



This is a true saying, If a man
desire the office of a bishop,
he desireth a good work
1 Timothy 3:1

Consecration Ceremony of Bishop-Elect Eddie D. Lewis & Bishop-Elect Richard Day

Officiating

Bishop Roosevelt Crawford
Presiding Prelate
Connecting the Body of Christ
Fellowship Inc.

April 06, 2025
Bethlehem Temple Church
4214 Rosa L. Parks Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36105
2:30 PM





Biography of Bishop Roosevelt Crawford

Bishop Roosevelt Crawford is a native of Montgomery, Alabama. He is a product of the Montgomery County Public School System. After finishing Jefferson Davis High School, he received a B.A. Degree from Alabama State University in Communications. He later furthered his education on a master's level from the University Oklahoma in Biblical Studies. Driven by a desire to learn more and to fulfill the scripture in 2Timothy 2:15 to study to show yourself approval unto God a workman not to be ashamed but rightly dividing the word of truth, he obtained another degree in Pastoral Counseling.

He is the Husband of one wife-Juliet Crawford and has two lovely daughters Jasmine and Jacquetta. Bishop Crawford and his family resides in Montgomery. Bishop Crawford founded the "Church that Christ Built" in 1986 in the City of Wetumpka, Alabama. Later in 1988 "The Church That Christ Built" gave birth to Bethlehem Temple Church Inc. which relocated to Todd Road in Montgomery, Alabama. God impressed on one of the members to lead the building project of a new debt free facility on Todd Road. After continued growth the congregation purchased a facility at 441 High Street in 1995. The Lord continued to bless and gave favor. God gave Bishop Crawford a vision of an Apostolic Covering Ministry. In 2002 he planted a church in Tallassee, Alabama Bethlehem Temple #2.

The focal point of Bishop Crawford's life and vision is centered around the love of God. Driven by the love of God for the people, in October of 2000 God gave Bishop Crawford a vision to start an outreach program for the homeless. This program touched many lives throughout the city of Montgomery and surrounding cities. In this vision Bishop Crawford found the Alabama Cooperative Adult Rehabilitation Education Center Inc. This center sponsored many programs which included but not limited to Welfare to Work, Assistance in getting Social Security and SSI benefits, Social Security Disability, Medicaid/Medicare benefits, Job Placement Assistance, Drug Counseling, Individual and Family Counseling, On



the Spot Drug Testing, Mentorship, Alternative Sentencing, Co-ed Housing, On the Site Feeding, and Clothes Closet.

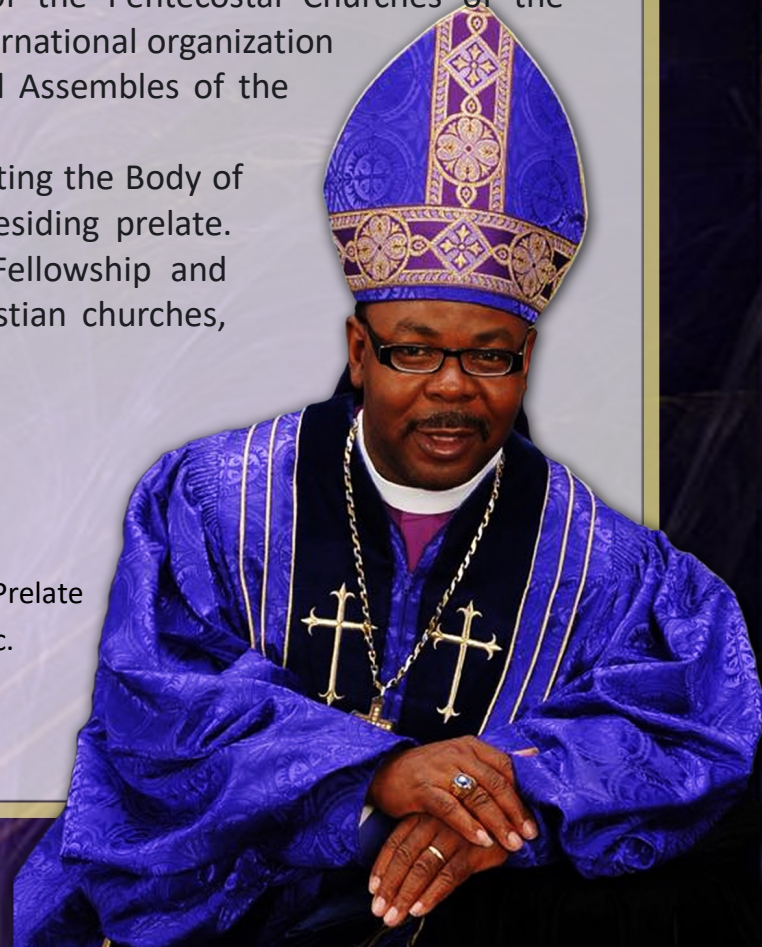
Many agencies such as the Department of Human Resources (DHR), City, County and State Correctional facilities, Hospitals and Nursing Homes were sending people for assistance.

In February 2003 Bishop Crawford vision continued to spread. Bethlehem Temple Church purchased a facility on 4214 Rosa Parks Avenue Montgomery. In this facility the vision of a Christian Library, Day Care Center, and School will materialize. In October 2006, Bishop Crawford started Bethlehem Temple Educational Development Center which houses the Day Care.

Bishop Crawford has started and served on many non-profit boards in the community. He served as chairman of Faith Outreach Missions, (a community-based organization). He is a member of the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith (P.C.A.F.) Inc. This is an international organization which has it's origin with the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (P.A.W.) Inc.

In 2009 Bishop Crawford founded Connecting the Body of Christ Fellowship where he serves as presiding prelate. This is a two-fold organization with a Fellowship and Episcopal side that encompasses all Christian churches, denominations and organizations.

Bishop Roosevelt Crawford, Presiding Prelate
Connecting The Body of Christ Inc.





Biography of Bishop – Elect Eddie Lewis

A Glimpse into the Life of Bishop-Elect Eddie D. Lewis

Early Life and Education

Bishop-Elect Eddie D. Lewis was born on March 14, 1961, in Montgomery, Alabama. From an early age, Eddie exhibited a deep sense of spirituality and compassion for others, traits that his devout family nurtured. His father passed while his mother was still carrying him, leaving her to raise him on her own. During this time, she instilled in him the values of faith, service, and community.

Eddie's formal education began at William Burn Patterson Elementary School in Montgomery, Alabama. His education continued through Jefferson Davis High School.

Calling to the Ministry/Personal Life

After his tenure in high school, Eddie entered the workforce, where he later met his wife of thirty-six years, Agnita Lewis. They have two sons, Dewayne (deceased) and Ocie.

Upon being baptized in Jesus's Name and receiving the Holy Ghost, Eddie was called into the gospel ministry.

Ministry and Service

Bishop-Elect Eddie D. Lewis began his ministry at Bethlehem Temple Church Inc. in Montgomery, Alabama as an associate pastor, he quickly gained the love and respect of the congregation with his heartfelt sermons, compassionate counseling, and tireless community outreach efforts. His work with the Outreach Program and local charities showcased his dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of others.



In 2005, Bishop-Elect Eddie D. Lewis was ordained as an Elder. Later, he became the Executive Pastor at Bethlehem Temple Church, a role in which he flourished. Under his leadership, the church saw significant growth in membership and community involvement.

Legacy and Vision

Bishop-Elect Eddie D. Lewis's life and ministry are a testament to his unwavering faith and dedication to service. His compassionate leadership and commitment to social justice have left an indelible mark on Montgomery. As he continues to serve, Bishop-Elect Eddie D. Lewis remains focused on his vision of a more inclusive, compassionate, and spiritually enriched society.

His legacy is one of love, faith, and service—a beacon of light for future generations to follow. Bishop-Elect Eddie D. Lewis's story is a reminder that with faith and dedication, one can make a profound difference in the lives of others.

Bishop Elect Eddie and
Agnita Lewis





Biography of Bishop – Elect Richard Day

Pastor Richard Day grew up in Starr Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. He was baptized at a young age. He was a member of the choir and usher board. He later joined the Marine Corps and attended Alabama State University. Pastor Day worked in television as a technical director and chief photographer for ten years. He later became a professional truck driver in 1987. He is the father of eight children. After a few years of traveling the country, God called him to be redeemed in the name of Jesus in 2001. He worked and served in several ministries faithfully.

In 2005, Pastor Day received a vision from the Lord to start a church ministry with an evangelistic spirit and a passion for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and igniting a love for God in the hearts of others. This work is done to bring community elements into the church by connecting people to God and one another and developing a fellowship of believers. In 2006, he founded the Disciples of Christ Church of God in Montgomery, Alabama, with his wife Annie Day and three sons. The church was started next door in his neighbor's house, who received a vision from the Lord that he should have a church in their home. After preaching in surrounding communities, the search for a larger space began. In 2007, they found a location in Normandale Shopping Center. The ministry continued to grow spiritually and naturally, and a building was offered to the church on E.D. Nixon. The church remained there from 2009 until 2013. The outgrew that location. A co-worker who was a pastor provided his church to pastor Day for no payment, but Pastor Day insisted on purchasing the property. The Lord blessed the ministry to pay off the deed. In 2022, the ministry moved to purchase a new location off Atlanta Highway in Montgomery, Alabama. The Lord blessed the church to move in the same year, and they began to open their doors to the Hispanic Ministry.



God has blessed the ministry with pastor Day through pastor Day teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ with leaders who have walked through the storms of life with him, such as Elder Woodrow and his wife Lisa Sadler, Minister Antonio and his wife Kisha Pierson, and Minister Michael Robinson for over 15 years.

I thank Bishop R. Crawford for his help and guidance to the church since 2008 and to many other Bishops, pastors, evangelists, teachers, prophets in the Lord who have taught and prophesied and worked and served with pastor Day and to my friend Bishop Gordon. God bless you all. To our mother in the Jesus Name, Mother Annie Heard, and Father S.D. Heard, and Grandmother/father gone on to be with the Lord for keeping pastor Day focused in the storms.

Bishop Elect Richard
and Annie Day





College of Apostles/Bishops in the Lord's House

His Eminence Bishop Roosevelt Crawford
Presiding Bishop, Connecting the Body of Christ Fellowship
Founder and Senior Pastor, Bethlehem Temple
Montgomery, Alabama

The Officiant Bishop Leighton Gordon
Founder and Senior Pastor
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Montgomery, Alabama

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Founder and Senior Pastor
Miracle Deliverance Temple of Christ
Montgomery, Alabama

His Grace Bishop William Hopkins
Founder and Senior Pastor
Agape Ministries
Montgomery, Alabama

His Excellence Arch-Bishop Dr. Don Okafor
Founder and Senior Pastor
Divine Touch Ministries Worldwide
Montgomery, Alabama

Consecration Service



Apostolic Processional

Holy, Holy, Holy

Welcome & Introduction of the Officiant

Bishop Dr. Leighton Gordon

Officiant

Bishop Roosevelt Crawford

Reading of the Old Testament Isaiah 6:1-8

Pastor Jerome Fenison

Reading of the New Testament Matthew 22:11-14

Pastor Craig Milner

Reading of the Psalter Psalm Psalms 40:6-11

Pastor Henry Tate

Reading of the Epistle Ephesians 6:10-18

Co-Pastor Annetta Tate

Selection

Minster of Music Zackery Valrie

Invocation

Arch-Bishop Don Okafor

Fellowship Choir

CTBOC Mass Choir

Bishop of Protocol of the Arts

Bishop Dr. Leighton Gordon

The Offertory

Selection

Minster of Music Zackery Valrie

The Logos

Bishop Roosevelt Crawford



Consecration Service

Pastors in the Lord's House Clergy in the Lord's House

- Service of Consecration -

Presentation of Ecclesia

The Charge

The Prayer of Affirmation & Laying on of Hands

The Litany of Acceptance

The Presentation of the Candidate

The Investiture

The Pronouncement

Presentation of Credentials

Service of the Lord's Supper

The Consecration Statement



Our God has sought to bring about a restorative paradigm for the Christian Church. Paradigmatic changes are not new to the followers of God. From the establishment of Old Testament laws, rituals, and customs, to the emergence of New Testament Pentecostal fire; the people of God have embraced and marveled at the awesome hand of God that has moved the Church throughout the ages. In each generation, there are servants and special envoys that are called to serve their contemporaries. It is through these faithful witnesses to God's holiness and goodness that we are able, in some measure, to witness the mighty power of God at work. Theological history often records God's faithfulness to those who say "Yes Lord" to God's will and God's way.

These men and women who do so are often called to serve God in "new" ways, that to some degree distinguish their service from both their predecessors and many of their contemporaries. Thus, new paradigms are born. The key is to see beyond denomination and remain obedient to the Word. I Timothy 3:1-7 is the New Testament's most authoritative Word on the Bishopric. It says not a word about denomination, but instead speaks to calling, desire, and qualifications of the Bishop.

Bishop Crawford commitment to ecumenism has a 19-year history. He is now providing ministry to Bishops, Pastors, Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, Teachers, Ministers, Lay Individuals, and Youth, and his ability to inspire them and nurture them is evident. He has pastors under his leadership and several affiliated ministries.

This paradigm includes the restoration and reinterpretation of the Episcopacy. The Bishopric, the Presbyters (elders), and the Diaconate are not new to the Lord's Church. These offices have been established in the Scriptures to ensure that we will not be "tossed to and fro by every wind and doctrine." (Ephesians 4:14). They are gifts to the body of Christ designed by God to promote the "unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace." (Ephesians 4:3)

Bishops are called to the ministry for healing in the Lord's Church. They teach how to live as in the family of God. They lead by serving. They serve by leading. They are pastors to pastors, and ministers to ministers. They guide, counsel, and nurture those they serve. Their lives must show evidence of the character of Christ, and the Fruits of the Spirit in all ministries.



Candidates for Ordination

Elder Woodrow and Lisa
Sadler



Elder Micheal Robinson



Elder Antonio and Kisha
Pier-
son



Dedications



Question: Do you accept the Bible as God's inspired, infallible, inerrant, immutable, indestructible and indispensable Word?

Answer: I do, the Lord being my Helper.

Question: Do you understand the requirements, responsibilities and realities that are about to be place upon you by being ordained and set apart as an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer: I do, the Lord being my Helper.

Question: Are you ready and willing to accept and assume the responsibility to peruse, preach and practice God's Word with boldness; to minister to the needs of those to whom you are sent without partiality, and to give yourself sacrificially and without reserve to the educating, edification, and equipping of the body of Christ?

Answer: I am, the Lord being my Helper.

Question: Will you endeavor to be diligent in the study of God's Word; instant and faithful in prayer, an example in Christian piety and discipline before your people and the community, in order that your life may be a worthy Christian example and that upon your ministry the blessing of God may rest?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my Helper.

Question: Recognizing the sacred responsibility of your call and aware of your own human weakness, will you seek the leadership and empowerment of the Holy Spirit in order that you may be a faithful minister of him who has called you?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my Helper.



Ordination Charge

I charge you to pursue the Word of God. Paul charged Timothy, “Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine....Mediate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all” (1 Timothy 4:13, 15). Paul further charged Timothy to, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).

I charge you to practice the Word of God. Paul affirms this when he says, “This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?), not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil....Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that impose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will” (1 Timothy 3:1-7; 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:22-26).



I charge you to preach the Word of God. You are called to be a preacher. Some assume the call to preach and do very little about it, becoming entangled with various professions of the world and their ministry becomes a side-line. I believe it is proper to include in this charge that if you are called to be a preacher then be a preacher. You are not called to be a politician, schoolteacher a businessman or social worker --- you are a man of God called to preach. Paul's final instruction to Timothy was, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall be turned unto fables. But watch though in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (2 Timothy 4: 1-5)



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