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April 5-9, 2015



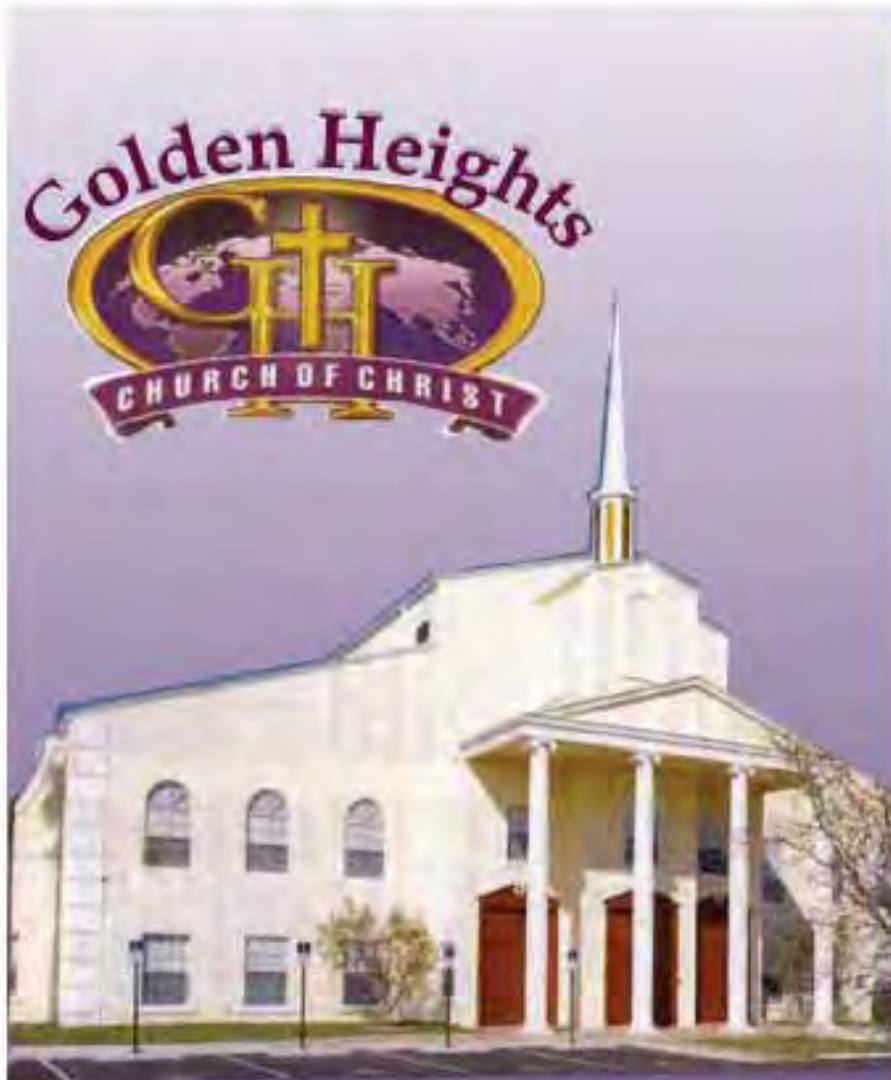
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Tuesday

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We are a congregation striving to glorify God and His Son, Jesus Christ, in the fulfillment of His mission on earth, and continuing steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer, awaiting the second coming and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ --

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Chicago Area Churches of Christ Welcomes You to the 71st Annual National Lectureship

Welcome to the 71st Annual National Lectureship hosted by the Chicago area Churches of Christ at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel. This elaborate facility is located near downtown Chicago on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and connected to McCormick Place, the largest convention center in North America. Statistically, Chicago is the third largest city in the United States, following New York City and Los Angeles. With nearly three million inhabitants, it is the most populous city in the state of Illinois and the American Midwest.

The city of Chicago also referred to as "The Windy City" was founded in 1779 by Jean Baptiste Point DuSable; a well educated and handsome Black man from Santo Domingo. DuSable built his cabin at the North bank of the Chicago River where it intersects with Lake Michigan and made a fortune trading with the Pottawatomie Native Americans. This location was named *Eschicagou* by the Native Americans and *shikaakwa* by the French, which means "land of smelly onions" because of the plants which grew along the Chicago River.

In Chicago, a high school, museum, boat harbor, park and bridge, have been named or renamed in the honor of DuSable. The location where DuSable originally settled at the mouth of the Chicago River is also a National Historic Landmark. Noted personalities who were born in the city of Chicago include:

- Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States.
- The Honorable Carol Moseley Braun, former U.S. Senator (D-IL) and U.S. Ambassador.
- Gwendolyn Brooks, Pulitzer Prize winning poet and author (deceased).
- Lorraine Hansberry, celebrated playwright and Civil Rights activist (deceased).
- The Honorable Cardiss Collins (D-IL), former member of the U.S. House of Representatives and first African-American woman representing the Midwest in Congress.
- Dempsey Travis, insurance magnate and Civil Rights activist (deceased).
- The Honorable Harold Washington, former member of the U.S. House of Representatives and first African-American Mayor of Chicago (deceased).
- Chaka Khan, Grammy Award winning recording artist and entertainer.
- Curtis Mayfield, Grammy Hall of Fame inductee, recording artist and composer.

The selected theme for the 71st Annual National Lectureship is "Celebrating the Covenant" with expositions taken from the Johannine Christology. The relationship God has established with His redeemed people is indeed a "Covenant" and not a "contract." This "Covenant" is both evolutionary and revolutionary in that it emphasizes the deity of Jesus Christ, it embraces the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, and it empowers the believer in Jesus Christ.

It is our prayer that you will enjoy your Lectureship experience in Chicago, and that you will be motivated to perform a greater service for the Master and His visible kingdom here on Earth.



Dr. R. C. Wells
Advisory Committee Chairman
Churches of Christ Annual
National Lectureship

Dr. R. C. Wells

National Lectureship Advisory Committee Chairman

Welcome to Chicago and to the 71st Annual National Lectureship

“Celebrating the Covenant” Expositions from the Johannine Christology



David C. Penn, Ed.S., Ph.D.
Executive Committee Vice-Chairman
Churches of Christ Annual
National Lectureship

The Churches of Christ in the greater Chicago area welcomes you to the 71st Annual National Lectureship. Our fundamental objective this year is to focus upon the core teaching of the Scripture as it is presented in the Word of God. We affirm and believe that Scripture alone (*Sola Scriptura*) is the sole authority in all matters of faith and religious practice regarding our salvation.

We affirm and believe that Scripture alone should be embraced and emphasized by every member in the New Testament Church. As Thomas Henry Louis Parker once stated, “The Scripture is God’s Word to men which reveals a relationship between the Creator with the creature and the Redeemer with the redeemed.”

We affirm and believe that “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...” We also affirm and believe that the Word of God has the ability to make one “...wise unto salvation through faith (*Sola fide*) which is in Christ Jesus.”

However, in recent times many have departed from a serious investigation of the Scripture and have placed their priorities on entertainment rather than exposition. Needless to say, a minimal appreciation of the Sacred Text including the Gospel narratives, will create interpretation difficulties as it relates to the redemptive work of Christ.

There are many ways to examine John’s doctrine concerning the humanity and divinity of Christ. On the one hand we find where Jesus is most human. He becomes tired; He eats and drinks by the well; and He grieves at the death of Lazarus. On the other hand we find where Jesus is most omnipotent. He is the “Living Logos” who pre-existed with God in the beginning; He openly claims equality with God; and He has the power to take up His own life again.

The Johannine Christology does not have the same emphasis on the many acts of Jesus that are found in the Synoptics. It is surprising to note that the “Fourth Gospel” contains no parables which are commonly found in the Synoptics. Secondly, John does not include the Sermon on the Mount, the Sermon on the Plain, or any ethical ‘sayings’ of the Sovereign Savior. Instead, the speeches of Christ tend to revolve around Himself and His identity.

Therefore, we again welcome you to Chicago and to the 71st Annual National Lectureship. Our theme is succinctly entitled “Celebrating the Covenant” with a detailed emphasis on the deity of Jesus Christ and with sermon expositions from the Johannine Christology.

Dr. David C. Penn

Host Minister
National Lectureship Executive Committee Vice-Chairman



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April 5, 2015

Dr. David C. Penn
Executive Committee Vice-Chairman
Churches of Christ National Lectureship

Dear Friends:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all of those gathered for the Churches of Christ 71st Annual National Lectureship.

The Churches of Christ is an undenominational church that has always been home to all. Founded to strengthen the greater community through the Word of God, the enduring legacy of Churches of Christ has reached believers worldwide. The active leadership and involved service of the Churches of Christ has undoubtedly added to our greater religious tradition and carries out a dynamic mission of service and faith within and around the Chicago area and worldwide.

This year's Lectureship theme, "*Celebrating the Covenant*" is a special opportunity to celebrate the commitment of the Church to its unbridled testimony and stewardship throughout the world. Because of its leadership, dedication and guidance, the Churches of Christ has continued to grow in faith and membership. I take this time to recognize the Churches of Christ for many more years of faith-based leadership that will continue to assist many residents.

After the work of the Lectureship is done, I invite you to explore and take advantage of everything Chicago has to offer. An exciting variety of restaurants, parks and cultural events, great universities and world-class museums accented by our iconic skyline and incredible lakefront make Chicago one of the world's greatest cities.

I hope you have a truly inspirational event. Best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

Mayor



Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC

DANNY K. DAVIS
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April 5, 2015

Dr. David C. Penn, Executive Committee Vice-Chairman
Churches of Christ National Lectureship
3647 Midlothian Turnpike
Robbins, Illinois 60472-1534

Dear Dr. Penn:

Please extend my hearty welcome to Chicago, Illinois, and to the 71st Churches of Christ Annual National Lectureship April 5 through 9, 2015. I understand the last time this conference was held in Chicago was 2006.

This year's conference theme is "Celebrating the Covenant" with expositions taken from the Johannine Christology – highly appropriate given the impact Churches of Christ has on biblical interpretation and Christian education throughout the nation. The commitment of the Church to education, facilitating discussion, along with serving others is commendable and has doubtlessly benefited many individuals.

Best wishes for another successful Lectureship. I trust that all those present will enjoy their time in Chicago and leave with renewed commitment to your mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Danny K. Davis".

Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress

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This is certainly an appropriate theme, given the impact Churches of Christ has on biblical interpretation and Christian education throughout the nation. The Church's commitment to education, facilitating discussion and serving others is commendable, and has doubtlessly benefited many individuals.

Once again, I would like to extend my best wishes for another successful Lectureship. It is my hope that you will once again enjoy Chicago. I wish you all success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Reaves-Harris".

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April 1, 2015

Dr. David C. Penn, Executive Committee Vice-Chairman
Churches of Christ 71st Annual National Lectureship

Dear Dr. Penn,

Welcome to the city of Chicago, as you and your colleagues attend the Churches of Christ 71st Annual National Lectureship at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel during the dates of April 5-9, 2015!

Based upon your selected theme "Celebrating the Covenant" with expositions taken from the Johannine Christology, it is my understanding that your objective is to focus upon the deity of Jesus Christ. May your theological workshops and inspirational services encourage those who participate to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Furthermore, it is my hope that your event will stimulate and motivate all who are present to live out the Gospel in their daily lives.

In closing, I extend to you best wishes for a successful Lectureship both now and in your future endeavors. I hope everyone will enjoy Chicago and all it has to offer.

Congratulations and Keep the Faith,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "La Shawn K. Ford". The signature is stylized with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke and a vertical stroke that curves upwards.

La Shawn K. Ford
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April 5, 2015

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This is certainly an appropriate theme, given the impact Churches of Christ has on biblical interpretation and Christian education throughout the nation. The commitment of the Church to education, facilitating positive conversation and serving others is commendable. Needless to say, the role of the Church has doubtlessly benefited many individuals across the globe.

Therefore, I again would like to extend my best wishes for another successful Lectureship. It is my hope that you will enjoy Chicago and what our city has to offer. I wish you all success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Jason C. Ervin
Alderman – 28th Ward

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“Celebrating the Covenant” – Expositions from the Johannine Christology

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Dr. R. C. Wells
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Southwestern Christian College
Terrell, TX



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Southwestern Christian College
Terrell, TX



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Southside Church of Christ
Los Angeles, CA



Samuell Pounds
Hilltop Church of Christ
Winter Haven, FL



Dr. Lovell C. Hayes
East Jackson Church of Christ
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Dr. Billy C. Curl – Banquet Speaker
Crenshaw Church of Christ
Los Angeles, CA



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Ferguson Heights Church of Christ
St. Louis, MO

“Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us”

Legends of the Past in the African American Church of Christ

Dennis M. English (1874-1966)



Born in Hickman County, Tennessee. D. M. English was the younger brother of Alex D. English and the maternal uncle of both Levi Kennedy, Jr., and Paul D. English, Sr. Dennis M. English was baptized into the body of Christ in the year 1902 and began preaching the gospel soon thereafter. Among the many students he personally mentored for the preaching ministry was A. C. Holt (first president of Nashville Christian Institute), Marion F. Holt, and Robert V. Simmons. During the course of his illustrious ministerial career, D. M. English labored for some of the largest congregations in the brotherhood. These included Jefferson Street in Nashville, Tennessee; West Adair in Valdosta, Georgia; Cameron Avenue in Detroit, Michigan; and the Klondyke Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee. English passed away in April 1966.

Paul Dunbar English, Sr. (1910-1940)



Born in Dickson County, Tennessee. Paul Dunbar English was the first cousin of Levi Kennedy, Jr., and the nephew of Dennis M. English. He was baptized at the Jackson Street Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee, and began preaching as a young teenager. Paul D. English, Sr., became one of the most renowned gospel preachers in the African American Church of Christ. In the year 1940 at the height of the historical Harlem Renaissance, he courageously debated the infamous “Father Divine” in New York City, and established the Harlem Church of Christ within one week. Although the life of Paul D. English, Sr., was abruptly curtailed due to an unfortunate tragedy, his legacy continues as a stalwart defender of the faith. Before his untimely death on July 30, 1940, he authored a book entitled *Religion*.

Cathey C. Locke (1911-1979)



Born in Tate County, Mississippi. C. C. Locke was baptized into the body of Christ under the preaching influence of Marshall Keeble. He later moved to the city of Memphis, Tennessee, in 1936 and began preaching in the year 1937. Much of the spread of Christianity throughout all of East Texas and the entire Mississippi Delta can be attributed to the evangelistic efforts of C. C. Locke. His zeal for the cause of Christ and love for the people of God made Cathey C. Locke an exemplary Evangelist among his many contemporaries. Cathey C. Locke passed away on December 4, 1979. He was also in attendance at the first National Lectureship held in 1945.

J. Frank McGill (1927-1983)



Born in Hickman County, Tennessee. John Frank McGill was the son of Edmund Lewis McGill and the brother Graham McGill who still preaches for the Church of Christ in Union City, Tennessee. In the year 1941, Frank (as he was referred to) married Mary T. Scates of Hickman County, Tennessee, and moved to Louisville, Kentucky. To this union four children were born whose names are Elizabeth (Betty), Claudia, Dewayne, and Deborah. He began preaching for the Midwest Church of Christ located in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1950, and served this congregation until his death in October 1983. J. Frank McGill conducted gospel meetings in Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Texas, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, Illinois, Arkansas, and Michigan. He was frequently called to speak on lectureships both regionally and nationally, including those held at Southwestern Christian College. Known as staunch defender of the faith, McGill enabled the Midwest Church of Christ to become one of the most thriving congregations in the brotherhood.

Elmo Roundtree (1916-1990)



Born in Lyon County Georgia, on March 30, 1916. In 1936, Elmo Roundtree married Malissa Newton of Valdosta, Georgia. He obeyed the gospel of Christ under the preaching influence of D. M. English in 1939 and made his first public appearance as a gospel preacher in the year 1940. He also took classes in 1940 that were being offered to Ministers at Nashville Christian Institute. The sacrificial work and labor of Elmo Roundtree can still be witnessed throughout all of South Florida, especially in the cities of Bradenton and Palmetto, Florida. Evangelist Elmo Roundtree passed from this life on July 22, 1990.

“Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us”

Legends of the Past in the African American Church of Christ



Dr. John Steve Winston, Sr. (1906-2001)

Born in Menifee, Arkansas. J. S. Winston was baptized into the body of Christ in 1918. He received his initial ministerial training from both G. P. Bowser and R. N. Hogan and began preaching in the year 1931. J. S. Winston served as a mediator among African American churches of Christ for over fifty years. His most pronounced congregational work was with the University Church of Christ in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1982, he established the “J. S. WINSTON SOUND DOCTRINE FOUNDATION” a non-profit tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization which awards scholarships to ministerial students of Southwestern Christian College who are pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Biblical Studies. As a co-founder of SwCC and because of his love for Christian education, a Doctorate of Humane Letters was conferred upon Evangelist John Steve Winston by Southwestern Christian College. He was also in attendance at the first National Lectureship held in 1945.



Dr. Kelly K. Mitchell (1928-1998)

Born in Newman, Georgia. K. K. Mitchell, Sr., was baptized into the body of Christ at an early age and became one of the most articulate Ministers in the brotherhood. His eloquent and extensive biblical knowledge were known and revered from the sunlit beaches of Florida and California, to the crisp fresh air of New England. He shared the good news of Christ in almost every state in the Continental United States including Hawaii. The preaching ministry of Kelly K. Mitchell spanned for more than a half century; commencing at Nashville Christian Institute and culminating at the Southside Church of Christ in Montgomery, Alabama. Mitchell received his undergraduate and graduate education from Fisk University and Alabama Christian School of Religion. He was awarded the prestigious Doctor of Divinity *Honoris Causa* from the Missionary School of Religion in Houston, Texas. He authored a book based upon his signature sermon entitled, “*The Power of Innocent Blood*” which he delivered in 1985 at the 41st Annual National Lectureship in Chicago, Illinois. He also co-authored a book on church leadership.

Dr. K. K. Mitchell first stood in a Montgomery, Alabama, pulpit on Sunday, January 2, 1955. He was active in the Civil Rights Movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and a staunch supporter of both the Montgomery Bus Boycott and Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA). He was also involved in the historical 1965 March from Selma to Montgomery, offering transportation assistance and housing to fellow participants in the march across Edmund Pettus Bridge. In recognition of his many years of devotion to the city of Montgomery, Alabama, Mayor Emory Folmar proclaimed August 4, 1996, as “DR. K. K. MITCHELL DAY.” On August 8, 1996, Fob James the Governor of Alabama signed a certificate of appreciation in recognition of Dr. Mitchell’s service to the church and Montgomery. Before his death in 1998, Dr. K. K. Mitchell who was called “The Prince of Preachers,” he received a letter of commendation from former President Bill Clinton for his many years of religious service and for helping to create an atmosphere of compassion and fellowship.



George Edmond Steward (1906-1979)

Born in Gayles, Louisiana. G. E. Steward “The Blind Wonder” was baptized into the body of Christ in the year 1931, as a result of the teaching and preaching influence of G. P. Bowser. Being a former Baptist preacher, upon his conversion to the gospel of Christ, Steward immediately began preaching the New Testament message of salvation. Although he was physically handicapped and unable to see due to an accident at the age of twelve, George Edmond Steward could actually “see” what many with 20/20 vision have failed to see. “Blind Steward” as he was referred to by many, became one of the most widely regarded Bible scholars in the history of the Lord’s visible kingdom. As a preacher, lecturer, debater, and scholar, he who was without sight gave sight to many. With the enabling assistance of his devoted wife Ella [“Elmo”], George Edmond Steward traveled extensively throughout more than half of the United States preaching the gospel and “giving sight to the blind.” He also served congregations in the states of Michigan, Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Texas. Evangelist G. E. Steward was a co-founder of Southwestern Christian College and served on the Board of Directors from its inception until his death. He was also in attendance at the first National Lectureship held in 1945.



Carl Lester Taylor, Sr. (1928-2009)

Born in Miami, Florida. Carl Lester Taylor, Sr., graduated from Nashville Christian Institute in 1948. After relocating to Chattanooga, Tennessee, he attended Zion College and received his Associate of Arts Degree. In 1957, Taylor became Minister of the 19th & Williams Street Church of Christ (now known as the Avondale Church of Christ) in Chattanooga. After 40 years of service, he retired in 1997 and served as Minister Emeritus until his death. In 1986, Taylor became a Licensed Funeral Director and in 1990 he established the Taylor Funeral Home. Evangelist Carl L. Taylor, Sr., passed away on June 29, 2009.

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Legends of the Past in the African American Church of Christ

Paul Silas Settles (1908-1969)



Born in Cordova, Tennessee. Paul Silas Settles was baptized into the body of Christ in the year 1939 under the preaching influence of G. E. Steward. Known for his literary accomplishments and oratorical excellence, Paul Settles became one of the most proficient proclaimers of the gospel message among African American churches of Christ. His manner of dress was always impeccable, which mirrored his philosophy that God's representative should be reflective of whom he serves. Countless numbers were brought to the Lord Jesus Christ as a result of the persuasive and provocative preaching of Paul S. Settles. He was also in attendance at the first National Lectureship held in 1945.

John Oscar Williams (1910-1988)



Born in Vidalia, Georgia. John Oscar Williams was baptized into the body of Christ in the year 1931 under the preaching influence of Marshall Keeble and began preaching soon thereafter. He traveled extensively with Marshall Keeble serving as both song leader and editor of the *Christian Counselor*; a religious news journal of Nashville Christian Institute. During his illustrious ministerial career which lasted over 57 years, John O. Williams served congregations in Georgia, Alabama, Missouri, Tennessee, Michigan, Ohio, Florida, Texas, and Wisconsin. In addition, Evangelist John Oscar Williams served as a member of the Southwestern Christian College Board of Directors and a staff writer for the *Christian Echo*. His most celebrated work occurred with the Central Church of Christ in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he labored for 27 years before his death. He was also in attendance at the first National Lectureship held in 1945.

Russell H. Moore (1913-1969)



Born in Carbondale, Kansas. Russell H. Moore and J. M. Butler were baptized on the same day in the year 1932, under the preaching influence of Marshall Keeble. Both men were in attendance during a tent meeting in Wichita, Kansas, with Keeble preaching and Luke Miller leading the singing. According to Moore, “Keeble’s sermon had such an effect on me that we young men argued outside the tent for hours after the service was over.” Having been encouraged by R. N. Hogan and further developed by G. P. Bowser in Fort Smith, Arkansas, Moore was recommended to his first work by Marshall Keeble in Huntsville, Alabama. Because of his outstanding baseball talent, Moore was once offered three-hundred fifty (\$350.00) dollars a month by the Chicago American Giants of old the Negro Leagues to play professional baseball. With his catcher’s mitt in one hand and a Bible in the other hand, R. H. Moore chose to preach the gospel. Before experiencing a fatal heart attack on December 17, 1969, Moore served congregations in Missouri, Texas, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Kansas, California, and Washington. Moore stated in a personal interview, “I have seen raggedness, hardships, trials, and disappointments. I have been hated, hungry, talked about, and mistreated. But thanks be to God, my spirit has never been broken. I was always able to withstand through Christ who strengthens me...”

Dr. Cardie Lewis Harper (1927-2007)



Born in Tate County, Mississippi. Cardie Lewis Harper was baptized into the body of Christ in the year 1939 under the preaching influence of Levi Kennedy, Jr. He received his ministerial instruction from Levi Kennedy, Jr., and other notable evangelists such as G. P. Holt, S. T. W. Gibbs, Sr., Jesse Pace, and John Oscar Williams. With unfaltering faith and undeniable courage, Cardie L. Harper along with 13 dedicated saints, established the Pulaski Road Church of Christ on the West Side of Chicago, Illinois, in December of 1960. After experiencing phenomenal growth, in 1966 the congregation acquired their present edifice at 4400 West Maypole Avenue and became known as the Maypole Avenue Church of Christ. In an effort to provide the congregation with superlative ministry administration and leadership, Cardie L. Harper completed advanced studies at the Midwestern Christian Institute in Mount Clemens, Michigan, where the Doctor of Religious Education degree was conferred upon him in 1992. After serving the Maypole Church of Christ for a period of forty-one years, Dr. Harper retired from pulpit responsibilities in 2002. Let it be said that Dr. Cardie L. Harper was without question a “preacher’s preacher” and a genuine “Sir Galahad of God.” He departed this life on the morning of January 11, 2007 in Chicago, Illinois.

“Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us”

Legends of the Past in the African American Church of Christ

Dr. Edgar Scott (1913-2005)



Born in Magnolia, Texas. Edgar Scott was baptized into the body of Christ under the preaching influence of Paul Settles on July 15, 1944; the same day he was scheduled to be ordained as a Baptist deacon. He began preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in 1950 and served congregations in Giddings, Caldwell, Riverside, and Houston, Texas. Dr. Scott completed his formal education in Tomball, Texas, with additional study at the University of Houston. He was a member of the Advisory Council at Whidby Elementary School in Houston, Texas, and a member of the Southwestern Christian College Board of Directors. Known for his gentleness of spirit and charismatic approach, Dr. Edgar Scott served with unparalleled distinction as Senior Minister of the South Union Church of Christ in Houston, Texas, for over forty years until his death in 2005.

Jesse Solomon Pace (1903-1987)



Born in Warren County, Mississippi. Jesse Solomon Pace was baptized into the body of Christ in the year 1934 under the preaching influence of his brother-in-law, Levi Kennedy, Jr. Jesse S. Pace began his ministry in 1940 and became an Associate Minister of the State Street Church of Christ where Kennedy served as the Evangelist. During the late 1940s, Jesse Pace left the State Street congregation to assume the position of Senior Minister to the old Maypole Avenue Church of Christ. In 1951, Pace left the Maypole congregation and established the Midtown Church of Christ in Racine, Wisconsin. For a period of twelve consecutive years, he and his beloved wife Flossie commuted each weekend from Chicago to Racine serving the Midtown congregation. In the year 1963, Pace retired from the work in Racine and began worshipping again at the Michigan Avenue Church of Christ, now known as the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ. Today, because of the untold sacrifices of Jesse Solomon Pace, the Midtown Church of Christ in Racine, Wisconsin, continues to grow and prosper.

Norris Walker Foulkes (1897-1987)



Born in Hickman County, Tennessee. Norris Foulkes was baptized into the body of Christ at the Swan Creek Church of Christ in Hickman County, Tennessee. In 1947, Norris W. Foulkes was ordained and sent by Levi Kennedy, Jr., to Robbins, Illinois, where he became the second African American to serve as Minister to the Robbins Church of Christ; the first being Fred Tom Lymon of Hampshire, Tennessee, and uncle of recording artist Frankie Lymon. Norris Foulkes had a profound love for the Word of God, especially the Greek New Testament. Because of his keen in-depth knowledge of the Scripture, Foulkes was highly regarded throughout the brotherhood as a reliable resource on many questions pertaining to the book of Revelation. Men such as G. P. Holt, R. N. Hogan, Levi Kennedy, Jr., Jesse S. Pace, John O. Williams, and Robert M. Woods, would frequently consult with Foulkes when it came to the “mystique of the Apocalypse.” After his retirement from active pulpit duty in 1984, he served as Minister Emeritus and spiritual adviser to the Robbins Church of Christ until his death on June 9, 1987.

Orum Lee Trone, Sr. (1915-2008)



Born in Birmingham, Alabama. At the age of six his parents moved to Detroit, Michigan, where he was baptized into the body of Christ under the preaching influence of Dennis M. English. Due to the fact that Trone was raised by Christian parents and his father being a song leader, he was always actively engaged in spiritual matters. As a former student of the Bowser Christian Institute in Detroit, and having served congregations in both Pontiac and Mt. Clemens, Michigan, O. L. Trone, Sr., began his ministry with the Joseph Campau Church of Christ in May of 1946. When Trone first arrived at Joseph Campau, there were 115 members, but within a few years the membership increased to 825 and thus became the largest African American Church of Christ in the Midwest. Because of urban renewal and congregational growth, a new place of worship became necessary. As a result, the Elmwood Park Church of Christ was constructed with a seating capacity of 1000 and dedicated on May 7, 1972. Relative to the National Youth Conference, in the year 1951, Trone envisioned the idea of having a nationwide youth forum for young people in the Lord's Church. His dream became a reality in 1952, when the National Youth Conference was established. With the assistance of Duel Gbant, Sr., Calvin H. Bowers, Alvin Adkinson, Carl Swanigan, and many others, the National Youth Conference of the Church of Christ continues to provide an avenue of fellowship and connectivity for young Christians throughout the brotherhood. Orum Lee Trone, Sr., served as founder and principal Director for the Conference until his health began to fail. He departed from this life on June 25, 2008, at the age of 93.

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James Milton Butler, Sr. (1914-1989)

Born in Stillwater, Oklahoma. J. M. Butler, Sr., was the son of John Henry and Grace Butler. At the age of two his family moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he grew to manhood. In 1932 when Butler was about seventeen years old, he was singing in the choir of the Christian Church of which his parents were members, when he noticed two men walk into the building and take seats on the front row. These two men were Marshall Keeble and Luke Miller. Keeble was conducting a gospel meeting in Wichita at the time. Keeble invited the entire Christian Church congregation to attend the meeting and Butler along with his friend Russell H. Moore accepted the invitation. After listening to Keeble preach the gospel, both Butler and Moore obeyed the gospel and became members of the Church of Christ. In 1937, Butler married the former Hattie Mae Gardner of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and thus began his stellar career as a distinguished Evangelist. James M. Butler, Sr., served congregations in Texas, Oklahoma, Oakland, California, and most notably, the Uptown Church of Christ in San Francisco, California.



James H. Stewart, Jr. (1909-1977)

Born in Capleville, Tennessee. James H. Stewart, Jr., was the son of James H. Stewart, Sr., and Lelia Jamerson Stewart. At the young age of fourteen, the family moved to the city of Memphis, Tennessee. Stewart was baptized into the body of Jesus Christ in the year 1932 under the preaching influence of Marshall Keeble. In his own words he once said “I started preaching one Sunday afternoon in the month of June 1934, while in the front yard of my father’s home. That is one sermon I shall never forget. My efforts to preach the gospel have been no exception; like all others I have been confronted with many difficulties...” During the course of his evangelistic ministry, Stewart established a number of congregations across the brotherhood and conducted gospel meetings throughout the country. He served as Minister of the Highland Park Church of Christ in Detroit, Michigan, in addition to the Vine Street Church of Christ in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was also in attendance at the first National Lectureship held in 1945.



Thomas H. Busby (1878-1970)

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas. T. H. Busby was baptized into the body of Christ at nineteen years of age and began preaching soon thereafter. With a strong desire to better prepare himself for the ministry, Thomas H. Busby entered the Silver Point Bible School in 1914, under the supervision and guidance of G. P. Bowser. T. H. Busby was the father of Olivia Busby Holt and father-in-law of Dr. G. P. Holt, Sr. As a contemporary of G. P. Bowser and Marshall Keeble, Busby was indeed a preacher who “made it plain” when it came to proclaiming the Word of God. Busby preached just as it is written, day by day and year by year. Before his death in 1970, Busby served congregations and performed local work in the states of Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, and Michigan.



Carroll Pitts, Jr. (1924-1987)

Born in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Carroll Pitts, Jr., was baptized into the body of Christ in 1943 by Henry C. Tyner. He began preaching in 1952, at the Compton Avenue Church Christ in Los Angeles, California. Pitts labored for several congregations in Southern California including the Compton Avenue Church of Christ (1952-1955), the Baker Street Church of Christ in Bakersfield, California (1955-1962), and the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles, California (1962-1963). Having been inspired by R. N. Hogan, Carroll Pitts established the Normandie Avenue Church of Christ in Los Angeles, California, in 1963. The first worship service at Normandie took place on August 11, 1963, with thirty-three persons placing membership and six-hundred in attendance. The first baptisms occurred on August 25, 1963, and both the morning Bible Class and Men’s Training Class were implemented. As a former English teacher, Pitts understood the value of Christian education. Therefore, in 1974, the Normandie Christian School (NCS) was established to suffice this educational need. In concert with NCS, the Normandie Church of Christ offers two scholarship awards. The “Pamela Pitts Memorial Scholarship” is given to students who desire to attend the Normandie Christian School and the “Carroll Pitts, Jr., Memorial Scholarship” is given to those who aspire for the gospel ministry. Carroll Pitts, Jr., served the Normandie congregation for a period of twenty-four years as their first Minister. He also served as Secretary for the Churches of Christ National Lectureship. Carroll Pitts, Jr., passed away on September 26, 1987.

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Roscoe M. Moore (1921-1989)



Born in Texarkana, Arkansas. At the age of thirteen, Roscoe M. Moore began working in Fort Smith, Arkansas, as a commercial printer. He continued in this profession for a period of eight years. In the course of time, he met and later married Verneta Harper of Ennis, Texas, in 1939. In 1940, he was baptized into the body of Jesus Christ under the preaching influence of Sutton Johnson of Montgomery, Alabama. The following year Moore was encouraged through a men's training class to begin preaching the gospel. He was greatly influenced in his preaching ministry by J. S. Winston, T. B. Smith, and many others. His most recognized work in the field of ministry was performed at the Page Boulevard and Wagner Avenue congregations in St. Louis, Missouri. He was also in attendance at the first National Lectureship in 1945.

Amos Lincoln Cassius (1890-1982)



Born in Sigourney, Iowa. Amos L. Cassius was a graduate of Tuskegee Institute. He entered Tuskegee Institute in 1906, spending four years of study there while Booker T. Washington was president. He was baptized into the body of Christ in 1910, and in 1919, his family moved from Douglas, Oklahoma, to Los Angeles, California. Amos and his father Samuel R. Cassius established the first African American Church of Christ in California in the 1920s. For a period of time A. L. Cassius was in the grocery business and then he became a building contractor. It was in 1930, when A. L. Cassius began to preach the gospel almost full-time. He established congregations in Los Angeles, Elsinore, Bakersfield, and Fresno, California. He was also instrumental in constructing church buildings in Hobbs, New Mexico; Phoenix, Shandler, and Tucson, Arizona; Denver, Colorado; Clearview and Bristow Oklahoma; Amarillo and El Paso, Texas; and Seattle, Washington. He assisted many throughout the brotherhood in raising funds and often worked with his own hands until the buildings were completed. He served as Minister to the Compton Avenue Church of Christ in Los Angeles, California, for over forty years.

Luke Miller (1904-1962)



Born in Limestone County, Alabama. After the death of his father, Miller and his mother relocated to Decatur, Alabama. At the age of nineteen Miller married Mattie Lee Ballentine, a young lady he had known for quite some time. Soon after they were married, she too obeyed the gospel and Miller began having worship services in his home each Lord's Day. The first sermon Luke Miller gave to an audience of any size took place in a gospel meeting conducted by Marshall Keeble in Florence, Alabama. Miller said that he studied hard and prepared a sermon that should have taken thirty minutes to deliver. But he became so excited by the crowd, that he preached his sermon in only three minutes. Having traveled extensively with Keeble as a song leader, Miller was then called to Port Arthur, Texas. After spending thirteen years in Port Arthur, Texas, he began full-time evangelistic work in 1947. Luke Miller was an outstanding Minister for the Lord's Church in the states of Florida, Georgia, and Texas. In a career which spanned over thirty years, he established well over 100 congregations and baptized over 10,000 souls. He passed away in Dade County, Florida, in February, 1962. He was also in attendance at the first National Lectureship in 1945.

Alonza Z. Rose (1916-1990)



Born in Valdosta, Georgia. Alonza Z. Rose was formerly a member of the Christian Church where he became encouraged to study for the ministry. After preaching five sermons in the Christian Church, he attended the Church of Christ and heard the true gospel. Once hearing the message of salvation, Rose said that his conscience along with his wife who was already a Christian, condemned him and he therefore submitted to the doctrine of the New Testament. In the year 1940, A. Z. Rose was baptized into the body of Christ under the preaching influence of Dennis M. English. Two months after his conversion, he began to "preach Christ and Him crucified" according to the Scripture. A. Z. Rose conducted his first tent meeting in Tallahassee, Florida, which lasted eight days. It was in this meeting that two precious souls obeyed the gospel. Rose continued to sharpen his oratorical skills to the point where he became one of the most astute and articulate ambassadors for the Lord's visible kingdom. He served congregations in the states of Georgia and Michigan, and held gospel meetings throughout the entire brotherhood. During the summer of 1960, Alonza Z. Rose held a four-week "City-Wide Campaign" in Nashville, Tennessee, where he preached to an overwhelming audience each evening. Alonza Z. Rose also authored a book of sermons taken from the Nashville Campaign entitled *The Great Heritage*. This classic work is still considered as a literary masterpiece and treasure among gospel preachers today.

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Levi Albert Kennedy, Sr. (1846-1911)

Born on June 26, 1846, in Maury County, Tennessee. Levi Albert Kennedy, Sr., was a former slave and gospel preacher in the early African American Church of Christ. He was commissioned to the ministry in 1879 by Nathan Cathey and Jefferson Bennett who served as elders of the Pleasant Union Church of Christ in Maury County, along with Evangelist Frank Sowell. Nathan Cathey was the maternal grandfather of R. N. Hogan and Frank Sowell was the maternal grandfather of G. P. Bowser. Levi Albert Kennedy, Sr., was the father of Levi Kennedy, Jr., of Chicago, Illinois; the brother-in-law of Dennis M. English and the uncle of Paul D. English, Sr., each of whom distinguished themselves as gospel preachers. Following the Civil War, Levi A. Kennedy, Sr., relocated to Hickman County, Tennessee, where he established the Centerville Church of Christ among African Americans in Centerville, Tennessee. As a circuit preacher, Kennedy would travel by horseback each Sunday preaching the good news of Christ in places such as Lewis County, Giles County, Williamson County, and Marshall County; in addition to congregations at Fort Cooper, Center Star, Dry Fork, and Arrow Rock. L. A. Kennedy, Sr., learned how to read and write by the fireside at night. He did not have many books or a library, but most of the older preachers at this time such as Bill Phillips, George Hamilton, Peter Russell, Sam Womack, and his two nephews James Ghant and Lee Kennedy; they studied the Bible each evening and almost knew it by memory. Levi Albert Kennedy, Sr., departed this life on March 29, 1911, in Hickman County, Tennessee, at the age of sixty-four after experiencing a brief illness.



William Baker (1928-1993)

Born on August 22, 1928, in Ruleville, Mississippi. Baker relocated to St. Louis, Missouri, to live with his maternal uncle, Earnest Cannon following the death of his parents. It was in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was taught and baptized by Evangelist Leroy Durley. He then attended the Manchester School of Preaching and married the former Cleaster Sylvia Dunigan on July 1, 1950. To this union one son was born. On June 24, 1951, William Baker was ordained by Brother Durley and began preaching for a small mission congregation at the Mary Martin Center in East St. Louis, Illinois. With the blessings of the Lord, this work became the largest African American Church of Christ in Southern Illinois. Today, this congregation is known as the Centerville Church of Christ. In the fall of 1952, William entered the United States Air Force and served with distinction for eight years. He spent the remainder of his military duty at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, while at the same time establishing the Logan Street Church of Christ in Madison, Illinois. Upon his departure from the Logan Street congregation in the early 1960s, the family moved to Muncie, Indiana. In the year 1964, he relocated again to Louisville, Kentucky, and began working with the Beech Street Church of Christ, now known as the West Broadway Church of Christ. Because of the need to expand the Lord's kingdom, he established the Newburg Church of Christ in the year 1967. William Baker was a voracious reader of many religious materials. He possessed an enormous library which contained the works of Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, Karl Ketcherside, J. W. McGarvey, and others. His community involvement included serving on numerous boards in the greater Louisville area. In the year 1987, he was commissioned by the Governor of Kentucky as an official "Kentucky Colonel." William Baker departed this life peacefully at his home on the afternoon of February 17, 1993.



Dr. Charles Evans, Sr. (1932-2013)

Born on March 28, 1932, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He was the youngest child of four children all of whom preceded him in death. After completing his early education in the Rankin County Public School System in Mississippi, Charles was united in marriage to Lillie Ruth Singleton in the year 1949. To this union five children were born. In the early 1950s, Charles relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he became employed at Allis Chalmers. He also shared ownership of a television repair shop with his brother William and a mutual friend. He continued his education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he earned a Bachelors and Masters Degree. To complete his education, Charles matriculated *magna cum laude* from California Coast University earning a Doctorate degree in Education. He ended his professional career as a teacher in the Milwaukee Public School System. While working for Allis Chalmers in the 1950s, Charles met Brother James McGowin who led him to the Lord. In time, Charles was baptized into the body of Christ and was ordained to the gospel ministry by Levi Kennedy, Jr., Jesse S. Pace, and James McGowin. Dr. Evans labored with Brother McGowin at the Northside Church of Christ and was instrumental in bringing the late John O. Williams to the city of Milwaukee. In the early 1960s, with the encouragement of Brother Williams, Dr. Evans began his own ministry and established the Midwest Church of Christ. After experiencing a series of health related issues, Dr. Charles Evans, Sr., departed this life on Sunday, July 28, 2013.

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Dr. Calvin H. Bowers (1932-2014)



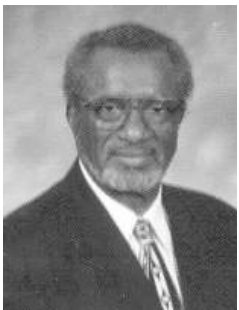
Born in Selmer, Tennessee. Calvin H. Bowers was the eighth child of Ollie Bowers' nine children. While attending Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, Bowers was hired by the Figueroa Church of Christ as the Minister of Education and was later named as an Associate Minister. From 1967 to 1969, Bowers served as Academic Dean of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas. Bowers returned to Pepperdine and served as Dean of Ethnic and Urban Studies from 1969 to 1976. He served as Director of Equal Opportunity and Professor of Communication and Religion from 1976 to 2004. He also served as special assistant to the president of Pepperdine. Bowers continued his education at Pepperdine earning two Master's degrees before completing a Doctorate in 1981 at the University of Southern California. From 1994 to 2010, he served as the successor to Dr. R. N. Hogan in the pulpit of the Figueroa congregation. Bowers authored two books during his career as an educator and Minister. The first book is entitled *Realizing the California Dream: A History of the African American Churches of Christ in Los Angeles from 1902 to 2000*. The second book is entitled *Ollie's Kids: A Family's Journey*. Minister Calvin H. Bowers passed away in the city Los Angeles, California, after a lengthy illness on August 8, 2014, at the age of 82.

Dr. Roosevelt Sams (1923-2003)



Born in Lee County, Texas. Roosevelt Sams was the seventh child of nine children whose parents were Teb and Joe Anna Scott Sams. Dr. Sams was baptized by Fred A. Geeter and began preaching in the year 1951. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas, a Master of Education in Administration at Texas Southern University, and pursued further graduate work at East Texas State University. He also served in the United States Army as Sergeant. Dr. Roosevelt Sams was an instructor at Paul Quinn College from 1949 to 1955, but resigned from this position to become Academic Dean of Southwestern Christian College from 1955 to 1963. Dr. Sams served as an Assistant Principal at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Terrell, Texas; Treasurer of the Living Endowment Association; Registrar of Southwestern Christian College; Treasurer of the G. P. Bowser Memorial Scholarship Fund; and he taught classes in education. He served as Minister of the College Church of Christ and was instrumental in building the present West End Church of Christ. In 1969, Dr. Sams became Minister of the Coliseum Park Church of Christ in San Antonio, Texas. This congregation is now known as the Dellcrest Church of Christ for which he labored as Minister for twenty-one years. Dr. Sams authored two books and one booklet. He performed missionary work in Nassau, Bahamas, and was engaged in radio and television work. He was the Secretary for the Board of Directors of Southwestern Christian College for thirty-one years and president of the SwCC South Texas Alumni Chapter for twenty-three years. The honorary Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred upon Roosevelt Sams from SwCC in 1997. He departed this life on August 30, 2003.

Dr. Nokomis Yeldell, Sr. (1929-2007)



Born in Eureka, Texas. Nokomis Yeldell, Sr., was the eighth child of twelve children born to the parents of Starling, Sr., and Sue Allie Marshall Yeldell. Nokomis studied both preaching and boxing, but decided to give up the gloves and stand behind the pulpit at the request of fellow church members. He served congregations in the states of Texas and Arizona, before accepting the call in 1960 as Minister of the Vance Avenue Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee. The congregation experienced phenomenal growth under the leadership of Nokomis Yeldell and in the year 1988, they relocated to their present edifice located at 1055 Norris Road. He also preached on the radio and television. His messages were heard in the Memphis area and in countries as far away as Sri Lanka and South Africa. He was a member of the Southwestern Christian College Board of Directors and Minister of Norris Road for more than fifty years. During his celebrated career in ministry, Yeldell was instrumental in inventing a theft-proof collection plate. When he retired as full-time minister in 2001, the congregation dedicated the educational wing of its building in his honor. Furthermore, the city of Memphis also renamed the street in front of the church building after him. Nokomis Yeldell, Sr., passed away on Saturday, June 16, 2007.

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Andrew Clarence (A. C.) Holt (1891-1979)

Born in Marshall County, Tennessee. Andrew Clarence Holt was the son of Gibson and Ophelia McBride Holt. He was baptized into the body of Christ under the preaching influence of A. J. Kelsee and later received his training for the ministry by Evangelist D. M. English. In 1925, A. C. Holt preached his first sermon and in 1933 he was called to Memphis, Tennessee, for the first time to conduct a series of gospel meetings. Holt established three congregations in the Memphis area and one in Mason, Tennessee, a few miles East of Memphis. In 1940, he began working at Nashville Christian Institute along with his brother Marion Francis Holt. A. C. Holt holds the distinction of being the first president of NCI and served in this position for three consecutive years. It was under his administration that NCI received its accreditation and became recognized by the Tennessee State Department of Education. A. C. Holt labored in several cities during his evangelistic career. These included Mount Clemens, Michigan; New York City, New York; and the Jefferson Street Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee. A. C. Holt went home to be with the Lord in 1979.



Marion Francis Holt (1893-1982)

Born in Marshall County, Tennessee. Marion Francis Holt was the son of Gibson and Ophelia McBride Holt. In the year 1919, Holt was united in marriage to Thelma Morgan Bowser of Louisville, Kentucky, the daughter of G. P. Bowser. To this union six children were born. M. F. Holt was baptized into the body of Christ under the preaching influence of Evangelist D. M. English. Furthermore, he was the younger brother of A. C. Holt a gospel preacher and the father of G. P. Holt and Marion V. Holt who were gospel preachers as well. It has been said that Marion F. Holt was one of the few Ministers who could appeal to the hearts of men and women of all ages. Whenever he delivered a sermon, Holt would always place himself on a common level with his hearers using such simplicity that even a child could understand. For a number of years M. F. Holt taught elementary school in the city of Richmond, Tennessee. In 1926, he began to preach on a regular basis and served as Minister of the Jefferson Street (now Schrader Lane) Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee. Under his wise and proficient leadership, the congregation grew to become one of the largest in the brotherhood. When Nashville Christian Institute opened its doors in 1940, Marion Francis Holt became its first teacher. He passed away in the year 1982 while residing in Detroit, Michigan.



Dr. George Philip Holt, Sr. (1923-2001)

Born in Rutherford County, Tennessee. George Philip Holt, Sr., was the son of Marion F. Holt, the brother of Marion V. Holt, the nephew of A. C. Holt, the son-in-law of T. H. Busby, and the grandson of G. P. Bowser. His father, brother, father-in-law, uncle, and grandfather, were each widely renowned gospel preachers in the Church of Christ. Holt was baptized in the year 1937 under the preaching influence of Paul D. English, Sr., and began preaching in 1939. He received his early ministerial training at the Bowser Christian Institute under the tutelage of his maternal grandfather G. P. Bowser. The Kingsley Terrace Church of Christ in Indianapolis, Indiana, was built single-handedly by the labor and sacrifices of G. P. Holt. Among the many articles and books authored by this internationally acclaimed “Bell Ringer of Truth” are *Sources of Sunshine* and *Adventist Doctrine Upset*. Holt was selected by the Chicago area ministers in 1979, to become the first “Crusade for Christ” speaker. Furthermore, G. P. Holt successfully defended the gospel in several debates with the Adventist, Baptist, and Church of God denominations. Because of his love for Christian education and undying dedication to the cause of Jesus Christ, a Doctorate of Humane Letters was conferred upon Evangelist G. P. Holt, Sr., by Southwestern Christian College.



Marion Vincent Holt (1927-1987)

Born in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Marion Vincent Holt was the son of Marion F. Holt, the brother of G. P. Holt, Sr., the nephew of A. C. Holt, and the grandson of G. P. Bowser. His father, brother, uncle, and grandfather, were each renowned gospel preachers in the Church of Christ. Marion V. Holt began preaching in the year 1952 at the Westside Church of Christ in Detroit, Michigan. He attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, and Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas. Holt preached and labored for several congregations during his pronounced ministry. These included the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles, California, as an Associate Minister to R. N. Hogan; Minister of the Tonto Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, and Minister of the Swope Parkway Church of Christ in Kansas City, Missouri. Marion Vincent Holt passed away in the year 1987 while residing in Kansas City, Missouri.

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A. C. Christman, Sr. (1930-1989)

Born in Caldwell, Texas, to the parents of Ollie and Ruby Christman. A. C. Christman, Sr., was one of the first students to enroll at Southwestern Christian College. At the young age of eighteen, he was encouraged to preach the gospel of Christ by Dr. J. S. Winston. In the year 1954, he met and later married Ida Clark. To this union six children were born. Christman served congregations in Delhi, Louisiana; Seattle, Washington; Lubbock, Texas; and Tulsa, Oklahoma. In the year 1981, he and his family moved to Dallas, Texas, where he began working with what was then known as the Hatcher Street Church of Christ. Because of his visionary and dedicated leadership skills, the congregation grew rapidly and in 1985, the new Southern Hills Church of Christ edifice was constructed. A. C. Christman preached in over twenty states, including regional and national lectureships. He was an Executive Board member of Southwestern Christian College and Chairman of the National Lectureship Advisory Committee from 1972 to 1988. Christman was active in numerous civic affairs in Dallas, Texas, and served as an Advisory Council Member for the public school board in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He departed this life on October 20, 1989.



Humphrey Foutz (1933-2006)

Born in Mexia, Texas, to the parents of George and Alma Foutz. Humphrey Foutz was reared a devout Catholic and attended Xavier University, a Jesuit university in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was later baptized into the body of Christ in Dallas, Texas, under the preaching influence of Dr. John Henry Clay. Foutz preached the gospel of Christ for over fifty years and in thirty-four states across the nation. He served congregations in Dallas and San Antonio, Texas, with his most pronounced work of forty-eight years taking place in Baltimore, Maryland. Under his leadership congregations were established in Wilmington, Delaware; Cambridge and Annapolis, Maryland; and York, Pennsylvania. As a distinguished national Evangelist, Foutz preached on the Herald of Truth television series and Campus Evangelism Seminars on several occasions. He also served as keynote speaker at such notable institutions as Southwestern Christian College, Rochester College (formerly Michigan Christian College), Northeastern Christian College, Abilene Christian University, and Pepperdine University. According to Foutz, his most unique speaking experience occurred when he was asked to give a lecture in a Jewish synagogue in Baltimore. Evangelist Humphrey Foutz was a member of the Southwestern Christian College Board of Directors and the National Lectureship Executive Committee. After experiencing several health related issues, he passed away on April 13, 2006.



Christopher Columbus Grimsley (1908-1973)

Born in Colquitt, Georgia. C. C. Grimsley was the sixth child of Bolden and Lula Grimsley in a family of nine children. He attended school in Miller County, Georgia, and at the age of nineteen his parents moved to Florida. In 1930, he met and married Mattie Mae Eutsey in Cross City, Florida. Several years later Grimsley relocated to Bradenton, Florida, where he obeyed the gospel. After becoming a Minister in the Church of Christ, Grimsley traveled across the brotherhood for over forty-two years sharing the good news of salvation while establishing several congregations. He served as Minister of the Golden Heights Church of Christ in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for thirteen years and remained actively engaged in the Lord's work until his death on August 6, 1973.



John Roy Vaughner (1894-1960)

Born in the state of Alabama. John R. Vaughner obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ under the preaching influence of Marshall Keeble. Soon thereafter, he also began to preach the good news of the kingdom. It was said that if John Roy Vaughner was not able to show a person the way of salvation, the case is almost hopeless. Brother Vaughner preached throughout the United States, particularly in the South, and mentored many gospel preachers of today. One of his distinguished students is Dr. W. F. Washington who currently serves as Minister of the New Golden Heights Church of Christ in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Let it be understood with crystal clarity that the entire state of Florida was blessed by the efforts of this great soldier. In addition to his preaching ministry, Vaughner served as an associate editor of the *Christian Counselor*, a monthly religious journal published by Marshall Keeble. John Roy Vaughner passed away on June 18, 1960, in Pinellas County of St. Petersburg, Florida.

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F. L. Thompson (1905-1977)



Born in Florence, Alabama. Frank L. Thompson received his early formal education in the public schools of Florence, Alabama. On January 18, 1921, he married Iona Houston also a native of Alabama, in Lawrence County, Tennessee. In 1931, Thompson obeyed the gospel of Christ after being instructed in the way of righteousness by Anderson Perkins and began preaching in 1932. He also served as an associate editor of the *Christian Counselor*, the monthly religious journal published by Marshall Keeble. The articles he wrote for the *Counselor* demonstrated deep conscientious thinking and a sincere reverence for the Word of God. During his ministerial career, Thompson established three congregations and preached the message of the cross in Tennessee, Georgia, Maryland, Alabama, Florida, Ohio, and Washington DC. The last congregation he served was with the Liberty City Church of Christ in Miami, Florida. Evangelist Frank L. Thompson passed away in May 1977 in Dade County, Florida.

James Lorenzo Cothron (1904-1985)



Born in Norcross, Georgia, on January 10, 1904. James L. Cothron obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ under the preaching influence of Marshall Keeble and similar to F. L. Thompson, he began preaching in 1932. The first congregation to employ Brother Cothron as a regular Minister was the Church of Christ in Bradenton, Florida. He established the congregation at College Park, Georgia, and also in his hometown at Norcross, Georgia. Later he was called to Jacksonville, Florida, where he established a congregation at Orange Park; approximately twelve miles from Jacksonville. Cothron preached with great zeal and fervor during his ministry which subsequently led him to Wichita Falls, Texas, where the membership exceeded over two-hundred fifty persons. Brother James L. Cothron proved himself to be a man of great courage and determination promoting the cause of Christ. He passed away in Norcross, Georgia, in the year 1985.

S. T. W. Gibbs, Sr. (1899-1978)



Born in Jacksonville, Florida. Shelton T. W. Gibbs, Sr., was baptized into the body of Christ during a tent meeting held by Marshall Keeble in the year 1927. Brother Gibbs once stated that he owed much of his ministerial success to brothers Marshall Keeble, Luke Miller, and John R. Vaughner, who taught and inspired him in the work of the Lord. S. T. W. Gibbs, Sr., served congregations in Plant City, Lakeland, Bartow, and Haines City, Florida. He also performed local work in the cities of Birmingham, Alabama, Corsicana, Ennis, and Dallas, Texas. At the climax of his exhaustive preaching career during the mid 1960s, Shelton T. W. Gibbs, Sr., labored for the Midwest Church of Christ on the West Side of Chicago, Illinois.

S. T. W. Gibbs, Jr. (1926-2003)



Born in Tampa, Florida. S. T. W. Gibbs, Jr., began preaching at the age of nine. He spent a great deal of time traveling with his father, Shelton T. W. Gibbs, Sr., a pioneer gospel preacher. S. T. W. Gibbs Jr., possessed the God-given ability of sermonizing and making his sermons come alive when he presented them. He served congregations in Charleston, West Virginia; Ardmore, Oklahoma; Van Alstyne, Texas; and Fort Worth, Texas. Brother Otis Coats inspired him to preach his first sermon in Corsicana, Texas, and one young lady obeyed the gospel of Christ. As a student at Nashville Christian Institute, Gibbs received further ministerial development from Marshall Keeble and John O. Williams. S. T. W. Gibbs, Jr., was one of the first preachers in our fellowship to have his sermons mass produced in album format. These albums are entitled “Going Home Without Jesus,” “The Minister, His Support and Security in Retirement,” and “God With Us.” He also authored a book entitled *The Second Generation* which discusses his life and contains eleven classic sermons. Shelton T. W. Gibbs, Jr., passed away on July 17, 2003, in Tarrant County of Fort Worth, Texas.

Robert V. Simmons (1912-2005)



Born in Valdosta, Georgia, on April 25, 1912, to the parents of James and Annie Simmons. He obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ under the preaching influence of Marshall Keeble and Luke Miller at the age of seventeen. He began preaching at the age of nineteen and was married to Lucy Smith the following year. Robert V. Simmons served congregations in Georgia, Oklahoma, Texas, and in St. Petersburg, Florida. He also conducted gospel meetings in the states of Georgia, Florida, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. Robert V. Simmons passed away on December 31, 2005, in Pinellas County of St. Petersburg, Florida.

**The First Annual National Lectureship
Among African American Churches of Christ
March 22-24, 1945**



**East Seventh Street Church of Christ
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
G. E. Steward, Host Minister**

“Can Anyone Name All of the Ministers in the Above Photo?”

“History of the Annual National Lectureship Among African American Churches of Christ”

Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson the Father of Negro History Week (Black History Month), was absolutely correct when he stated: “To know the possibilities of a race an appraisal of its past is necessary.” It is for this reason we have chosen to share with others the rich history behind the Annual National Lectureship held among African American churches of Christ. For one to appreciate the value of where we are now, they must of necessity understand from whence we have come. Although many have passed from this life since its inception in the year 1945, the Annual National Lectureship continues to serve as a vital link for brotherhood fellowship among ministers of the gospel and members of the visible kingdom of Christ across the entire nation.

According to the late Dr. J. S. Winston, the National Lectureship among African American churches of Christ was first suggested by the late Dr. R. N. Hogan in 1942, during his ministry with the Stonewall and Waco Street Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. Winston stated that Hogan called a meeting with the preachers of Texas and recommended to Levi Kennedy, Jr., and G. E. Steward, the need for having a National Lectureship among the African American brethren of the Church of Christ similar to that of the white brethren. It was the belief of R. N. Hogan that a Lectureship would help to synchronize both our preaching and teaching of New Testament doctrine, along with fostering a means of fellowship for those who would attend. Kennedy, Winston, and Steward, each agreed with Hogan's concept that such a Lectureship would serve a great need in our brotherhood.

In the year 1944 at the Bowser Christian Institute Annual School Meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas, Steward suggested to Hogan, Winston, and Kennedy, that they should begin preparing for the Annual Lectureship which had been previously discussed in Houston, Texas, two years earlier. G. P. Bowser was very inspired by this idea and he also agreed there was a vital need for such an event. Bowser encouraged them to make arrangements for sponsoring a Lectureship the following year. Subsequently, in 1945 Levi Kennedy, Jr., J. S. Winston, R. N. Hogan, and G. E. Steward agreed for the first Annual National Lectureship to be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with the East Seventh Street Church of Christ serving as host. G. E. Steward served as Minister of this congregation.

To fully comprehend and appreciate the purpose of the Lectureship, one must understand both the dynamics and circumstances for which it was conceived. During the decade of the early forties, only a few Ministers in our fellowship were able to maintain local congregations and evangelize new areas. G. P. Bowser, John R. Vaughner, Marshall Keeble, Levi Kennedy, Jr., R. N. Hogan, J. S. Winston, G. E. Steward, Paul D. English, Sr., and Luke Miller, were for the most part the only national evangelists at that time. In many instances, new congregations would be established following a gospel meeting without having a formidable leadership. The fundamental objective of the Lectureship was to resolve this situation by providing the following initiatives:

- ◆ To synchronize and unify the speech of ministers, teachers, and church leaders.
- ◆ To enhance our spiritual fellowship in the areas of study and worship through the medium of joint participation
- ◆ To offer sound doctrinal teaching against liberalism, digression, and apostasy.
- ◆ To encourage and strengthen the work of congregations in whose area the Lectureship would be held.

INHERENT WITHIN THE PURPOSE OF THE LECTURESHIP WAS THE INTENTION THAT:

- ◆ The Lectureship is never to become an authoritative organization, having elected officers with delegated authority to legislate laws and rules to be bound on local congregations of the churches of Christ.
- ◆ The Lectureship is never to become a delegated convention, with chosen men of local congregations who would have voice in policy-making decisions that would be binding upon churches. All local churches of Christ are autonomous in government and they are subject to Christ.
- ◆ The Lectureship is never to become a vehicle for settling church confusion and division. Church problems and conflict are the responsibility of the local congregations and can only be mediated and/or resolved with the local congregation where such originated.

“Lectureship History” (Continued)

The dates of the first Lectureship among African American churches of Christ were March 22-24, 1945, with a total of thirty-six (36) Ministers in attendance. Due to the tremendous success of the Lectureship encounter, it was recommended that it should be held every year. This suggestion was unanimously agreed upon by those present and it has been held annually since that time.

In the year 1948, the Annual National Lectureship was held in Chicago, Illinois, and hosted by the Michigan Avenue Church of Christ where Levi Kennedy, Jr., served as Ministering Evangelist. At the behest of J. S. Winston, a registration fee of \$7.00 was required for out of town attendees to help defer the expenses. During the Chicago gathering, it was agreed by all that the Ministers who actually began the Lectureship would serve as advisors to congregations who would host the Lectureship in future years. It was further agreed that both Levi Kennedy, Jr., and J. S. Winston would assist hosting congregations in making necessary preparations. Levi Kennedy, Jr., was appointed as Chairman of the Lectureship, visiting with all the congregations who served as host and assisting them with their program until his illness in 1969. After the death of Kennedy on December 30, 1970, G. P. Holt was selected as the new Chairman and served in this capacity until 1975. A. C. Christman, Sr., succeeded Holt and served as Chairman until 1988. In 1988, at the Lectureship held in St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Clyde Muse was appointed as Chairman and served as such until his passing in the year 2007. Presently, Dr. Roosevelt C. Wells has assumed the position as Chairman of the Annual National Lectureship Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee of the National Lectureship has increased with ministers from various sections of the brotherhood. During the Annual Lectureship gathering, this Committee meets and consults with ministers and church leaders who request for the Lectureship to be hosted in their city. The Committee also assists the host congregation with any assistance and direction during the event itself.

In the year 1970, the National Lectureship was hosted by the D'Antignac Church of Christ in Augusta, Georgia, where Richard Williams served as Ministering Evangelist. This was the first Lectureship experience where hotel accommodations and services were utilized. This visionary strategy was afforded by Dr. Andrew Hairston, Ministering Evangelist of the Simpson Street Church of Christ in Atlanta, Georgia, and it has obviously proven itself necessary in regards to massive convocations of this modern era.

In the year 1971, the National Lectureship was hosted by the University Church of Christ in Cleveland, Ohio, where J. S. Winston served as Ministering Evangelist. This was the first Lectureship experience where workshops were featured as an integral component of the Lectureship format. Workshops discussing different aspects of congregational leadership such as the eldership and deacons have been emphasized in these settings. In addition, workshops pertinent to the role of women, teacher preparation, effective youth ministries, church growth, biblical interpretation, information technology, evangelism and soul winning, have now become important features of the Annual National Lectureship. Furthermore, a separate Ladies Program and Luncheon have been incorporated into the framework of the National Lectureship.

In the year 1973, G. E. Steward suggested that area congregations should consider hosting local, state, and regional Lectureships. It was Steward's belief this practice would give an opportunity for more congregations to attend and participate. As a consequence, many states and regions throughout the brotherhood today have local lectureships and they have proven to be helpful in a variety of different ways. In 1974 at the National Lectureship in Louisville, Kentucky, Steward again suggested that since the Annual National Lectureship had become quite costly in matters of economics, each state should conduct its own Lectureship and the National Lectureship should be discontinued. However, it was the consensus of both ministers and church leaders in attendance that the National Lectureship should continue because of the many distinct attributes it affords; such as national acquaintances and fellowship that would not otherwise be realized.

In the year 1979, John O. Williams who then served as Ministering Evangelist of the Central Church of Christ in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, conceived the idea of having an Annual Banquet in concert with the National Lectureship. The objective of this Banquet is to celebrate and honor the memory of deceased African American Church of Christ ministers who have made significant contributions for the cause of Christ and for the proclamation of the gospel. In an effort to continue the idea of the late John Oscar Williams, a set of plaques have been developed on which the names of *all* deceased African American ministers of the Church of Christ are inscribed. In the year 1988 at the 44th Annual National Lectureship held in St. Louis, Missouri, the plaques made their initial debut and have been displayed at every Annual National Lectureship since that time.

According to available statistics, the ministerial attendance for the Annual National Lectureship held among African American churches of Christ has increased from thirty-six (36) in 1945 to well over two-hundred. The total average attendance for all participants of the Lectureship has grown to approximately twenty-five hundred (2500) [contingent upon proximity] with representation from Jamaica, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and Nigeria, West Africa.

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“A Special Tribute to G. P. Bowser”

**Founder of the Christian Echo and Father of Christian Education
Among African Americans in the Church of Christ**



George Philip Bowser
February 17, 1874 - March 25, 1950

“A Special Tribute to Marshall Keeble”

**President of Nashville Christian Institute and World-Wide Evangelist
Among African Americans in the Church of Christ**



Marshall Keeble

December 7, 1878 - April 20, 1968

“A Special Tribute to Dr. Richard Nathaniel Hogan”

**Educator and Missionary
Co-Founder of Southwestern Christian College**



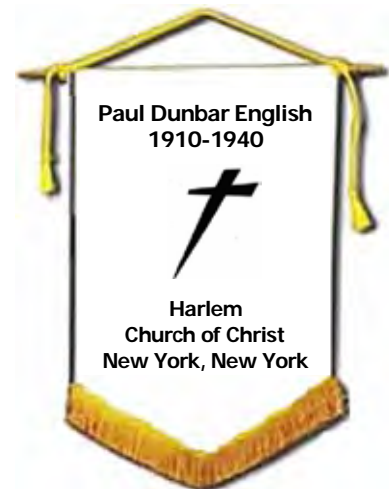
Dr. Richard Nathaniel Hogan
November 30, 1902 - September 29, 1996

“Previous Annual National Lectureship Locations”

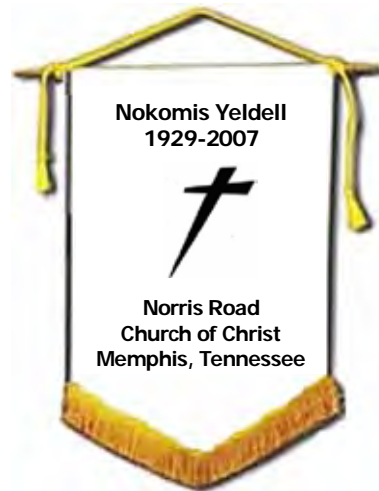
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1946	Houston, Texas	1982	Los Angeles, California
1947	Los Angeles, California	1983	Memphis, Tennessee
1948	Chicago, Illinois	1984	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
1949	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1985	Chicago, Illinois
1950	Cleveland, Ohio	1986	Jackson, Mississippi
1951	Detroit, Michigan	1987	Little Rock, Arkansas
1952	Indianapolis, Indiana	1988	Saint Louis, Missouri
1953	Wichita, Kansas	1989	Cleveland, Ohio
1954	New York City, New York	1990	Houston, Texas
1955	Birmingham, Alabama	1991	Denver, Colorado
1956	Los Angeles, California	1992	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1957	Houston, Texas	1993	Augusta, Georgia
1958	Chicago, Illinois	1994	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
1959	Memphis, Tennessee	1995	New York City, New York
1960	San Francisco, California	1996	San Antonio, Texas
1961	Detroit, Michigan	1997	Sacramento, California
1962	Denver, Colorado	1998	Baltimore, Maryland
1963	Dallas, Texas	1999	Kansas City, Missouri
1964	Toledo, Ohio	2000	Dallas, Texas
1965	Kansas City, Missouri	2001	Miami, Florida
1966	Indianapolis, Indiana	2002	Los Angeles, California
1967	Newark, New Jersey	2003	Detroit, Michigan
1968	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	2004	Seattle, Washington
1969	Houston, Texas	2005	Nashville, Tennessee
1970	Augusta, Georgia	2006	Chicago, Illinois
1971	Cleveland, Ohio	2007	Cincinnati, Ohio
1972	Portland, Oregon	2008	Birmingham, Alabama
1973	San Antonio, Texas	2009	Jackson, Mississippi
1974	Louisville, Kentucky	2010	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1975	Saint Louis, Missouri	2011	New York City, New York
1976	Tulsa, Oklahoma	2012	Louisville, Kentucky
1977	Chattanooga, Tennessee	2013	Houston, Texas
1978	New York City, New York	2014	Atlanta, Georgia
1979	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	2015	Chicago, Illinois
1980	Muncie, Indiana		

2016 – Memphis, Tennessee

“And How Shall They Hear Without A Preacher?”



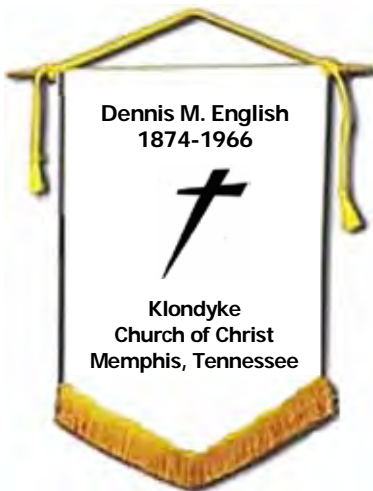
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“Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us”

“No person can know where they are going unless they know exactly where they have been and exactly how they have arrived at their present place.” – Maya Angelou

This primary source document is a copy of the original ministerial license belonging to Levi Albert Kennedy, Sr. Notice that the artifact is dated “August 1879.” Also, notice the names of the elders who signed the document: “Nathan Cathey” and “Jefferson Bennett.” Nathan Cathey was the maternal grandfather of R. N. Hogan. At the bottom you will also find the name “Frank Sowell.” Frank Sowell was the maternal grandfather of G. P. Bowser.

To all whom it may concern:

The Church of Jesus Christ at Pleasant Union, Henry County, Tennessee
Signify by these presents that Levi Kennedy a faithful and well beloved brother has been set apart to the work of teaching and preaching the gospel, and he is hereby commended to the fellowship and confidence of the brethren wherever he may be called upon to labor.

This August 1879.

Nathan Cathey } Elders
Jefferson Bennett }

By Order of the Church

Irene Anderson, Clerk

Post office
Iron Store
Henry Co
Tenn.

Frank Sowell
George Hamilton

“Historical Facts Relating to the Document”

Levi Albert Kennedy, Sr., was the eldest of nine children born to Isham Kennedy Sellers and Caroline Cathey Kennedy Sellers. Levi, Sr., was born on June 26, 1846, in Maury County, Tennessee, at a place called “Catheys Creek” in the Hampshire-Isom community. The surname “Sellers” was given to his parents because they were sold as slaves to the European Sellers family of Maury County, Tennessee, prior to the Civil War. His father Isham served with distinction in “Company F” of the U.S. Colored Troops 14th Regiment for the Union Army.

Levi's paternal grandparents (Levi Cathey and Sarah Cathey), were taken to Tate County, Thyatira, Mississippi, as slaves belonging to the parents of Elizabeth Cathey Kennedy; the wife of George Alexander Kennedy. In other words, the European Kennedys married the European Catheys and therefore both slave plantations merged together. The Church of Christ among African Americans in Thyatira, Mississippi, and the Cathey family of today in Thyatira, is the result of this relocation which took place from Maury County, Tennessee, in the late 1840s.

However, G. A. Kennedy found favor with Levi, Sr., and raised him with his youngest son John Henry Kennedy on the Kennedy plantation in Maury County, Tennessee. After Lincoln's emancipation of 1863, G. A. Kennedy allowed Levi, Sr., to assume the surname of “Kennedy” and provided him with the necessary resources to establish himself as a farm owner. The European Kennedys and Catheys were devout members of the Catheys Creek Church of Christ (which is still in existence) and consequently, Levi, Sr., was influenced by the religious beliefs of his former owners. Following the Civil War, the state of Tennessee passed legislation which mandated that all former slaves who fought for the Union had to leave Tennessee within one year. The parents of Levi, Sr., relocated to Lincoln, Nebraska, and he himself moved North to Hickman County, Tennessee, where he lived until his death on March 29, 1911.

In the year 1879, Levi, Sr., was ordained to the ministry by the elders of the Pleasant Union Church of Christ in Maury County and became a widely respected circuit preacher throughout Middle Tennessee. He established the first African American Church of Christ in Centerville, Tennessee, and traveled by horseback each Sunday to preach in places such as Giles County, Lewis County, Williamson County, and Marshall County. Along with the Pleasant Union Church of Christ, he also preached at congregations known as Dry Fork, Arrow Rock, Center Star, and Fort Cooper. The elders of the Pleasant Union Church of Christ who ordained Levi Albert Kennedy as a gospel preacher were Nathan Cathey (grandfather of R. N. Hogan), Frank Sowell (grandfather of G. P. Bowser), and Jefferson Bennett.

In the year 1891, L. A. Kennedy married Sarah Alice Anderson of Hickman County, Tennessee. Sarah Alice was a younger sister of Laura Etta Anderson who married Alex D. English. Their youngest son of seven children was the renowned Evangelist Paul D. English, Sr. Another younger sister of Sarah Alice Anderson was Barbara E. Anderson who married Evangelist D. M. English the brother of Alex D. English. As one can see, there is a celebrated history of gospel preachers in the Kennedy-Cathey-English family. It is also worthy of mentioning that the mother of Levi, Sr., “Caroline Cathey” had a twin sister named “Emaline Cathey.” She is the great-grandmother and matriarch of the McGill family which includes the late Evangelist J. Frank McGill of Louisville, Kentucky, and Evangelist Graham McGill; currently of Union City, Tennessee.

**For Further Details Regarding the George-Kennedy-Anderson-Cathey Collective of African Descent,
Please refer to “My Soul Looks Back and Wonders... How I Got Over” by David C. Penn, Ph.D.
www.outskirtspress.com/DrDavidPenn**



**Dry Fork Church of Christ in Maury County, Tennessee, Where Levi, Sr., Often Preached
The Building is Approximately 120 Years Old**

“Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us”

A

Abner, Alford - Miami, FL
 Adams, Leroy - Orlando, FL
 Adams, William - Oklahoma City, OK
 Adamson, Norman - Nashville, AK
 Aker, O. L. - Jasper, AL
 Alexander, Eddie - Sarasota, FL
 Alexander, L. H. - Midland, TX
 Amos, W. C. - Indianapolis, IN
 Anderson, E. W. - Houston, TX
 Anderson, Lawrence - Chicago, IL
 Anderson, O. L. - Seattle, WA
 Andrews, Jesse - Jefferson, TX
 Anthony, John - Toledo, OH
 Ashurst, James - Birmingham, AL

B

Bacon, James B. - Riverside, TX
 Baker, William - Louisville, KY
 Bellanfart, Dee - Chicago, IL
 Benford, David C. - Ft. Worth, TX
 Biddings, Early B. - Bastrop, LA
 Bishop, Jesse - Detroit, MI
 Black, Homer - Inkster, MI
 Bond, Robert - Memphis, TN
 Bowdre, Alvertice, Sr. - Dallas, TX
 Bowers, Calvin - Los Angeles, CA
 Bowser, G. P. - Detroit, MI
 Boatright, O. H. - Nashville, TN
 Braddock, J. W. - Memphis, TN
 Braden, Nathaniel - Memphis, TN
 Bradley, Scott - Gilmore, TX
 Broughton, Alexander - Fort Worth, TX
 Brown, E. D. - Rochester, NY
 Brown, Hubert - Dallas, TX
 Bryant, Donald - Hartford CT
 Bullock, Cecil - Hickman County TN
 Bumley, Herbert - Forney, TX
 Burson, Jesse - Knoxville, TN
 Burson, S. T. - Knoxville, TN
 Burton, Vencil - Fort Worth, TX
 Busby, T. H. - Little Rock, AR
 Butler, J. M. - San Francisco, CA
 Butler, P. E. - Akron, OH
 Byles, Luther - Tupelo, MS

C

Campbell, Alexander - Nashville, TN
 Campbell, O. B. - Edgewood, TX
 Caperton, C. L. - Chattanooga, TN
 Carmen, Will - Chicago, IL
 Carney, Andrew Sr. - Nashville, TN
 Carvin, Rufus - Canton, OH
 Carson, F. F. - Richmond, CA
 Cassius, Amos L. - Los Angeles, CA
 Cassius, Samuel R. - Denver, CO
 Caruthers, Jefferson, Sr. - Rockford, IL
 Carter, C. - Kannapolis, NC
 Carter, Ernest - Crossett, AR
 Carter, Quincy C. - Raleigh, NC
 Cathey, Owens - Urbana, IL
 Chappell, Melvin - Dallas, TX
 Chatman, Charlie - Montgomery, AL
 Christman, A. C. - Dallas, TX
 Christmon, David - Cincinnati, OH
 Clay, John Henry - Pasadena, CA

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 Clemons, John C. - Los Angeles, CA
 Coleman, George - Dyersburg, TN
 Coleman, Robert - Dallas, TX
 Colston, Acey J. - Racine, WI
 Cook, Jesse - Wichita, KS
 Cook, W. H. - Houston, TX
 Cooper, James - Mobile, AL
 Cosby, Earnest - TX
 Cothrun, James - Norcross, GA
 Cowens, A. J. - Raleigh, NC
 Crooms, J. E. - Big Springs, TX
 Crowe, Lee - Los Angeles, CA
 Culbreath, John - Philadelphia, PA

D

Daniels, J. L. - Tampa, FL
 Daniels, J. T. - Chicago, IL
 Daniels, M. C. - Houston, TX
 Davenport, Alex - Detroit, MI
 Davidson, T. J. - Morrison, TN
 Davis, Archie - Pine Bluff, AR
 Davis, James - Chicago, IL
 Davis, Jesse - Fort Worth, TX
 Davis, John - Miami, FL
 Davis, Maurice - Lakeland, FL
 Davis, Samuel - Nashville, TN
 Debara, George
 Debow, Richard H. - Terre Haute, IN
 Debow, George - Terre Haute, IN
 Derrick, A. E. - Fresno, CA
 Dethrow, Albert - Jackson, TN
 Dicker, Wilson - Rochester, NY
 Donley, Henry - Toledo, OH
 Dowell, Calvin - Nashville, TN
 Drew, Ed - Lebanon, TN
 Dudley, S. J. - Valdosta, GA
 Dulan, Andrew - Topeka, KS
 Dulin, Reginald B. - Dallas, TX
 Dunnam, A. V. - Houston, TX
 Dunwood, Raymond J. - Hopewell, VA
 Durley, LeRoy - Milwaukee, WI
 Dyson, O. J. - Santa Monica, CA

E

Echols, Golden - Detroit, MI
 Edwards, William - Chicago Heights, IL
 Elder, Millard - Dallas, TX
 Ellis, Tulsa - San Francisco, CA
 English, Dennis M. - Memphis, TN
 English, Dewitt - Louisville, KY
 English, Paul D., Sr. - Harlem, NY
 English, Paul D., Jr. - Denver, CO
 English, William - Compton, CA
 English, W. B. - Detroit, MI
 Evans, Charles, Sr. - Milwaukee, WI
 Evans, Charles, Jr. - Milwaukee, WI
 Evans, N. L. - Texarkana, TX
 Evans, William Jr. - Los Angeles, CA
 Everett, Robert - Dallas, TX

F

Fisk, James - Milwaukee, WI
 Fitzgerald, Thomas - Indianapolis, IN
 Fitzhugh, A. W. - Memphis, TN
 Flurry, I. M. - Fort Smith, AK
 Foreman, John - Ardmore, OK
 Foster, Ben, Jr. - Terrell, TX
 Foulkes, Norris - Robbins, IL
 Foutz, Humphrey - Baltimore, MD
 Franklin, James - Houston, TX
 Franklin, Leroy - Tucson, AZ
 Fulson, Arthur - Rockford, IL

G

Gamble, V. - North Little Rock, AK
 Gates, Collins - Giddings, TX
 Gates, Samuel Louis - Nashville, TN
 Geeter, Fred A. - Enterprise, AL
 Ghandt, Duell, Sr. - Maywood, IL
 Ghandt, James - Hickman County, TN
 Gibbs, Shelton, Sr. - Dallas, TX
 Gibbs, Shelton, Jr. - Fort Worth, TX
 Glover, D. - Birmingham, AL
 Godbolt, W. W. - Los Angeles, CA
 Goodloe, Paul - Indianapolis, IN
 Goodwin, I. L. - Montgomery, AL
 Gray, Albert, Sr. - Nashville, TN
 Gray, H. H. - Muskogee, OK
 Green, J. W. - Savannah, GA
 Green, Kenneth - Dallas, TX
 Green, Robert - Lyons, TX
 Green, William - Ada, OK
 Greer, S. D. - Saint Louis, MO
 Greer, U. S. - Jacksonville, FL
 Grimsley, Columbus - Fort Lauderdale, FL
 Guthrie, Horace - Nashville, TN
 Guthrie, Lee - Birmingham, AL

H

Hall, Woodrow - Chicago, IL
 Hamilton, Anderson - Chicago, IL
 Hannon, Jesse - Corinth, MS
 Hannon, Jesse - Saint Petersburg, FL
 Hardison, L. C. - Chicago, IL
 Hardison, Tom - Nashville, TN
 Hardy, Lee - Nashville, TN
 Harmon, Johnny - Saint Petersburg, FL
 Harper, Cardie L. - Chicago, IL
 Harper, T. L. - Terre Haute, IN
 Harris, John - Huntsville, AL
 Harrision, Matt - Atoka, OK
 Henry, Harold - St. Louis, MO
 Henry, J. P. - Cocoa, FL
 Herring, Chester - Anderson, IN
 Hervey, C. V. - Plummerville, AK
 Hervey, Joseph - San Diego, CA
 Hogan, R. N. - Los Angeles, CA
 Holden, Fred - Chicago, IL

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Holloway, Ben T. - Robbins, IL
 Holmes, Alfred - Houston, TX
 Holt, A. C. - Nashville, TN
 Holt, G. P., Sr. - Dallas, TX
 Holt, Marion F. - Kansas City, MO
 Holt, Marion V. - Kansas City, MO
 Hooks, Dan - Montgomery, AL
 Horn, Robert H. - Stamford, TX
 Howard, Linnie - Savage, MS
 Hozell, Florence - Miami, FL
 Hughes, Jafas - Newark, NJ
 Hughes, Harvey - Miami, FL
 Hughes, Roy - Oklahoma City, OK
 Humphreys, Fred - Chicago, IL
 Hunt, Garner - Nashville, TN
 Hunt, Wilson - Longview, TX

I-J

Ivory, Robert - Birmingham, AL
 Jackson, G. A. - Nashville, TN
 Jackson, Herman, Sr. - Chicago, IL
 Jackson, Roy A. - Dallas, TX
 Jackson, Samuel - Jacksonville, FL
 Jackson, Thomas O. - Tuskegee, AL
 Jacob, R. E. - Fort Smith, AK
 James, Jesse - Birmingham, AL
 James, Robert L., Sr. - Little Rock, AK
 Johnson, E. R. - Lake Park, GA
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 Johnson, Howard U. - Newark, NJ
 Johnson, Isaiah - Chicago, IL
 Johnson, Jesse, Sr. - Indianapolis, IN
 Johnson, Lovette - Dallas, TX
 Johnson, Marshall - Bakersfield, CA
 Johnson, Sutton - Lebanon, TN
 Johnson, Wiley - Midway, TX
 Johnson, Winter I. - Wichita, KS
 Jones, Alonzo - Chattanooga, TN
 Jones, G. G. - Chicago, IL
 Jones, L. M. - Oklahoma City, OK
 Jones, Rovergial - Tulsa, OK
 Jones, Willie - Dallas, TX
 Jordan, Samuel L. - Chicago, IL
 Jordan, Sandy - Nashville, TN
 Judkins, Sam - Chicago, IL

K

Keeble, Marshall - Nashville, TN
 Kelly, Richard - Chattanooga, TN
 Kennedy, James - Greenville, SC
 Kennedy, Levi A., Sr. - Centerville, TN
 Kennedy, Levi, Jr. - Chicago, IL
 Kennedy, Lee Ghant - Centerville, TN
 Kennedy, Melvin - Jersey City, NJ
 Kirksey, Cortez - Selmer, TN
 Kolb, John H. - Detroit, MI

L

Lane, Ernest - Memphis, TN
 Lawrence, Johnnie - Little Rock, AK
 Lee, Eugene - Hobbs, NM
 Lee, Herman - Flint, MI
 Lee, Horace, Sr. - Dallas, TX
 Legg, Silas S., Jr. - Benton Harbor, MI
 Leverett, John - Paducah, KY
 Lewis, Lowell, Sr. - Quannah, TX
 Lewis, Lowell, Jr. - Jackson, MS
 Lewis, N. L. - Tulsa, OK

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 Locke, Cathey C. - Dallas, TX
 Logan, Napoleon - Houston, TX
 London, R. L. - Toledo, OH
 Lovelace, Virgil - Cleveland, OH
 Lowrey, John - Memphis, TN
 Lymon, Tom F. - Robbins, IL
 Lyons, A. J. - Muncie, IN

M

Mack, Lacie - Tulsa, OK
 Martin, Booker T. - Gary, IN
 Martin, L. J. - Miami, FL
 Matthews, Bonnie - Corsicana, TX
 Medlock, Leroy - Pontiac, MI
 Melton, Leroy O., Sr. - Houston, TX
 Melton, Samuel - Houston, TX
 Merchant, T. H. - Bryan, TX
 Merchant, T. H. - Marshall, TX
 Merrit, M. C. - Miami, FL
 Middleton, G. W. - Caldwell, TX
 Miller, Jim - Kalamazoo, MI
 Miller, Luke - Bradenton, FL
 Mitchell, H. E., Jr. - Albuquerque, NM
 Mitchell, Joe N. - Lawton, OK
 Mitchell, Kelly K. - Montgomery, AL
 Moore, Charles - Flint, MI
 Moore, Charlie - Nashville, TN
 Moore, Cottry - Detroit, MI
 Moore, Matthew - Pompano Beach, FL
 Moore, Ralph - Racine, WI
 Moore, Roscoe M. - Saint Louis, MO
 Moore, Russell H. - Wichita, KS
 Morgan, C. C. - Frederick, OK
 Morrison, L. B. - Muskogee, OK
 Murphy, Henry O. - Gary, IN
 Murray, Charles - Newark, NJ
 Myles, Mark, Sr. - Chicago, IL

Mc

McAdoo, William - Cleveland, OH
 McCall, James - Pontiac, MI
 McClain, Clifford - Nashville, TN
 McClinton, Jacob - Youngstown, OH
 McClinton, Nathan - Chicago, IL
 McCloud, Mack - Montgomery, AL
 McCollum, E. B. - Glen Allen, AL
 McCollum, Curtis - Perris, CA
 McCoy, Delwood - Jacksonville, FL
 McGilbra, Cullen - Kermit, TX
 McGilbra, German - Dallas, TX
 McGilbray, Will A. - Apple Valley, CA
 McGill, J. Frank - Louisville, KY
 McGrue, Larry - Vallejo, CA
 McGuire, Leroy A. - Vallejo, CA
 McIntosh, Oneal - Memphis, TN
 McIntyre, Sewell - Sellers, AK
 McLemore, Roscoe - Chicago, IL
 McMillan, Dan - Chicago, IL
 McNeal, William - Harvey, IL
 Muse, Clyde - Oklahoma City, OK

N

Nelson, Charlie - Clemmons, NC
 Nichols, Lemmie - Chicago, IL
 Nicks, James - Redbird, OK
 Nixon, Kermit - Dallas, TX
 Nixon, Macil - Greenfield, TX
 Nunley, R. F. - Martin, TN

O

Owens, William Hubert - Memphis, TN
 O'Bryant, Adgie - Greensboro, NC

P

Pace, Jesse Solomon - Chicago, IL
 Patterson, Alonzo N. - San Antonio, TX
 Payne, Clifford - Miami, FL
 Pennington, J. W. - Coatsville, PA
 Penny, Loan B. - Fort Smith, AK
 Perkins, Arthur - Los Angeles, CA
 Perkins, A. E. - Indianapolis, IN
 Phillips, Anderson, Jr. - Birmingham, AL
 Phillips, Bill - Nashville, TN
 Phillips, E. D. - Nashville, TN
 Pitts, Carroll, Jr. - Los Angeles, CA
 Porter, I. H. - Stephens, AK
 Porter, Jesse - Muskogee, OK
 Powell, Leroy - Ada, OK
 Price, Kenneth - Evanston, IL

R

Raince, Charles - Jefferson, TX
 Ramsey, John T. - Chicago, IL
 Rand, Charles - Jefferson, TX
 Redden, Anthony - Alton, IL
 Redding, Ellis - Detroit, MI
 Reed, Artie - Saint Louis, MO
 Reese, James - Nashville, TN
 Reeves, George - College Park, GA
 Rice, F. L. - Valdosta, GA
 Rice, O. L. - Clarendon, TX
 Richardson - San Antonio, TX
 Rickman, E. G. - Springfield, MO
 Ricks, George - Tuscumbia, AL
 Ricks, Percy - Tuscumbia, AL
 Riley, Eugene - Sacramento, CA
 Roach, J. E. - Greenville, MS
 Roberson, William - Murfreesboro, TN
 Robertson, Joe - Miami, FL
 Robin, George - Muskogee, OK
 Robinson, Jesse - Kilgore, TX
 Robinson, Roy - Dayton, OH

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Rodgers, A. J. - Port Arthur, TX
Rodgers, Richard - Carson, CA
Rose, Alonzo Z. - Valdosta, GA
Rose, Jimmy - Inkster, MI
Roundtree, Elmo - Bradenton, FL
Rout, John H. - Gaffney, SC
Rowe, Gene - Texas City, TX
Rucks, Alfred - Lebanon, TX
Rucks, Thomas - Tuscumbia, AL
Russell, Peter - Nashville, TN
Rutledge, Louis - Memphis, TN

S

Sams, Roosevelt - San Antonio, TX
Sankey, David - Chicago, IL
Scates, W. N. - Camersville, TN
Scott, C. H. - Los Angeles, CA
Scott, Edgar - Houston, TX
Sellers, Henry - San Antonio, TX
Settles, Paul - Houston, TX
Shanks, David - Miami, FL
Shavers, Leon - Dallas, TX
Shields, Buford - Cleveland, OH
Shields, Ulysses - Corinth, MS
Shows, David - Indianapolis, IN
Silver, John - Saint Petersburg, FL
Simmons, H. B. - Birmingham, AL
Simmons, Robert - Saint Petersburg, FL
Simon, Joe - Denison, TX
Simonton, Warren - Los Angeles, CA
Smalling, Era - Nashville, TN
Smiley, Paul - Cleveland, OH
Smith, Bernard - Hallendale, FL
Smith, Leroy, Sr. - Chicago Heights, IL
Smith, Lonnie - Bryan, TX
Smith, Robert - Detroit, MI
Smith, William H., Jr. - Memphis, TN
Sowell, Elias, Jr. - Robbins, IL
Sowell, Frank - Maury County, TN
Speights, Dorsey - Los Angeles, CA
Steele, Jimmy - Huntsville, AL
Stephens, James D. - Chicago, IL
Stevens, Julius - Washington DC
Steward, G. E. - Fort Worth, TX
Stewart, James H. Jr. - Philadelphia, PA
Stocker, LaRue - Miami, FL
Strange, Bennie - Houston, TX
Strickland, Robert - Chattanooga, TN
Strong, D. C. - Indianapolis, IN
Stroud, D. A. - Houston, TX

T

Tarver, Freeman - Miami, FL
Taylor, Carl - Chattanooga, TN
Taylor, Richard D. - Nashville, TN
Thomas, A. A. - Odessa, TX
Thomas, Charles - Austin, TX
Thomas, Chilton - Lubbock, TX
Thomas, J. H. - Midway, TX
Thomas, Phillip - Brooklyn, NY

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Thompson, B. B. - Columbus, OH
Thompson, F. L. - Miami, FL
Thompson, James H. - Memphis, TN
Thompson, Joel - Tyler, TX
Thompson, Oliver - Nashville, TN
Thornton, Hoover - Nashville, TN
Thurmond, R. B. - Kilgore, TX
Toney, Charles - Little Rock, AK
Trone, O. L. - Detroit, MI
Trotter, Burl - Fort Worth, TX
Tucker, Albert - Louisville, KY
Tucker, B. L. - Valdosta, GA
Tucker, Tom - Jackson, TN
Tucker, William - Kansas City, MO
Turner, E. L. - Wabbaseka, AK
Turner, Harold - Jackson, MI
Turner, Ulysses - Houston, TX
Tyner, H. C. - Cleburne, TX
Tyson, Louis - Chicago, IL

U

Underwood, Charles, Sr. - Chicago, IL

V

Vance, Walter - Jackson, TN
Vanleer, Andrew - Nashville, TN
Vaughner, J. R. - Saint Petersburg, FL
Vinson, Bennie - Nashville, TN
Vinson, I. S. - Tulsa, OK

W

Walker, P. E. - Cleveland, OH
Walker, W. L. - Pampa, TX
Waller, Charles - Center, TX
Washington, Grover C. - Dallas, TX
Waterhouse, Jeff - Houston, TX
Watts, Frank A. - Nashville, TN
Webb, Charles R. - Seattle, WA
Webb, Issac - Lawton, OK
Webster, C. W. - Haynesville, LA
Whitaker, William - Tampa, FL
Wiggins, Robert - Pontiac, MI
Williams, Arthur - Detroit, MI
Williams, H. D. - Denison, TX
Williams, James - Iowa City, IA
Williams, John Oscar - Milwaukee, WI
Williams, Lasalle - Los Angeles, CA
Williams, Warren - Little Rock, AK
Wilson, Albert - Smithland, TX
Wilson, E. R. - Statesville, NC
Wilson, John H. - Kilin, MS
Winston, John Steve, Sr. - Dallas, TX
Winston, Roy - Oklahoma City, OK
Womack, Sam W. - Nashville, TN
Worde, R. L. - Mercedes, CA
Wright, Elcue - East Saint Louis, IL
Wright, Issac - Blaine, MS
Wright, John H. - Kenosha, WI

Y

Yarbor, R. H. - Tupelo, MS
Yeldell, Nokomis, Sr. - Memphis, TN
York, G. W. - Lovelady, TX
York, T. H. - Detroit, MI
Young, Abe - Hallsville, TX

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We have attempted to be as unambiguous as possible, identifying the names of those mentioned in previous listings and those of whom our current research have produced.

Apologies are given if someone you know has been omitted from this list.

If you would desire to submit additional names to this index listing, please refer to the Executive Committee of the Churches of Christ National Lectureship.

Let it also be understood that this is not a "Who's Who" of deceased gospel preachers. It is only an attempt to mention the names of those who have passed on from this earthly life.

Without doubt and as time progresses, this compilation will become more exhaustive. However, it is our hope that future generations will remember the sacrifices of those who preceded them, so that the visible kingdom of God might continue to prosper.

We pray that the young men of today, who decide to dedicate their lives to the prophetic proclamation of the gospel of Christ, will do so because they love the Lord, they love the Church, and they love God's people.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few..."

Matthew 9:37

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

II Timothy 4:1, 2



"A Celebration of Preaching in the Chicago Tradition"

Chicago Area Church of Christ African American Ministers Past and Present

NAME	CONGREGATION SERVED	NAME	CONGREGATION SERVED
Adamson, Norman*	Stony Island	Armstead, Harold	Chatham-Avalon
Arnold, Michael Sr.	Robbins	Beeman, Will A. *	Robbins
Anderson, Lawrence*	Park Forest	Boles, Kevin	Chicago Heights
Bellanfante, Dee*	Maxwell Street	Burrage, Carl	Sheldon Heights
Carmen, Will E. *	79th Street	Davis, James*	Sheldon Heights
Carter, Daniel	Colonial Village	Dean, Nathaniel	Maypole
Carter, James	Stony Island	English, Patrick	Southwest
Carter, Lester	Maywood	Ghant, Duell Sr. *	Maywood
Cathey, Owens*	Champaign-Urbana	Gibbs, Conley Jr.	Robbins
Channel, Dontae	Maywood	Gary, Elijah*	Lawndale
Daniel, J. T. *	Old Maypole	Gilbert, Leonardo D.	Sheldon Heights
Durr, Kennya F.	Evanston	Gillis, Eddie, Jr.	Southwest
Edwards, William*	Chicago Heights	Halbert, Reginald	Chatham-Avalon
Foulkes, Norris*	Robbins	Harper, Cardie L. *	Maypole
Gibbs, Shelton Sr. *	Midwest	Harrison, Daniel	Chatham-Avalon
Hall, Woodrow*	Southwest	Huff, James	Midwest
Hamilton, Anderson*	Lawndale	Hutton, Jules	Harvey
Hardison, L. C. *	Lawndale	Jones, William E., Jr.	87th Street
Holden, Fred*	Chicago Heights	Jones, William E. Sr.	87th Street
Holland, J. T. *	Michigan Avenue	Kensey, Levell W.	Lansing
Holloway, Ben T. *	Robbins	Leach, Elroy	Austin
Humphrey, Fred Sr. *	Chatham-Avalon	Lugo, Luis R.	Monroe Street
Jackson, Herman Sr. *	39th Street	Martin, Ronald	Chatham-Avalon
Johnson, Barry	Brookfield	Mason, James Jr.	Hillside
Johnson, Isaiah*	Old Maypole	McMillan, Dan*	Parnell Avenue
Jones, G. G. *	Michigan Avenue	McMillan, Eddie	Parnell Avenue
Jordan, Samuel L. *	Sheldon Heights	Merriweather, Fred, Sr.	Chicago Heights
Judkins, Sam*	61st Street	Myles, Luke Sr.	Far West
Kennedy, Levi Jr. *	Michigan Avenue	Myles, Mark Jr.	Far West
Kennedy, Melvin G. *	Old Maypole	Myles, Matthew Sr.	Markham
Lemon, Dominic	Harvey	Mills, Morris	Chatham-Avalon
Lymon, Fred T. *	Robbins	Neal, Nahum	Harvey
McClinton, Nathan*	Far West	Nichols, Lemmie Sr. *	Sheldon Heights
McLemore Roscoe*	Ogden Avenue	Palmore, Keith	Lawndale
McNeal, Wallace	Maypole	Palmore, Robert L.	Lawndale
McNeal, William*	Harvey	Penn, David C.	Robbins
Mobley, Carl	Lansing	Price, Ken*	Evanston
Myles, Mark Sr. *	Far West	Sims, Lawrence	Maypole
Pace, Jesse*	Old Maypole	Smith, Charles L.	Colonial Village
Ramsey, John T. *	39th Street	Smith, Leroy Jr.	Colonial Village
Sankey, David*	79th Street	Stephen, Michael	Maypole
Sankey, Dudley	Old Maypole	Sutton, Steve	Chatham-Avalon
Shedd, Alexander	Maywood	Thomas, John T.	Sheldon Heights
Smith, Leroy Sr. *	Chicago Heights	Turner, Morris	Chatham-Avalon
Sowell, Elias Jr. *	Robbins	Turner, Robert L.	Monroe Street
Stevens, James D. *	South Shore	Tyson, Louis*	Chatham-Avalon
Taylor, Eddie	South Holland	Walker, Gerald	Harvey
Underwood, Charles Sr. *	Foster Park	Watson, Naaman Sr.	Robbins
Underwood, Charles Jr.	Foster Park	Webster, George	39th Street
Woods, Robert M.	Monroe Street	London, Larry	Maypole
Lopez, Neil C.	Maywood	Lugo, Tito	Eastside (Joliet)
Smith, Omah, Jr.	West Suburban	Robinson, Andre	Eastside (Joliet)

*INDICATES DECEASED

"There is something audacious and attractive about the business of preaching. It may be old, but it is not outdated. It may be ancient, but it is not antiquated. Preaching has enabled people of African descent to survive the Middle Passage, the inequities of Jim Crow, the illusion of Reconstruction, and the injustice of *de facto* segregation. However, the *ethos*, *logos*, and *pathos* of preaching is not found in the volume of voice nor the tenor and tone in which a message is delivered. While a preacher must speak as a "dying man to dying men," he dare not speak the things of God too easily. God's hope for humanity is a serious and solemn transaction. Therefore, it is far too important to give anything less than reverence and respect when addressing the souls of men.

"The preacher must allow others to scrutinize him as he experiences what F. Scott Fitzgerald calls "the dark night of the soul where it is always three o'clock in the morning." He is always cognizant of the fact that serious preaching will arouse serious conflicts. Contrary winds and discord with the demonic are descriptors which have no detours. But through it all, he never fails to lift up the risen Redeemer in the beauty of His holiness and in the holiness of His beauty. Perhaps Luke said it best in Acts 14:22 when he says: "...we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." One must always remember that preaching produces peril and pain, healing and hurt, trials and triumphs, heartaches and hallelujahs. In the final analysis, let it be clearly understood that He who calls us to this work, where both dust and divinity operate in creative tension, He promises us nothing except His abiding presence."

Churches of Christ 71st Annual National Lectureship Program – April 5, 2015
“Celebrating the Covenant” – Expositions from the Johannine Christology

Sunday Evening Worship Service – Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel

Worship Service Facilitator – 6:00 P.M.

Eddie J. Gillis, Jr. – Southwest Church of Christ – Chicago, Illinois

Prayer of Invocation Charles L. Smith, Minister
Colonial Village Church of Christ – Chicago, IL

Hymns of Celebration

Reading of the Sacred Scripture Dr. Elroy M. Leach, Minister
Austin Church of Christ – Chicago, IL

Hymns of Jubilation

Introduction of Keynote Speaker Gerald Walker, Minister
Harvey Church of Christ – Harvey, IL

Minister DonBurnell Holly – Norris Road Church of Christ
Memphis, Tennessee

Hymns of Adoration

Reading of the Sacred Scripture Robert L. Turner, Minister
Monroe Street Church of Christ – Chicago, IL

Hymns of Appreciation

Introduction of Keynote Speaker Leonardo D. Gilbert, Minister
Sheldon Heights Church of Christ – Chicago, IL

Minister Elijah Bush, Sr. – Avondale Church of Christ
Birmingham, Alabama

Offertory and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrating the Lord's Supper John Thomas, Associate Minister
Sheldon Heights Church of Christ

Announcements Jonathan Johnson, Associate Minister
Maypole Avenue Church of Christ – Chicago, IL

Prayer of Consummation Michael D. Arnold, Associate Minister
Robbins Church of Christ – Robbins, IL

Lectureship Group Singing – Greater Chicago Area Churches of Christ

Churches of Christ 71st Annual National Lectureship Program – April 6, 2015

“Celebrating the Covenant” – Expositions from the Johannine Christology

7:45 – 8:00 A.M. Monday Morning Devotional Session – Regency Ballroom
Session Moderator: John R. Taylor, Sr. – Chattanooga, TN

8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Monday Morning General Plenary Sessions I

LOCATIONS:

Adler C / CC24C Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Cultural Diversity in Christian Worship Patrick Odum – Chicago, IL 1/1 Edward Griffin – Gary, IN
Adler B / CC24B Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Counseling Strategies in Times of Grief Dr. Bruce McClure – Landover, MD 1/4 Omah Smith, Jr. – Berkeley, IL
Burnham A / CC23A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	God's Covenantal Grace Dr. Harold Redd – Memphis, TN 1/4 Bobby Dean – Chicago, IL
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Field C / CC20C Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Reclaiming and Restoring Lost Sheep Dr. Jeremy Flowers – Cincinnati, OH 1/2 Robert L. Turner – Chicago, IL
Prairie A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Art of Preaching and Biblical Interpretation Dr. Loyd C. Harris – Little Rock, AK 1/4 Reginald Halbert – Chicago, IL

9:15 – 10:15 A.M. Monday Morning General and Apologetics Plenary Sessions II

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Field C / CC20C Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Historical Reliability of the Gospels Dr. Edward Robinson – Terrell, TX 1/4 Steve Sutton – Chicago, IL
Prairie A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible Edward L. Maxwell – Suitland, MD 1/4 Gerald Walker – Harvey, IL

The “G. E. Steward” Monday Morning Lyceum Session

High Noon Chapel Theme: “Never Forget What God Remembers”

REGENCY BALLROOM

10:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Moderator: Dr. Freeman T. Wyche – Miami, FL

Speaker: Corey Glover – Hallandale Beach, FL
Subject: “When the Word Became Flesh”
Text: John 1:12-14

11:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Speaker: Terry D. Wallace – Hernando, MS
Subject: “Whatsoever He Saith Unto You, Do It”
Text: John 2:1-5

11:30 – 12:00 P.M.

Speaker: Elisha Taylor, Jr. – Jacksonville, FL
Subject: “A Must for a Change”
Text: John 3:1-7

“HIGH NOON CHAPEL”

12:00 – 12:30 P.M.

Speaker: Wesley T. Leonard – Orlando, FL
Subject: “God’s Sovereignty and Man’s Responsibility”
Text: John 3:16-18



Session Ending Doxology
LUNCH BREAK



2:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Monday Afternoon General Plenary Sessions III

LOCATIONS:

Prairie A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Logos Bible Software Presentation Rusty Davidson – Atlanta, GA 1/2 Ronald Martin – Chicago, IL
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LOCATIONS:

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Field A / CC20A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Keys to Successful Church Administration DonBurnell Holly – Memphis, TN 1/2 Barry Johnson – Brookfield, IL
Field B / CC20B Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Young Ministers Working With the Elders Clarence Black – Atlanta, GA 1/2 Bobby Dean – Chicago, IL
Field C / CC20C Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Church as a Community Resource Cornell Johnson – Moss Point, MS Part 1/2 Eddie Gillis, Jr. – Chicago, IL
Adler C / CC24C Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Modern Hindrances to the Ancient Message Jerry L. Macon, Sr. – Louisville, KY 1/2 Keith Murphy – Gary, IN

The “K. K. Mitchell” Monday Afternoon Lyceum Session

REGENCY BALLROOM

Moderator: Clinton L. Cummings, Sr. – Nashville, TN



3:15 – 3:45 P.M.

Speaker: Jonathan W. Morrison – Dallas, TX
Subject: “Solidarity With the Savior”
Text: John 4:21-24

3:45 – 4:15 P.M.

Speaker: Franklin Florence II – Indianapolis, IN
Subject: “He Came With a Burden But Left With a Blessing”
Text: John 5:1-8

4:15 – 4:45 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. Cleavon Matthews – Trotwood, OH
Subject: “How to Do Much With Little”
Text: John 6:8-13

Session Ending Doxology
DINNER BREAK

The “G. P. Bowser” Monday Evening Vesper Service

REGENCY BALLROOM

Moderator: Cecil B. Herndon – Conroe, TX



6:30 – 7:00 P.M.

Devotional Period: Chris Turner – Burlington, NJ

7:00 – 7:15 P.M.

Welcome to the “Windy City” of Chicago, Illinois
Dr. Conrad Timbers-Ausar, CEO – Chicago South OESA

7:15 – 7:30 P.M.

Welcome to the 71st Annual National Lectureship
Dr. Robert M. Woods – Villa Rica, GA

7:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Choral Singing

8:00 – 8:15 P.M.

Statement of Purpose Regarding the Annual National Lectureship
“Our Past, Our Present, Our Potential”
Dr. R. C. Wells, National Lectureship Advisory Committee Chairman

8:15 – 8:30 P.M.

“G. P. Bowser – A Sketch in Brief” by Dr. James Maxwell

8:30 – 9:00 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. Warren G. Blakney, Sr. – Tulsa, OK
Subject: “A Good God On a Bad Day”
Text: John 6:14-21

9:00 – 9:30 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. Harvey M. Jackson – Mound Bayou, MS
Subject: “No Spectators Beyond This Point”
Text: John 6:66-69

9:30 – 10:00 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. Jack Evans, Sr. – Terrell, TX
Subject: “Living Bread for a Dying World”
Text: John 6:30-35

ANNOUNCEMENTS / DOXOLOGY

Churches of Christ 71st Annual National Lectureship Program – April 7, 2015

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Burnham C / CC23C Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Finding Your Purpose in the Leadership's Vision John Wilkie – Baltimore, MD 1/2 William E. Jones, Jr. – Chicago, IL

LOCATIONS:

Adler A / CC24A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Ministry of Church Finances Dr. John Dansby – Shreveport, LA 1/2 Harold Armstead – Chicago, IL
Field A / CC20A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Developing Spiritual-Minded Leaders Dr. Leslie Odoms – Milwaukee, WI 1/3 Keith Murphy – Gary, IN
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Prairie A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible Edward L. Maxwell – Suitland, MD 2/4 Gerald Walker – Harvey, IL

The “Marshall Keeble” Tuesday Morning Lyceum Session

High Noon Chapel Theme: “Never Forget What God Remembers”

REGENCY BALLROOM

Moderator: Dr. Andrew Hairston – Atlanta, GA



10:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Speaker: Dr. Jerry G. Houston – Rochester, NY
Subject: “On the Night Shift”
Text: John 9:1-4

11:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Speaker: Dr. Ben Foster – Terrell, TX
Subject: “Now I See”
Text: John 9:20-25

11:30 – 12:00 P.M.

Speaker: David E. Wilson – Brooklyn, NY
Subject: “One Fold and One Shepherd”
Text: John 10:14-16

“HIGH NOON CHAPEL”

12:00 – 12:30 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. David L. Lane – Dallas, TX
Subject: “He Could Have... But He Would Not”
Text: John 11:32-37

Session Ending Doxology
LUNCH BREAK



2:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Tuesday Afternoon General Plenary Sessions III

LOCATIONS:

Adler C / CC24C Counseling Strategies in Times of Grief
Presenter: Dr. Bruce McClure – Landover, MD 3/4
Session Facilitator: Omah Smith, Jr. – Berkeley, IL

Adler B / CC24B God’s Covenantal Grace
Presenter: Dr. Harold Redd – Memphis, TN 3/4
Session Facilitator: James Jenkins – Chicago Heights, IL

Burnham A / CC23A Effective Evangelism for the Church Today
Presenter: Charlie McClendon – Jacksonville, FL 3/4
Session Facilitator: Torrence Kennedy – Robbins, IL

Burnham B / CC23B The Art of Preaching and Biblical Interpretation
Presenter: Dr. Loyd C. Harris – Little Rock, AK 3/4
Session Facilitator: Samuel Johnson – Chicago, IL

Prairie A Logos Bible Software Presentation
Presenter: Rusty Davidson – Atlanta, GA 2/2
Session Facilitator: Eddie Gillis, Jr. – Chicago, IL

LOCATIONS:

Adler A / CC24A Developing Spiritual-Minded Leaders
Presenter: Dr. Leslie Odoms 2/3
Session Facilitator: Harold Armstead – Chicago, IL

Field A / CC20A The Power and Majesty of His Name
Presenter: Dr. Richard L. Barclay – Atlanta, GA 2/2
Session Facilitator: Nahum Neal – Harvey, IL

Field B / CC20B Is the Restoration Movement Relevant Today?
Presenter: Dr. Lynn McMillon – Oklahoma City, OK 3/4
Session Facilitator: Kevin Boles – Chicago Heights, IL

Field C / CC20C Young Ministers Working With the Elders
Presenter: Clarence Black – Atlanta, GA 2/2
Session Facilitator: Patrick English – Chicago, IL

Burnham C / CC23C Following in the Footsteps of a Legend
Presenter: Tyson Moore – Los Angeles, CA 2/2
Session Facilitator: Dr. Eddie Taylor – Calumet City, IL

The “J. S. Winston” Tuesday Afternoon Lyceum Session

REGENCY BALLROOM

Moderator: Paul D. Jones – Houston, TX



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| 3:15 – 3:45 P.M. | Speaker: W. C. Edwards – Birmingham, AL
Subject: “The Shepherd’s Voice and the Sheep’s Choice”
Text: John 10:1-4 |
| 3:45 – 4:15 P.M. | Speaker: Leroy Butler – Valdosta, GA
Subject: “Trusting in God in Spite of How Things Look”
Text: John 11:41-44 |
| 4:15 – 4:45 P.M. | Speaker: Dr. James Maxwell – Terrell, TX
Subject: “That the World Might See Him”
Text: John 12:31 |

Session Ending Doxology
DINNER BREAK

The “R. N. Hogan” Tuesday Evening Vesper Service

REGENCY BALLROOM

Moderator: Joseph H. Brown – Richmond, VA



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| 6:30 – 7:00 P.M. | Devotional Period: Chris Turner, Burlington, NJ |
| 7:00 – 7:30 P.M. | Speaker: Conley Gibbs, Jr. – St. Louis, MO
Subject: “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”
Text: John 15:13-15 |
| 7:30 – 8:00 P.M. | Southwestern Christian College Financial Appeal
Dr. Eugene Lawton – Newark, NJ |
| 8:00 – 8:15 P.M. | “Dr. R. N. Hogan – A Sketch in Brief” by Dr. James Maxwell |
| 8:15 – 8:45 P.M. | Special Acknowledgement and Presentation to Dr. W. F. Washington
Dr. R. C. Wells – W. C. Edwards – Dr. Warren G. Blakney, Sr. |
| 8:45 – 9:15 P.M. | Speaker: Jack Evans, Jr. – Terrell, TX
Subject: “When Sorrow is Turned to Joy”
Text: John 16:20-24 |
| 9:15 – 9:45 P.M. | Speaker: Dr. A. C. Crenshaw – Oklahoma City, OK
Subject: “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”
Text: John 19:25-27 |
| 9:45 – 10:15 P.M. | Speaker: Dr. Carl C. Baccus – Los Angeles, CA
Subject: “Why I Love God”
Text: I John 4:19-21 |

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Churches of Christ 71st Annual National Lectureship Program – April 8, 2015

“Celebrating the Covenant” – Expositions from the Johannine Christology

7:45 – 8:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Devotional Session – Regency Ballroom
Session Moderator: John R. Taylor, Sr. – Chattanooga, TN

8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning General Plenary Sessions I

LOCATIONS:

Adler C / CC24C Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Counseling Strategies in Times of Grief Dr. Bruce McClure – Landover, MD 4/4 Omah Smith, Jr. – Berkeley, IL
Adler B / CC24B Presenter: Session Facilitator:	God's Covenantal Grace Dr. Harold Redd – Memphis, TN 4/4 Kevin Boles – Chicago Heights, IL
Burnham A / CC23A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Effective Evangelism for the Church Today Charlie McClendon – Jacksonville, FL 4/4 Torrence Kennedy – Robbins, IL
Burnham B / CC23B Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Art of Preaching and Biblical Interpretation Dr. Loyd C. Harris – Little Rock, AK 4/4 McKinley Cummins – Chicago, IL
Burnham C / CC23C Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Ministry of Church Finances Dr. John Dansby – Shreveport, LA 2/2 Robert L. Turner – Chicago, IL

LOCATIONS:

Adler A / CC24A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Finding Your Purpose in the Leadership's Vision John Wilkie – Baltimore, MD 2/2 Jerome Faulkner, Sr. – Robbins, IL
Field A / CC20A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Role of the Church and Social Injustice John Davis Marshall – Atlanta, GA 3/3 Michael D. Arnold – Robbins, IL
Field B / CC20B Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Reclaiming and Restoring Lost Sheep Dr. Jeremy Flowers – Cincinnati, OH 2/2 Jonathan Johnson – Chicago, IL
Field C / CC20C Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Dealing With Congregational Conflict John W. Iverson, Sr. – Valdosta, GA 3/3 Patrick English – Chicago, IL
Prairie A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Developing Spiritual-Minded Leaders Dr. Leslie Odoms – Milwaukee, WI 3/3 Dr. Eddie Taylor – Calumet City, IL

9:15 – 10:15 A.M. Wednesday Morning General and Apologetics Plenary Sessions II

LOCATIONS:

Adler C / CC24C Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Methods for Mentoring Young Ministers Edward Keyton – Atlanta, GA 3/4 Bobby Dean – Chicago, IL
Adler B / CC24B Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Why Men Hate Going to Church Emanuel White – Fort Worth, TX 3/4 Keith Murphy – Gary, IN
Burnham A / CC23A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Synoptics vs. The Gospel of John Dr. Howard Wright - Atlanta, GA 3/4 Michael D. Arnold – Robbins, IL
Burnham B / CC23B Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Is the Restoration Movement Relevant Today? Dr. Lynn McMillon – Oklahoma City, OK 4/4 Steve Sutton – Chicago, IL
Burnham C / CC23C Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Theology Behind the Gospel of John Jeff Caruthers – Winston-Salem, NC 3/4 Neil C. Lopez – Maywood, IL

LOCATIONS:

Adler A / CC24A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Pre-Existing Logos as Presented by John Dr. Robert Brewington – Pontiac, MI 3/4 John Thomas – Chicago, IL
Field A / CC20A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Intellectual Barriers to Biblical Faith Kevin Bethea – Nottingham, MD 3/4 Terry V. Atwater, Sr. – Waukegan, IL
Field B / CC20B Presenter: Session Facilitator:	Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Robert G. Birt, Jr. – Toledo, OH 3/4 Ronald Martin – Chicago, IL
Field C / CC20C Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Historical Reliability of the Gospels Dr. Edward Robinson – Terrell, TX 3/4 Samuel Johnson – Chicago, IL
Prairie A Presenter: Session Facilitator:	The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible Edward L. Maxwell – Suitland, MD 3/4 Gerald Walker – Harvey, IL

The “D. M. English” Wednesday Morning Lyceum Session

High Noon Chapel Theme: “Never Forget What God Remembers”

REGENCY BALLROOM

Moderator: Clarence Matthews – Trenton, NJ

10:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Speaker: Randy Cole Sims – Ft. Wayne, IN
Subject: “That They Might Have Life”
Text: John 10:7-10

11:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Speaker: Kristopher Dardar – Ft. Worth, TX
Subject: “A Human Request and a Divine Reply”
Text: John 14:8, 9

11:30 – 12:00 P.M.

Speaker: Peter Martin, Jr. – Sugarland, TX
Subject: “Let Us Not Rend It”
Text: John 19:23, 24

“HIGH NOON CHAPEL”

12:00 – 12:30 P.M.

Speaker: Orpheus J. Heyward – Atlanta, GA
Subject: “They Have Taken Away My Lord”
Text: John 20:11-13



Session Ending Doxology
LUNCH BREAK



2:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday Afternoon General and Apologetics Plenary Sessions III

LOCATIONS:

<p>Adler C / CC24C Presenter: Session Facilitator:</p>	<p>Methods for Mentoring Young Ministers Edward Keyton – Atlanta, GA 4/4 James Jenkins – Chicago Heights, IL</p>
<p>Adler B / CC24B Presenter: Session Facilitator:</p>	<p>Why Men Hate Going to Church Emanuel White – Fort Worth, TX 4/4 Nahum Neal – Harvey, IL</p>
<p>Burnham A / CC23A Presenter: Session Facilitator:</p>	<p>The Synoptics vs. The Gospel of John Dr. Howard Wright – Atlanta, GA 4/4 Oscar Ross – Chicago, IL</p>
<p>Burnham B / CC23B Presenter: Session Facilitator:</p>	<p>Keys to Successful Church Administration DonBurnell Holly – Memphis, TN 2/2 Jerome Faulkner, Sr. – Robbins, IL</p>
<p>Burnham C / CC23C Presenter: Session Facilitator:</p>	<p>The Theology Behind the Gospel of John Jeff Caruthers – Winston-Salem, NC 4/4 Neil C. Lopez – Maywood, IL</p>

LOCATIONS:

<p>Adler A / CC24A Presenter: Session Facilitator:</p>	<p>The Pre-Existing Logos as Presented by John Dr. Robert Brewington – Pontiac, MI 4/4 John Thomas – Chicago, IL</p>
<p>Field A / CC20A Presenter: Session Facilitator:</p>	<p>Intellectual Barriers to Biblical Faith Kevin Bethea – Nottingham, MD 4/4 Terry V. Atwater, Sr. – Waukegan, IL</p>
<p>Field B / CC20B Presenter: Session Facilitator:</p>	<p>Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Robert G. Birt, Jr. – Toledo, OH 4/4 Ronald Martin – Chicago, IL</p>
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<p>Prairie A Presenter: Session Facilitator:</p>	<p>The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible Edward L. Maxwell – Suitland, MD 4/4 Gerald Walker – Harvey, IL</p>

The “G. P. Holt” Wednesday Afternoon Lyceum Session

REGENCY BALLROOM

Moderator: Kenneth E. Fleming, Sr. – Louisville, KY

3:15 – 3:45 P.M.

Speaker: Jack McNeil – West Columbia, SC
Subject: “When Jesus Shows Up”
Text: John 20:19-21

3:45 – 4:15 P.M.

Speaker: Leurena Gilbert – Hopewell, VA
Subject: “Fearless Faith and a Purifying Hope”
Text: I John 3:1-3

4:15 – 4:45 P.M.

Speaker: Robert L. Holt – Gary, IN
Subject: “Triumph in Times of Tragedy”
Text: I John 5:1-5

Session Ending Doxology
DINNER BREAK



The “John Henry Clay” Wednesday Evening Vesper Service

REGENCY BALLROOM

Moderator: Walter Maxwell – Roosevelt, NY

6:30 – 7:00 P.M.

Devotional Period: Chris Turner – Burlington, NJ

7:00 – 7:45 P.M.

“A Call to Conscious” – Open Forum Discussion
“A Biblical Response to LGBT Marriage Legislation”

PANELISTS:

Edward Keyton – Leroy Butler – Dr. R. C. Wells – Dr. Billy C. Curl

7:45 – 8:15 P.M.

Choral Singing

8:15 – 8:30 P.M.

“Dr. John Henry Clay – A Sketch in Brief” by Dr. James Maxwell

8:30 – 9:00 P.M.

Speaker: Samuel Pounds – Winter Haven, FL
Subject: “The Witness of God and the Testimony of Men”
Text: I John 5:9-12

9:00 – 9:30 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. Lovell C. Hayes – Jackson, TN
Subject: “Christian Certainties in a Secular Society”
Text: I John 5:13-15

9:30 – 10:00 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. W. F. Washington – Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Subject: “If I be Lifted Up”
Text: John 12:32

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Churches of Christ 71st Annual National Lectureship Program – April 9, 2015

“Celebrating the Covenant” – Expositions from the Johannine Christology

8:30 – 8:45 A.M. Thursday Morning Devotional Session – Regency Ballroom
Session Moderator: Dr. R. C. Wells – New York, NY

9:00 – 10:00 A.M. **“A Call to Conscious” – Open Forum Discussion**
“A Biblical Response to Church Discipline and Member Withdrawal”

- Scriptural Procedures for Withdrawing From the Disorderly
- Scriptural Procedures for Establishing a New Congregation
- Should Fellow Congregations Honor a Letter of Withdrawal?
- Scriptural Procedures for Restoring Those Who Have Been Withdrawn From

PANELISTS: Dr. W. F. Washington – Dr. Carl C. Baccus – Joseph H. Brown – Dr. Billy C. Curl

The “Levi Kennedy, Jr.” Thursday Morning Lyceum Session

High Noon Chapel Theme: “Never Forget What God Remembers”

REGENCY BALLROOM

Moderator: Willie Lee II – Staten Island, NY

10:00 – 10:30 A.M.

Speaker: Dallas A. Walker, Jr. – Detroit, MI
Subject: “By This Shall All Men Know”
Text: John 13:34, 35

10:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Speaker: Willie L. Rupert, Jr. – Baltimore, MD
Subject: “A Word for the Weary”
Text: John 14:1-3

11:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Speaker: Ralph P. Smith – East St. Louis, IL
Subject: “The Promise of His Abiding Presence”
Text: I John 2:24-27

11:30 – 12:00 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. Gerald E. Lee – Pearland, TX
Subject: “When You Fail to Fellowship”
Text: John 20:24-28

“HIGH NOON CHAPEL”

12:00 – 12:30 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. Shelton T. W. Gibbs, III – Dallas, TX
Subject: “Two Words At the End”
Text: John 19:28-30

Session Ending Doxology
LUNCH BREAK



***** FREE TIME TO EXPLORE THE WINDY CITY *****

Churches of Christ 71st Annual National Lectureship Women's Division Program

"Celebrating the Connection"

Monday, April 6, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Mistress of Ceremony – Sister Gladys Turner
Monroe Street Church of Christ – Chicago, IL

Opening Devotion:

Hymns and Spiritual Songs Sister Hope Holt
East Glen Park Church of Christ – Gary, IN

Reading of the Sacred Scripture Sister Marva Thompson
North Broadway Church of Christ – Mount Clemens, MI

Prayer of Meditation Sister Deloris R. Ghant
Maywood Church of Christ – Maywood, IL

Welcome Sister Brenda J. Penn
Robbins Church of Christ – Robbins, IL

Blessings of Sisterhood: A Few Thoughts Sister Frances Harrison
Chatham-Avalon Church of Christ – Chicago, IL

Hymns and Spiritual Songs Sister Hope Holt
East Glen Park Church of Christ – Gary, IN

Introduction of Speaker Sister Doris Dansby
Russell Road Church of Christ – Shreveport, LA

"What's A Mother to Do?" (John 2:1-12; John 19:16-30)
Sister Jarilyn Fox – Greenville Avenue Church of Christ – Dallas, TX

"Celebrating the Connection" Sister Helen Rose Curtis
Stop Six Church of Christ – Fort Worth, TX
"Remembering Our Great Christian Heritage"

Hymns and Spiritual Songs Sister Hope Holt
East Glen Park Church of Christ – Gary, IN

Introduction of Speaker Sister Lynette O'Neal
Chatham-Avalon Church of Christ – Chicago, IL

"The Conversation at the Well" (John 4:1-42)
Sister Mary Curl – Crenshaw Church of Christ – Los Angeles, CA

Door Prizes

Closing Remarks and Announcements

Song of Celebration

Prayer of Consolation Sister Irene Nichols
Sheldon Heights Church of Christ – Chicago, IL

Churches of Christ 71st Annual National Lectureship Women's Division Program

"Celebrating the Connection"

Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Mistress of Ceremony – Sister Sandra Smith
Colonial Village Church of Christ – Chicago, IL

Opening Devotion:

Hymns and Spiritual Songs Sister Edna Burrell
North Lake Church of Christ – Gary, IN

Reading of the Sacred Scripture Sister Sandra Atwater
North Shore Church of Christ – Waukegan, IL

Prayer of Meditation Sister Deborah Jones
87th Street Church of Christ – Chicago, IL

The Occasion Emphasis Sister Brenda J. Penn
Robbins Church of Christ – Robbins, IL

Hymns and Spiritual Songs Sister Edna Burrell
North Lake Church of Christ – Gary, IN

Introduction of Speaker Sister Karen Brewington
Eastside Church of Christ – Pontiac, MI

"Accepted and Not Rejected" (John 7:53; John 8:11)
Sister Wendy Birt – Glass City Church of Christ – Toledo, OH

"Celebrating the Connection" Sister Helen Rose Curtis
Stop Six Church of Christ – Fort Worth, TX
"A Special Tribute to Sister Frances Harrison"

Hymns and Spiritual Songs Sister Edna Burrell
North Lake Church of Christ – Gary, IN

Introduction of Speaker Sister Daisy L. Lewis
Robbins Church of Christ – Robbins, IL

"The Gift of Life" (John 11:1-53)
Sister Brenda Jones – Boulevard Church of Christ – Memphis, TN

Door Prizes

Closing Remarks and Announcements

Song of Celebration

Prayer of Consolation Sister Toni K. Lewis
Robbins Church of Christ – Robbins, IL

Churches of Christ 71st Annual National Lectureship Women's Division Program "Celebrating the Connection"

Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 12:00 – 2:30 P.M.

**Mistress of Ceremony – Sister Tricina Quinn
Robbins Church of Christ – Robbins, IL**

Opening Devotion:

Hymns and Spiritual Songs Sister Deborah Walker
Harvey Church of Christ – Harvey, IL

Reading of the Sacred Scripture Sister Gwendolyn E. Matten
Robbins Church of Christ – Robbins, IL

Prayer of Meditation Sister Felecia Caruthers
Carver Road Church of Christ – Winston-Salem, NC

Our Purpose As We Move Forward Sister Brenda J. Penn
Robbins Church of Christ – Robbins, IL

Hymns and Spiritual Songs Sister Deborah Walker
Harvey Church of Christ – Harvey, IL

Introduction of Speaker Sister Celeste Rupert
Central Church of Christ – Baltimore, MD

"The Promise of the Spirit's Abiding Presence" (John 14:15-17)
Dr. Deborah Houston – North Greece Road Church of Christ – Rochester, NY

"Celebrating the Connection" Sister Brenda J. Penn – Sister Brenda L. Gilbert
"An Interactive Moment to Connect Sisters to Christ and to Each Other"

Hymns and Spiritual Songs Sister Deborah Walker
Harvey Church of Christ – Harvey, IL

Prayer of Affirmation Sister Patricia Holly
Norris Road Church of Christ – Memphis, TN

"Lunch is Served"

"Presentations to the Speakers"

Door Prizes

Closing Remarks and Announcements

Song of Celebration

Prayer of Consolation Sister Joan Leach
Austin Church of Christ – Chicago, IL

Women's Division Luncheon Dedicated to Sister Frances Harrison

“The Sister with Unbroken Promises”



Sister Frances Harrison, affectionately known as “Fran” was born in the city of Valdosta, Georgia. Valdosta is known for its rich soil and the Christian values that Fran possess. The people in Valdosta speak very highly of her. They describe her as the epitome of a Christian woman and a gentle spirit. She received the sacrament of baptism at the age of twelve. That was her first “vow to God” and a promise she has never broken. As a result, Frances is often personified as a “bridge over troubled waters” and steadies herself for others to cross to their spiritual threshold. It is because of her dedication and devotion on behalf of the Savior, that she has enriched the lives of countless others and stands as a beacon of unfaltering faith. Our Sister in Christ, Frances Harrison, has provided encouragement and brought numerous souls to the Lord.

Fran's vow to assist others has inspired her in an upward bound direction ever since. For example, while in high school she earned a license from Pinevale School of Cosmetology. Through her unwavering courage and determination, she became the first female attendant for Harrington Funeral Home. She later became a Dental Assistant to a doctor of dental surgery. Soon after, she assisted others in managing funds as a bank teller. Furthermore, she became compassionate in saving lives by becoming a Respiratory Therapist as well as a State of Illinois certified elementary teacher.

Recognizing her God-given gift for nurturing children, she became proprietor of Faith Developmental Center, a certified daycare facility with over one-hundred children from ages two through kindergarten. Frances is also a devout supporter of Christian Education. She has invested immeasurable time and effort on behalf of Southwestern Christian College (SwCC), an institution that is dear to her heart.

On June 1, 1964, Frances married the love of her life; a man of whom she had never dated. That love of her life is Dr. Daniel Harrison, Senior Minister of Chatham-Avalon Church of Christ, Director of the National Crusade for Christ, life-long educator, and a great servant of God. Due to the fact that she married Christ “first” and lived a Christian life, it has worked out wonderfully for them. Through this matrimony two sons were born; Darrell and Dexter. This loving couple celebrated their “Golden Wedding Anniversary” in a royal way on June 1, 2014. Let it be understood with crystal clarity that Frances’ vow to her Lord, to her husband, and to her children has never been broken!

**“Give her of the fruit of her hands;
and let her own works praise her in the gates”**

(Proverbs 31:31 KJV)

The Churches of Christ 71st Annual National Lectureship Salutes and Acknowledges

**Dr. W. F. Washington, Ministering Evangelist
New Golden Heights Church of Christ
Fort Lauderdale, Florida**



Recipient of the Churches of Christ Twenty-First Century “Defender of the Faith” Award

Dr. W. F. Washington, Sr., is one of the most respected and sought after gospel preachers among the Church of Christ. His clear presentation of the “good news” is unmatched in its plainness, persuasiveness, and power. His voice can be heard on radio, television, worldwide internet, and from pulpits all across America and the world. To date, Dr. Washington has baptized more individuals into the visible kingdom than any other Evangelist in the twenty-first century. The Churches of Christ Annual National Lectureship salutes Dr. W. F. Washington for his undying dedication to the King Eternal and for his prophetic proclamation of the gospel message.

“Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us”

Legends of the Past in the African American Church of Christ



**Dr. Richard Nathaniel Hogan
(1902-1997)**

**Figueroa Church of Christ
Los Angeles, California**



Born in Monroe County, Arkansas. Dr. Richard Nathaniel Hogan was the fourth child of Willie and Emma Cathey Hogan. He was born on Sunday morning, November 30, 1902 and named “Nathaniel” in honor of his maternal grandfather Nathan Cathey. After growing up, he later gave himself the name “Richard.” His father died when he was five years old and he went to live with his grandparents Nathan and Frances Cathey. They in turn sent Nathan to live with G. P. Bowser who recognized his keen ability and potential greatness for the ministry. Bowser trained and developed Hogan’s gifts for preaching by having him memorize whole chapters in the Bible. At the age of either 13 or 14, Hogan preached his first sermon while attending Bowser’s school in Silver Point, Tennessee. His subject was entitled, “What Think Ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?” Before long, he gained the reputation as being “The Boy Preacher” as he traveled with Bowser and was frequently referred to as “The Child Evangelist.” By the time Hogan was 17, he had already baptized 70 people.

R. N. Hogan married Maggie Bullock of Columbia, Tennessee, on November 28, 1920. Maggie Bullock was a cousin of Annie Mae Bullock, a.k.a. Tina Turner. To this union three daughters and one son were born; namely, Alberta, Harold, Dorothy, and Margaret who died at an early age. The Hogan family lived in Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, Detroit, and Chicago, during the formative years. While in Detroit, Hogan worked as a plumber, factory worker, and foreman of a paint company. Along with Levi Kennedy, Jr., a distant cousin on the Cathey side of their respective families, R. N. Hogan helped to evangelize the South Side of Chicago and establish the first African-American Church of Christ in 1931. His first full-time ministerial work began in 1932 at Muskogee, Oklahoma where he organized a school for preachers. Among the students were Russell H. Moore, H. H. Gray, J. S. Winston, Walter Weathers, P. E. Walker, Claude Caperton, and Jessie Porter. In a six-year period during the 1930s, Hogan started 50 new congregations and baptized more than 1,500 people.

Dr. R. N. Hogan and George Pepperdine (founder of Pepperdine University) had much in common. They both came to California in 1938 with a mighty vision. Pepperdine wanted to build a college for the Church of Christ and Hogan wanted to establish congregations all over the state of California. God was with them both in their visions and today we see the visible results of these great men who were also good friends in the Lord.

In the year 1937, Dr. Hogan conducted a gospel meeting at 110th & Wilmington Streets. The results were 44 baptisms. In 1938, he returned again to Los Angeles for a gospel meeting which resulted in another 40 baptisms and the beginning of a new congregation at 48th Place and Compton Avenue. He became Minister of this congregation which eventually became known as the Figueroa Church of Christ. With the leadership and dynamic preaching of Hogan, the new congregation grew rapidly. While preaching, Hogan quoted the scriptures prolifically and was widely known as “The Talking Bible.” In the year 1945, the Church moved from Compton Avenue to 4361 McKinley Avenue, a more commodious building. In 1953 when the McKinley Avenue facilities were no longer adequate, the present Figueroa church building was purchased. In the year 1966, another expansion program was initiated which included a new auditorium seating 1500 along with 15 classrooms.

Under Hogan’s leadership, the Figueroa Church of Christ became instrumental in developing several congregations in the area; namely, Myrtle Street in Long Beach; Southside in Los Angeles; Normandie Avenue in Los Angeles; Alondra Avenue in Compton; and Eastside in Los Angeles. R. N. Hogan was also active in fostering other programs, such as the setting up of a Nigerian Foundation for the education of youth in Nigeria, West Africa, unlimited support for Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, and the Los Angeles School of Preaching.

In 1975 Pepperdine University conferred upon Richard Nathaniel Hogan the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters and in 1980 the University honored him at the 37th Annual Bible Lectureship by establishing a ministerial scholarship in his name. In 1987 he was given the University’s highest recognition the “Life Achievement Award” on the opening night of the 44th Annual Bible Lectureship, celebrating Pepperdine’s 50th year. R. N. Hogan served as a member of the Board of Directors for Southwestern Christian College from its inception until his death. Before the death of G. P. Bowser on March 23, 1950, Hogan promised him that he would keep the *Christian Echo* in circulation, which Bowser founded in 1902. He kept this promise many times at great sacrifice. For more than fifty years, R. N. Hogan worked tirelessly over the entire brotherhood for the cause of Christ. He along with his wife Maggie blazed a trail of leadership and development for the Lord’s Church in California, especially at the Figueroa Church of Christ. Because of his great work on behalf of the Lord’s kingdom and the furtherance of Christian education, an honorary doctorate degree was conferred upon Evangelist Richard Nathaniel Hogan by Southwestern Christian College. Dr. R. N. Hogan departed this life on February 22, 1997. His wife, Sister Maggie Hogan preceded him in death on September 29, 1996.

“Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us”

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**Marshall Keeble
(1878-1968)**

**Nashville Christian Institute
Nashville, Tennessee**



Born in Rutherford County, Tennessee. Marshall Keeble was baptized into the body of Christ in the year 1895 under the preaching influence of Preston Taylor. When he was four years of age, his parents Robert and Mittie Keeble moved to Nashville, Tennessee. One of the major influences on the life of young Keeble was S. W. Womack, a pioneer preacher and teacher who along with G. P. Bowser, Alexander Campbell and others, laid the foundation for a Christian school among African Americans. The Womacks were members of the Lea Avenue congregation in Nashville, and next door neighbors to the Keebles. At the age of nineteen, Keeble was united in wedlock with Minnie Womack a graduate of Fisk University and one of the daughters of S. W., and Sally Womack. To this union three children were born. With the literary training of his Christian wife and the spiritual training of his father-in-law, Marshall Keeble became one of the greatest preachers of the gospel since the days of the Apostles.

The very first meeting held by Keeble which resulted in a large number of baptisms occurred in Henderson, Tennessee. Sixty-nine precious souls obeyed the gospel of Christ on this occasion. In 1927, during a meeting in Tampa, Florida, he baptized ninety-nine. At Valdosta, Georgia, in both 1929 and 1930, he baptized one hundred-sixty three in the first gospel meeting and one hundred sixty-six in the second. Although Keeble was praised for his simplicity of preaching, he was often criticized for his passivity on racial issues. One of his secrets for success was his unique ability to obtain financial support from the white brethren. Many have often compared his personal ideology to that of Booker T. Washington and the ideology of G. P. Bowser to that of W. E. B. DuBois, regarding their diverse philosophies towards the educating African Americans. Keeble once acknowledged that Booker T. Washington was his idol and frequently employed Washington's strategy to raise funds from many whites for the benefit of Nashville Christian Institute.

On December 11, 1932 Sister Minnie Womack Keeble passed away at the age of fifty-three. After her death Keeble then married Laura Catherine Johnson of Corinth, Mississippi, on April 3, 1934. Laura Catherine was the sixth child of ten siblings born to Luke and Susan Johnson on August 6, 1898. At the time she married Marshall, Sister Keeble was employed by a widow who tried to encourage her against getting married. When she made the decision to marry Keeble regardless, her employer then insisted on buying her wedding outfit. However, when the day of the wedding arrived, Keeble was nowhere to be found. In a statement later given by Sister Keeble she said, "I didn't know if he decided to come or what." An hour or two after the ceremony was supposed to have begun a friend finally drove him up in a brand new Chevrolet. The car dealer had warned them not to drive over thirty miles per hour until the car was broken in; and that's exactly what they did all the way from Nashville, Tennessee, to Corinth, Mississippi.

In the year 1943, a new chapter opened in the life of Marshall Keeble when he became the first official president of Nashville Christian Institute. Being president of NCI elevated Keeble's influence among African American Christians and it also gave the school credibility among Blacks as well as whites. Without Keeble's name and his ability to raise funds for the school, Nashville Christian Institute would not have survived as long as it did. During his NCI days, wherever Keeble went, he always took his "preacher boys" with him to participate in the services that were well attended by both races in an era of rigid segregation. Many preachers in our brotherhood today were once students of Keeble at Nashville Christian Institute.

Although the formal education of Marshall Keeble was limited, he is credited with baptizing more than 45,000 people and establishing over 200 congregations. No other person in the history of the Restoration Movement has been known to accomplish this feat. He knew how to make incisive points by using simple illustrations from everyday life. In a ministry that spanned over fifty years, he often preached three times on Sunday and each night during the course of a week. He made highly successful preaching trips to Nigeria, West Africa, and was involved in numerous debates where he always defended the Word of God. In several of his debates, he was able to baptize his opponent before the debate was over. Because of his convictions, Keeble's life was threatened on various occasions and threats of bodily harm were made against him.

Having become very weak in the last years of his life due to age and diabetes, Keeble would still get up and dress every morning and patiently wait for his assistant Willie Cato to come and pick him up for work. Because of his failing health and new federal legislation which allowed Blacks to attend white institutions of learning, Keeble announced in the March edition of the *Gospel Advocate* that Nashville Christian Institute would permanently close its doors on June 2, 1967. Finally, one April evening in 1968, the 89 year old Marshall Keeble took a bath, came out and sat down on the couch, nodded his head for the last time and died. Yet, the legacy of Marshall Keeble still lives on in the lives of many whom he touched. There will not be another like him soon, who was blessed to achieve so much with so very little to work with.

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**Dr. Levi Kennedy, Jr.
(1899-1970)**

**Michigan Avenue Church of Christ
Chicago, Illinois**



Born in Hickman County, Tennessee. Levi Kennedy, Jr., was baptized into the body of Christ on September 10, 1921, under the preaching influence of Alonzo Jones. He was the fifth child and third oldest son born to Levi, Sr., and Sarah Alice Anderson Kennedy on December 29, 1899. Levi Kennedy, Jr., was named after his great-grandfather Levi Cathey and his father Levi Albert Kennedy, Sr., a former slave and pioneer gospel preacher. Similar to his father and first cousins Levi [Lee Ghant] Kennedy and Paul D. English, Sr., in addition to his maternal uncle D. M. English, Levi, Jr., became one of the most distinguished and recognized preachers in the rich history of the African American Church of Christ. Kennedy along with R. N. Hogan, J. S. Winston, and G. E. Steward, were co-founders of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, and were commonly referred to as “The Big Four” among Black churches of Christ.

Levi Kennedy, Jr., married Alberta Noveline Delk of Maury County, Tennessee on November 10, 1921. Upon leaving the state of Tennessee in the year 1922, he along with his wife, his eldest daughter, two older brothers and their families, they each relocated to Wheeling, West Virginia. Finding no congregation in Wheeling, he started one in his living room and gave his first talk in the year 1923. At some point during the year 1925, he left this small group consisting of 23 members and relocated to Gary, Indiana, and finally to Chicago, Illinois. It was on the West Side of Chicago at the old Maypole Avenue congregation where he began preaching part time in 1926. To make a living for he and his family, Kennedy sold ice and coal from a wagon pulled by an old gray mare. In time he established a thriving business and was able to purchase a second wagon along with a truck. According to an oral interview once given by Kennedy he stated: “Money was easily made up until 1929 when I went broke during the Depression.”

With the persistence and encouragement of Herbert Anderson, Sr., his maternal uncle, Levi Kennedy, Jr., and fifty members of the old Maypole congregation began the South Side movement of the African American Church of Christ located at 20 West 51st Street on May 21, 1931. In the year 1933, during the height of the Depression, Kennedy said that he faced the most difficult decision of his life when the Church asked him to preach full-time. With five young children at the time, he parked his coal and ice truck and began preaching full-time for only \$5.00 a week. He said that he and his wife made the decision to “trust in the Lord.” When asked how he made it with such meager resources, Kennedy would say, “I didn’t make it, the Lord made it for me... We ate bread and potatoes for breakfast and potatoes and bread for dinner.” R. N. Hogan a distant cousin of the Kennedys, also labored for a period of time with the congregation helping to evangelize the South Side of Chicago. This small group of believers eventually became known throughout the brotherhood as the Michigan Avenue Church of Christ after moving to 6228-30 South Michigan Avenue in the early 1940s.

Due to the involvement of the United States in World War II, it was extremely difficult to obtain resources for building and construction. However, Kennedy did not let this circumstance impede his work for the Lord. A formal letter was drafted to President Franklin D. Roosevelt explaining the plight of the Michigan Avenue congregation. Within a few months a permit was granted by Eleanor Roosevelt allowing the Church to purchase \$5,000.00 worth of building material. The congregation grew from fifty members to well over nine hundred and was by far the largest African American Church of Christ in the entire Midwest until the mid 1960s. The unwritten standard of measurement which determined the success of a preacher in the African American Church of Christ during this period of time was to be called upon to preach for R. N. Hogan at the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles, or Levi Kennedy, Jr., at the Michigan Avenue Church of Christ in Chicago. Once a preacher had accomplished this goal, he was looked upon as having “made it” in the brotherhood.

Let it be said that multiplied thousands were led to the Lord in the United States and abroad by the evangelistic efforts of Levi Kennedy, Jr. He served on the Board of Directors for Southwestern Christian College from its inception until his death. He also served as Chairman of the SwCC Annual Lectureship Program, Chairman of the Annual National Lectureship among African American churches of Christ, and President of the Living Endowment Association of Southwestern Christian College. In October 1962, Kennedy went to Ukpom, Nigeria, West Africa, to preach for one month. In Nigeria, he preached from five to six sermons daily, baptizing six hundred-fifty persons and establishing twenty-seven congregations. He made a second trip to Nigeria in the year 1965.

In summation, Evangelist Levi Kennedy, Jr., was without question a preacher “par excellence.” He departed this life on December 30, 1970, after experiencing no less than twelve operations. Because of his dedication to Christ and commitment to Christian education, an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters was conferred upon him posthumously by Southwestern Christian College in the year 1986. His wife Alberta Noveline Kennedy passed away on August 14, 2002.

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**George Philip Bowser
(1874-1950)**

**Founder of “The Christian Echo”
Detroit, Michigan**



Born in Maury County, Tennessee. G. P. Bowser was born on February 17, 1874. He was the son of Thomas and Charity Bowser and grandson of Frank Sowell; a highly respected pioneer preacher of the Maury County community. It was Frank Sowell who solemnized the marriage rites between Nathan George, the great-grandfather of Levi Kennedy, Jr., and his second wife Annie Wayneright on January 1, 1891. When Bowser was just three years old his family relocated to Nashville, Tennessee, where he received his formal education in the Methodist tradition. He joined the Methodist Church at the age of fifteen and was licensed to exhort or make talks at the age of eighteen. He studied diligently at Walden University mastering five languages: Greek, Hebrew, French, German, and Latin. Bowser once stated that upon careful examination of the scriptures, he soon realized that he was not a Christian. In the process of time he met and studied with Samuel Davis, another pioneer preacher and former slave of the Nashville area. It was Davis who enlightened him further concerning New Testament doctrine and who baptized him into the body of Christ in the year 1896.

G. P. Bowser married Francis (Fannie) Rebecca Billups in November of 1896. Seven girls and one boy were born to this union; one of whom was Thelma Holt, mother of G. P. Holt. Although he was already a great preacher whose literary and language skills exceeded his contemporaries, Bowser turned his attention towards two great needs among African American Christians: 1) a Christian journal and 2) a school for Black members of the Church of Christ. With the knowledge he had previously acquired as a printer, at twenty-eight years of age Bowser established *The Christian Echo* in 1902, of which he served as editor and publisher. The *Christian Echo* arguably holds the unique distinction of being the first widely circulated religious periodical published among African American churches of Christ.

Few Blacks at the turn of the century gave serious attention to attending school with the whites, but as G. P. Bowser pointed out, Blacks looked with awe on white Christian schools and were ashamed to realize that nothing had been done for them. In October 1906, a meeting was called in Nashville to consider the issue. It was then decided to begin a school at the Jackson Street Church of Christ. This school was to become known as the “Nashville Normal, Industrial and Orphan School.” As events developed, the school opened January 8, 1907, with seventeen students. While using the Bible as a textbook, the school sought to meet all the requirements of a “Normal” institution. By mid-October 1909, the Jackson Street school was moved to Silver Point, Tennessee, seventy-five miles east of Nashville on the Tennessee Central Railroad. Bowser later said, “Beginning with nothing save determination, we bargained for about ten acres of ground,” which they obtained for \$250.00 and on this land they erected a two-story frame building. G. P. Bowser and Miss P. H. Womack, another daughter of S. W. Womack, were the teachers. Bowser also served as the school's president. From the nine students who enrolled the first term at the Silver Point Christian Institute, the school grew to sixty-three by 1915, and reported its most prosperous year as 1913. Bowser gave himself unselfishly to the institution until the commencement exercises April 11, 1918, when he resigned as president; much to the dismay and surprise of many friends. By the year 1920 according to many, the school was in a serious financial dilemma and had no alternative but to close.

The Bowsers later relocated to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he continued his evangelistic work and publishing of the *Christian Echo*. In 1938, Bowser opened the Bowser Christian Institute, forerunner of Southwestern Christian College now located in Terrell, Texas, where the students earned their board by working in the print shop where the *Echo* was produced as a bi-monthly journal. The subscription rate was \$1.00 per year or \$.50 for six months. The co-editors were R. N. Hogan and G. P. Holt. The staff writers were Levi Kennedy, Jr., J. S. Winston, G. E. Steward, R. F. Nunley, T. H. Busby, Annie C. Tuggle, and E. D. Phillips. Among the students who attended the Bowser Christian Institute were G. P. Holt, a grandson of Bowser, Preston Grey, L. H. Alexander, James Stewart, Samuel Melton, H. E. Mitchell, and Lemmie Cooper. Also associated with the Bowser Christian Institute were four men who became national preachers in the African American Church of Christ; these men were Levi Kennedy, Jr., R. N. Hogan, J. S. Winston, and G. E. Steward.

After the closing of the Fort Smith school, Bowser moved to Detroit, Michigan. It was in Detroit, where his wife Sister Fannie R. Bowser passed away on June 6, 1947. However, Bowser's dream of establishing a permanent school for Black Christians continued and during the fall of 1948, a school began operating at the Lake Como Church of Christ. This school was named the Southern Bible Institute with J. S. Winston as its first president. Due to its overall success, a search was made for larger facilities. The Texas Military School in Terrell, Texas, was then purchased but it could not officially open as Southwestern Christian College until September of 1950. Although G. P. Bowser never witnessed Southwestern in operation as a Christian College, he was able to visit the campus before his death on March 23, 1950. G. P. Bowser has rightfully been acknowledged as the “Father of Christian Education” among Black churches of Christ.

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**Dr. John Henry Clay, Sr.
(1920-2005)**

**Altadena Church of Christ
Altadena, California**



Born in Lafayette, Louisiana. John Henry Clay was born June 24, 1920. He was baptized into the body of Christ at the age of eighteen as a result of the preaching influence of Marshall Keeble. Two months short of his twentieth birthday on April 1, 1940, he married Miss Sadie Fontenot in Hobbs, New Mexico. Having initially traveled with Luke Miller in order to refine his ministerial skills, Clay later worked extensively with his mentor Marshall Keeble.

It was in Hobbs, New Mexico where Clay began his first work. His salary was a meager \$7.00 a week, so he and his family relocated to Texas. In the early years of his preaching career Clay suffered many trials and hardships. Many times he held month-long gospel meetings only to be compensated with a few chickens and other perishable food items. Often during meetings he would stay in the homes of non-Christians. During this era of “Jim Crow” (racial segregation) African Americans were prohibited from utilizing hotel facilities unless they were employed to cook and clean. On many occasions Clay would find himself in the cotton fields working alongside of others, sharing the gospel message and inviting them to the meeting services. Many precious souls were led to Christ by John Henry Clay because of his unique “cotton fields” experiences.

Clay preached throughout the entire continental United States; from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific coast including Belize, Central America; Guyana, South America, South Africa, Kenya, and Nigeria, West Africa. People would actually walk three days just to hear the preacher they called “The Old Man.” However, it is believed that his most productive ministry took place in Alabama, where he survived several confrontations with the Ku Klux Klan by the grace and providence of the Almighty God. John Henry Clay was known to have baptized more than a hundred people during a single meeting, with a record of over two-hundred baptized in a meeting once held in Clanton, Alabama. In the year 1950, he moved to California, preaching in the Oakland and Pasadena area. He established the Altadena Church of Christ in 1967, and this remained his home congregation for the rest of his earthly life.

In 1988, his beloved wife Sadie passed away following a long extended illness. Shortly afterwards, the congregation in Guntersville, Alabama, encouraged him to serve as their missionary in the Guntersville vicinity. Consequently, every year for six months, he would return to Alabama and travel throughout the area singing and preaching. Although the Guntersville congregation supported his ministry financially, Dr. John Henry Clay had support from a personal business venture. While in Pasadena, California, he opened a fast food restaurant which proved to be extremely successful. His family operated the business while he was away engaged in meetings.

Sometime during the year 1994, John Henry Clay went to Moultrie, Georgia, to hold a tent meeting. While in Moultrie, a young lady 34 years younger desired to go door-knocking with him. After much insistence, she ended up assisting him, bringing along umbrellas and water to protect him from the humidity of a hot Georgia summer. Six months later they were married and continued working together until his death in the year 2005. Throughout his sixty-nine years of preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ, Dr. Clay baptized well over 10,000 people and established more than fifty 50 congregations. His trademark song before every sermon was: “He loved me so... He gave His life a ransom just because He loved me so.” In recognition of his work and life-long achievements, Pepperdine University awarded him a Distinguished Christian Service Award while Southwestern Christian College conferred upon him an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

On August 12, 2005, Dr. John Henry Clay, evangelist extraordinaire and articulate ambassador for the Church of Christ, he was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California. It is somewhat ironic and yet befitting that as much as Dr. Clay loved singing, he was laid to rest within the same proximity of the legendary Sam Cooke. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Deborah; one daughter, Pearl; a son, John, Jr.; a daughter in-law Beverly; two grandsons, John III and Joaquin; one great-grandson, Joaquin, Jr.; one brother, Ambrose W. J. Clay; one sister in-law, Minnie; a great galaxy of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and “the entire brotherhood.”

Having mentored and served as a “father in the faith” to many present day gospel preachers, one of the most notable being Dr. W. F. Washington, Minister of the New Golden Heights Church of Christ in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, let it be said without fear of successful contradiction, that to remember this great “Warrior of the Word” is to indeed remember a life that demonstrated his firm belief that... “God loved him so.”

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**Samuel Robert Cassius
(1853-1931)**

**An Unsung Hero of Black Education
Logan County, Oklahoma**



Born in Virginia to the bi-racial union of a slave mother named Jane and a white physician owner named James W. F. Macrae. His father/owner was a cousin of General Robert E. Lee and it was Lee who later purchased Cassius along with his mother when he was seven (7) years of age to keep them from being sold to an outsider. Because his mother was fundamentally literate, she taught Cassius how to read and write using a "John Comly Speller." During the Civil War, Cassius and his mother relocated to Washington, D. C., where he enrolled in the first school for black children in the nation's capital; subsequently becoming the first African American male to finish high school there.

In this school, young Samuel encountered a white school teacher from Connecticut, named Frances W. Perkins, who inspired his appetite for knowledge, steered him toward the ministry, and encouraged him to teach in his adult years. While residing in Washington, D. C., Samuel Robert Cassius shook hands with President Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and a host of other black and white dignitaries.

In the year 1874, Cassius married Effie Festus-Basil in Washington, D.C., and shortly thereafter the family relocated to Brazil, Indiana, where he toiled as a coal-miner; became a member of the Church of Christ (known as the Stone-Campbell Movement or Restoration Movement) and began his ministry. In 1891, Cassius, driven by a religious impulse as well as a desire for economic advancement, took up residence in the Logan County Iowa Tribal Lands of Oklahoma Territory, where he lived until 1922. It was in Logan County that he worked as a preacher, educator, farmer, entrepreneur, postmaster, and politician. In a letter written from Tohee, Oklahoma, dated November 20, 1893, Cassius seeks contributions for a "house of worship," stating that "the logs are cut, the land is donated, but it takes money to build the house." Cassius fathered eleven (11) children with his first wife Effie who died in 1895, and twelve (12) with his second wife, Selina Daisy Flenoid, who he married on May 10, 1897 at the church near Tohee.

In a document dated March 14, 1898, Cassius again solicits funds, but this time for the "Tohee Industrial School." This vision took shape from his own struggle to obtain an education but finding himself without a trade. Cassius was also highly influenced by Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee Institute, where he would later send his own son, Amos Lincoln Cassius (1890-1982). "Two years ago," Cassius wrote in 1899, "I began this work and I have now completed a good building which is free from debt. But I still need books, maps, black boards, charts, and one or two helpers before I can begin work." That the school building was "free from debt" was probably a result of the numerous mortgages Cassius used his own land to secure, his continued fundraising, and the sale of garden seed and other produce from his farm.

Regarding the school, Cassius wrote: "We will teach trades of as many kinds as my means will allow. We will also teach as many branches of practical education as possible. Agriculture will also play an important factor in the support of the school. And best of all, there will be a night-school system for the benefit of grown persons." During a fundraising tour to Saint Louis, Missouri, on August 20, 1900, Cassius wrote: "Three years ago I began this work (the school), feeling that such a work was needed among the thousands of colored people who have settled in Oklahoma. I received \$465.00 with which I built a building that will accommodate about 150 children."

Not limiting his energies to the church and school, Cassius was appointed postmaster of Tohee on July 13, 1897, and served until the post office closed on January 31, 1906. Samuel R. Cassius lost his entire personal library in a fire sometime before 1910. Yet, he continued to occupy the land in Tohee with a postal address on Route 2, Meridian, until he moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma, in 1917. During this time in Oklahoma, Cassius became known by whites as a "Father of Christianity" among his people and continued to travel throughout Oklahoma and the United States as "The Colored Evangelist."

In 1920 Cassius published *The Third Birth of a Nation*, a response and denunciation to Thomas Dixon's 1905 racist novel *The Clansman* and D. W. Griffith's 1915 inflammatory movie entitled "*Birth of a Nation*." It was his hope that his study and experiences would lead to the awakening of a new thought concerning the "race problem" that still troubles our country. Cassius reissued his book in 1925. From 1922 until 1925, Cassius lived and preached temporarily in Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, and California, before settling in 1926 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he died on August 10, 1931. The last line of his obituary notes that "The race has lost a leader, Christianity a friend, and the family a husband and father."

Although the "Tohee Industrial School" is now lost to time, the legacy and contributions of Samuel Robert Cassius on behalf of education is currently being revisited by many scholars and churches he helped to build. His school was not only a pioneering work towards black education in the Oklahoma Territory, but it was the initial spark that led to the establishment in 1897 of "The Colored Agricultural and Normal University" (now Langston University) in Langston, Oklahoma.

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Dr. W. F. Washington
International Evangelist

New Golden Heights Church of Christ
Fort Lauderdale, Florida



Dr. W. F. Washington, Sr. is one the most respected and sought after gospel preachers among churches of Christ today. His clear presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ is heard on radio, television, from pulpits throughout America, and across the vast continent. He is a renowned Conflict Resolution and Management Consultant for congregations who, from time to time, may experience church conflict.

Dr. Washington's full-time ministry began in Texas. As a sophomore in college, he served as Minister of the Westside Church of Christ in Marshall, Texas. Upon graduation from college and as full-time preacher, he also worked as Assistant Principal for Administration at Pemberton High School in Marshall. Commensurate with his ministry in Marshall, he was employed by Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, as Dean of Students at 23 years of age. He was selected by the America Personnel Association as the youngest Dean of Students in American universities and colleges.

Today, Dr. Washington is the full-time minister of the New Golden Heights Church of Christ where he has preached for 34 years – and he is still going strong. When Dr. Washington arrived in Fort Lauderdale in 1974, he led 125 members who met in a small back street church building located on 15th Court to a three million dollar, two thousand seat sanctuary with a total membership of more than 4,500. The church meets in their modern Roman/Gothic style building on Martin Luther King Boulevard in Lauderdale Lakes, Florida.

Under the leadership of Dr. Washington, the “Heights” is considered as one of the largest and fastest growing African-American churches in Broward County, Florida. Dr. Washington is a respected leader among Ministers of faith, city, county, State, and national elected officials. His steadfast commitment to evangelism and cultural empowerment is demonstrated in the organizations he has founded such as the Golden Heights Multi-Crisis Center in 1991 and Golden Heights Christian Academy in 1992. The “Heights” has over 16 outreach ministries. Their “Feeding the Hungry” ministry feeds and clothes over 3,000 homeless persons each year.

His radio and television outreach ministries began in 1974 where he began his radio ministry on WRBD radio. During that time he was selected twice as “Minister of the Year.” Dr. Washington can be seen on his weekly television broadcast on the CBS Network of Miami. The “Heights” also has two regular weekly radio programs.

Dr. W. F. Washington earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science with an emphasis in History and Western Civilization from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas; thirty (30) Master Degree hours in Criminology and Contemporary Corrections from Sam Houston State University, and a Ph.D., in Behavioral Psychology, from National Christian University. In the year 2003, Dr. Washington was bestowed the Doctorate of Humane Letters from Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Beta, Mississippi.

Dr. Washington is also an author of several publications. His most recent are: *Journey to Canaan* (2003 best seller); and *Church Growth, Church Health, and Church Administration* (2006). Dr. W. F. Washington has also published several other works including: *Can You Run With Horses*; *The Church on a Collision Course*; *Is God Black?*; *When You Have Lost a Loved One*; *The Christian and Stress*; *The Christian and Depression*; and *Instant Replay: An Anthology on Abortion*.

Born and raised in the city of Valdosta, Georgia, Washington traveled as a young preacher and singer with some of God's greatest gospel preachers. Men such as John Henry Clay (his father in the Gospel), Ulysses Shields, Marshall Keeble, Luke Miller, V. E. Williamson, James L Cothran, William Whitaker, and David Shanks.

Dr. Washington is married to the former Deloris Dixon of Hallsville, Texas, and they have four (4) children: Willie, Jr., Antonio, MarQuite', and Soncyarai; three (3) grandchildren: Arielle, Gabrielle, and Nevaeh; one (1) daughter-in law, Niermala; and two (2) sons in-law, Orpheus and Daryl.

Dr. Washington's purpose in life is to glorify God and His Son Jesus Christ in the fulfillment of His mission on earth and to continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and in prayer. He is confidently awaiting the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Dr. Roosevelt C. Wells
International Evangelist

Harlem Church of Christ
New York City, New York



Dr. R. C. Wells, International Evangelist and Minister Emeritus of the Harlem Church of Christ in New York City, New York, considers himself blessed by God to have been granted the privilege of experiencing and fulfilling his life long dreams. First and foremost, being an Evangelist of Jesus Christ. Secondly, having been able to travel around the world. Dr. R. C. Wells began his ministerial career at the age of ten (10) at his home congregation, the Eighth Street Church of Christ, in Waco, Texas. Dr. Wells has been extremely blessed by being associated with “the Church,” the Church of Christ, practically all of his life and becoming a member of “the Church” at the age of nine (9). His mother, Nora Mae Fisher Wells, his grandparents and almost all of his relatives on his mother’s side, were and are still members of “the Church.” Having grown up in “the Church,” Wells listened to and was exposed to the great gospel preachers of the twentieth century both locally and nationally.

Through his association with these preachers he gained inspiration and encouragement; but most specifically by Dr. R. N. Hogan of Los Angeles, California, as he held an evangelistic tent meeting in the city of Waco, Texas, where Wells grew up. Dr. Wells still treasures the blessings he enjoyed for having been the reader for Dr. Hogan during his pre-teen and teenage years. With Dr. Hogan as his mentor and role model, Wells always promised that he would become a preacher just like him (an impossibility of course – however a man’s reach must exceed his grasp), or at least a preacher to the best of his ability.

Dr. R. C. Wells is a product of the Waco Public School system, having attended South Waco Public School and A. J. Moore High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society of American Schools. In his ninth year of school, he was privileged to become a student at the Nashville Christian Institute (NCI) in Nashville, Tennessee, under the tutelage of the renowned Marshall Keeble. Unfortunately, Dr. Wells was not privileged to graduate from Nashville Christian Institute; he returned home due to illness in order to give much needed support to his mother and to assist his family. He thereby graduated from A. J. Moore High School in Waco, Texas.

The educational dossier of R. C. Wells consists of many schools of matriculation in both religion and theology. He holds six (6) advanced academic degrees: AA; BRE; BTH; MRE; MTH and THD from the following schools: Southwestern Christian College, Midwestern Theological Seminary, and Temple Theological Seminary. In addition, he holds three honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees. Furthermore, he has studied law at the Paralegal Institute, the Blackstone School of Law, and the Atlanta Law School. He also did an apprenticeship with the firm of Hill and Hill in Harlem, New York City, New York. He has served as a college professor at Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, and Northeastern Christian College in Villanova, Pennsylvania.

Dr. R. C. Wells is truly “set for the defense of the gospel of Christ.” He has consistently and repeatedly in his teaching, preaching and writing, made it irrefutably clear that he is not “ashamed of the gospel of Christ.” He is willing to say it, he is willing to preach it, he is willing to write it, he is willing to publicly debate it, he is willing to suffer for it, and willing if need be... to die for it. He has served local congregations in Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Pontiac, Michigan; and New York City, New York, where he currently serves as Minister Emeritus and Chairman of missions, both domestic and foreign. During his tenure with the Harlem Church of Christ, foreign mission works have been established in Africa, India, and in New York State. He has traveled around the world twice, preaching in 43 states of the United States and in eighteen (18) nations of the world on five (5) continents.

Dr. Wells has written multiple tracts and several books which include: *And Ye Shall Know the Truth; I Shall Not Be Moved; Preacher, I Have a Question; Somebody Ought to Say Amen; Are You Worshipping God In Vain?; I’m Different Because;* and *Corruptive Contrary Winds: Human-isms*. Dr. Roosevelt C. Wells has been married to the former Dorothy Carpenter for 53 years. They are the parents of three (3) children, three (3) grandchildren and three (3) great-grandchildren.

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Dr. Eugene Lawton
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Dr. Eugene Lawton is a native of St. Petersburg, Florida. He was baptized into the body of Christ under the preaching influence of S. J. Dudley and began preaching the gospel as a student at Southwestern Christian College. His academic credentials include an Associate of Arts degree from Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas; a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Pepperdine University in Los Angeles, California; advanced post graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey; and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana.

Dr. Eugene Lawton has been preaching the gospel for over fifty-three (53) years and his experiences are numerous. He served with distinction as Minister of the East 7th Street Church of Christ in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from 1959-1961 and he has served as Minister of the Newark Church of Christ in Newark, New Jersey, for 43 (forty-three) years. He worked as a field representative for Southwestern Christian College from 1961-63. He was the Academic Dean of Southwestern Christian College from 1969-1971, and he is presently a member of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Christian College.

As an accomplished writer, Dr. Eugene Lawton has written articles in several national publications. He is the author of four (4) books of sermons: *Let Me Sound My Trumpet*; *Come Out With Your Hands Up*; *Fasten Your Seatbelts*, and *Can I Preach A Little?*

In 1978, the Newark Church of Christ for the first time was among the twenty-four (24) congregations that baptized one hundred (100) or more persons into Christ. Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Eugene Lawton, the Newark Church of Christ in Newark, New Jersey, continues to be a rapid growing congregation with over 2,752 persons having been baptized into Christ during his ministry. God has indeed smiled on this great church.

Dr. Lawton has been preaching on the “Liberation Hour,” a weekly radio program for thirty-four (34) years and he has been preaching on cable television for fifteen (15) years. Both programs have been instrumental in baptizing some 160 persons. He is the founder of the Northeastern Youth Conference which is attended by 1200 to 1300 young people and adults in Newark annually. He has been directing this conference for forty (40) years.

Dr. Eugene Lawton is perpetually busy speaking on National Lectureships, College Lectureships, National Youth Conferences, and conducting Gospel Meetings and Evangelism Seminars from the Gulf to the Great Lakes, and from the sunny shores of California to the skyscrapers of New York City. He is married to the former Diane Trone and they have three (3) children: Fitzgerald, Cedric, and Kathleen; in addition to four (4) grandchildren.

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Dr. Robert M. Woods
International Evangelist
Monroe Street Church of Christ
Chicago, Illinois



Dr. Robert Matthew Woods is a native of Gallatin, Tennessee. He is the only son of five (5) children born to Herk and Susie Woods. Each of his four (4) sisters, Amanda, Mymie, Lottie, and Elsie, including his parents are deceased. At the age of eleven (11), Robert M. Woods was enrolled in the Nashville Christian Institute in Nashville, Tennessee, where the internationally acclaimed Marshall Keeble served as president. Dr. Woods was baptized into the body of Christ under the preaching influence of A. C. Holt and preached his first sermon at the age of eleven (11). He then began to travel with Brother Keeble as one of his featured “boy preachers.”

In 1949, Woods graduated from Nashville Christian Institute and moved back to Gallatin, Tennessee, where he became the Minister of his home congregation. In the year 1952, Dr. Robert M. Woods married the late Anna Holladay and moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he became Minister of the old Maypole Avenue Church of Christ following Jesse Pace. The old Maypole Avenue Church of Christ, then located at 1903 West Maypole Avenue on the West Side of Chicago, Illinois, is the “Mother Church” among blacks and whites in the city of Chicago. It was established in the spring of 1917 with the assistance of G. P. Bowser in the home of J. T. Daniels of Nashville, Tennessee. Brother and Sister Daniels came to Chicago in 1916 to better their economic status, but there was no Church of Christ among either race to be found. Daniels also began a successful grocery business in addition to selling coal and ice. It was also during this time that Levi Kennedy, Jr., worked for Daniels in his business.

Within a short period of time, the congregation moved from the Daniels' home to a funeral parlor located on Lake Street. The members later purchased a two unit apartment building located at 2538 West Maypole Avenue; thus deriving the name: “The Maypole Avenue Church of Christ.” This was a frame building with living quarters upstairs and the first floor converted into a place for worship. It was at the Maypole Avenue Church of Christ where Levi Kennedy, Jr., preached his first sermon in Chicago, Illinois, during the year 1926.

In the year 1957 under the leadership of Dr. Woods, the congregation relocated to Claremont Avenue on the near North Side of the city. The Lawndale Avenue Church of Christ was formed as a mission work from this group and in 1965, the congregation moved once again to its present location at 3300 West Monroe Street. In 1965, the Monroe Street Church of Christ hosted the last National Youth Conference to be conducted in a church building. Furthermore, the idea of the National Crusade for Christ originated at the Monroe Street Church of Christ in 1978.

On August 26, 1988, the Monroe Street church building experienced a devastating fire and it appeared that the congregation would have to relocate for a fourth time. However, through much prayer and perseverance, the facility was restored within thirteen (13) months and a half million dollar effort. Today, the Monroe Street church building stands as a testimony of faith on the registry of Chicago historical landmarks.

Dr. Robert M. Woods served as Senior Minister of the Monroe Street Church of Christ for forty (40) years. He was appointed in 1965, as the first teacher of the United Men's and Ladies Bible Class of Greater Chicago. He has publicly debated the cause of Christ against false teachers and conducted gospel meetings throughout the United States; as well as two (2) Campaigns for Christ in the Bermuda Islands. Dr. Robert M. Woods has preached the gospel in Nassau, Bahamas, in addition to National, Regional, and Southwestern Christian College lectureships. He is the senior tenured member of the Board of Directors for Southwestern Christian College having served for over fifty-five (55) years; a former adviser for the Midwest Lectureship and Midwest Youth Conference; and a member of the Churches of Christ Annual National Lectureship Executive Committee.

Currently, Dr. Woods serves as Minister Emeritus of the Monroe Street Church of Christ. After the death of his first wife Sister Anna Woods in 1986, Dr. Robert M. Woods married the former Sara Marie Taylor. Today, they reside in the city of Villa Rica, Georgia, the birthplace of Thomas A. Dorsey, the father of gospel music. Because of his continuous commitment to the crux of Christ and the “Living Logos,” a doctorate of Humane Letters was conferred upon him by Southwestern Christian College.

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**Dr. Jack Evans, Sr.
International Evangelist**

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Terrell, Texas**



Dr. Jack Evans, Sr., is a native of Houston, Texas. He was baptized into Christ in 1953 at the age of 15 under the preaching influence of Paul Settles and began preaching at the age of 16. After attending the public schools of Houston for 9 years, he then transferred to Nashville Christian Institute (NCI) in Nashville, Tennessee, of which the eminent Marshall Keeble was President at this time. He graduated from NCI in 1957 and then enrolled in Southwestern Christian College (SWCC), in Terrell, Texas, from which he graduated in 1959. He served as the Associate Minister of the College Church of Christ while attending Southwestern.

After graduating from SWCC, Jack Evans Sr., enrolled in Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico, majoring in History and Religion. He graduated from this university in 1961. He preached for a small congregation in Hale Center, Texas, while attending college in New Mexico. Upon graduation, Dr. Evans began graduate work in 1961, in History and English at the University of Texas in El Paso, Texas.

In the year 1963, Evans received his Master of Arts degree. His unpublished thesis was entitled: *“The History of Southwestern Christian College of Terrell, Texas.”* He was the Minister of the Cebada Street Church of Christ in El Paso while attending graduate school and he has had conferred upon him the Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degrees by Harding University, Pepperdine University, and Abilene Christian University.

Dr. Evans became Dean of SWCC in 1963. He served in this capacity and as an instructor in History for a period of four (4) years. In 1967, he was appointed President of Southwestern Christian College; thus becoming the first African American president of the only predominantly black Christian College among the churches of Christ. He is presently serving in this capacity. Southwestern Christian College became fully accredited under his administration in 1973. He is listed in the *“Who’s Who in American College and University Administration”* and *“Who’s Who in Texas Today.”* He is also a member of the Board of Directors of David Lipscomb University.

Dr. Jack Evans, Sr., has been a featured speaker on virtually every major lectureship hosted by Christian colleges and in special seminars/meetings on other college campuses. He conducts gospel meetings and Crusades for churches of Christ throughout the nation and has participated in a number of religious debates. In the year 1981, Evans became the keynote speaker for the biennial National Crusade for Christ.

He is the author/editor of the *Evans-Barr Debate*; *The Curing of Ham*; *The Cross or the Crescent*; *Sermons That Save*; and *Sinai or Zion? The Two Covenants*. He has co-authored with Dr. James Maxell, Vice-President of Southwestern Christian College, on *Divorce and Remarriage* and with Dr. G. P. Holt on *Sermons of the Crusades*.

Dr. Jack Evans, Sr., is married to the former Patricia Officer of Nashville, Tennessee, and they have three (3) sons: Jack Jr., Herbert Raye and David Paul. They have two (2) grandsons: Jack Evans III and Brandon Jamal; and two (2) granddaughters: DaJanette and Dominique.

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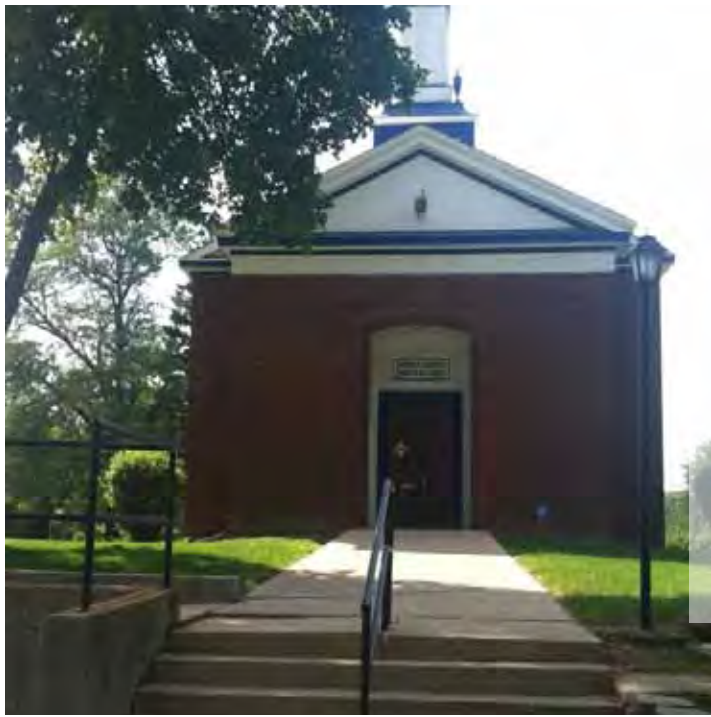
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Ladies Bible Class..... 4:00pm

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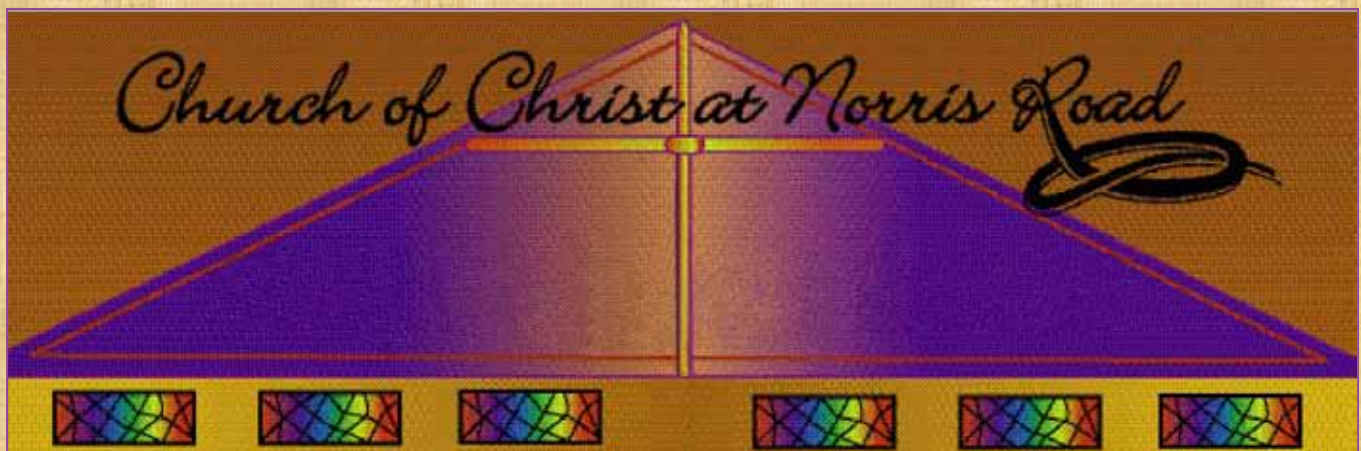
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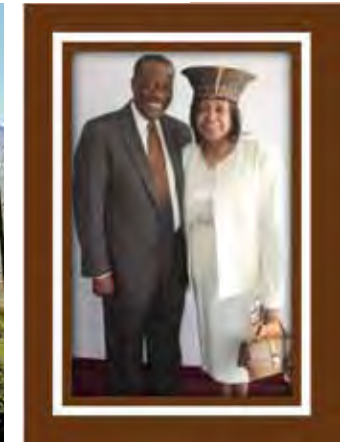
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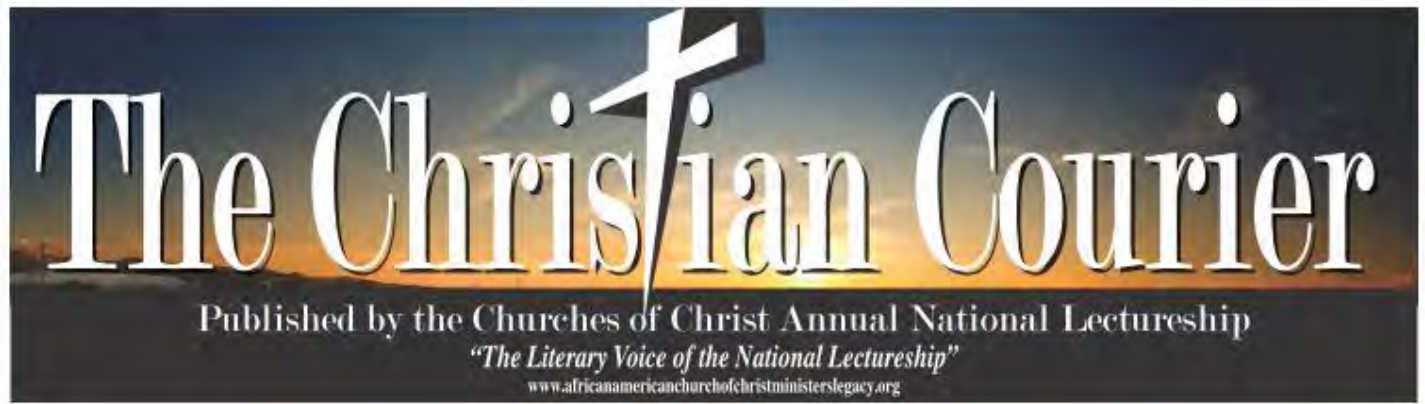
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