

# IAAA INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY COMMENCEMENT 2018

And Father's Day Celebration



Sponsored by Bishop Lawrence Brown, Jr And The Board of Doctors and Truatees



June 17, 2018 5 PM 11770 Seven Hills Dr. Florissant Mo

#### 'DON'T WAIT ANOTHER YEAR' is what I felt from God when I started to plan this commencement for next year as I had done for the last three years, a spirit of urgency came upon me when the scripture Psalms 102:13 resounded in my mind:

**Psalm 102:13** <sup>13</sup>You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; **the** appointed **time has come** 

We only had ninety days till Father's Day, the day to fulfill the vision of the commencement of our modern Apostolic Fathers. Yes it was short notice but it happened according to the vision. For those who had to complete the long verification and documentation paper work, required for the ThD and for those who were not able to complete the long process of documentation, but the evidence of their worthiness was clear to us all, the D.D. and the Master's Degree students who qualified for those degrees, they all worked the best that they could in the short 90 day period, and some being only notified less than 45 days from the event, did an awesome job participating in the event by presenting their portfolios and making sure everything was in order for commencement day. You may see that some portfolios are longer than others, that is not because those with shorter portfolio did any less than the ones with the longer portfolios, it is just what they were able to produce with such a short notice.

#### History and Purpose of the Institute

This event is presented by the International Association of Apostolic Apologists Institute of Theology, which is located in Alton Illinois, on two campuses, the East campus and the West Campus. The East Campus is located at 918 East Fifth Street and the West Campus is located at 512 Spring Street, Alton Illinois.

The East Campus has a ' hall and seven dormitories are under construction. The west Campus has one lecture hall and 8 classrooms. It has five dormitories with one under construction. The school was established out from the organization, The International Association of Apostolic Apologists, which was officially established in March of 2010. It was established by Apologist Lawrence E. Brown, because of the gross need for apologists, in the Apostolic Faith Church who could skillfully defend the Apostolic Faith.

We observed the lack of knowledge and understanding of the accuracy and necessity of the Apostle's Doctrine, even within the realm of the 'Apostolic Church'. It was said of Bishop Arthur Brazier, speaking to Bishop James A. Johnson, *"The Reason we do not hear the Gospel preached today, is the preachers do not know it*". It was also seen that many apostolic faith organizations had shifted their purposes from what they were in their inception, which originally were, being first Gospel and Apostolic Doctrine driven. It was seen that Postmodernism and relativism were driving the themes of their convocations, conventions, and conference programs, such that there were very few tracks or sessions on the Gospel or the Apostolic Faith offered on the programs of many conferences sponsored by 'Apostolic Faith Organizations'. It was sadly observed that they were no longer Gospel and Apostolic Doctrine driven, as they were at first. From this depravation of exposure to the Gospel and its apostolicity, supposedly Apostolic Faith organizations were

raising a generation of preachers and saints that did not really know the Gospel and were lacking in their ability to present the Gospel and or defend it. It was no longer the going thing for a preacher to be able to skillfully **Preach Jesus**, as it once was in the very early days of the modern Apostolic Faith movement. Therefore, the IAAA was formed to collaborate with those who felt a call to the ministry of apologetics for and within the Apostolic Faith Church. We are established to make apostolicity our main purpose, not having it only in our history in a fading away sense, but having it as our main focus. Those in this organization have sacrificed popularity, acceptance by the masses, and positions, for the sake of producing and providing a sound defense and propagation of the Apostolic Doctrine to the world and to the future generations of the Apostolic Faith Church. Because we believe that a lack of this is a depravation of the true blessings and Light of the glorious Gospel that can benefit the Church in ways unimaginable, such benefits Satan is determined to keep from us, by deceiving men in high positions within the physical church to hide the Gospel from our constituency. From this mandate the Institute of Theology was formed, and its curriculum is structured on the Apostolic Faith. Therefore, as you read the portfolios of our classman of 2018 in this commencement book, you will read about their relationship to the Apostolic Faith.

#### Nothing Like a Degree from a Truly Apostolic Institute

There are other institutes of theology, but this one is purely Apostolic, it is formed for, by, and through the Apostolic Faith Community. It is tailored for our doctrine, our culture and our people. Therefore, for apostolic faith people, there is no degree for an Apostolic faith saint or an emerging apostolic preacher like a degree from a strong apostolic institute that knows your doctrine and will strengthen you in it. Here we do not just pay for a theology degree, we really get the knowledge and understanding of true apostolic theology and are equipped thereby to skillfully preach Jesus and explain and defend the Gospel to and in the world of theology.

#### The International Association of Apostolic Apologists Institute of Theology

While it is true that this institute has a very challenging and in-depth theological curriculum for its younger students, in a special program called the Eighty-Plus program the institute is conferring advanced degrees on those who have proven works, knowledge and experience in Apostolic Faith Theology and a record of longevity of service in the realm of the Apostolic Faith Church. We feel that this program was ordered by God to reward these great laborers while they live for what they have done and learned and taught to countless others. Some of them have recently experienced physical ailments, the loss of loved ones, and other discouraging things that challenge many of our seniors. Therefore, this program comes to say to them that you have not been forgotten by the Apostolic Faith Church that you love so dearly, and you have not been forgotten by God who loves you so dearly.

The focus of the celebration is on the post achievement recognition of our modern apostolic fathers in the midwestern region of America. For this celebration we are commemorating Apostolic [fathers] leaders from all organizations who are 80 plus years old. We sought to include all of the pastors who were 80 years old or above 80. Most of them accepted the offer from the institute and are registered with the college under a student number. By that, they are given alumni status so that after they have been conferred their degrees they will be the alumni of 2018. They will be given the college's alumni medallion with their diplomas thereby documenting their official graduation from this institute. They are in the class of 2018.

In the constitution of this institute, the school recognizes post achievement works and learning that have been done throughout the life of a ministerial career. This year we are giving recognition to all of the

fathers who are 80 or above. In our search for those that qualified for these degrees, we have found that many of these men have done enough work and taught and learned enough about the Apostolic Doctrine that they have, over the years, earned enough credits for their Doctorate of Apostolic Faith Theology and Christian Service Degree and some their Doctor of Divinity Degree and some their Master's Degrees. All of these men are registered at the college and have student numbers. Their transcripts and portfolios are supplied by the records of their studies, Bible college course work, previously earned degrees, field experience, documentation of projects engaged in, their service in offices, like that of Bishop in the Apostolic Faith Church. They all have been proponents of the Apostolic Faith Church for more than half of a century 50 years. As you will read in their portfolios, in this book they all have made special contributions to the Apostolic Faith Church. They all are strong propagators and defenders of the faith. They all have dedicated their lives to the cause of the defense of the Apostle's Doctrine. They are the senior living legends of faithfulness to apostolicity. They are the senior ambassadors of the modern Apostolic Faith Church in the Midwestern region of America.

#### **Special Thanks**

We take this opportunity to thank our apostolic fathers who are being celebrated today for their strong and faithful service to the work of the Lord and in the community of the apostolic faith Church. We also thank you for being examples for the younger generation to admire and emulate; you have served God in the best of your years and with the best of your talent and strength. You have been strong and faithful. We also thank the families and the armor bearers that supported our candidates throughout this process. We thank, the pastors, scholars, and the Doctors on the Board of Doctors for conferring these candidates on behalf of the Apostolic Faith Church through this institute. We also thank the college administrative team, and the Board of Trustees for their cooperation and support.

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# Degree Candidates Awards and Certificate Recipients Degrees Awards and Proclamations

**Bishop Lawrence Brown, Jr, Ph.D.,** Master of Theology, Certificate of acknowledgement as the first student, first chancellor, first Ph.D. and first valedictorian of the International Association of Apostolic Apologist Institute of Theology, IAAAIT

**Bishop Lloyd Clemons, DD** Doctor Divinity, Recognition as an Apostolic Father, Honorary Doctor of Divinity, Honorary Member of the Board of Doctors, IAAAIT

Bishop Lawrence Brown Sr., Th.D, Recognition as an Apostolic Father

Bishop A. John McCoy, ThD., Acknowledgement as a Modern Apostolic Father

**Bishop Tommie Harsely, Th.D., Th.M**., Master of Divinity, Doctor of Apostolic Faith, Theology, and Christian Service

Bishop Steward Stiles, DD Doctor of Divinity, Acknowledgement as Apostolic Father, Honorary

**Bishop Willie Mosby, ThD** Doctor of Apostolic Faith, Theology, and Christian Service, Acknowledgement as Apostolic Father

Bishop Joe Lewis, DD Doctor of Divinity, Acknowledgement as an Apostolic Father

Bishop Alphonso Scott, Most Excellent Apostolic Father Award

Elder Bennie Thompson ThM Master of Apostolic Faith Theology and Christian Service

Elder Walter Cole, ThM Master of Apostolic Faith, Theology, and Christian Service

**District Elder Roland Booker**-ThM, DD, Master of Apostolic Faith Theology and Christian Service, and Doctor of Divinity

DR. Paul H. Evans special recognition as very significant and momentous Apostolic Leader.

**Bishop Robert K Buckner** recognized as an outstanding Apostolic Apologist, lecturer and defender of the faith.

## **Candidates and Recipients' Summative Portfolios**

Reading Summative Portfolio-Records of the Candidates: Our graduating class includes two classes of candidates, degree candidates and eighty-plus apostolic fathers Roland Booker -eighty plus, Apostolic Father Walter Cole-eight-plus, Apostolic Father Tommie Harsley, Sr. Degree Candidate Lawrence Brown, Sr. eighty plus-Apostolic father Lawrence Brown, Jr.-Degree Candidate Lloyd Clemons-eighty plus-Apostolic Father Joe A. Lewis eighty-plus-Apostolic Father A. John McCoy eighty-plus-Apostolic Father Willie Mosby eighty-plus-Apostolic Father Steward Stiles, Sr eighty plus-Apostolic Father

# The Fathers' Day

## "The set time to honor the Zion' has Come" Psalms 102:13 Oder of Entry

*"Order of Commencement and Celebration Processioning in on "Music Pomp and Circumstance"* At 5 PM

**Entry and seating of Doctoral Candidates**: Bishop A John McCoy, Bishop Lawrence Brown, Sr., Bishop Tommie Harsley, Bishop Joe Lewis, District Elder Roland Booker, Bishop Lloyd Clemons, Bishop Steward Stiles,

#### Procession of

**Board of Doctors:** Dr. Paul H Evans, Dr. Keith Mosby, Dr. Art McCoy, Dr. Norma McCoy, Dr. Terrence Coleman, Dr. Reynolds Thomas, Dr. Gregory Well, Dr. Tiffany Fane, Dr. Larry O. Jones, Dr. Roland Booker, Dr. Phillip Stiles, Dr. Hunn Procession of

**Trustees and Institute Administrators:** Elder Savoy Gardener, Brenda Gardner, Deacon Robert Weaver, Angela weaver, Dr.Tiffany Antonio Fane, Lady Tanya C. Brown, Lawrence Brown, III., Elder Von Aubuchon, Algeretta Ellis, Evelyn Griffin, Marvin Lovett, Lawrence Brown, Jasmine Brown

# Commencement Program June 17, 2018

Master of Ceremonies Invocation Reading of Theme Scripture, Psalms 108:13 Pastor Tanya C. Brown Dr. Norma McCoy Dr. Terrence Coleman

# "Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come" 102:13

Presentation of Valedictorian

Valedictorian Address 2018 Commencement

Offering of Contributions

Pastor Tanya C. Brown

Bishop Lawrence Brown, Jr., Th.M. and Ph.D. Candidate

Dr. Keith Mosby Elder Savoy Gardner Elder Tom Swanigan Lady Crystal Swanigan

Conferral Set I: Master's Degree in Apostolic Faith Theology and Christian

Service

Dr. Philip Stiles Reading of Summative Portfolio of Maste'r Degree Candidate

Walter Cole, Bennie Thompson Tommie Harsley Roland Booker

#### Conferrals of the Master's of Theology Degrees Th.M

Presentation of the CandidatesConferrerDegrees Diplomas and medallion issued the conferrerWitnessing DoctorsDr. Keitl

Dr. Gregory Wells Dr. Terrance Coleman Dr. Terrance Coleman Dr. Keith Mosby and Doctor Philip Stiles Candidate Elder Walter Cole, Hooding Dr. Philip L. Stiles and Dr. Keith Mosby Presenting alumni Madeline, Dr. Terence Coleman Diploma and congratulation Dr. Terrence Coleman

Elder Bennie Thompson, hooding and Madeline Dr. Coleman assisted by Dr. Philip L. Stiles, Sr. and Doctor Keith Mosby Presenting alumni Madeline Dr. Terrance Coleman Diploma and congratulation Dr. Terrence Coleman Dr. Stiles and Dr.Mosby following Dr. Coleman congratulating the candidate

Elder Roland Booker Presenting alumni Madeline Dr. Terrance Coleman Diploma and congratulations- Dr. Terence Coleman, Dr. Philip Stiles and Dr. Keith Mosby following The conferrer with congratulations

> Bishop Tommie Harsley, Master's Degree Presenting alumni Madeline Dr. Terrance Coleman Diploma and congratulations- Dr. Terence Coleman

Bishop Lawrence Brown, Jr., conferral of Master's Degree Presenting alumni Madeline Dr. Terrance Coleman Diploma and congratulations- Dr. Terence Coleman, Dr. Stiles and Dr.Mosby following

## **Special Presentation**

#### Proclamation and Presentation of Most Excellent Senior Apostolic Father Award

Declared and presented by IAAAIT with All Apostolic Fathers, the Board of Doctors, Bishop Lawrence Brown Jr., Bishop Tommie Harsley, Dr. Gregory Wells, Presentation read by Dr. Gregory Wells

Recipient: Dean of the modern Apostolic Fathers [2018] Bishop Alphonso Scott Address to Candidates and Award recipients from Senior Apostolic Father Bishop Dr. Alphonso Scott

## Conferral Set II The Ph.D Doctor of Philosophy of Apostolic Faith Apologistics <u>Conferral of Doctor of Philosophy and Theology Candidate, [Ph.D]</u>

Dr. Philip Reading summative

portfolio Presentation of the Candidate

Dr. Tiffany Fane

Conferral of Ph.D. Hooding of the Candidate doctors

Booker

**Reynold Thomas and** 

Presentation of Diploma, placing alumni Medallion

**Congratulations-** Dr. Art McCoy shall lead the witnessing doctors in congratulating the new doctor

## **Conferral of Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degrees [DD]**

#### Reading summative portfolios of candidate for the Doctor of Divinity Degree

#### **Dr. Phillip L. Stiles**

Candidates: Bishop Lloyd Clemons, District Elder Roland Booker, Bishop Steward Stiles, Bishop Joe Lewis

Presentation of Candidates

Conferrals Hooding of Each Candidate witnessing doctors Medallion for Each Candidate Degrees Diplomas issued by Congratulation of Candidates witnessing Doctors Dr. N. Hunn

Dr. Keith Mosby Dr. Keith Mosby assisted by

Dr. Keith Mosby Dr. Keith Mosby with

following

## **Conferrals Set IV-Conferral of**

#### The Doctor of Apostolic Faith Theology and Christian Service Degrees D.Th

Reading of summative portfolios

Dr. Art McCoy

**Candidates**: Bishop Lawrence Brown. Sr, Tommie Harsley, Bishop A. John McCoy, Bishop Willie Mosby

Dr. Art McCoy Dr. Art McCoy and witnessing

Dr. Steward Stiles, Dr. Roland

Dr. Gregory Wells and Dr.

Dr. Art McCoy

Presentation of candidates

Conferral

Medallion and hooding Diplomas issued by' Steward Stiles,

**Tommie Harsley** 

Dr. Steward Stiles

Dr. Lawrence Brown, Jr.

Dr. Lawrence Brown, Jr., Dr.

Dr. Roland Booker and Pastor

#### Praise led by the Bethesda Temple of Alton Band and Brother Lawrence Brown, III

#### Gifts and or flowers presented to the Fathers by the Families

#### Prayer of thanksgiving for our Apostolic Fathers

Apostolic Recessional led by the Chancellor, Board of Doctors, IAAAIT Trustees and Administrators Degree recipients Reception in Banquet Hall by Reservations

## Profiles –Summative Portfolios of the Candidates-Apostolic Fathers Eighty-Plus Program IAAA Institute of Theology Class of 2018

### District Elder Roland Booker-Candidate of the Masters of Apostolic Faith Theology and Christian Service and the Doctor of Divinity DD degree



The preacher, Pastor, and Gifted Psalmist, a man of excellent Character and friendliness. A lover of the Apostolic Faith People. He is a true living legend and replica of an era of the Preaching psalmist of the apostolic faith church, who ministered in word and song, like Charles Watkins, William Abney, David Ellis, Norman Wagner, Marvin Sapp. He has been a proponent of the Apostolic Faith for 56 years.

District Elder Booker was born in Chicago, Illinois to parents, Elder St. Clair J. Booker Sr., (who was the first young people's president of the P.A.W. in 1933), and Mrs. Idonia Booker (who was the secretary of the Illinois District Council for many years, secretary to the Bishop's Board of the P.A.W., and personal secretary to the late Mattie B. Poole in Chicago).

Dr. Booker was born again in 1952 at the Indiana Avenue Church of God, under the leadership of the late Elder Charles Ellis, Sr., who was the father of Bishops David and Willie Ellis. As best friends, the Ellis family all worked with the Bookers in the church choir, and at the marriage of Roland and Ollie in 1959, Bishop David Ellis was one of the groomsmen. Elect Lady Booker introduced Bishop Willie Ellis to his wife, Mary, and the Ellis family have remained close to the Bookers through the years.

The Booker family moved from Chicago to St. Louis in November 1969 to work with Bishop P.L. Scott, the Lively Stone Church of God Mass Choir (then under the direction of L.G. Scott), and the Midwestern District Council (MDC) Choir to record the "Witness" album.

Dr. Booker has been well known for teaching workshops in voice, choral directing, and his knowledge of music in working with various choirs and groups throughout the country, and for this reason was presented with the Doctorate in music degree from the Pentecostal Bible College of Tuskegee, Alabama in 1989. He has also had the opportunity to work with various recording artists, namely the O'Neal Twins; Quincy Fielding, Jr.; Dr. Bobby Jones; Milton Brunson and The Thompson Community Singers; Rev. James Cleveland and the Gospel Music Workshop of America; Rev. Timothy Wright; Mother Willie Mae Ford Smith (directed the choir for Dr. M.L.K. Jr. celebration); Delores Barrett Campbell and the Barrett Sisters; Bishop Charles Watkins; and Dr. Mattie Moss Clark and the Clark Sisters. His most notable assignments were Minister of Music for the Indiana Avenue Pentecostal Church; Minister of Music for the Illinois State Council; Guest Director for the International Choir of the P.A.W. (under Bishop Norman Wagner); and Minister of Music and President of the MDC Choir

In 1988, Dr. Booker was invited and accepted the office of President and Minister of Music for the MDC Choir. The choir was blessed to showcase the District by producing the first live recording in June 1990 that was distributed in cassette tape, CD, video, and DVD formats, titled *"Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant."* (Noted at the History of the the MDC at <a href="http://www.mdcpaw.org/">http://www.mdcpaw.org/</a>, click history.) The choir under Dr. Booker's leadership was honored to have been invited to sing during the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (PAW) National Convention during Bishop James Johnson's final service as PAW Presiding Bishop.

During Dr. Booker's tenure the choir sang at the Bobby Jones Gospel Show Live in Nashville, Tennessee in 1993, and the show was aired 6 months running. The choir also was voted and received awards for Choir of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Producer of the Year, Songwriter of the Year, all for the recording, *"Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant."* The choir has sung for the Benefit Concert for Inner City Youth at Powell Symphony Hall; Missouri Black Expo 1993; Afro-American Awareness Cultural Festival; two performances at the McDonald's Gospel Fest (held at the Fox Theater with Dr. Bobby Jones, New Life and John P. Kee in St. Louis); Christmas Benefit concerts series in 1992 at Northwest Plaza, Chesterfield Mall, Union Station, and St. Louis Center (where approximately 30 families were served Christmas baskets from this effort); and an 8-day road tour singing in PAW churches in Texas (San Antonio, Longview, Fort Worth), Oklahoma (Oklahoma City), and Missouri (Kansas City) in September 1992, also selling 1000 CD's and tapes during the tour.

Since accepting the call of God in 1973, he studied to become an ordained elder in 1975, and then to earn a doctorate in theology. Dr. Booker has many teaching lessons and sermons on CD, as well as, having written six books. He was previously active at his local church, Lively Stone Church of God, in many capacities and was involved in the prison ministry, Sunday School, and taught weekly Bible class.

Dr. Booker both founded and pastored the Abundant Fellowship Church of God in St. Louis in April 1995. However, due to health reasons, Dr. Booker has retired from pastoring at the end of 2017, and is still actively preaching and teaching as the Lord leads. Pastor Booker has traveled extensively preaching and teaching the gospel. He taught Bible class on a regular basis in Rochester, Minnesota UPC churches; ministered for Rev. Clay Evans of Chicago, Bishop Robert McMurray of Los Angeles, Bishop Robert Farris of Nashville, Bishop Boyd of Nashville, Elder Hammond of Honolulu, Bishop Nathaniel Davis of Seattle, and Bishop Davis of Anchorage to mention a few.

Dr. Booker was appointed to the office of District Elder of the 7<sup>th</sup> District of the Midwestern District Council of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World by Bishop Larry O. Jones, Diocesan of the Midwestern District Council in July 2012.

District Elder Booker's ministry, life, and work can be summed up from one of his beloved quotes from the Bible, *"having obtained help from God, I have continued until this day (Acts 26:22).* 

At an appreciation service held in his honor great musicians and ministers came from far and near to honor the legacy of this great Apostolic father.

# Bishop A. John McCoy-D.Th Candidate for Doctor of Apostolic Faith Theology and Christian Service Degree



Evangelist, Prayer Warrior, Faithful husband and father, Builder of a million-dollar ministry complex, Great apostolic teacher, a true friend of the humanity and a lover of the Apostolic Faith people. A scandal-free clean man.

Aytevelde John McCoy was born on April 21, 1933 to Odie and Eliza McCoy in St Louis, Missouri. Aytevelde, attended Washington Tech and Vashon High Schools. After high school, he went to work with his father, Mr. Odie McCoy, who owned and operated a lucrative ice, coal and wood business. A. John acquired valuable financial principles in money management. He was baptized in Jesus Name in October 1955. He was miraculously filled with the Holy Ghost on November 3, 1955 at Bethesda Temple Church, located at 2406 Belle glade, under the leadership of Elder James A. Johnson. God saved A. John McCoy from a horrible life of drugs, crime and imprisonment.

He served as President of the "Brotherhood" for many years at Bethesda A. John McCoy entered into holy matrimony to his beautiful wife, Norma Jean Brown, on May 5, 1956. God blessed this union with four children, seven grand children and five great grands.

He was called to the ministry shortly afterwards and became busy in the church and the district. Visiting local churches sharing his testimony of deliverance from a horrible life of sin and drug addiction. He was trained as a minister and pastor under the leadership of Elder James A. Johnson. Through correspondence he attended the Aenon Bible School for many years.

With his wife and children by his side, God called him into the evangelist field preaching the word of God across the state. Elder McCoy and his wife were diligently seeking the Lord concerning a work in the vineyard when they were asked by a small group of saints if he would consider being their pastor. After much prayer, fasting and counseling from his pastor, the late Bishop James A Johnson and the Diocesan, of the Midwestern District Counsel, the late Bishop Phillip Lee Scott, he said "YES" to the call of the Lord into the field of pasturing.

On August 10, 1967, Elder McCoy became Founding Pastor of Grace Apostolic Family Worship Center. The church was officially organized by Bishop P. L. Scott in the home of Evangelist Dorothy Jones. The group met and broke bread from house to house from August to the end of November 1967. They were blessed financially during this time and were able to refurbish an ole run down building and made it into a lovely place of worship. On December 1, 1967, Grace Temple Church observed its' Grand Opening at our first location, 2526 North Taylor Avenue at Cottage St. Louis, Missouri. The Lord blessed at that location and souls were added to the church. We remained at that site until the end of December 1971.

Our Pastor and First Lady felt led by the Lord to relocate the ministry to a larger facility. The congregation was moved to 4317-19 North 20th Street. For the first two years, we rented a portion of this building, but our Pastor had a vision and saw the need for expansion and renovation of the property. In December, 1974 we purchased

the entire building (which included 4317 through 4323) and began extensive renovation. The Lord blessed us to knock out the middle wall and enlarge our sanctuary in August of 1976. We put in new floors, another front on the building, all new electrical lighting, lowered the ceiling, purchased pews, carpeted the entire sanctuary, purchased new tile for the kitchen and dining area, bought new furniture (for our Pastor and First Lady's office) installed a new roof and purchased custom made draperies.

In 1979 we purchased two lots adjacent to our building, had it paved and striped for parking and put a new cyclone fence all around the property. On December 6, 1982, the Lord blessed us to liquidate the mortgage of this property. Bishop P L. Scott conducted our Mortgage Burning Service on December 16, 1982. In August 1983, we purchased our first 15 passenger bus for our church.

The Church was incorporated in 1984 and given the new name Grace Apostolic Church, Inc. Later in the same year plans were made and funds were raised to give our building a new face lift. Because of the historical area the Hyatt Park officials would not grant a permit to change the structure of our building. In January 1986, we began a building fund drive with our focus on expanding the ministry to include a Christian Day Care Center and relocating our edifice. The fund drive was a success.

Upon the approval of the State of Missouri and the City of St Louis, Evangelist Norma J. McCoy and District Elder McCoy founded the Grace Christian Learning Center and on Monday, April 7, 1986 was the grand opening. The center was not only a service to the community, but was proven to be a great tool of evangelism for reaching the lost, as well as a channel to financially under gird the ministry.

Through the success of the building fund drive, we were blessed to make a substantial down payment on our next location on April 23, 1987. The Lord gave us great favor with the bank officials and the contract was closed and finalized on June 29, 1987. On July 5, 1987, we happily motorcaded from our 20th Street location to 520 Chambers Road, Riverview Missouri.

In November 1989, Elder McCoy was elevated from District Elder. He had a strong passion for radio ministry and has broadcasted on several radio stations as well as preached in numerous prison ministries throughout Missouri and Illinois. His ministry has reached tens of thousands and many souls have been won to Christ. He served as Assistant Treasury for the Midwestern District Counsel, under Bishop PL Scott.

November 3, 1997, our Pastor's Spiritual Birthday, the Lord blessed Grace to liquidate the mortgage five years ahead of schedule for which we were truly grateful. We celebrated our Mortgage Burning Ceremony on September 27, 1998, Officiated by Bishop James A. Johnson at our 520 Chambers Road location. This was the second church property the Lord blessed us to completely liquidate. March of 1998; the church was blessed to purchase our second 15 passenger van for our bus ministry. Glory Halleluiah.

Our Pastor had a vision and a projection to move the church FORWARD and to continue to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In 1997, Grace began its search for a larger facility. Our Pastor and First Lady were in the Holy Land when our present building became available at 11770 Seven Hills Drive in Florissant, Missouri. Our son the late Dr. Timothy Dale McCoy,

(Assistant Pastor) along with the board directors, went with the real estate agent to assess the property. When Dr. McCoy saw this edifice, he immediately knew this was the place for Grace. He phoned the pastor in Israel

and walked through the church describing the beauty of the location and the pastor advised him to submit a contract immediately on this 1.8 million dollar lovely church facility.

We were blessed to purchase and close on the beautiful property, January 20th 1999 and on February 14, 1999, with exuberance and excitement, happily motorcaded with police escort, from 520 Chambers to 11770 Seven Hills Drive, Florissant, Missouri to God be the glory.

Out of this Ministry Five Churches were established. Grace Apostolic Church has a rich history. Senior District McCoy was elevated to Suffragan Bishop McCoy in the July 2013 Counsel under the leadership of our Diocesan, Bishop Larry O. Jones. Bishop McCoy labored on the evangelistic field for 10 years and served as founding pastor of Grace Apostolic Church for 47 ½ years. He has been a loving husband of 62 years and a great father. His entire family has played an intricate role in this great ministry.

As they grew in age and grew in grace, they desired to continue to work in kingdom building and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and decided not to allow the legacy to end because of their age along with health challenges. In April 2014, God placed in their hearts to continue the legacy through their son in law, Pastor Harmon Swanigan and daughter First Lady Crystal McCoy-Swanigan. Now Grace Apostolic Church is moving forward with the help of God.

Being physically challenged since the age of three has never stopped or prevented Bishop McCoy from traveling internationally, preaching, teaching, and working in the ministry. It is his true desire and ultimate goal to continue to proclaim the uncompromising truth of God's Word, preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and build the Kingdom of God. Grace Apostolic Church is now in its 51st year of existence and thriving. *Ebenezer, Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us.* 

Recommendation from his wife:

Dear President Lawrence E. Brown, Jr.,

It is a profound pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for my beloved- husband of sixty-two years, Bishop Artevelde John McCoy. I was present when he was baptized in Jesus Name in October 1955 and two weeks later on November 3, 1955 he was filled with the precious gift of the Holy ghost at Bethesda Temple Church, 2406 Belleglade under the pastorate of Bishop James A. Johnson. God delivered him from a deviant life of drug addiction, alcohol, burglary and a short prison sentence.

On May 5, 1956 we were united in holy matrimony and to this union four lovely children were born. In our early marriage my husband would spend many hours in prayer and bible reading in our small study. It was apparent that God was dealing with him.

My husband, was a very humble man and submissive to his pastor. In 1957 he acknowledged his call to the ministry. He began to evangelize in the Mid-Western District local area sharing his powerful testimony of deliverance. He always consulted his pastor's approval prior to accepting any invitation.

On one Sunday morning he was invited to preach for Bishop P. L. Scott at the Lively Stone Church of God, Stewart Stiles was in the audience and was convicted by his sermon and the word of God. He said, "If God can save that fellow, I know he can save me", Bishop Stiles was baptized in Jesus name that Sunday Morning. In 1962, Bishop Johnson wrote him a wonderful letter of recommendation to take with him on the evangelistic field stating he was a minister in good standing at his home church. The Pastors in other districts welcomed Elder McCoy into their churches to preach upon the recommendation of his pastor. He preached in many Councils, the Northern District, the Northwestern District and many other churches across the United States. He evangelized and preached the gospel of his testimony of deliverance for ten years 1957-1967. Many souls were baptized and filled with the holy ghost.

In 1967 Bishop McCoy felt a calling to Pastor. He and his wife sought the Lord diligently and consulted with his pastor and the Diocesan at the time Bishop PL Scott, for approval. When a group of fourteen members asked would he consider being their pastor. After much fasting and prayer, he said yes to the call. Grace Apostolic Church was officially organized and he was installed as Pastor on August 10, 1967. One of the first person's to be baptized was a co-worker that Bishop McCoy had witnessed to on his job. Oscar Cannon was filled with the holy ghost and years later he became a pastor. Many of the saints that were saved in Grace Apostolic's infancy are in leadership positions still walking with the Lord. I can say with certainly even with his physical limitations this never slowed or hindered Bishop McCoy from being a faithful and loving pastor serving God's people for over 47 years. Because of declining health, he retired as Pastor April 2014. Many souls were baptized and filled with the holy ghost under this ministry. He married the newlyweds and buried the dead across the years.

My husband has been a faithful and loving husband to one wife, for sixty- two years plus years with no infidelity to God be the Glory. He has also been a supportive and loving father to his four successful children. Currently in retirement God has blessed Bishop McCoy and myself, Dr. Norma McCoy with a Tuesday Bible study entitled an "An Hour of Power". As a team ministry we continue teaching God's Word and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ., "Ebenezer, hitherto hath the Lord helped us".

I highly recommend my husband for this honorary doctoral degree for his longevity and faithfulness. From his Loving wife

Dr. Norma J. McCoy

May 20, 2018

Bishop Lawrence E. Brown, Jr., President The International Association of Apostolic Apologetics, Institution of Theology 512 Spring Street Alton, IL 62002

Dear President Lawrence Brown, Jr.:

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter of support on behalf of my father, Suffragan Bishop Arteveld John McCoy, Sr., for an honorary doctorate from the International Association of Apostolic Apologetics, Institution of Theology (IAAAIT) and formal acknowledgment as one of the eldest living "Fathers of the Apostolic Pentecostal Faith." Jesus said, in the Gospel according to Matthew (7:20), "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Bishop McCoy's fruits in his 62 plus years of being in the faith and over 50 years of church leadership illustrate that he is a father of the faith and *summa cum laude*.

A. John McCoy received his church leadership training, mentorship, and ordinations from some founding fathers of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (P.A.W.), Inc. He came through the ranks under the leadership of Diocesan James A. Johnson, Bishop Phillip (P.) L. Scott, and Bishop Austin Layne, Sr., whose son, Austin Layne, Jr., sang in A. John McCoy's wedding to Norma Jean Brown-McCoy. Bishop Layne, Sr., was the earliest P.A.W. leader of St. Louis, pastor of the oldest P.A.W. St. Louis church, and was associated with Rev. William J. Seymour of the 1906 "Azusa Street Revival." After years of faithful service under these Bishops, A. John McCoy was fruitful and rose in his roles from a saved brother McCoy, to President of the Betheada Church Brotherhood, a student in the School of Prayer turned prayer warrior, a minister, evangelist, elder, pastor, District Elder, Suffragan Bishop, husband, father, CEO, and more. During his church leadership, Bishop McCoy has:

- Ministered to tens of thousands of people on the radio, evangelistic field, and as a pastor
- Purchased more than five business and residential properties with values as high as \$1 million.
- Started businesses and programs to help the community from daycare centers to drug rehabilitation programs
- Traveled across the U.S. and internationally from Seoul, Korea to Jerusalem, Israel, and
- Glorified God for over 62 years in the church without a sexual affair, abuse or molestation, scandal, or impropriety.

The fruits of Bishop McCoy's labor are numerous and of great significance. I am blessed to be one more fruit of my father's labor, love, and legacy from my very name to my success as the youngest certified teacher in the state of Missouri at age 19, Missouri's youngest superintendent of schools, advisor to the MO Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Africa with the *Mc to We* Movement. Again, I only share this because *I am who I am because* of 1) my father—who is a saved, sanctified, holyghost filled, water baptized, general in the Lord's army, and 2) my father's Father (Our Father) who is in Heaven.

Overall, the fruits of Bishop McCoy's labor span from coast to coast, Los Angles to Washington, D.C., from Kores to Africa. His impact and many great lessons have spanned across the globe. All glory belongs to God.

On this basis, Bishop A. John McCoy, Sr., is with the highest distinction and has my full support for this recognition from the IAAAIT. Feel free to contact me as needed in this regard. Congratulations to Bishop McCoy, all the honorees, you, President Brown, and your organization for this inaugural celebration of the *Lord's doing: it is marvelous in our eyes*.

Respectfully submitted,

and McCoy

#### Elder Walter Cole-Master of Apostolic Faith Theology and Christian Service

A proponent of the Apostolic Faith for 52 years



ELDER WALTER COLE was baptized in the name of Jesus and was filled with the Holy Ghost in 1966, Bethesda Temple Church under the pastorate of the Honorable Bishop James A. Johnson. He is an Ordained Minister of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. He served as Assistant to his pastor, Bishop Johnson for several years, before being elevated in 1991 to Assistant Pastor. Elder Cole faithfully served Bishop Johnson until his demise. He is presently serving under the new pastor of Bethesda, Elder Julian Johnson, bringing his service to over thirty-two years as an Assistant Pastor. Elder Cole was Pastor of First Apostolic Church of Wright City Mo. for over one year. He and a group of brothers restored a church which had

been condemned by Wright City; He was never missed from Bethesda, because he held his services on Saturday and was faithfully on his post on Sunday mornings. After advisement of his pastor to end the work there and later the Midwestern District sent three Minister who were not successful. Bishop Johnson was correct in the direction he had given Elder Cole. Elder Cole had an active and successful Tent Ministry along with the support of the late Minister Elmer Kirksey. Many souls were saved and one man who was deaf and dumb was healed. The tent was pitched in St. Louis Mo. Centralia Illinois, Memphis Tn., and East St. Louis Illinois. He is married to Evangelist Barbara (Downey) Cole. They will be celebrating sixty three years of marriage, July 5, 2018. They have five children Sister Carlotta Cole Jethroe (James), Minister Byron Keith Cole (Kate), Walter Charles Cole (Cidd), Andre Terrance Cole (Rochelle), Bro. Terence Cole. Fourteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Retired from McDonnell Douglas/Boeing Company after thirty two years of employment. Elder Cole can be described as a ''Man Walking With God' for fifty two years, excellent husband and provider for his family. Dearly loved by his family, his pastor and the Bethesda family. FAITHFUL describes him as he continues in these roles and the assignment of Assistant Pastor given to him by his Lord and Savior, JESUS CHRIST. "Well done my good and faithful servant" are the words he wants to hear from Him.

#### Bishop Lloyd Clemons Candidate for the DD of Doctor of Divinity



**Suffragan Bishop Lloyd H. Clemons, Sr**., known as the "Jesus Only Doctrine Preacher" and the "Insight Tabernacle Teacher" was born the 5<sup>th</sup> child to the late Elder Harold and Lady Helen Clemons (The originals founders of the Original House of Prayer To all Nations), August 7, 1937 He attended the Dunbar Elementary and Lebanon Senior High. He has a certificate in Refrigeration, Heating and Cooling specializing Hydronics Wet/Dry. In 1956, he enlisted in the United State Army for 3 year active duty. He received an honorable discharge as Specialist 4<sup>th</sup> Class. During this time he traveled to Europe where he attended the University of Maryland and Aschaffenburg, Germany. He also played semi pro basketball and boxing for a short time.

He was baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost, December 1959 under the Pastor of Harold Clemons, Sr. He was a faithful member of the House of Prayer To All Nations and served as Youth President, Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, Usher, Associate Minister, Choir President, member of the Prayer Band, and Custodian.

In the year of 1960, Suffragan Bishop Clemons was called to the ministry. He received his fellowship documents with MDC in the year of 1961 under the late Bishop Austin A. Layne. Suffragan Bishop Clemons was the pioneer for videography in the Midwestern District Council.

June 1962, his father Elder Harold Clemons, Sr., moved to California by the leading of the Lord and Suffragan Bishop Clemons was appointed the minister in charge for that year. The church was led into the MDC (P.A. of the W, Inc.), in 1964. He was elected as the MDC Youth Vice President for three terms and served faithfully until his relocation to Northern California in 1968 to work side-by-side with his father. They established a church called "Faith Temple" still under the leadership of District Elder James Dew, Sr. 1971, Suffragan Bishop Clemons and his family returned to East St. Louis, IL and remained faithful to House of Prayer To All Nations, where he served as Assistant Pastor under the late District Elder John H. Pettiford, Sr., for six years. Suffragan Bishop Clemons was ordained in 1974 at Lively Stone Church of God during the July Midwestern District Council under the leadership of the late Bishop P.L. Scott. In the year of 1975, the Lord laid on Suffragan Bishop Clemons heart to ask God for 100 souls. He anointed the pulpit and each pew. Within a few months, God answered prayer and souls began to come in. Over 400 where were baptized and 300 were filled with Holy Ghost. Suffragan Bishop Clemons was called to pastor in the year of 1976, and established the now Original House of Prayer Church in September 1977. The Lord blessed the church over the years and burned the mortgage in five years. The building was purchased for \$10,000 and is now worth over \$300,000. Many souls were saved and healed through this ministry. December 4, 1985, in the midst of blessings, an unexpected tragedy struck the Clemons family. Their 5<sup>th</sup> child LaDora Jean died of natural causes at home in Lady Inez Clemons arms. This unexpected devastation brought great sorrow to the entire family and the OHOPTAN church family, especially during the already schedule Pastoral Anniversary. Their daughter was saved and now is resting with Jesus, waiting on the great sound of the trumpet. Because of God's goodness and mercy, they were able to overcome and are still encouraged to work for the Kingdom of God. In April 1992, Suffragan Bishop Clemons was appointed to assistant district elder under District Elder Gregory Wells, Sr., (now Suffragan Bishop). During the July Council Suffragan Bishop Clemons was elevated to District Elder of the 10<sup>th</sup> District of the Eastern Jurisdiction of the Midwestern District. He served as the MDC Treasurer, also a member of the Executive Board, and the Director of the Missionary Christian Women Auxiliary. In the November 2010 council he unexpectedly got ill and thought it was a simple cold or just exhausted. He experience lack of breath January 2011 on the way home from church and at home. His family urged him to get it checked out and was then diagnosed with congestive heart failure with his heart operating at 11%, kidney failure, pneumonia in the right lung, urinary tract infection, and clogged artery and was hospitalized 9 days. During this time he was still in his right mind, testifying and prophesying. As you know this was very rough on the first lady and the entire family, but God spoke to her to let him know that God was going to raise him back up. He had many visitors from Bishops, pastors, close friends and family that the hospital thought he was a celebrity. He was told, "..... to be continued....". Because his heart was operating at 11%, he was sent home with a heart monitor vest just in case of any emergencies. But, Jesus proved His Word and raised him up.....he now has a pacemaker to monitor odd hearts rates. During his doctor's visit, August 2, 2012, he was given a clean bill of health. Blood pressure 130/80 with a 67 pulse and 97% blood oxygen. As much as he preaches, teaches and continues his anointing prayer lines, the pacemaker hasn't budged. Thank Jesus for his HEALING. During the July council he was appointed and elevated as Suffragan Bishop (Emeritus) under the leadership of Bishop Larry O. Jones, MDC Diocesan. On Valentine's Day of 2018, Suffragan Bishop Clemons and his daughter LaJuana was taking Evangelist Inez Clemons to her followup from being ill in January. There, Suffragan Bishop Clemons suffered a stroke in the office. Thank God that the doctor knew what was going on and called 911 and transported him to St. Joseph's hospital which was right down the street. Suffragan Bishop Clemons was totally paralyzed from his left side of his face all down to his left foot. Suffragan Bishop Gregory Wells and Bishop Larry O. Jones came as soon as they could and laid hands on him, immediately, he totally straighten up and was able to cross his legs. God is a miracle healer, prayers from all over the world. April 18, 2018 dad was just released from the hospital and came home and had a seizer that caused him to be unresponsive. Because of his niece Nurse April Howard who recommended us to call 911, he was then rushed to the hospital bleeding on both sides of the brain that shifted with fluids and dead blood, he was air-lift immediately to Barnes-Jewish Hospital and had to have emergency brain surgery. By the Grace of God, once again JESUS had stepped in because of the prayers from all over the world and his family by his side. He is now home

resting and will be back to continue his assignment as well as his testimony. Suffragan Bishop Clemons is so grateful that he is still here, even some times he was ready to give up. But GOD!!!!!!!! Suffragan Bishop Lloyd H. Clemons is married to the lovely Lady Inez Clemons who serves faithfully by his side, even during his sickness....she never left his side. November 2018, they celebrated 58 years of marriage. They are very much in love and is an excellent role models for all married couples and is highly respected. He and Lady Clemons have seven children, First Lady LaJuana, Sis. LaVina, LaSherie, Lloyd, Jr., Stanley and Pastor Stanton, and Minister LaHelena. He is very proud of his children and his sons and daughter-in-laws: Elder LeRoy Lattin, Pastor Anthony E. Fields, Minister of Music, Bro. Jason Taylor, First Lady Danielle Clemons and Sis. Tori Clemons has traveled throughout the country and has been heard worldwide teaching and preaching the message of Jesus Christ and His Power. His mentors are his dad the late Pastor Harold Clemons, Sr., Bishop James A. Johnson, Bishop Alphonso Scott, the late Bishop P.L. Scott, the late Sr., Elder Jesse Battle, Sr., the late Elder Willie G. Baylor the late, Sr. District Elder Jesse Watts and his dad's best friend Dr. Johnny James.



#### **Bishop Joe Lewis-DD Doctor of Divinity Candidate**

# The sender he sends forth Apostolic pastors and bishops, to propagate the doctrine of the Apostles

BISHOP JOE LEWIS, is the husband of Pastor Kathrine Lewis for over 43 years, and he is the Overseer and Founder of Whosoever Will Let Him Come Apostolic Church. Bishop Lewis was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at True Gospel Miracle Temple under the leadership of Dr. B. L. Gregory in 1976 with the evidence of speaking in tongues, not long after receiving the Holy Ghost Bishop was elevated to the office of Deacon where he served his home church and

pastor faithfully in many leadership capacities. It was during this time that Bishop Lewis acknowledge the call of God on his life and moved into the Ministry.

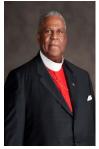
Bishop Lewis was very happy to be serving in his home church as one the Holy Ghost Twelve, but God had another work for his life, after talking with his Pastor Dr. B. L. Gregory along with much prayer and fasting Bishop Lewis accepted his call into the Pastoral Leadership, and was installed into the Pastoral Office. Bishop Lewis has now been preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ faithfully for over 37 years. Under his leadership in Whosoever Will Let Him Come Church thousands of souls have been baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost some even when the sanctuary was in the living room of his home. Bishop Lewis has elevated and consecrated pastors to the office of Bishop and successfully established new church's and Ordained Pastors who served under his ministry. Bishop Lewis is known for fellowshipping with all of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World Pastors, Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Pentecostal Assembly of Believers and other like Apostolic faith Church. Even after suffering a stroke in May of 2015, Bishop Lewis was determined to continue the work of the Lord and to this day he still Preaches, teaches and fellowships with other churches.

God has been good to our Bishop. Bishop Lewis has the gift of apostolic fathering he has installed many pastors and consecrated a number of Bishops. Here are the names of some of the pastors and bishops he consecrated and or installed; Bishop Melvin Williams, Bishop Ronald Payne, Bishop Hampton Hayes Bishop

Aaron J. Calhoun, Bishop Freddie B. Collins, Pastor Kathy Brown and Pastor Richard Hayes. There are others that are not listed here. His favorite saying about his sons and daughters in the gospel is *Bless Them All day Long*. Bishop Ilona Dickson says that he is truly Apstolic and truly an Apostolic Father.

#### Most Excellent, Apostolic Father Bishop Dr. Alphonso Scott

The following are the words written, in a letter, to Dr. Alphonso Scott from the IAAAAIT, a few days before the



2018 commencement;

In the constitution of this institute, the school recognizes post achievement works and learning that have been done throughout the life of a ministerial career. This year we are giving recognition to all of the senior fathers who are 80 or above. In our search we have found that many of these men have done enough work and taught and learned enough about the Apostolic Doctrine that they have, over the years, earned enough credits for their Doctorate of Apostolic Faith Theology and Christian Service, and some their Doctor of Divinity, and Some their Master's of Apostolic Faith Theology.

Bishop we here at the institute see you as the Dean of the Senior Apostolic Fathers among us in the Midwestern Region of America. As you are a doctor of the Church, already having been conferred doctoral degrees and have presided over three great councils as diocesan and are the Presiding Bishop of the Lively Stone Churches. You have numerous churches and organizations overseas and within the Continent of the United States, that are within the realm of the Apostolic Faith church worldwide, which are under you as an Apostolic Father.

You are a published author, and have thousands of hours of studying and teaching of Apostolic Faith Theology, equivalent to an amount which far exceeds the 60 post graduate hours work required for the Ph.D. With this Academic portfolio you are qualified for a Ph.D. at our institute. As a modern Apostolic Father, the realm of your impartation and Apostolic fatherhood is large and extensive, reaching many. The record shows, that we do not have another living Apostolic Father among us who has achieved what you have achieved. You have touched all of our lives. God has blessed you to excel and has anointed you with the oil of success above your fellows. God has blessed you to excel therefore, you are awarded the Most Excellent Apostolic Father Award for 2018.

#### Elder Bennie Lee Thompson, Sr.-Th.M Master's of Apostolic Faith Theology and

**Christian Service** - The Walking Bible, one of the Senior Elders among all Apostolic in the Region,



Proponent of Apostolic Faith Doctrine for 62 years.

Pastor Bennie Lee Thompson, Sr., is the pastor of the Shining Light Pentecostal Church, located at 3054 Sheridan Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63106.

Mr. Bennie Lee Thompson accepted Jesus Christ in his life at the age of twenty-two, sixty-three years ago, at the Pentecostal Power Church, which was located on Easton and Prairie, at that time. His teachers and mentors in the gospel were, Tony Benford, an involent and Elder Coleman, a blind man.

Elder Thompson's ministry expands over decades. His early ministry was that of an evangelist and teacher. He ministered in the Pruitt-Igoe and Vaughn Projects, teaching from apartment to apartment. Elder Thompson taught bible study seven days a week in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, now Mrs. Starks, who resided at 2211 Dickson. Mrs. Starks said, "many people were saved, healed and delivered in those meetings." He preached on the streets and at the Easy Way Laundromat, which he owned. The laundromat was located at Thomas and Garrison. He met and won to Christ his future pastor, Mr. James T. Edwards. Elder Thompson and David Brown, a friend, gathered up about twenty-nine children from the Pruitt-Igoe and Vaughn Projects, with the permission of their parents. They transported them to bible study at his mentor, Tony Benford's home, every Saturday for about ten years. To this day whenever any of them see him they happily embrace (Brother Bennie) and talk about how much they appreciate the teaching they received.

Elder Thompson became the acting pastor of the Shining Light Pentecostal Church in 1985 after the passing of his pastor, Elder James T. Edwards. He was officially installed as pastor in May 1986. He married Delorie Thomas, on March 28, 1987 and they were blessed with four sons. During his pastorate of thirty-one years, he helped many in the neighborhood. He has given the gospel, provided food, finance and prayer. Under his leadership the church has provided dinners, had movie days for the children, which included free refreshments, clothing giveaways, and distributed school supplies. Shining Light has had revivals and provided Thanksgiving baskets to families in the neighborhood. In 2007, during the construction of the first Habitat homes in the Jeff Vander Lou area, Pastor Thompson, his wife, assistant pastor, and other members met at the church on Saturday mornings. They gave out hot coffee and donuts to the home owners, volunteers and construction workers. He received a thank you card from Habitat for Humanities for the kindness shown. Pastor Thompson also participated in the raising of the wall of the house on Thomas Street with Congressman Lacy Clay and others. The people in the neighborhood of Shining Light petitioned the Alderwoman, Marlene Davis, to re-name the thirty hundred block of Sheridan Avenue. The block was re-named Eld. Bennie L Thompson, Sr., Way and the dedication ceremony was on April 14, 2018

Pastor Bennie Lee Thompson, Sr., at the age of eighty-five, continues to preach, teach and participates in the Jeff Vander Lou Community Association meetings, when he can. He is still active in the community where he resides, always willing to help his neighbors. He is known by many for his knowledge of the bible, kindness and humble spirit. He has a true heart and love for people just like his Savior Jesus.

#### Bishop Dr. Steward Stiles-DD, Doctor of Divinity Candidate



Preacher Builder, father in the Gospel, Apostle, founder and Diocesan of the Bibleway Council in St. Louis Mo., Peacemaker, A great example for all emerging apostolic ministers.

Steward Stiles, Sr., was saved and filled with the precious gift of the Holy Ghost at age 28, 1961 at the Lively Stone Church of God under the leadership of the Late Bishop Phillip L. Scott. He was called into the ministry to preach the gospel the same night he was filled with the Holy Spirit. In 1962, after serving the Lord's Church faithfully, he was added to the Assistant Pastor's Cabinet. Within, what seemed to be no time at all, he ascended to be the First Assistant Pastor where he served until the Lord would call him into the Pastorate. Minister Steward Stiles, Sr., was ordained as "Elder" in the Mid-

Western District Council of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., in July of 1965. In 1976, Elder Stiles received a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Theology from Southern Bible Seminary and in 1977 he received a Masters of Arts in Theology from the same College. In 1978, Elder Stiles received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Administration from St. Stephens Educational Bible College. After serving the Late Bishop Phillip L. Scott of The Lively Stone Church of God as First Assistant Pastor for Eighteen Years (18), Elder Steward Stiles, Sr., was led of God to start a mission, teaching Bible Class in his home Saturday nights, which began March 22, 1980. This was undertaken with his faithful wife of Forty Years (40), the Late Mother Lela E. Stiles, who worked relentlessly by his side. In April 1980, he started his first broadcast, the "Showers of Blessings Broadcast".

In November 1980, the Lord blessed us to move to 8204 Page Avenue. The broadcast was then changed to the "New Jerusalem Temple Showers of Blessings Broadcast". In the same month, Bishop Phillip L. Scott, Diocesan of the 12<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World installed Elder Steward Stiles, Sr., as Founding Pastor of the New Jerusalem Temple Church of God, Apostolic, Inc. In 1985, Elder Steward Stiles, Sr., was appointed to the office of District Elder. In 1992, District Elder Stiles, Sr., authored a book entitled; "Eschatology, End-Time Revelation". The dissertation he submitted from the book, earned him a Ph. D., from Glad Tidings Bible College. In 1997, he received an "Honorary" Doctorate of Divinity Degree from the International Bible College of St. Louis. In 1992, District Elder Steward, Sr., was elevated to the "Office of the Bishopric" and seated with the Board Bishops of the International Bible Way Churches of Jesus Christ, Inc., where he has served to this present time. This July, 2018, at the International Bible Way Churches of Jesus Christ Holy Convocation, Bishop Steward Stiles, Sr., will be elevated to the Office of "Apostle". In 1995, Bishop Steward Stiles, Sr., was blessed to be joined together in holy matrimony to new bride, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Stiles. They recently celebrated Twenty Three (23) Years of Marriage. For the last fifty seven (57) years, Bishop Steward Stiles, Sr., has served as a **Profound Promoter** of the Gospel and Prolific Defender of the Faith. At nearly eighty five (85) years of age, he is truly one of the last of the Apostolic Fathers of this era left for our benefit. His walk with God is "Time-Proven". His "Knowledge" is Teachable and his "Wisdom" is Applicable. Thank You Apostle-Elect, Bishop Steward Stiles, Sr., for being our example and champion of the Faith! He is the founder of the BibleWay Church of the Lord Jesus Council in St. Louis Mo.

Submitted By;

Bishop Phillip L. Stiles, Sr. (Your Baby Son)

#### Bishop Willie Mosby-Th.D Doctor of Apostolic Faith Theology Candidate



Apostolic father, historian, builder It was in the days of the life of Bishop R. C. Lawson, the presider of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, in 1958 when he first became a strong proponent of the Apostolic Faith Doctrine. Since then, for 60 years he has been an Apostolic Faith ambassador. He raised up an outstanding church that he passed the pastorate to his son Bishop Dr. Keith Mosby. He is a lover of the apostolic faith people and knows the history of the apostolic movement in-depth. He is an apostolic proponent and an historian par excellent.

Bishop Willie L. Mosby was saved under the leadership of Bishop Robert Bailey in February 1958. Who was under Apostle William L. Bonner, Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith. He served under him for fifteen years. The Lord called Bishop Mosby into the ministry in 1973. He went to work with Elder Hudson and they started a mission in St. Louis, MO on Shreve. He was with Elder Hudson for four years before the Lord inspired him to go to East St. Louis, IL. He rebelled somewhat and tried to start a mission in St. Louis, MO but the building he found was not to be used for a church. Nevertheless, the Lord told him to go to East St. Louis. People said, "Why East St. Louis?" He obeyed the Lord. After looking for some time, he found a place in East St. Louis. It took about six to ten months, but he found a place at 1433 Gross, an old storefront building, which he purchased in 1979. It was in bad shape and need much repair work. Bishop went in the building on March 25, 1979 and started worship service. They sang and prayed together; he preached, and she was his audience. Praise be to God for Mother Norma Mosby who was by his side from the very start. After a while, God sent some children to attend Sunday School. Mother Norma Mosby worked wonderfully with the children. The mothers would come to see the children's programs that she would give. Later Bishop's sister, Sis. Margaret Larkin and a neighbor near the church, Sis. Annie Walton joined. In 1981,

God gave Bishop a revival. He preached each night for about two months. God really blessed in the revival and many souls were saved. Before the revival was over, Minister Keith Fowler came and blessed them with music. The Lord wonderfully blessed on Gross, many people came.

A few years later, the Lord showed Bishop the closing of the church. He had a dream in which he saw a man with a dump truck come up to the front door of the church dumping a load of asphalt. At that time, he didn't know the meaning of the dream. Later in 1985, the city of East St. Louis, condemned the church again. They gave them one month to fix it to their specification or get out. They had to get out, because it was too much money to put into an old building. They looked for another place and finally they found a place at 53<sup>rd</sup> and Ohio, which they rented for one month. "Well here we go again, no place to go but trying to keep the little flock together". They had church in their home for three months. Then the Lord inspired Bishop to build this church although he only had a small amount of money. Some said, "How is Elder Mosby going to build a church without any money?" "It costs too much". Against the odds, he put faith to work; "If God be for us, who can be against us?" He purchased some land. He was so anxious to get started building on the church, that he and Minister Keith Fowler started to dig the foundation. The shovel hit and disturbed an underground swarm of bees and they ran for cover! Minister Fowler ended up with 7 or 8 bee stings, Bishop didn't get a sting and Minister Fowler didn't get sick. The Lord is Good! Thanks be to God for the help of Bishop's two sons Byron Mosby (pipe fitter), Keith Mosby Sr. (carpenter) and Keith Sr.'s brother-in-law, Willie Holmes. After Keith Mosby Sr. finished his carpenter apprenticeship in 1984, he drew the blueprints for the new church and secure3d the permits with the city of East St. Louis. After working vigorously for about six months, they could seal off a small back section of the building, which they used for services. After working a regular job, Bishop would work on the church building. His son Keith Sr. took a leave of absence from working outside construction with J.S. Alberici and continued until the church was complete. Since the tenure of Bishop Mosby as Pastor of Gethsemane Church of the Living, Inc. three Churches were established. Also, Bishop Willie L. Mosby has received numerous awards and has also received an honorary Doctoral Degree of Theology from Midwest College of Theology.

#### Bishop Lawrence Brown, Sr.-Th.D Candidate



He is believed to be the senior elder among all apostolic organizations. He has been preaching the Apostolic Doctrine for 64 years. He is a great example to many ministers and pastors, A man of tremendous wisdom, the father of Bishop Lawrence Brown, Jr. He was Bishop Brown, Jr's. first theology instructor. Much of what he teaches comes from this great man of God. He is the father of three great preaching children, who learned the Gospel and apostolic doctrine first from him. He is an outstanding preacher who preached for Great apostolic fathers like Bishop S.N. Hancock [founder of the PCAF] and Bishop Morris Golder.

Suffragan Bishop Lawrence E. Brown Sr has reached a tremendous life milestone by the Grace of God he has been blessed with 82 fruitful years of life with numerous accomplishments including and expansive and continuously growing family great ministry achievements and many contributions across eight decades of living astoundingly he has lived to be the oldest preacher in the Midwestern District Council to date only second recently took stint of tenor of the late honorable Bishop James A Johnson. Where it All Began

Bishop Lawrence Edward Brown was born on December 22nd, 1935 in Indianapolis Indiana and lived at the corner of 20th and Edgewood Street he was the fifth of eight children; Earlene Marion Cleveland Norma Lawrence Marva Beverly and Alta born to Mr. Cleveland and Mrs. Josie Brown the Browns relocated from Indianapolis to St Louis in 1940 when little Lawrence was merely 5 years old at the tender age of 5 his eldest sister Earline sent Lawrence on train by himself to St Louis from Indianapolis to accompany his parents hints Lawrence who was not much older than a toddler would begin a life of travel and movement that would spend 80 years and counting.

As a teenager Lawrence was athletic he boxed in the Golden Gloves and played football for Sumner High School in the position of running back Lawrence. Also begin exhibiting leadership at an early age and that he marched alongside Dick Gregory to advocate for a larger facility for his high school due to overcrowding the demonstration proved effective in that the new facility was granted to the school and Lawrence appeared on the front page of the St Louis newspaper in the early 1950s as a result of the March Lawrence later graduated from Sumner High School.

#### **Growing Family**

In 1954 Lawrence married Kate Trene McMullen, his childhood sweetheart they celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2004 together they birth Children Katherine Elaine Mary Lawrence Junior Vanessa Ruth Edward Philip Sherry and Marsha eight of whom are alive and active today Elaine and Edward passed away as infants at Birth from these eight children Lawrence E Brown senior has become the patriarch of five generations and nearly 100 offspring produced from his loins not only does he have Lawrence Brown Ir.. As his first name sake but God also granted him Lawrence E Brown the third who is a pastor in training to continue his name among the millennial generation overtime daddy Brown has also gave two daughters-in-law Tanya Brown wife of Lawrence Brown Jr. Antonia Brown wife of Philip as a very young man with a growing family Lawrence concurrently called into the preaching Ministry on many occasions daddy Brown was sit around the table late at night with his children after working multiple jobs and would expound on the scriptures for many of his children he became their first Bible teacher which contributed to developing a thirst for the word of God in their hearts unbeknownst to them at the time five of his children with later here and heat the same call to Ministry do to primarily due primarily to their father Lawrence influence upon their own lives in Lawrence became Pastor his wife became First Lady Kate T Brown. Lady Kate T Brown served by his side in Ministry for 27 years lady Kate also known as mother Brown later transition to glory in January 2009 after 55 years of marriage. Suffragan Bishop Brown later in 2010 married Miss Dorothy Booker who became first lady Dorothy

Brown and currently co-laborers with him at the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ. Collectively Suffragan Bishop Brown has been married a total of 62 years to date. indeed, he has been fruitful multipled and his family 50-fold from two parents to nearly 100 children thus far during his life and there are more offspring's continuously in production.

An interesting fact is that Bishop Brown has had the same home telephone number for 49 long years for this reason the Browns phone number was for decades deemed to be a type of Grand Central Station because any body you were looking for could be located simply by calling the home of Suffragan Bishop Brown.

An amazing and industrious work-life

Due to their large family Lawrence was no stranger to hard work he was never a lazy man and knew what it would require supporting many children for Lawrence this took working two full-time jobs for 16 years along with his first wife Kate to put a roof over the children's head clothes on their backs and shoes on their 16 feet. certainly it was not always easy but his family never saw their dad give up walk out or throw in the towel in fact for 33 years Lawrence was employed full-time with the St. Louis State Hospital in another 33 years he also worked for Nixdorf chain company from which he retired in early 1980s and became Pastor however he continued working full-time for the St Louis State Hospital while pastoring at the same time he did for 18 years nearly two decades. incredible!

Ministry working and serving the master

Lawrence has always loved the Lord's Church. Hailing from five generations of pastors' preachers and spiritual leaders Lawrence confessed his own faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in 1953 at the age of 18 under

the leadership of Elder James A. Johnson at Bethesda Temple Church located at 2604 Belle Glade Avenue in St Louis Missouri sensing the call of God upon his life Lawrence was ordained as a minister at the age of 21 by the late Bishop Austin Lane senior and begin preaching in 1956.

At age 27 the young Minister Elder Lawrence Brown was appointed assistant pastor of the Bethesda Temple Church in 1963 under the leadership of the then Elder James A Johnson from whom he received great tutelage. It was at that time that Elder Brown worked two full-time jobs while also functioning as assistant pastor of a large congregation. While serving as assistant pastor Elder Brown was voted as Vice chairman of the board of directors and was instrumental in the executive direction of the church. Elder Brown Faithfully served as assistant pastor of Bethesda Temple Church for 20 years until the Lord transitioned him to a higher calling.

Elder Brown study that and Indian Bible College from 1957 to 1959 for four years 1986 to 1990 he taught church history at St Louis Forest Park Community College. He traveled extensively throughout the country preaching and teaching the word of God in many churches in fact of the brown was invited to preach for such Apostolic generals as Bishop Morris E Golder and Bishop Samuel Hancock which was a testament to his recognized anointing and Grace to deliver the preached the word of God. Then in 1981 a major turn of events occurred that would forever change Elder Brown's life he will start out by Bishop Walter and Mother McMichael to lead a group of saints in need of a Shepherd after much prayer and many discussions the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ was founded a year later in 1982 with Elder Brown and Lady Katie Brown being installed as pastor and founding first lady. Elder Brown would lead the congregation in the purchase of 2 edifices the 1st at 4645 Dr Martin Luther King Drive in 1982 to 1985 and the 2nd at 6500 Natural Bridge Road from 1995 to 2018 the mortgages on both buildings were retired.

In 1993 Pastor Brown was elevated to the position of District Elder by the late Bishop James A Johnson in this role District Elder Brown served as auxiliary director of both the MDC Health Professionals and the Youth Department in fact he was featured in the St Louis Post-Dispatch and the St Louis American newspaper citing his contribution in working with the mentally ill. Five St Louis State Hospital patients were members of his church at that time and were always warmly welcomed by District Elder Brown. District Elder Brown was further elevated and consecrated to the office of Suffragan Bishop in July 2002 by Bishop Alphonso Scott when he became and remains to this day the overseer of the Second Central Jurisdiction of the Midwestern District Council of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the world. Suffragan Bishop Brown enjoys his leadership role and is a sought after advisor with a heart for young pastors and up-and-coming ministers striving to keep their hands to the gospel plow while facing what can be a challenging and discouraging Journey at times.

# Portfolios of Degree Candidates and Other Significant Persons

#### Bishop Tommie Harsley- Candidate for the Th.M, and D.Th



Suffragan Bishop Tommie Harsley was born in Louisville, Mississippi on November 27, 1939 to Tommie Harsley, Sr. and Bessie May Cooper Harsley. He graduated in 1956 from Louisville Colored High School. Suffragan Bishop Harsley received his Associates degree in Biblical History from Logos Christian College in Jacksonville, Florida in 1995. He received his bachelor's degree in Pastoral. Ministry in July 2005 from Aenon Bible College.

Suffragan Bishop Harsley was baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost in August 1958 at the Indiana Avenue Pentecostal Church, where Elder O.D. Aikins was the pastor. In August 1959, he met his lovely wife, Geraldine Hall at the National Convention of

the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. (P.A. of W.) in Chicago, Illinois. They were married on March 12, 1960 and are the parents of five sons and two daughters. From 1961 until 1971 they attended Christ Tabernacle Church in Richmond, Indiana where he faithfully served as the Chairman of the Young People's Department, Choir director, Sunday School teacher, and Deacon. At the same time, he actively participated in the Apostolic Bible Students Association (ABSA).

He was called into ministry in November 1963 and was ordained at the General Convention of the P.A. of W. in August 1972. From June 1971 until June 1977, Suffragan Bishop Harsley pastored Emmanuel Temple Pentecostal Church in Brookhaven, MS. In June 1977 he became an associate minister at Grace Apostolic Church in Chicago, Illinois under the leadership of Suffragan Bishop Cornelius Southern. In June 1985, Suffragan Bishop Harsley moved to St. Louis, Missouri where he became the pastor of Bibleway Church of Christ located at 2223 St. Louis Ave., formerly pastored by the late Bishop Walter Griffin. In April 1986, he brought the Bibleway Church of Christ into the P.A. of W. under the leadership of Diocesan Bishop P.L. Scott. In July 1992, Pastor Harsley became District Elder Harsley under the leadership of Bishop James A. Johnson, Diocesan of the Midwestern District Council (MDC) of the P.A. of W. District Elder Harsley was elevated to Suffragan Bishop in July 2001 by Bishop Alphonso Scott, Diocesan of the 12<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District of the MDC of the P.A. of W., Inc.

#### Bishop Lawrence Brown, Jr. Candidate for ThM and Ph.D



First student of the IAAAIT, author, apologist, became an apostolic proponent in 1963, 55 years ago at the age of seven when he would quote and mimic his father preaching . He is in the class of 2018 because he studied on the campus of the IAAAIT for more than 5 years, spending many hours daily in research and classes working on apologetics, all of which tallied up to more than the credits needed for his Ph.D at the institute. While he was doing the studies and research he was not intending to earn his Ph.D. It was only recently when God pointed out to him that because of the hours and years working on apostolic apologetics, with some of the time being spent free of charge to the cause, like

his work with Bishop James A Johnson on the Immanuel project where he told Bishop Johnson that he would take no money for the project, he just wanted to see his father in the Gospel's work in print, were a life's work in theology. All of his works and the hours of studying at the graduate level at Eden, Harris State College and Yale, and his 500 page dissertation and his 305 page dissertation amounted to more than enough for his Ph.D.

According to the standards of this institute and the generally accepted academic standards of course work, field and research work, and the thesis requirements to earn a Doctor of Philosophy degree in any field, that is 60 post graduate hours in the field of study for which the Ph.D. is earned and a published work with significant and highly academic substance, And based on the years required for a Ph.D. being 4 to 8 years, this candidate has documented that he has completed 10 years of concentrated graduate and post graduate course and research work. Having completed course work and research projects at Sun Grove Bible College, Eden Seminary Campus, Yale University, Webster University, Harris Stowe State University and the University of Missouri St. Louis, and having studied five years on the campus of the IAAAIT. From his research and course work, he published seven highly academic thesis; The Romans Ten Nine series [3 Books], The Apostolic Analysis of Calvinism [5 Books], Speaking in Tongues Scientific Proof and Initial Evidence, The Millennial Kingdom, James Johnson's Immanuel series [2 Books], A full mention Thesis on the Sabbath Day. His works are used by teachers and professors at Aenon Bible College, Jacob's Ladder Bible College in Englewood California, Carter Bible Institute in New York, Sherman Merritt, Clifton Jones, Johnny James, David Bernard. His Romans Ten Nine work is in Bonner Bible College library in Columbia South Carolina, and is used at Urshan Seminary in St. Louis Mo. Countless numbers of scholars refer to his works on Romans Ten Nine when discussing the plan of salvation. His thesis on Romans Ten Nine has been discussed in major news papers and in the main Apostolic Faith magazine of the PAW, Christian Outlook. His work on Women Pastors and Bishops which was presented to the Board of Bishops of the IBW Church, was instrumental in moving the International Bible Way Church to consecrate its first woman bishop in 2018. This candidate has done significant and extensive work addressing other scholars of other denominations like R.C. Sproul and John Piper, in his thesis on Calvinism.

#### Author

Bishop Lawrence Brown, Jr. is a modern-day Apostolic Faith apologist. He is the Author of the Romans Ten Nine Question series, 2008, which explains the true meaning of Romans 10:9. In that book he proves that in Romans 10:9 Paul was addressing the Church concerning its creed, not conversion as it is erroneously taught.

He is the chairman of the International Association of Apostolic Apologist IAAA. He teaches theology classes online at Y.A.L.E. institute of the IAAA in Alton Illinois. He is an erudite scholar of the Word of God who has been given by God a keen insight into the understanding of the doctrines of the Bible. He was the manuscript editor for the writings of the late Bishop James A. Johnson's Immanuel Series.

His works are highly recommended by a number of scholars to all ministers and teachers of every rank. His commentaries are in the libraries of many Apostolic Faith Bible College and Seminary libraries. They have been published in magazine and news-paper articles. His works have been read by a number of Apostolic Faith leaders and teachers and are highly recommended by such men and women as; Bishop Noel Jones, Bishop Paul H. Bowers, Dr. Johnny James, the late Bishop James A. Johnson, Bishop Paul H. Evans, Bishop Daniel Chavis, Bishop Clifton Jones, Professor Elaine Shouse Waller, Hampton University, Dr. Vanuel C. Little, Bishop Samuel Smith, Chairman of the AWCF, Dr. Robert Douglas, Apostle Larry J. Baylor, Bishop Terence Coleman, Professor Rachael Webb, Dean Bethesda Institute, Professor David Norris, Dean of Urshan Seminary, Dr. David Bernard, Premiere Apostolic Author, Bishop Teklemariam Gezahegne, pastor of the Largest Apostolic Church in the World, Bishop Sherman Merrett, Bishop Ronald Carter 's Bible Institute of New York, Apostle Lawrence Campbell, Virginia State University, Apostle Cornelius Showell, Baltimore Maryland. Bishop Jesse Battle Jr., former President of the Hampton University Ministerial Conference, Bishop Alonso Brooks, Presiding Bishop of The Way of the Cross, International, Bishop Charles Ellis Presiding Bishop of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., Bishop Lambert Gates, Presiding

Bishop of the PCAF, District Elder Carter, Yale University. And a host of others including but not limited to Dr. Gregory Wells, Bishop A John McCoy, Bishop Tommie Harsely, Dr. Art McCoy, Bishop Lawrence Brown, sr.

Brown has been lecturer for a number of doctrinal conferences across the country. He was assigned as a teacher of pastors, ministers, and district elders by Chief Apostle Cornelius Showell, and later assigned by Chief Apostle Floyd Nelson for the International BibleWay Church of Jesus Christ, Inc. Holy Convocation. Dr. Elain Mcqueen, Dean of W. L. Bonner, College.

He is writing a Systematic Theology series, which shall be offered in an online course in 2019. He is the author of a number of books that apologetically show the validity of the Apostolic Faith, including; The Romans Ten Nine Questions, Speaking in *Tongues, Scientific Proof and Initial Evidence, The Theology Behind Israel's Sabbath, The Millennial Kingdom,* The Legitimacy of *Women Pastors and Bishops, The Tower of Babel the Scattering and the Gathering, The Real Biblical Doctrine on Marriage and Divorce, A Critical Analysis of the Five Points of Calvinism, TULIP, from an Apostolic Faith Perspective- a Five-book series.* 

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