Pastor Samuel L. Sneed, Jr.

Founder & Pastor, City of Refuge COGIC • Cocoa, Florida

Pastor Samuel L. Sneed, Jr. is a fourth-generation Church of God in Christ preacher, retired United States Navy veteran, and seasoned ministry leader with more than twenty-five years of leadership experience spanning both military service and pastoral ministry. Ordained in 2001, Pastor Sneed has faithfully served the Church of God in Christ in pastoral, episcopal, and supervisory roles, carrying a God-given mandate to "set the house in order" through sound doctrine, spiritual accountability, and disciplined leadership.

A native of Pompano Beach, Florida, Pastor Sneed is the fifth of sixteen children born to Pastor Samuel L. Sneed, Sr., and the late District Missionary Betty Sneed. He was raised at Black's Memorial Temple Church of God in Christ, where his father pastors. His rich ministry heritage includes his grandmother, Evangelist Jesse Sneed, and his great-grandmother, Evangelist Nellie Green, the founding evangelist of what was originally known as COGIC #1 in Pompano. This multi-generational legacy continues to shape his commitment to holiness, order, and faithful service.

Pastor Sneed honorably served in the United States Navy, retiring on August 1, 1998, as an Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handler) First Class. During his naval career, he earned the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and developed exceptional leadership skills in training, operational readiness, and personnel supervision—principles he continues to apply in ministry leadership.

In 2012, Pastor Sneed founded Bethesda Community Church in Albany, Georgia, where he faithfully served as Founding Pastor for twelve years. Under his leadership, the church was established, nurtured, and strengthened through consistent preaching, teaching, discipleship, and community engagement. In response to a renewed and confirmed call from God, he later launched City of Refuge Church of God in Christ in Cocoa, Florida, where he currently serves as Founder and Pastor, providing spiritual oversight and guiding the ministry's growth and development.

In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, in 2011, Pastor Sneed served as Episcopal Adjutant for the Southeast Georgia Jurisdiction and in March 2012 as District Superintendent offering leadership, administrative guidance, and accountability to pastors and churches under his care.

Pastor Samuel L. Sneed, Jr. is widely respected for his steady leadership, commitment to excellence, and unwavering dedication to the work of the Lord. His life and ministry reflect a deep reverence for God, a respect for order, and a passion for building strong churches grounded in truth and spiritual integrity.

He is married to his love and support, Evangelist Donna "Lady D" Sneed for 18 years. Together they have six beautiful daughters, 14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Pastor and Lady D have dual residence in the coastal cities of Saint Marys, Georgia and Titusville, FL.