**Going Home**

Rev. Padgett Robinson died on December 30, 1965. A few weeks before, on November 14, 1965, he preached the Homecoming sermon at his home church in Barineau Pentecostal Holiness Church near Turbeville, SC. He was born and raised in the Barineau/Turbeville community. His sermon seems prophetic regarding his untimely death six weeks later and the quote below is especially foretelling.

Quote from the sermon “I’m Nearer Home than I was Yesterday” by Rev. H. P. Robinson:

*But I thought, what makes this different this morning? And I thought, this is home. That’s why I think so much of it. It’s so much home to me. Then, over to my left, I have a plot, a burying ground. This is where I want them to bring me at the last. My last trip will end here for this body. But oh, not my soul, not me. Glory to God! I feel that I’m near another country, and I feel it this morning. . .*

*But in the midst of all this, we deemed we’re nearing another country. Praise God! Your say, “How do you know?” I don’t know. But just somehow that feeling is there, a feeling that only God can give us. . .*

*There’s something different in the breeze that blows. There’s a tone in the songs we sing. There’s a melancholy in the music. There’s something in the very air about us, something in the tone of everything that tells us that we’re drawing near, nearer. And we are nearer than we were yesterday. It isn’t much farther. The journey is almost over.*

For entire sermon:

See Sermons/By Scripture Text-Alphabetical/Acts 27.27 I’m Nearer Home than I was Yesterday