

History of Temple 145

Elder D. Childress Organize the Church in the year of 1900 on Ellis Street and served the Congregation for a period of three years. The Church grew tremendously and relocated to the corner of Cochran and Ellis. After three years because of our Continue growth the Structure was enlarged to a 40 X 60 under the leadership of Elder C. L. Bryant. In 1933 a dissention arose in the fellowship, out of which other Temples were organized and some remaining active to this date. During those years of unrest great church leaders namely Bishop I. C. Collins, Bishop N. S. Spurlock and Elder E. T. Webb served as Pastors.

In 1965 The Urban Renewal Project purchased the property and the Church was relocated to its current location at 3711 Biglow Street. While under construction, Elder Bernard Booty and Congregation open their doors to our Temple to worship. During this time, Bishop Bryant in his second tour of service became ill and Elder Braggs came to assist him. Upon his death Elder Braggs became the Pastor.

In 1966, the National assembly assigned Elder L. A. Crawford to serve our church as Pastor. During his tenure Elder Crawford was promoted to Overseer and elected Bishop. His record of service extends 30 years of our History. In the Year 1981 Brother Jerome Bass, offered a financial plan to build a larger edifice for our congregation to worship, and in 1994, that effort came to fruition with our Church building in which we worship today. After Bishop Crawford's demise, Evangelist Doris Bass served as interim Pastor. The National Church assigned Overseer Horace Robbins as Pastor who just over two years transition to Glory. Elder E. L. Bowie then came to serve and before long he too was called from labor to reward. Evangelist Bass again took up the mantle and led the church until a permanent pastor was name.

The Congregation set aside every Wednesday seeking God in fasting and prayer to send the Pastor this congregation needed. As a result, Overseer Harold Edwards was appointed in 1998. Under his leadership, we elected Evangelist Doris Bass as Pastor Emeritus with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto. Overseer Edwards was elected to the Office of Bishop in 2002.

Our church continues its growth and progress in Kingdom work, and we are ever seeking ways to add to the kingdom of God in souls and buildings to enhance our work for the cause of Christ Jesus. Our Pastor Bishop Harold Edwards has initiated a 1.2 million dollar renovation program of our current facilities.

This project will add 4 class rooms, a Chapel, a full service dining hall, new pastoral office, church office, choir room, resource center and conference room. Renovation to our rest rooms, kitchen area and storages spaces will also be done. Our History spans more than a century and we are excited about our plans for the generations to follow.