Children Selected as 2017 Family of the Year

(GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO – February 6, 2017) Bishop George Dallas McKinney and his wife Barbara J. Warren McKinney, along with their six sons, their wives and 15 children have been selected to receive the 2017 Family of the Year award by Black Family Preservation Group, Inc.

Founded in 2007, Black Family Preservation Group, Inc. is a national 501c3 organization that was created to improve the image and public perception of black families. Toward that end, the organization promotes marriage and 2-parent homes as the best environment for raising African-American children.

“Each year, Black Family Preservation Group recognizes a family that embodies the ideal characteristics of strong black family,” Executive Director Sharon Brooks Hodge said. “For us, an exemplary family consists of a married mother and father living in the same household with their children, involves the extended family as role models, has persevered despite external challenges, and demonstrates compassion for others through community service.”

Although the family’s origins are in Jonesboro, Arkansas, today the McKinney family is a vibrant part of the San Diego, California, community where the patriarch is senior pastor of St. Stephen’s Cathedral COGIC, which he founded in 1962 along with his late wife Dr. Jean C. McKinney. A former probation officer, Bishop McKinney is a renowned licensed marriage, family and child counselor. He is the author of eight books, including *Christian Marriage*, which provides an overview of marriage as a covenant relationship between man, woman and God, as well as basic information regarding biblical principles to strengthen the marriage bond.

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Bishop McKinney has received numerous honors in the field of religion and community service. In 1995, the San Diego Rotary Club named him "Mr. San Diego." In 2001, the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), bestowed upon Bishop McKinney the Racial Reconciliation Man of the Year Award, and in 2007, The Shelter Island Rotary presented him with The Peace Maker Award in recognition of all he has done in the area of racial unity.

Bishop McKinney is the father of 5 sons, by Jean, his late first wife of more than 45 years. In 2008 he was married to Barbara (BJ) Warren, who also has a son. Barbara Warren McKinney is an attorney and author of the Christian novel, *When is the First Lady Ever First?*

The McKinney family will be honored on March 2nd at a gala event as part of the Fathers & families Coalition of America's 18th annual national conference. The event will be held at the Sheraton Gateway LAX Hotel in Los Angeles.

The McKinney family includes Bishop George Dallas and Barbra Jo McKinney and their children:

- George Anthony (Pastor/Inventor) and wife Wendy (Nonprofit Executive)
- Grant Alden (Pastor and Teacher) and wife Barbara (Teacher)
- Gregory Allen (Musician and Teacher) and wife Daphine (mom)
- Gordon Alex (Pastor) and wife Nina (Government)
- Glenn (Youth Pastor and Counselor) and wife Carol (Health Industry)
- Louie (Teacher) and wife Jamillah Lee (Student)

The extended McKinney family includes:

- Izora Prentice (97) a retired school teacher
- Esther Smith (96) a retired administrative secretary
- Naoma Rucker (88) a retired executive administrative secretary
- Rufus (86) an attorney and wife Donnie McKinney a banker
- Jesse (82) a pastor and social worker and wife Mary McKinney an author and social worker
- Dr. Arthur Lorenzo (81) a retired dentistry professor and wife Delores McKinney a retired teacher
- Charles (80) a college administrator and wife Lillian McKinney a real estate professional
- Ernest (74) an attorney and wife Virginia McKinney a teacher

"This recognition is very befitting for the McKinney family because they have, collectively, given so much to improve the socioeconomic plight within diverse communities," said Dr. Teresa Merriweather Orok, chairman of the board of directors for Black Family Preservation Group, Inc. "What an awesome and impactful nomination!"