

2022 SEPTEMBER, 24 - 29  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA



# The Eternal Goal Purpose Of





# Best Wishes to the 2022 Churches of Christ "Historical" National Lectureship



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## WEEKLY SERVICES

### *Sunday*

Sunday School.....9:00 AM  
AM Worship.....10:00 AM  
Bible Study.....4:00 PM  
PM Worship.....5:00 PM

### *Wednesday*

Bible Study.....6:30 PM

## MEDIA MINISTRY

### **Radio**

#### **WEXY, 1520-AM**

12:30PM  
Sunday—Wednesday,  
Friday  
6:00PM, Saturday

#### **WMBM, 1490-AM**

7:30AM  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
8:30AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

#### **WSWN, 900-AM**

9:00AM  
Monday—Friday

### **Television**

#### **The Word Network**

7:00AM  
Saturdays

Services streamed on You Tube at:  
*The New Golden Heights Church of Christ*

## OUR CHRISTIAN PURPOSE

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.





# Welcome

Welcome to the 76th Annual National Lectureship Of the Churches of Christ.

The COVID-19 (corona) pandemic and subsequent Delta Variant has created a truly unprecedented situation which affects and has affected all of us. This virus has both canceled and altered plans and changed schedules, including this event, it has been over three and a half years since our last Lectureship in St. Louis. Our hearts and prayers go out to anyone who has been impacted by the virus, either directly or indirectly. You remain in our prayers.

The Hilltop Church Of Christ, along with the Southside Church Of Christ Orlando and the Central Florida Area Churches Of Christ, consider it a signal honor to be your hosts for this historic event. We are indebted to our Heavenly Father for the blessings He has bestowed upon us. We also welcome you to the "Magic City" of Orlando, The City Beautiful in central Florida, home to more than a dozen theme parks. Chief among its claim to fame is Walt Disney World, comprised of parks like the Magic Kingdom and Epcot, as well as water parks. Another major destination, Universal Orlando, offers Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure, with the Wizarding World of Harry Potter situated between them.

This 2022 Lectureships focus this week will be on 'The Eternal Purpose'. In (Ephesians 3:11) we have this phrase and in (Romans 8:28) Paul says that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose so we can be conformed to the image of His Son. In (2 Timothy 1:9) Paul says that God has saved us according to His own purpose. If we ponder these verses, and if we have a heart to seek the Lord and the significance of our salvation, we surely will want to understand what God's purpose is.

God's eternal purpose is closely related to God's will. God's will, simply stated, is what God wants, intends, and desires. God's purpose is God's plan according to His will. God wants something. To attain what He wants, He has a plan that is according to what He wants, according to His will. This plan of God that is according to the will of God is what the Bible calls the eternal purpose of God.

God as a God of purpose is surely determined to fulfill His purpose. God is absolute. When He wills to do something, when He resolves to do something, He will surely do it. God's purpose is God's purposeful determination in His plan.

We see then that God has a good pleasure, which is the desire of His heart. This good pleasure or heart's desire of God is expressed as God's will, God's wish. To fulfill this heart's desire, He needs to have a plan with a purposeful determination. God acts according to plan. He has made a detailed, determined plan in eternity past that will stand in its result for eternity future. That plan is His purpose. Thanks for taking advantage of this informative, encouraging and inspirational Lectureship designed to strengthen the Lord's Church and unify our speech as we learn about God's Eternal Purpose. The magnificent ambience of this year's hotel setting, the well thought out classes for brothers and sisters, dynamic general sessions, power packed Noon Day Sessions and the anticipated fellowship with brothers and sisters from across our vast brotherhood ensures for a memorable time in the Lord. We are grateful that you are here.

## WELCOME TO ORLANDO!

**Because of Calvary,  
Samuell Pounds  
2022 National  
Lectureship Host**





# Welcome

Brothers, Sisters, and Friends, allow me the pleasure of giving you a spirited welcome to Central Florida and to the 76th Annual National Lectureship of the Churches of Christ. Under the direction of Senior Minister, Samuel B. Pounds of the Hilltop Church of Christ, the Central Florida Churches of Christ look forward to spending time with you at the beautiful Hyatt Regency, in the CITY BEAUTIFUL of Orlando, Florida. The 76th National Lectureship, under the theme, "Eternal Purpose of God" has been planned with you in mind.

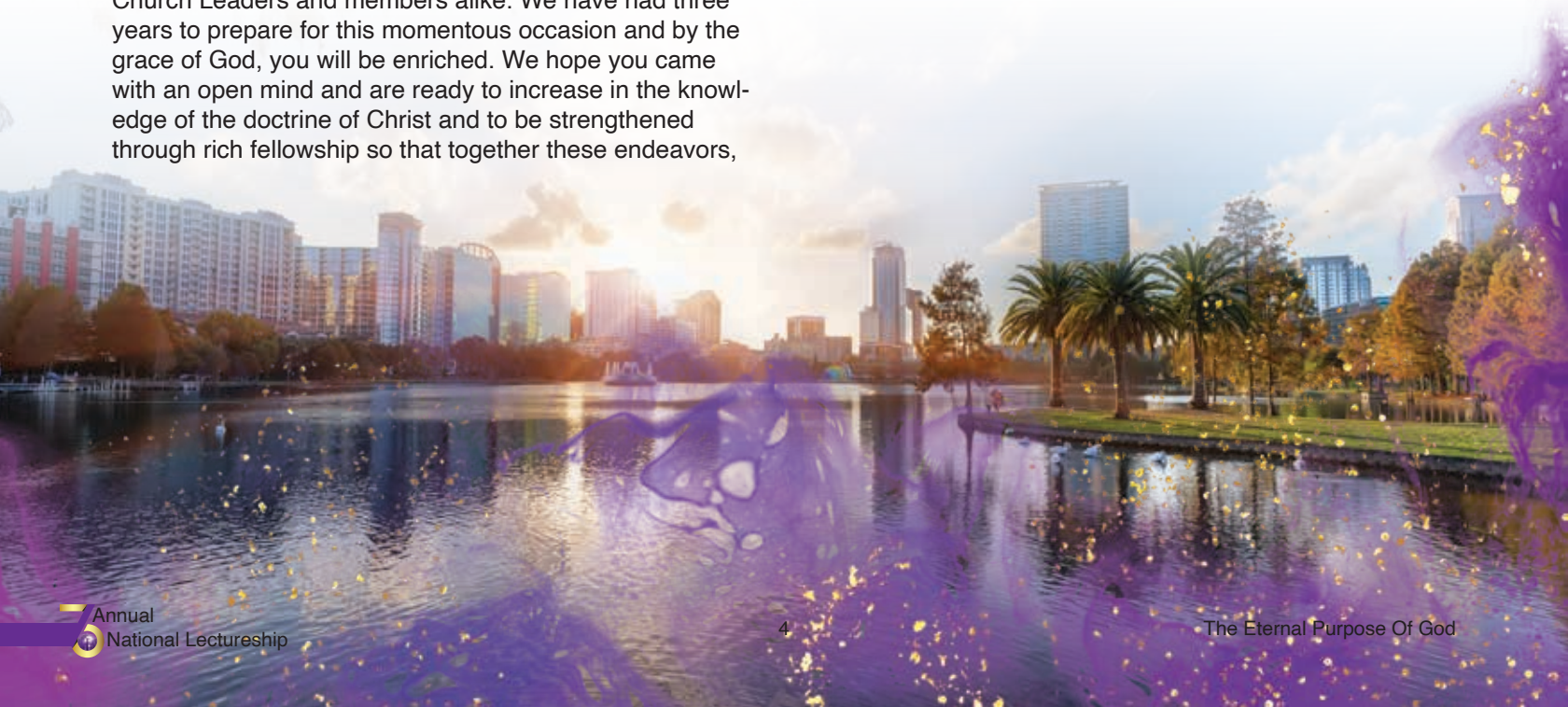
The 77-year history of the National Lectureship is entrenched in a tradition of providing opportunity for fellowship with a focus on increased spiritual health of our Church Leaders and members alike. We have had three years to prepare for this momentous occasion and by the grace of God, you will be enriched. We hope you came with an open mind and are ready to increase in the knowledge of the doctrine of Christ and to be strengthened through rich fellowship so that together these endeavors,

as designed, serve to facilitate growth in your personal lives. The Speakers, the Workshops, the special events, and the networking among the people of God are designed to provide you, our Guests, with a wealth of information pertaining to this life and godliness, and a renewed vigor for rich, abundant living.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Directors and all who have been instrumental in planning this event. I am thankful to our honorable Speakers and Government officials who carved out time to be with us or to send a Letter of Welcome. Your impact will be felt. I pray God's continuous blessings upon everyone.

I warmly welcome you again and invite you to support our Vendors, enjoy the concert, the banquet, the sunshine, the shopping, the theme parks, and the fellowship of Christians. Let us be mindful and respectful of the safety protocols of the Conference, please. Finally, my greatest expectation is that during your stay in Orlando, Florida, you will allow your attitude to reflect God's glory.

In His Service,  
Wesley T. Leonard, Senior Minister  
Southside Church of Christ, Orlando, FL







# Welcome

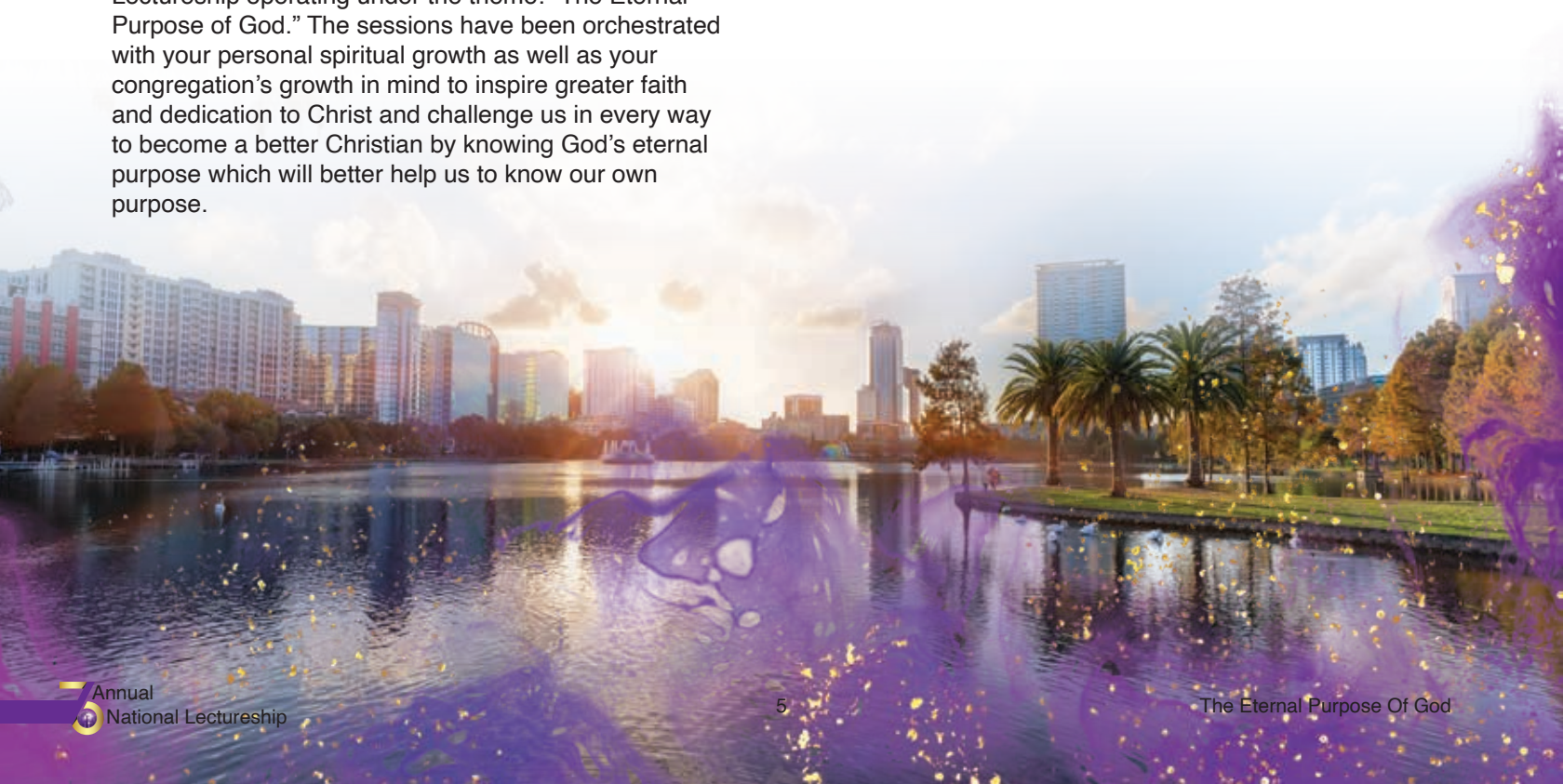
Greetings in the Mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the “City Beautiful” of Orlando, Florida, the home of the 76th Annual National Lectureship of the Churches of Christ. We thank each of you for taking time out of your busy schedules having traveled near and far to support this great endeavor. Truly our hearts feel the warmth of your presence as we lift up the name of Jesus, the name that is above every name.

We are excited about the festivities planned for this great Lectureship operating under the theme: “The Eternal Purpose of God.” The sessions have been orchestrated with your personal spiritual growth as well as your congregation’s growth in mind to inspire greater faith and dedication to Christ and challenge us in every way to become a better Christian by knowing God’s eternal purpose which will better help us to know our own purpose.

We hope your experience will be memorable and you perhaps will take the opportunity at the close of the Lectureship to enjoy our beautiful city and many of its wonderful sites, restaurants, shopping, and attractions.

Now in the words of Apostle Paul: “I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified” (Acts 20:32)

In His Service,  
Xerxes M. Snell







**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

September 24, 2022

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to send best wishes to the senior ministers and congregants of the Central Florida Churches of Christ Fellowship. As you gather together for the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual National Lectureship of the Churches of Christ, I hope you enjoy the opportunity to grow spiritually, collaborate, and discover opportunities to help others within our communities, throughout our great state, and beyond.

For over 76 years, Churches of Christ has remained an outlet of faith, fellowship, and ministry to Floridians. Your dedication to be a beacon of light in Central Florida communities is appreciated. I am confident that Churches of Christ will continue to flourish over the next 76 years and beyond.

God Bless!

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis  
Governor





September 24, 2022



As Mayor of the City of Orlando, I am proud to welcome you to the 76th Annual National Lectureship of the Churches of Christ. We are thrilled to be hosting this six-day event here in our community.

I hope that those in attendance have a rewarding time as you gather for spiritual renewal and fellowship. Please join me in recognizing and thanking the congregants and senior ministers of the Central Florida Churches of Christ Fellowship, who have contributed to making the event a success.

I invite you to explore our community during your visit. You probably know that Orlando is America's most-visited destination with world-class theme parks, but there is so much more. Orlando has so much to offer, including a growing dining scene, numerous arts and cultural opportunities, endless shopping options and many outdoor activities. We're also proud that our city is inclusive and welcoming.

Our community's diversity and vibrancy are reflected in our more than 10 Orlando Main Streets districts, which are filled with unique restaurants and shops. Downtown Orlando is experiencing an entertainment and sports renaissance thanks to venues like the Amway Center and the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, plus our community's crown jewel, Lake Eola Park, which is also worth a visit.

I hope you have an impactful event, but also take some time to discover the other half of Orlando!

Sincerely,

Buddy Dyer  
Mayor





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July 20, 2022

I want to invite all of you, along with Brother Pounds and the Church of Christ community, to the 76<sup>th</sup> lectureship. Come on down to sunny Winter Haven, Florida, where we have Legoland and Disney--we have the Chain of Lakes, and I want you to know that we are an important faith community, one that welcomes you with open arms.

I hope you have an inspired lectureship, and we hope that you'll consider Winter Haven, Florida.

God bless you all and thanks again.





September 26, 2022



Greetings!

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual National Lectureship of the Churches of Christ. I want to thank Senior Minister Pounds, Senior Minister Leonard, and all others who helped to make this important event a reality.

As we know, the “Eternal Purpose” of God as referenced in Ephesians 3:11 is a topic that demands a lifetime of study, commitment, worship, and Right Action. Through this lecture series and gathering, you will have an opportunity to further your understanding and commitment to our communities, our families, and the better world that we all seek to build.

As we look back over the last 76 years of this important event, we are so grateful for the work and sacrifices of all those who have struggled for human dignity, civil rights, and the future of our children. Surely, we have come a long way, yet during these challenging times, we are reminded daily that we still have a long way to go. Your commitment to fulfilling this mission in a new and powerful way inspires me.

Again, welcome to this year’s National Lectureship of the Churches of Christ. I am proud of the work you continue to do. Welcome to Florida, God bless, and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Val Demings  
Member of Congress





# WINTER HAVEN

## *The Chain of Lakes City*

*Office of the Mayor*

National Lectureship of the Churches of Christ,

On behalf of our City Commission and the City of Winter Haven, I welcome you to beautiful Central Florida. Winter Haven is a vibrant community located less than one hour west of Orlando. We invite you to drive over while you're in town, or plan a visit to come back to visit us in the future.

With a history in citrus, lakes, and Americana rock & roll, the Winter Haven, Florida experience is a chorus of modern lifestyle possibilities in harmony with our roots. Winter Haven is where affordable lake living is a reality, and water play is a requirement. It's a place where there's a concert on every corner and family excitement in every park.

Winter Haven is that classic small town that chooses to differentiate itself with an understated cool vibe. Arts and culture, playful fun, music fusion, affordable homes, a craft brewery and local eateries are just a sampling of daily life. And let's not forget about Winter Haven's hometown connection to family-friendly LEGOLAND Florida Resort just down the block from the City core.

Winter Haven is known as the Chain of Lakes City with two chains connected by canals. With 50 lakes inside the City limits, 22 boat ramps, 14 public docks and 30 waterfront parks, there is a multitude of fresh-water opportunities for both residents and visitors.

Downtown Winter Haven recently received the Great Place People's Choice Award, beating out other quality destinations in Florida. Located in almost the exact geographic center of Florida, Winter Haven is the perfect central location, hosting more than 175 popular special events annually, many staged in the downtown Central Park District.

We hope to welcome you to our City soon.

Sincerely,

Brad Dantzler  
Mayor, City of Winter Haven

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# GOD'S SERVANTS WELCOME







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LECTURESHIP COORDINATOR





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LECTURESHIP CO-COORDINATOR







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# LECTURESHIP HISTORY







# History of the Annual National Lectureship Among African American Churches of Christ

**D**r. 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., G. E. Steward and himself the need for a National Lectureship among the African American brethren of the Church of Christ similar to that of the white brethren. It was Hogan’s belief that a Lectureship would help 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 ever 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 Ministering Evangelist 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 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 expenses. During the Chicago gathering, it was agreed 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 the year 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 on-site 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 study cell 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, study cells and workshops pertinent to the role of women in the church, 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 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.

The above information has been reprinted from the 62nd Annual National Lectureship hosted by Chicago, Illinois, April 11-16, 2006



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



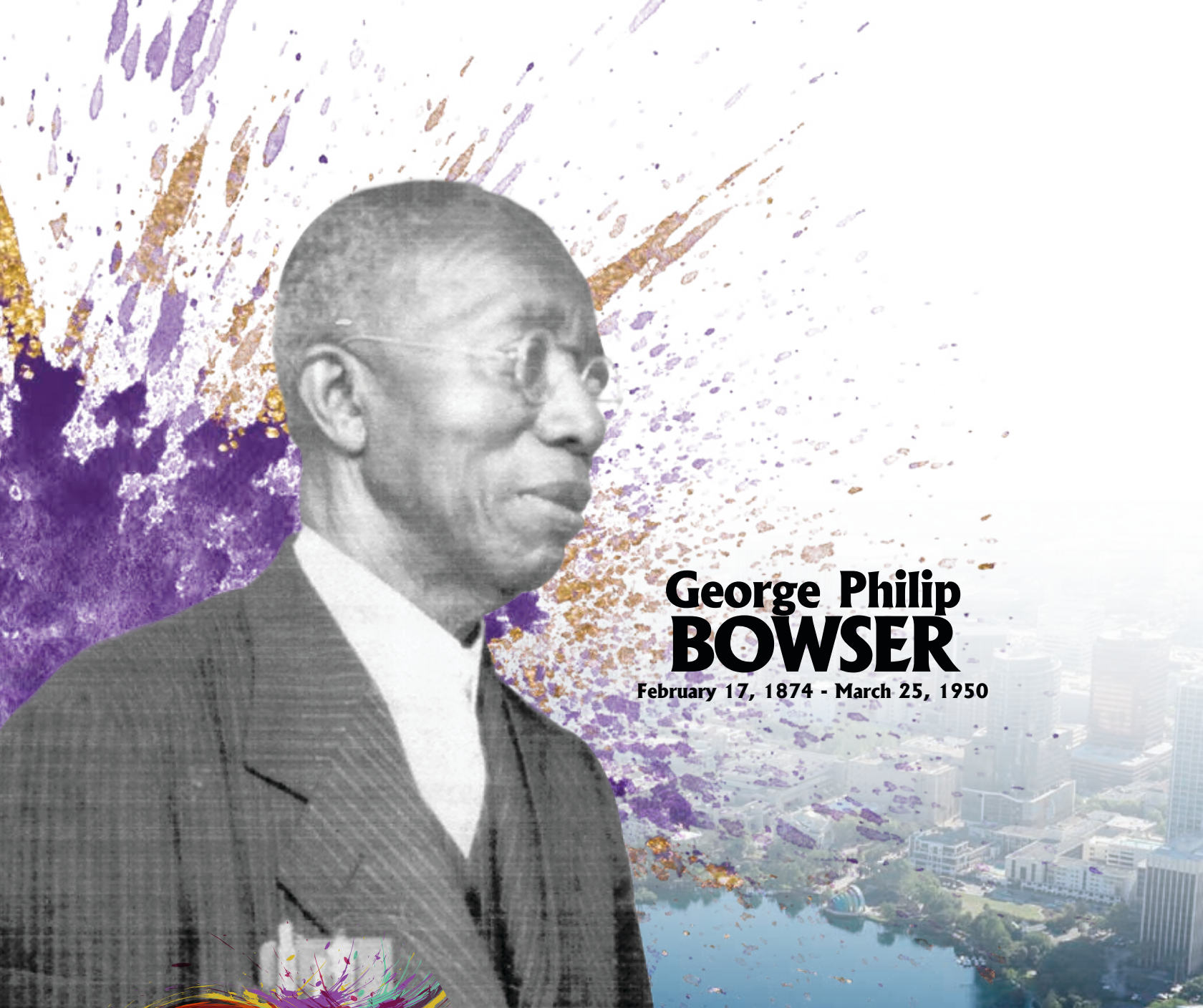
**East Seventh Street Church of Christ  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

**G. E. Steward, Host Minister**

**“Can you name any of the ministers present in the above photo?”**







# George Philip **BOWSER**

February 17, 1874 - March 25, 1950



## *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**







# Marshall KEEBLE

December 7, 1878 - April 20, 1968





# Dr. Richard Nathaniel Hogan

November 30, 1902 - September 29, 1996



Dr. Richard Nathaniel  
**HOGAN**

December 7, 1878 - April 20, 1968

A Special Tribute To Dr. Richard Nathaniel Hogan  
Educator and Missionary  
Co-Founder of Southwestern Christian College







# Remembering Him Who Walks Among Us

## A Legend Of The Present In The African American Churches of Christ



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

**D**r. W. F. Washington, Sr. is one of 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.





# Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us

## Legends Of The Past In The African American Churches of Christ



*Dr. Roosevelt C. Wells*  
1933-2019  
Harlem Church of Christ  
New York City, New York

**D**r. Roosevelt C. Wells, former International Evangelist and Minister Emeritus of the Harlem Church of Christ in New York City, New York, considered himself blessed by God to have been granted the privilege of fulfilling his life long dreams. First and foremost, being an Evangelist of Jesus Christ. Second, having traveled around the world twice.

Dr. 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 was 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

always treasured 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.

Dr. R. C. Wells was 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 able to graduate from Nashville Christian Institute; he returned home due to family 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 consisted of many schools of matriculation in both religion and theology. He received 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 was the recipient of three Doctor of Divinity degrees honoris causa. Furthermore, he studied law at the Paralegal Institute, 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 served as a college professor at Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, and Northeastern Christian College in Villanova, Pennsylvania.

Dr. R. C. Wells was truly "set for the defense of the gospel of Christ." He consistently and repeatedly in his teaching, preaching and writing, made it irrefutably clear that he was not "ashamed of the gospel of Christ." He was willing to say it, willing to preach it, willing to write it, willing to publicly debate it, willing to suffer for it, and willing if need be... to die for it. He labored for local congregations in Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Pontiac, Michigan; and New York City, New York, where he served as Minister Emeritus and Chairman of missions, both domestic and foreign.

During his tenure with the Harlem Church of Christ, foreign mission works were established in Africa, India, and in New York State. He preached in 43 states of the United States and in eighteen (18) nations of the world on five (5) continents. In addition, he is also the co-founder of "Wells-Hairston High School" located in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. Dr. Wells authored 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: Humanisms.

Dr. Roosevelt C. Wells was married to the former Dorothy Carpenter for 65 years and the father of three (3) children, three (3) grandchildren and three (3) great-grandchildren. On the morning of January 3, 2019, Dr. Roosevelt C. Wells went home to be with Lord after experiencing an extended illness. His presence at the National Lectureship and Ministers' Institute Conference will be missed by everyone who knew this great preacher of the gospel.





# Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us

## Legends Of The Past In The African American Churches of Christ



***Dr. Jack Evans, Sr.***  
**International Evangelist**  
**1937 - 2019**  
**Terrell, Texas**

**D**r. 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.

He joined in rest, his beloved sweetheart of 60 years, Patricia O. Evans, his Mother, Grace "Dear" Evans and his Father Theodore Evans. He leaves to carry on his legacy, his three sons: Jack, Jr., Herbert Raye, and David Paul, and his adored daughter (in-law) Vicky. He had four grandchildren: Jack III, Brandon, Dajanette, and Damonique, and five great-grandchildren; three brothers: Reginald Evans, (Erma, wife) and Donald Ray Evans and Gale Evans, and a great host of nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Dr. Jack Evans, Sr. was ...a mesmerizingly, majestic MAN ...a powerful and prolific PREACHER ...and a gallant guardian of Southwestern Christian College ...His departure was felt by the thousands of lives he touched, around the world. The impact that his life made through his preaching, his writing, and the five decades of work at his beloved Southwestern Christian College will never fade from our hearts and will be passed on to generations not yet born.





# Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us

## Legends Of The Past In The African American Churches of Christ



**Dr. Eugene Lawton**  
**International Evangelist**  
**1937 - 2022**  
**Newark Church Of Christ**  
**Newark, New Jersey**

**D**r. Eugene Lawton, esteemed Minister of the Newark Church of Christ for over six decades completed his journey on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at the age of 85. Born January 28, 1937, in St. Petersburg, Florida, the internationally known evangelist, author and former Dean of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas was a legendary defender of the gospel of Christ. He set legacy and confirmed that there can be no greatness without vision, commitment, and a willingness to give of oneself for the eternal good of others. Born to serve, his parents Tommy and Hattie Mae Benyard nurtured him into the leader he became as their gift to the future. He graduated valedictorian at Gibbs High School, in St. Petersburg in their honor.

Dr. Lawton was baptized into Christ in 1951 by the late S.J. Dudley and began preaching the gospel while a student at Southwestern where he graduated valedictorian in 1956. He went on to Pepperdine University in California where he earned

a Bachelor of Arts Degree as well as a Master of Arts Degree. He then completed advanced work at Princeton Theological Seminary, in New Jersey and earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Seminary in Indiana.

In 1963 Dr. Lawton married Diane Trone, daughter of the late, great Minister O.L. Trone, of Detroit, Michigan and together they had three children, Eugene, Cedric, and Kathleen. Dr. Lawton was the principal architect and founder of the Northeastern Youth Conference and received many awards for his tireless service in the Lord's vineyard. In 2009 he received the Living Legend Award at the Ministers' Institute Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; The Minister of Tenure Award at the Northeastern Lectureship at New York's famed Apollo Theater and The Man of Valor Award from Southwestern Christian College (SWCC). He worked tirelessly to promote Christian education and served on the Board of Directors at SWCC, raising over a half million dollars as an advocate for Christian education. The prolific author, and commanding force for salvation wrote such soul-stirring books as "Fasten Your Seatbelts: Turbulence May Be Ahead," and "Let Me Sound My Trumpet" to empower others through Biblical based truths in complex times.

Dr. Lawton traveled extensively on the national lectureship circuit, global conferences and conducted gospel meetings, training workshops and taught weekly Bible Classes at the Newark Church of Christ in his endeavor to save souls and keep souls saved. He was a beloved figure throughout the brotherhood and among his "preaching sons," for his exemplary walk toward heaven. Though he shall be greatly missed, "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13. He leaves in love his sons Eugene F. Lawton and Cedric B. Lawton, daughter Kathleen J. Lawton, grandchildren Sean D. Lawton-Betts, Trey C. Betts, Vanessa Burns, Niajah Lawton and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and beloved members of the Newark Church of Christ and those throughout the Brotherhood.





# Remembering Those Who Walked Before Us

## Legends Of The Past In The African American Churches of Christ



*George Phillip Bowser*  
1874 - 1950  
**Founder of "The Christian Echo"**  
**Detroit, Michigan**

**B**orn 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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## Legends Of The Past In The African American Churches of Christ



*Marshall Keeble*

1878 - 1968

**Nashville Christian Institute  
Nashville, Tennessee**

**B**orn 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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## Legends Of The Past In The African American Churches of Christ



*Dr. Robert M. Woods*  
1930 - 2017  
Monroe Street Church Of Christ  
Chicago, Illinois

**D**r. Robert Matthew Woods was a native of Gallatin, Tennessee, and 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 Minister of his home congregation. In 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 both 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.

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 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.

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 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 preached the gospel in Nassau, Bahamas, in addition to National, Regional, and Southwestern Christian College lectureships.

Subsequent to his death, he was the senior 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. After the death of his first wife Sister Anna Woods in 1986, Dr. Robert M. Woods married the former Sara Marie Taylor.

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 in Terrell, Texas. Dr. Robert M. Woods passed away on February 9, 2017, after experiencing an extended illness.





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## Legends Of The Past In The African American Churches of Christ



*Dr. Richard Nathaniel Hogan*  
**1902 - 1997**  
**Figueroa Church of Christ**  
**Los Angeles, California**

**B**orn 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 Legends Of The Past In The African American Churches of Christ



*Dr. Levi Kennedy*

1899 - 1970

Michigan Avenue Church of Christ  
Chicago, Illinois

**B**orn 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.

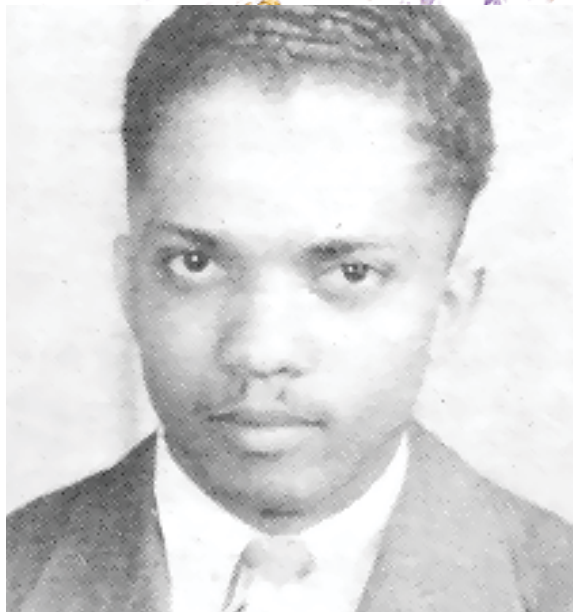
In summation, Evangelist Levi Kennedy, Jr., was without question a preacher "par excellence." He departed this life on December 30, 1970, after experiencing no less than twelve operations. Because of his dedication to Christ and commitment to Christian education, an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters 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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## Legends Of The Past In The African American Churches of Christ



*Dr. John Henry Clay, Sr.*  
1920 - 2005  
**Altadena Church of Christ**  
**Altadena, California**

**B**orn 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."

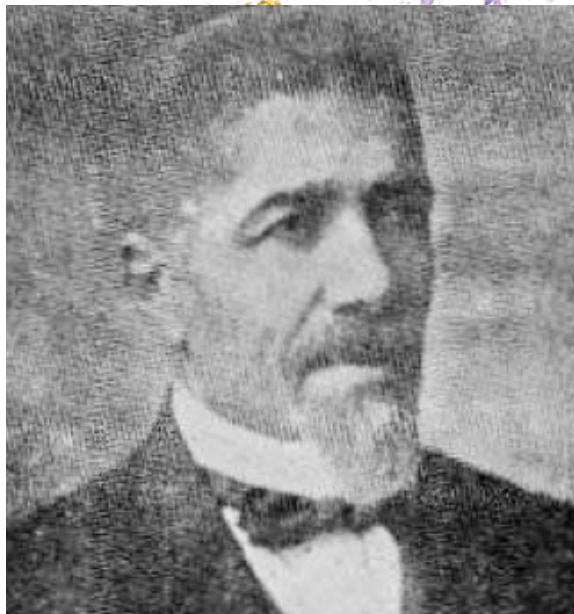
Having mentored and served as a "father in the faith" to many present day gospel preachers, one of the most notable being Dr. W. F. Washington, Minister of the New Golden Heights Church of Christ in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, let it be said without fear of successful contradiction, that to remember this 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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## Legends Of The Past In The African American Churches of Christ



*Samuel Robert Cassius*  
**1853-1931**  
**An Unsung Hero of Black Education**  
**Logan County, Oklahoma**

**B**orn 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. 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.



### **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 Kansas City, Missouri.



### **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.





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**"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned" – Jesus 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.



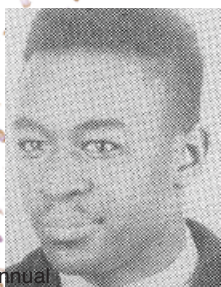
### **Cathey C. Locke (1911-1979)**

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 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 a frequent speaker on Regional and National lectureships 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)**

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**"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death..." – The Apostle Paul**



### **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.





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**"God is the 'Ground of Being' and 'Being-Itself' because God is 'Self-Existing' and He is the answer to the threat of 'non-being'" – Paul Tillich**



## **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.





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**“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world” – The Apostle John**



### **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 deacon in the Baptist Church. 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 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. O. L. Trone was baptized into the body of Christ in Detroit, Michigan, under the preaching influence of Dennis M. English. As a former student of the Bowser Christian Institute in Detroit, and having served congregations in Pontiac and Mt. Clemens, Michigan, Trone began his ministry with the Joseph Campau Church of Christ in May of 1946. When he 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, the Elmwood Park Church of Christ was constructed and dedicated on May 7, 1972. In the year 1951, Trone envisioned the idea of having a nationwide youth forum for younger 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 Ghant, Sr., Calvin H. Bowers and others, the National Youth Conference provided an avenue of 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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**“Without fear of successful contradiction, God is the ‘Architectonic Good’ and ‘Supreme Being of Justice’ who embraces and encapsulates all of humanity.” - Plato**



### **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 the Compton Avenue Church of Christ, Baker Street Church of Christ in Bakersfield, California, and Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles, California. Having been mentored 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 established to suffice this educational need. 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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**“Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” – The Apostle Peter**



### **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 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. Oklahoma, Oakland, California, and most notably, the Uptown Church of Christ in San Francisco, California.



### **Amos Lincoln Cassius (1890-1982)**

Born in Sigourney, Iowa. Amos Lincoln Cassius graduated from Tuskegee Institute in 1910, during the presidency of Booker T. Washington. He was baptized into the body of Christ in 1910 and in 1919 his family moved from Douglas, Oklahoma, to Los Angeles, California. Amos L. Cassius 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 across 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 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 and two precious souls obeyed the gospel. Rose sharpened his oratorical skills to the point where he became one of the most articulate ambassadors in the Lord's visible kingdom. He served congregations in Georgia and Michigan, and held gospel meetings across 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. 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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**"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations. Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" – The Apostle James**



### **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 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 grandfather of R. N. Hogan and Frank Sowell was the grandfather of G. P. Bowser. L. A. 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. L. A. 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 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 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 many others. His community involvement included serving on numerous boards in the 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. After completing his early education in Mississippi, Charles married Lillie Ruth Singleton in 1949 and to this union five children were born. In the early 1950s, he relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and continued his studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee earning a bachelors and masters degree. To culminate his education, Charles matriculated magna cum laude from California Coast University earning a doctorate degree in education. He ended his career as a teacher in the Milwaukee Public School System. In the 1950s, Charles met Brother James McGowin who led him to the Lord. In time, Charles was later baptized into the body of Christ and 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.





# LECTURESHIP PROGRAM





*Sunday Morning* **7** SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

**Main Ballroom (Plaza D-H)**

**Worship Convocation MESSIANIC MESSAGES**

**9:00 AM – 9:50 AM**

Opening Congregational Songs – **Chris Turner (Burlington, NJ)**

Prayer

Introduction Of Speaker – **Samuell Pounds (Winter Haven, FL)**

**Speaker: William Maddox (Miami, FL)**

***“Reconciled By The Cross” – (Ephesians 2:16)***

Prayer

**10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON**

Congregational Songs – **Chris Turner (Burlington, NJ)**

Prayer

Introduction Of Speaker

Congregational Song

**Speaker: Dr. Loyd C. Harris (Little Rock, AR)**

***“No Matter The Attack I Won’t Turn Back” (Ephesians 6:10-12)***

**Speaker: Peter Martin Jr. (Houston, TX)**

***“God Raised Him From The Dead” (Ephesians 1:20)***

Communion Service

Offering

Announcements

Closing Prayer

**LUNCH BREAK**

*Sunday Afternoon* **7** SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

**Main Ballroom (Plaza D-H) 4:30 PM - 5:55 PM**





**Worship Convocation MESSIANIC MESSAGES**

**6:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

Congregational Songs – **Chris Turner (Burlington, NJ)**

Prayer

**Introduction of Speaker(s) – Wesley T. Leonard (Orlando, FL)**

Congregational Song

**Speaker: Adrian Harper (Gainesville, FL)**

***"It's Time To Grow Up"* – Ephesians 4:14-15**

**Speaker: Leureuna Gilbert (Philadelphia, PA)**

***"Don't Forget To Remember"* – Ephesians 2:11**

Communion Service

Offering

**Speaker : Omari French (San Francisco, CA)**

***"Baptism - The Washing Of Water By The Word"* (Ephesians 5:26)**

**Speaker: William Jones (Rochester, NY)**

***"Down Is Not Your Destiny"* – (Ephesians 6:20)**

Announcements – **Wesley T. Leonard (Orlando, FL)**

Closing Prayer





**8:00 AM – 8:50 AM**

**Monday Morning Plenary Study Cells - Session I**

Florida Ballroom B – *“Spiritually Appraised Career Advancement and Enhancement”(Part I)*  
Workshop Presenter: Patrick Medlock (Southgate, MI)

Florida Ballroom C – *“Issues Confronting Men In The Local Congregation”*  
Workshop Presenter: Shobek Dethrow (Selmer, TN)

Plaza International Ballroom I – *“Increasing The Offering and Decreasing The Debt”*  
Workshop Presenter: Curtis Pittman (Jackson, MS)

Plaza International Ballroom J – *“Church Security And Safety”*  
Workshop Presenter: Marvin Tarver (Winter Haven, FL)

Plaza International Ballroom K – *“Preaching Principles” (Part I)*  
Workshop Presenter: William Jones (Rochester, NY)

**9:00 AM – 9:50 AM**

**Monday Morning Plenary Study Cells - Session II**

Florida Ballroom B – *“Church Planting”*  
Workshop Presenter: Willie Williams (Dallas, TX)

Florida Ballroom C – *“Digital Media, Social Media and the Metaverse”*  
Workshop Presenter: William Jackson (San Jose, CA)

Plaza International Ballroom I – *“Biblical Solutions To Social Problems”*  
Workshop Presenter: Carlus D. Page (Biloxi, MS)

Plaza International Ballroom J – *“The Home As God Would Have It”*  
Workshop Presenter: Dr. Howard Wright (Atlanta, GA)

Plaza International Ballroom K – *“Building A Dynamic Sunday School Department” (Part I)*  
Workshop Presenter: Maurice Davis (Baltimore, MD)

**10:00 AM – 10:50 AM**

**Monday Morning Plenary Study Cells - Session III**

Florida Ballroom B – *“A Historical Overview Of African American Churches of Christ in Florida”*  
Workshop Presenter: Dr. Edward Robinson (Terrell, TX)

Florida Ballroom C – *“Reaching & Teaching Millennials”*  
Workshop Presenter: Kevin Bethea (Baltimore, MD)

Plaza International I – *“Personal Evangelism And Membership Retention”- (Part I)*  
Workshop Presenter: Charlie McClendon (Jacksonville, FL)

Plaza International J – *“Widows: Single, But Not By Choice”*  
Workshop Presenter: Stanley Hubbard (Indianapolis, IN)

Plaza International K – *“The Biblical Response To The Deterioration Of The African-American Family” (Part I)*  
Workshop Presenter: Brian Moten (Goose Creek, SC)



*G. E. Steward*



*High Noon Chapel*

(PLAZA D-H)

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Facilitator: Cleveland Allen (Tallahassee, FL)**

Congregational Songs – **Chris Turner (Burlington, NJ)**

Prayer

Congregational Song

**Speaker: Damone Johnson (Santa Monica, CA)**

***"The Gospel That Must Be Heard And Believed" (Ephesians 1:13)***

**Speaker: Dr. Harold Redd (Memphis, TN)**

***"When The Holy Spirit Is Grieved" (Ephesians 4:30)***

**Speaker: DonBurnell Holly (Memphis, TN)**

***"What A Mighty God We Serve" (Ephesians 1:19-21)***

Announcements

Closing Prayer

**LUNCH BREAK**



*G. P. Bowser*



**MONDAY AFTERNOON**

*Lyceum Service*

(PLAZA D-H)

**2:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Facilitator: Royce Lemon (Houston, Texas)**

Congregational Song

**Introduction Of Presenter**

**Presentation : Solomon Foundation**

Congregational Song

Prayer

**Speaker: Harrell L. Henton (Miami, FL)**

***"Pray For Me" (Ephesians 6:18-20)***

**Speaker: Nokomas Rodgers (Memphis, TN)**

***"Getting Fitted To Fight" (Ephesians 6:10-18)***

**Speaker: Edward Keyton (Atlanta, GA)**

***"Give Him Space And He Will Take Over The Place" (Ephesians 4: 26-27)***

**Speaker: W. C. Edwards (Birmingham, AL)**

***"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism" (Ephesians 4:5)***

Announcements

Closing Prayer

**DINNER BREAK**





*Dr. Eugene Lawton*



MONDAY EVENING  
*Vesper Service*

(PLAZA D-H)

**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Facilitator: Anthony C. Fletcher (Houston, TX)**

Congregational Songs

Prayer

Congregational Song

**76th National Lectureship Welcome Address**

**Dr. W.F. Washington (National Lectureship Executive Chairman)**

**Political Dignitaries**

**Welcome To Orlando – Wesley T. Leonard (Orlando, FL)**

**Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings**

**Orange County Police Chief Eric W. Smith**

**Speaker: Dr. Steven Thompson (Milwaukee, WI)**

***“The Fellowship Of The Mystery” – (Ephesians 3:9)***

**Speaker: Marcus Watkins – (Atlanta, GA)**

***“But God...” – (Ephesians 2:4-7)***

**Speaker: Dr. Warren Blakney (Tulsa, OK)**

***“Thank God For Grace” – (Ephesians 2:8-9)***

Announcements

Closing Prayer



**8:00 AM – 8:50 AM**  
**Tuesday Morning Plenary Study Cells - Session I**

Florida Ballroom B – *“Spiritually Appraised Career Advancement and Enhancement” (Part II)*  
 Workshop Presenter: Patrick Medlock (Southgate, MI)

Florida Ballroom C – *“Sitting In The Second Seat” – Lessons Learned While Working With A Living Legend*  
 Workshop Presenter: Al Jackson (Jacksonville, FL)

Plaza International Ballroom I – *“Preaching Through Ephesians” (Part I)*  
 Workshop Presenter: Dr. Luis Lugo (Tampa, FL)

Plaza International Ballroom J – *“Marriage-Soulmates, Roommates or Inmates”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Jerry Macon (Louisville, KY)

Plaza International Ballroom K – *“Preaching Principles” (Part II)*  
 Workshop Presenter: William Jones (Rochester, NY)

**9:00 AM – 9:50 AM**  
**Tuesday Morning Plenary Study Cells - Session II**

Florida Ballroom B – *“The Man Of God – His Purpose, Position And Pay” – (Part I)*  
 Workshop Presenter: Dr. Jefferson Caruthers Jr. (Winston Salem, NC)

Florida Ballroom C – *“The Place Of The Holy Spirit In The Context Of Old Testament Theology” (Part I)*  
 Workshop Presenter: Dr. Harold Redd (Memphis, TN)

Plaza International Ballroom I – *“Ministering To Singles - The Forgotten Members Of Our Congregation”*  
 Workshop Presenter: James Miller (Pensacola, FL)

Plaza International Ballroom J – *“Proven Methodologies To Help Our Youth Remain Faithful To Christ ”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Gale Nelson (Miami, FL)

Plaza International Ballroom K – *“Building A Dynamic Sunday School Department” (Part II)*  
 Workshop Presenter: Maurice Davis (Baltimore, MD)

**10:00 AM – 10:50 AM**  
**Tuesday Morning Plenary Study Cells - Session III**

Florida Ballroom B – *“Hard-Fighting Soldiers: A History Of African American Churches of Christ”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Dr. Edward Robinson (Terrell, TX)

Florida Ballroom C – *“Understanding Our Adversary-The Devil”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Dr. Thomas Jackson (Little Rock, AK)

Plaza International Ballroom I – *“Personal Evangelism And Membership Retention” - (Part 2)*  
 Workshop Presenter: Charlie McClendon (Jacksonville, FL)

Plaza International Ballroom J – *“Widows: Adjusting To A New Normal”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Stanley Hubbard (Indianapolis, IN)

Plaza International Ballroom K – *“The Biblical Response To The Deterioration Of The African-American Family” (Part 2)*  
 Workshop Presenter: Brian Moten (Goose Creek, SC)



*Marshall Keeble*



*High Noon Chapel Theme*

(PLAZA D-H)

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Facilitator: Perry Johnson (Tampa, FL )**

Congregational Songs – **Chris Turner (Burlington, NJ)**

Prayer

Congregational Song

**Speaker: Oscar Middlebrook (Indianapolis, IN)**

***“What God Did For Christ Sake” – (Ephesians 4:32)***

**Speaker: Ralph P. Smith (St. Louis, MO)**

***“The New You” – (Ephesians 4:25-32)***

**Speaker: Dr. Robert Birt (Toledo, OH)**

***“Our Past Condition And Present Position” – (Ephesians 2: 1-4)***

**Speaker: David Wilson (Brooklyn, NY)**

***“Those God Equips, He Qualifies” – (Ephesians 4:11-12)***

Announcements

Closing Prayer

**LUNCH BREAK**



*J.S. Winston*



**TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

*Lyceum Service*

(PLAZA D-H)

**12:00 Noon Hour**

**\*National Lectureship Executive and Advisory Board Luncheon – Orchid Room (4th Floor)**

**2:30 PM – 4:30 PM**

**Facilitator: Lloyd Bryant (Miami, FL)**

Congregational Songs – **Chris Turner (Burlington, NJ)**

Prayer

Congregational Song

**Speaker: Elmer Sembley (Baltimore, MD)**

***“Gathered Together In One” – (Ephesians 1:9-10)***

**Speaker: Michael Jackson (Memphis, TN)**

***“Appointed By God’s Grace And Enabled By God’s Power” – (Ephesians 3:7)***

**Speaker: Conley Gibbs (St. Louis, MO)**

***“The Gift Of Grace” – (Ephesians 3:7-8)***

**Speaker: Dr. David Penn (Chicago, IL)**

***“Our God Is More Than Enough” – (Ephesians 3:20)***

Announcements

Closing Prayer

**DINNER BREAK**





*Dr. Jack Evans, Sr.*



**TUESDAY EVENING**

*Vesper Service*

**(PLAZA D-H)**

**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Facilitator: Charles Larry (Ocala, FL)**

**Congregational Songs – Chris Turner (Burlington, NJ)**

**Introduction Of Presenter**

**Presentation: Logos/Faithlife**

**Congregational Songs**

**Prayer**

**Congregational Song**

**Speaker: Samuel Bailey (Dallas, TX)**

***“He Is Our Peace” – (Ephesians 2: 14-18)***

**Speaker: Cornelius Heyward (Far Rockaway, NY)**

***“Redeemed By The Blood” – (Ephesians 1:7)***

**SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FINANCIAL APPEAL**

**Dr. Ervin D. Seamster (President, Southwestern Christian College)**

**Speaker: Tyson Moore (Los Angeles, CA)**

***“The Unsearchable Riches of Christ” – (Ephesians 3:8)***

**Speaker: Randall Tucker (Houston, TX)**

***“Accepted By Grace” – (Ephesians 1:6-7)***

**Speaker: Dr. Harvey Jackson (Mound Bayou, MS)**

***“Receiving The Gift But Rejecting The Giver” – (Ephesians 2: 8-9)***

**Announcements**

**Closing Prayer**





**8:00 AM – 8:50 AM**  
**Wednesday Morning Plenary Study Cells - Session I**

Florida Ballroom B – *“As I Look Back Over My Ministry: Things I Have Learned, Mistakes I Have Made And Advice I Would Give”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Dr. Billy Curl (Los Angeles, CA)

Florida Ballroom C – *“Strategies For Congregations Mobility In The 21st Century”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Keith George (Occoquan, VA)

Plaza International Ballroom I – *“Preaching Through Ephesians” (Part II)*  
 Workshop Presenter: Dr. Luis Lugo (Tampa, FL)

Plaza International Ballroom J – *“Developing An Educational Curriculum”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Dr. Philip Mobley (Lake City, FL)

Plaza International Ballroom K – *“Explaining The Essentials Of Evangelism”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Charlie McClendon (Jacksonville, FL)

**9:00 AM – 9:50 AM**  
**Wednesday Morning Plenary Study Cells - Session II**

Florida Ballroom B – *“The Man Of God – His Purpose, Position and Pay” (Part II)*  
 Workshop Presenter: Dr. Jefferson Caruthers Jr. (Winston Salem, NC)

Florida Ballroom C – *“The Place Of The Holy Spirit In The Context Of Old Testament Theology” (Part II)*  
 Workshop Presenter: Dr. Harold Redd (Memphis, TN)

Plaza International Ballroom I – *“Effective Communication Between The Minister And Elders”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Dr. Samuel L. Jones (Oakland, CA)

Plaza International Ballroom J – *“CREATIVE Evangelism” – Thinking Outside The Box*  
 Workshop Presenter: Leonardo Gilbert (Chicago, IL)

Plaza International Ballroom K – *“Helping Congregations Stay Relevant During A Pandemic And In This Digital Age”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Brent Carter (LOGOS/ FAITHLIFE)

**10:00 AM -10:50 AM**  
**Wednesday Morning Plenary Study Cells - Session III**

Florida Ballroom B – *“Effectively Using Social Media And Marketing”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Norman Nuton (New Haven, CT)

Florida Ballroom C – *“Understanding Spiritual Warfare” (Ephesians 6:12)*  
 Workshop Presenter: Dr. Thomas Jackson (Little Rock, AK)

Plaza International Ballroom I – *“Singles Workshop - Single, Saved & Satisfied”*  
 Workshop Presenter: Stanley Hubbard (Indianapolis, IN)

Plaza International Ballroom J – *“Counseling Millennials”*  
 Workshop Speaker: Kevin Bethea (Baltimore, MD)

Plaza International Ballroom K – *“The Biblical Response To The Deterioration Of The African-American Family” (Part III)*  
 Workshop Presenter: Brian Moten (Goose Creek, SC)



*Dr. R.C. Wells*



*High Noon Chapel Theme*

(PLAZA D-H)

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Facilitator: Wesley T. Leonard (Orlando, FL)**

Congregational Songs – **Chris Turner (Burlington, NJ)**

Prayer

Congregational Song

**Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Jackson (Little Rock, AK)**

***“The Church That Brings Glory To God” (Ephesians 3:21)***

**Speaker: George Williams (Austin, TX)**

***“Man’s Salvation - Planned By God, Purchased By Christ and Preserved By The Holy Spirit” – (Ephesians 1:3-14)***

**Speaker: Tradanius Beard (Memphis, TN)**

***“Do You Know If It’s So” (Ephesians 1:18)***

Announcements

Closing Prayer

**LUNCH BREAK**



*R.N. Hogan*



**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

*Lyceum Service*

(PLAZA D-H)

**2:30 PM – 4:45 PM**

**Facilitator: Marvin Bell (Baltimore, MD)**

Congregational Songs – **Chris Turner (Burlington, NJ)**

Prayer

Congregational Song

**Speaker: Brandon Starling (Tyler, TX)**

***“The Church Is His Body” (Ephesians 1:22-23)***

**Speaker: Donald Ballard (Hyattsville, MD)**

***“You Can Submit If You Commit” (Ephesians 5:21)***

**Speaker: Dr. Samuel Jones (Jackson, TN)**

***“Blessings Of The God Head” (Ephesians 1:4-14)***

**Speaker: Terry Wallace (Hernando, MS)**

***“Under The Influence” (Ephesians 5:18-20)***

Announcements

Closing Prayer

**DINNER BREAK**





*John Henry Clay*



**WEDNESDAY EVENING**  
*Vesper Service*

**(PLAZA D-H)**

**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Facilitator: Wesley T. Leonard (Orlando, FL)**

**Congregational Song – Chris Turner (Burlington, NJ)**

**Introduction Of Presenter**

**Presentation : Brent Carter - Faithlife/Logos**

**Welcome And Appreciation**

**Dr. Charles McMillian (Winter Haven, FL)**

**Willie Davis (Orlando, FL)**

**Congregational Songs – Chris Turner (Burlington, NJ)**

**Prayer**

**Congregational Song**

**Speaker: Andrew Braxton (Little Rock, AK)**

***“From Rags To Riches” (Ephesians 2:1-3)***

**Speaker: Dr. Jerry Houston (San Antonio, TX)**

***“Access Granted” (Ephesians 2:18; 3:12)***

**Speaker: Dr. W. F. Washington (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)**

***“God’s Eternal Purpose” (Ephesians 3: 1-11)***

**Announcements**

**Closing Prayer**





# Thursday Morning SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

9:00AM - 10:50 AM  
SPECIAL SESSION FOR MINISTERS AND CHURCH LEADERS ONLY

Facilitators: Terry Wallace (Hernando, MS)  
Willie Williams (Dallas, TX)

Congregational Songs  
Prayer  
Congregational Song

**"A DIDACTIC DIALOGUE WITH DOC"**  
Special Presenter : Dr. W.F. Washington (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)

G.P. Holt



High Noon Chapel

(PLAZA D-H)

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM  
Facilitator: Brian Anthony Campbell (Pompano Beach, FL)

Congregational Songs – Chris Turner (Burlington, NJ)  
Prayer  
Congregational Song

Speaker: Johnny Hogan (Lakeland, FL)  
"God's Plan Before The World Began" (Ephesians 1:4)

Speaker: Eric Dawkins Sr. (Valdosta, GA)  
"God Loved Us, Even When..." (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Speaker: Harrell L. Henton (Miami, FL)  
"Pray For Me" (Ephesians 6:18-20)

Announcements.....  
Closing Prayer.....

**LUNCH BREAK**





# John O. Williams *Memorial Banquet*

Speaker:

Dr. Billy Curl (Los Angeles, CA)

*"Grace: A Reward For The Righteous Or A Gift For The Guilty?" (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

NATIONAL LECTURESHIP BANQUET COMMENCES

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM







*Monday Morning*  **SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

## **76th Annual National Lectureship Ladies Program**

**Plaza International Ballroom D-H  
8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.**

**Mistress of Ceremony  
Joyce Maddox – Miami, FL**

**Song Directress – Alinda Gadson  
Winston-Salem, NC**

Song  
Opening Prayer  
Welcome  
An Orlando Welcome  
Roll Call by States  
Ice Breaker  
Song  
Scripture Readings  
**Introduction of Speaker**

**Maritza Glover, Hallandale Beach, FL  
Shana Smith, Winter Haven, FL**

**Bernice Pitts, Los Angeles, CA  
Diane Dukes and Celeste Mayhew, Winter Haven, FL**

**Diane Harrell, Miami, FL  
Gwen Cummings, Nashville, TN**

**Speaker  
Tonya Wilkerson, Atlanta, GA  
“When God Purpose Causes You Pain” (Ephesian 3:13)**

Song  
**Introduction of Speaker**

**Joyce Seright, Winter Haven, FL**

**Speaker  
Celeste Rupert, Houston, TX  
“From Regret to Reset” (Ephesian 2:11-13)**

Song  
Door Prizes  
Presentations/Acknowledgments  
Song  
Closing Prayer

**Jazmin Maddox and Lauren Maddox, Miami, FL  
Lisa Pounds, Winter Haven, FL**

**Pamela Bowman, Winter Haven, FL**





*Tuesday Morning*

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

## 76th Annual National Lectureship Ladies Program

Plaza International Ballroom D-H  
8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Mistress of Ceremony  
**Rosalind Larry, Ocala, FL**

Song Directress  
**Pamela Bowman, Winter Haven, FL**

Song  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture Readings  
**Introduction of Speaker**

**Erma Davis, Winter Haven, FL**  
**Melanie Williams, Orlando, FL**  
**Gwendolyn Gill, Miami, FL**

**Speaker**  
**Patricia Holly, Memphis, TN**  
**“In Sorrow, He’s My Comfort” – (Ephesians 6:20-24)**

Song  
**Southwestern Christian College Appeal**

**Iris Polk KuKu, Newark, NJ**

Song  
**Introduction of Speaker**

**Connie Kinnard, Miami, FL**

**Speaker**  
**Margaret Robertson, Virginia Beach, VA**  
**“Finding My Purpose in His Purpose” – (Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11)**

Song  
Door Prizes  
Presentations/Acknowledgements  
Song  
Closing Prayer

**Marlyn Oliver and Mildred Smith, Winter Haven, FL**  
**Lisa Pounds, Winter Haven, FL**

**Pauline Dawkins, Valdosta, GA**





*Wednesday Morning*  **SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

## **76th Annual National Lectureship Ladies Program**

**Plaza International Ballroom D-H  
8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.**

**Mistress of Ceremony  
Euretha Hogan, Lakeland, FL**

**Song Directress  
Alinda Gadson, Winston-Salem, NC**

Song  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture (Ephesians 3: 14-20; 6:20)  
Song  
**Introduction of Speaker**

**Brenda Jones, Rochester, NY  
Gerri Thompson, Miami, FL**

**Linda Adams, Orlando, FL**

**Speaker  
Matilda Gibbons – Brunswick, GA  
“Burdens Give Birth to Blessings” – (Ephesians 6:20)**

Song  
**Introduction of Speaker**

**Eunice Wright ~ Winter Haven, FL**

**Speaker  
Laura Hubbard – Indianapolis, IN  
“I Know That I’ve Been Changed” – (Ephesians 3:14-20)**

Song  
Door Prizes  
Presentation/Acknowledgments  
Song  
Closing Prayer

**Lois King and Shirley White – Haines City, FL  
Lisa Pounds – Winter Haven, FL**

**Minnie Leonard – Orlando, FL**





*Wednesday Afternoon* **SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

# Ladies' Luncheon

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
Orlando Ballrooms L & M

**Mistress of Ceremony**  
Shana Smith – Winter Haven, FL

**Song Directress**  
Joyce Maddox – Miami, FL

Song  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture Reading  
Song

**Deborah Crusoe – Hopewell, VA**  
**Karen Southall – Nashville, TN**

Meal is served

Song  
Introduction of Speaker

**Etta Jackson – Little Rock, AR**

**Speaker**  
**Effie Smith – East St. Louis, IL**  
***“His Purpose is the Cause of My Praise” – (Ephesians 1: 9-12)***

Song  
Door Prizes  
Presentations/Acknowledgements  
Song  
Closing Prayer

**Brenda Richard and Celeste Mayhew – Winter Haven, FL**  
**Lisa Pounds – Winter Haven, FL**

**Jill Bell – Sykesville, MD**







IN HONOR OF GOD'S SERVANTS







*"And How Shall They Hear Without A Preacher?"*

**George Philip Bowser**  
1874 - 1950  
Founder of the "Christian Echo"  
Detroit, Michigan

**Marshall Keeble**  
1878 - 1968  
President of NCI  
Nashville, Tennessee

**R. N. Hogan**  
1902 - 1997  
Figueroa Church of Christ  
Los Angeles, California

**Levi A. Kennedy, Sr.**  
1846 - 1911  
Centerville Church of Christ  
Centerville, Tennessee

**Levi Kennedy, Jr.**  
1899 - 1970  
Michigan Avenue Church of Christ  
Chicago, Illinois

**Paul Dunbar English**  
1910 - 1940  
Harlem Church of Christ  
New York, New York

**John Steve Winston**  
1906 - 2001  
University Church of Christ  
Cleveland, Ohio

**G. E. Steward**  
1906 - 1979  
Allen Avenue Church of Christ  
Fort Worth, Texas

**George Philip Holt**  
1923 - 2001  
Kingsley Terrace Church of Christ  
Indianapolis, Indiana





*"And How Shall They Hear Without A Preacher?"*

Clyde Muse  
1928 - 2007  
Spencer Church of Christ  
Spencer, Oklahoma

Humphrey Foutz  
1933 - 2006  
Central Church of Christ  
Baltimore, Maryland

Nokomis Yeldell  
1929 - 2007  
Norris Road Church of Christ  
Memphis, Tennessee

Shelton Gibbs, Jr.  
1926 - 1983  
Stop Six Church of Christ  
Fort Worth, Texas

A. C. Christman  
1930 - 1989  
Southern Hills Church of Christ  
Dallas, Texas

John Oscar Williams  
1910 - 1988  
Central Church of Christ  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Carroll Pitts, Jr.  
1924 - 1987  
Normandie Avenue Church of Christ  
Los Angeles, California

K. K. Mitchell  
1928 - 1998  
Southside Church of Christ  
Montgomery, Alabama

Cardie L. Harper  
1927 - 2007  
Maypole Avenue Church of Christ  
Chicago, Illinois







*"And How Shall They Hear Without A Preacher?"*

**W. F. Washington**  
Global Evangelist  
Golden Heights Church of Christ  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

**Roosevelt C. Wells**  
1933 - 2019  
Harlem Church of Christ  
New York, New York

**Eugene Lawton**  
1937 - 2022  
Newark Church of Christ  
Newark, New Jersey

**Jack Evans, Sr.**  
1937 - 2019  
Southwestern Christian College  
Terrell, Texas

**Robert M. Woods**  
1930 - 2017  
Monroe Street Church of Christ  
Chicago, Illinois

**Edgar Scott**  
1913 - 2005  
South Union Church of Christ  
Houston, Texas

**John Henry Clay, Sr.**  
1920 - 2005  
Pasadena Church of Christ  
Pasadena, California

**Jesse Solomon Pace**  
1903 - 1987  
Midtown Church of Christ  
Racine, Wisconsin

**Norris Foulkes**  
1897 - 1987  
Robbins Church of Christ  
Robbins, Illinois





*"And How Shall They Hear Without A Preacher?"*

**Roscoe M. Moore**  
1915 - 1989  
Wagner Avenue Church of Christ  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Andrew J. Hairston**  
Global Evangelist  
Simpson Street Church of Christ  
Atlanta, Georgia

**James Milton Butler**  
1914 - 1989  
Uptown Church of Christ  
San Francisco, California

**James H. Stewart, Jr.**  
1909 - 1977  
Vine Street Church of Christ  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Dennis M. English**  
1874 - 1966  
Klondyke Church of Christ  
Memphis, Tennessee

**Thomas H. Busby**  
1878 - 1970  
Evangelist Church of Christ  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Samuel R. Cassius**  
1853 - 1931  
Tohee Church of Christ  
Logan County, Oklahoma

**Amos L. Cassius**  
1890 - 1982  
Compton Avenue Church of Christ  
Los Angeles, California

**Luke Miller**  
1904 - 1962  
Evangelist  
Church of Christ  
Dade County, Florida





*"And How Shall They Hear Without A Preacher?"*

**Paul Silas Settles**  
1908 - 1969  
Settegast Church of Christ  
Houston, Texas

**Orum L. Trone, Sr.**  
1915 - 2008  
Elmwood Church of Christ  
Detroit, Michigan

**William E. English**  
1913 - 2005  
Northside Church of Christ  
Compton, California

**William Baker**  
1928 - 1993  
Newburg Church of Christ  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Roosevelt Sams**  
1923 - 2003  
Dellcrest Church of Christ  
San Antonio, Texas

**Carl L. Taylor**  
1928 - 2009  
Avondale Church of Christ  
Chattanooga, TN

**Andrew Clarence Holt**  
1891 - 1979  
First President of NCI  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Marion Francis Holt**  
1893 - 1982  
Jefferson Street Church of Christ  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Marion Vincent Holt**  
1927 - 1987  
Swope Parkway Church of Christ  
Kansas City, Missouri





## *Previous Annual National Lectureship Locations*

1945	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	1983	Memphis, Tennessee
1946	Houston, Texas	1984	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
1947	Los Angeles, California	1985	Chicago, Illinois
1948	Chicago, Illinois	1986	Jackson, Mississippi
1949	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1987	Little Rock, Arkansas
1950	Cleveland, Ohio	1988	Saint Louis, Missouri
1951	Detroit, Michigan	1989	Cleveland, Ohio
1952	Indianapolis, Indiana	1990	Houston, Texas
1953	Wichita, Kansas	1991	Denver, Colorado
1954	New York City, New York	1992	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1955	Birmingham, Alabama	1993	Augusta, Georgia
1956	Los Angeles, California	1994	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
1957	Houston, Texas	1995	New York City, New York
1958	Chicago, Illinois	1996	San Antonio, Texas
1959	Memphis, Tennessee	1997	Sacramento, California
1960	San Francisco, California	1998	Baltimore, Maryland
1961	Detroit, Michigan	1999	Kansas City, Missouri
1962	Denver, Colorado	2000	Dallas, Texas
1963	Dallas, Texas	2001	Miami, Florida
1964	Toledo, Ohio	2002	Los Angeles, California
1965	Kansas City, Missouri	2003	Detroit, Michigan
1966	Indianapolis, Indiana	2004	Seattle, Washington
1967	Newark, New Jersey	2005	Nashville, Tennessee
1968	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	2006	Chicago, Illinois
1969	Houston, Texas	2007	Cincinnati, Ohio
1970	Augusta, Georgia	2008	Birmingham, Alabama
1971	Cleveland, Ohio	2009	Jackson, Mississippi
1972	Portland, Oregon	2010	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1973	San Antonio, Texas	2011	New York City, New York
1974	Louisville, Kentucky	2012	Louisville, Kentucky
1975	Saint Louis, Missouri	2013	Houston, Texas
1976	Tulsa, Oklahoma	2014	Atlanta, Georgia
1977	Chattanooga, Tennessee	2015	Chicago, Illinois
1978	New York City, New York	2016	Memphis, Tennessee
1979	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	2017	Atlanta, Georgia
1980	Muncie, Indiana	2018	Greensboro, North Carolina
1981	Dallas, Texas	2019	St. Louis, Missouri
1982	Los Angeles, California	2020 - 2021	COVID-19 Worldwide Pandemic
		2022	Orlando, Florida

**2023 TBA**



# Memorials





*Gone, but never forgotten*  
always in our hearts



Your Hilltop Family



Thomas Wright  
Elder



Bobby Williams  
Deacon



Yolanda McMillian  
Elder's Wife



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In life, we loved you dearly.  
In death we love you still.  
In our hearts you hold a place,  
No one else will ever fill.

*Forever missed, Never forgotten, Loved always*  
*Sara, Chekena, Crissy, Bobby, Jr., Calvin & family*

DEACON  
Robert "Bobby" Williams  
*March 15, 1957-December 2, 2020*





A decorative background for the title featuring a close-up of a white rose on the left and several lit white candles on the right.

# Sister Beatrice Harrell

Faithful Christian, Beloved Mother and Grandmother

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*Jessie James Gibson*  
January 9th 1953 - August 4th 2015

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His dedication, his profound love for God and his fellow man, his smile; the one shared with closest friends and the ones bestowed upon the stranger will forever be impacted in our minds. With proclivity Jessie touch many lives. Jessie's life was a Blessing. His memory is a Treasure that will stay in our hearts forever. Special people never leave us even after they are gone.

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<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
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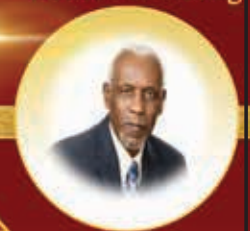
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#### SERVICES

##### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Under Biblical Investigation - 9:30am  
Morning Worship - 10:45am  
Evening Worship - 5:00pm

##### 1ST SUNDAYS

Brothers' & Sisters' Classes - 4pm via Zoom

##### 4TH SUNDAYS

Youth Sunday

#### WEEKLY CLASSES & DEVOTIONALS

Monday Morning Devotion - 7am

1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Seniors' Class - 11am

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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Wednesday - Bible Study - 7pm

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A.M Worship.....11:00 AM  
P.M. Worship.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Bible Class.....7:00 PM  
Song Practice 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month.....7:00 PM



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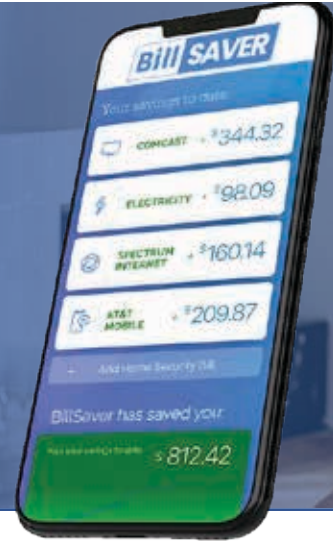
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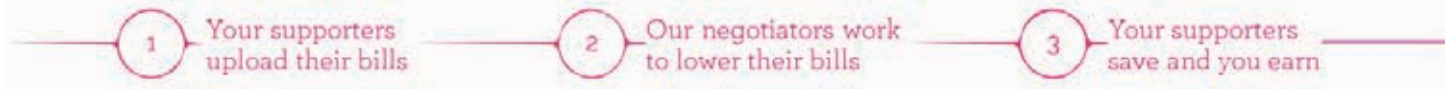
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9:45AM

11:00AM

6:00PM

5:00PM

### TUESDAYS

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11:00AM

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**Prayer Services &  
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### Wednesday

Bible Classes - 7:00pm  
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### 4th Sunday of each month

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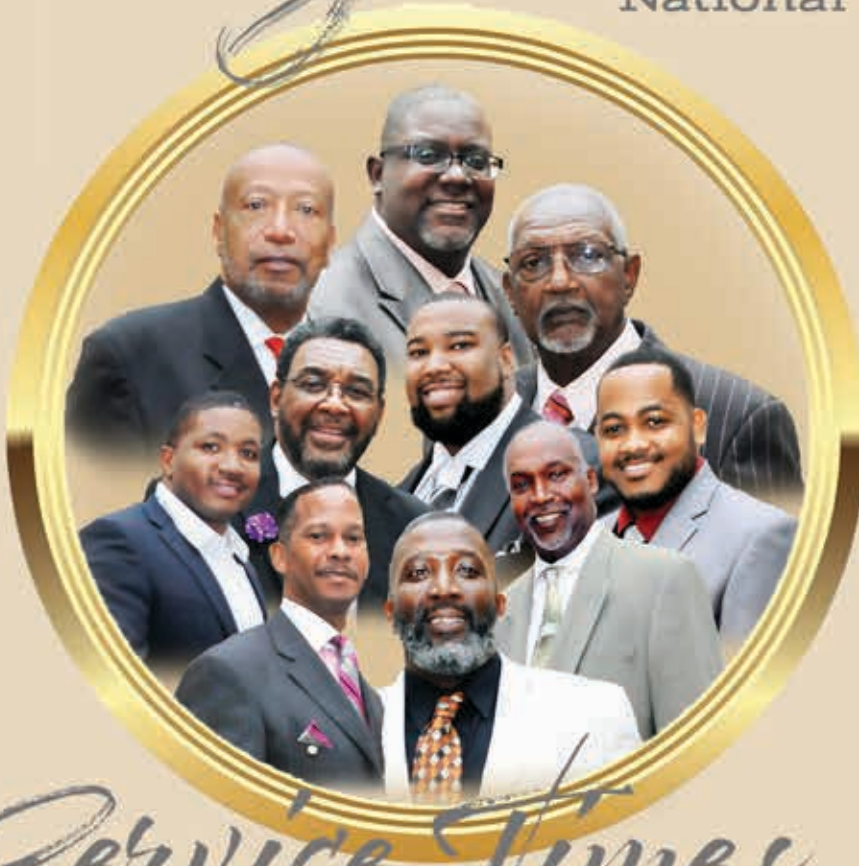
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**9:30 AM: Bible Class  
10:30 AM: Morning Worship  
5:00 PM: Evening Worship**

#### **Wednesday**

**7:30 PM: Bible Class**

#### **3rd Saturday Monthly**

**9:30 AM: Ladies Bible Class**



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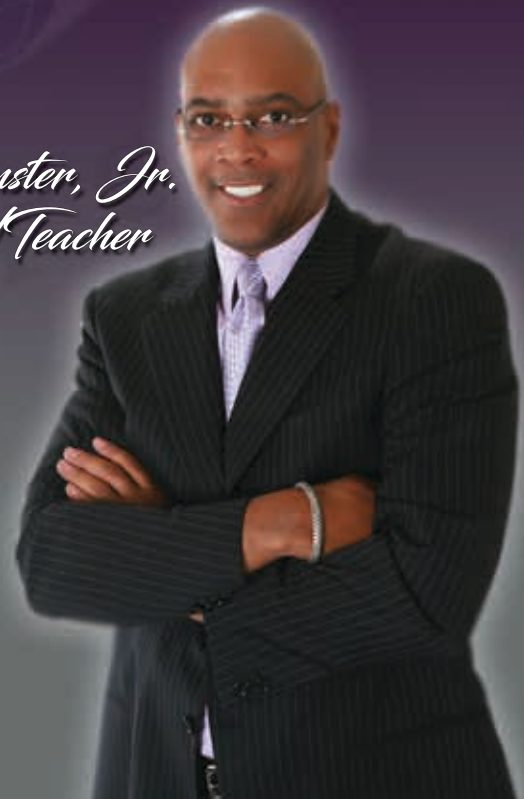
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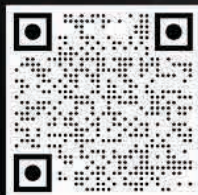
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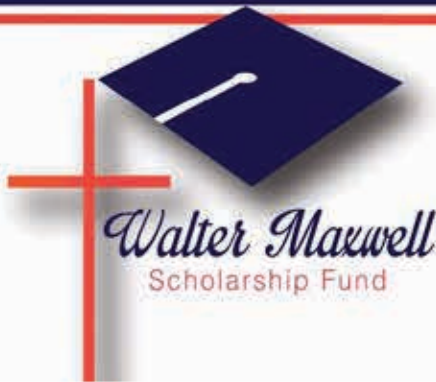
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