

# Church of God by Faith South Carolina District



**Maintaining the Legacy:  
Celebrating 100 Years**

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We bring you greetings.



I am happy to serve in the capacity of District Elder and to be a part of this historical moment celebrating 100 years of the Church of God by Faith, Inc. As you view this book, you will be reminded of the wonderful things our fore parents did to enable us to stand long and strong. I am grateful to be a part of this great organization and appreciative for my dear Gloria who introduced me to the “By Faith” family.

We want to commend Minister D.Y. McBride and the SC District Historical Ministry for compiling our history. Enjoy the wealth of information as history unfolds. As our fore parents made history, what we do today create history for our children and their children. Working with the vision ensures.

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I am Deloris Yvonne McBride, the South Carolina District Historian and National Historical Ministry Representative. I have maintained the history of the South Carolina District since the early 1980s when I was privileged to hear how this wonderful district originated through Mother Eva Stukes who was the first convert.

The first documentary of the district was published by me in 1986 during the tenure and legacy of the Late Dr. E.P. Livingston. Several individuals contributed to the documentary to include: Mother Evelena Brunson, Mother Gertrude McBride, Mother Vashti McBride, Mother Dora Nettles, Deacon Naham McBride, Elder Arthur Dukes. Our district has had many wonderful leaders, the Billups, the Kemps, the Rosiers, The Dukes, the Lewis', the W.H. Livingstons, the Jones, The E.P. Livingstons, , and now the Wilsons. I am thankful for all of the contributors who provided assistance in producing this book - we reflect on our great heritage, honoring those who have labored in the faith.

Now 12 physical representations in South Carolina and Virginia, we are making room for more.

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## National Origin

The Church of God by Faith, Inc. began in 1914 under the leadership of devout men and women in Jacksonville, Florida. These men and women were inspired by God and founded the first church in Jacksonville, Florida. The founders include Elder Crawford Bright, Elder John Bright, Bishop Aaron Matthews, Elder Nathaniel Scippio, Mother Delia Roundtree, and others. Later, Elder Herbert Steadman became the first executive secretary and editor for the Sunday School literature and various inspirational publications.



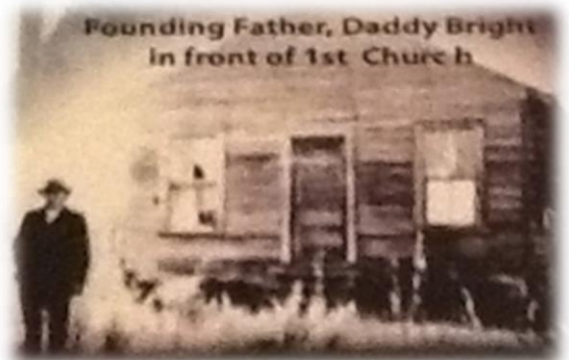
The founders' purpose for the church is to glorify God in the beauty of holiness. The first Assembly Meeting was held in 1917 in White Springs, Florida. Missions were set up in various places, Palatka was known as the headquarters of the group in 1919. In 1919, the Church of God by Faith concept was drafted.

The General Assembly was moved from Alachua, Florida in December of 1941. The first officers were Elder John Bright, Moderator; Elder Aaron Matthews, Bishop; Elder Nathaniel Scippio, First National Evangelist; and Elder Hubert Steadman, Executive Secretary.

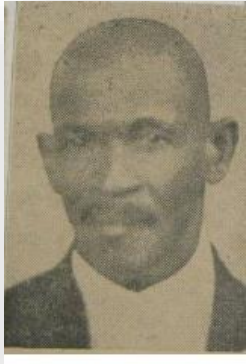
### Elder John Bright - Founder



Elder John Bright, one of the founders, was saved under the preaching of Elder Fox Thompson in 1912. He was affectionately known as “Daddy Bright”. Daddy Bright served as the first District Elder of the Jacksonville District. He was also the Moderator of the Church of God by Faith, Inc. His favorite song was “I’m Happy with Jesus, Alone”. God called Elder Bright to a resting place in 1958. Often times, he is pictured by the first Church of God by Faith which was built in Jacksonville, Florida.



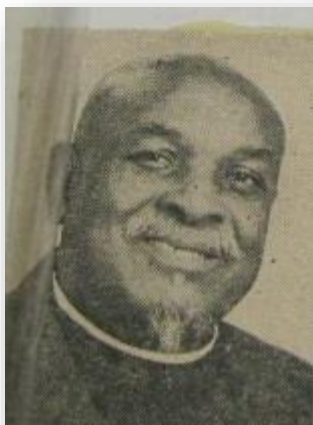
## **Bishop Aaron Matthews – First Bishop and Founder**



Bishop Aaron Matthews was the first Bishop of the Church of God by Faith and one of the first Council Member. He was saved in 1913 and served as the first District Elder of the Ocala District, Ocala, Florida. Bishop was married to the lovely Mother Nancy Matthews, a woman of faith, and who inspired other women of faith to live godly lives reflective of home preparations and good housekeeping. His favorite song was “Bread of Heaven”. He was known as the “Walking Bible”. With a nub finger and one lung, he preached mightily as the Lord inspired him to share His Word. Bishop Matthews lived in the “Big House” and

many people were taken there for prayer and recovered from their illnesses. In 1959, the Church mourned the passing of Bishop Aaron Matthews.

Mother Nancy Matthews, Great Woman of Faith pictured below in her later years and the young Lady Matthews



### **Elder Nathaniel**

Elder Nathaniel was the first Evangelist, and one of the first members. He was brother-in-law of

Aaron Matthews. He was married to Mother Essie Scippio, his traveling and



### **Scippio**

Scippio National overseer, Council the Bishop

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missionary companion. Elder Scippio established 23 churches. He and Mother Scippio traveled with a unique mobile vehicle that was used in various mission endeavors. He used a megaphone and traveled through neighborhoods crying, “Heaven or Hell”. He used the gift of discernment mightily as he called many on their behavior. His favorite song was “ I’m stepping out on Jesus”. Often times, Elder Scippio used the “N” word in his messages.

Mother Delia Scippio supported her husband and they served God traveling to various areas of the East coast.



Mother Delia Scippio



Elder Hubert Steadman

Elder Hubert Steadman was the first National Executive Secretary and one of the first members of the Council. He was saved in 1914 at the age of 17. He preached year-round revivals sleeping under tent after the services. Elder Steadman was also the editor and publisher of the Church’s printed materials such as the Sunday school books.

# Legacy Executive Council

Founding fathers founded the Church in 1914. chartered and



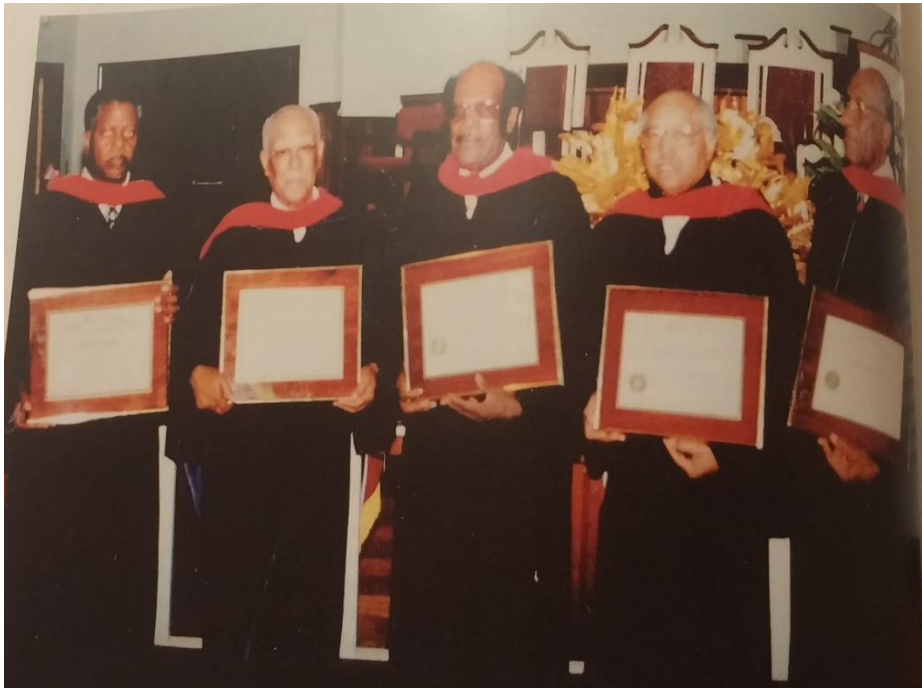
1980  
Executive  
Council

L/R Ruling Elder Theodore Brown, Ruling Elder C.M.Fogle, Bishop Willie W. Matthews, Executive Secretary Elder James E. McKnight, Ruling Elder John Robinson



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1993-2003  
Executive  
Council

L/R Executive Secretary Elder George Matthews, Bishop James E. McKnight, Elder John Robinson Ruling, Ruling Elder Curtis Rourk, Elder Theodore Brown Ruling



L/R: Ruling Elder James E. McKnight, Ruling Elder David C. Rourk, Bishop James E. McKnight, Ruling Elder John Robinson, Ruling Elder Horace N. Turner, Sr.

2004-2012  
Executive  
Council

Executive  
Council 2014



**Bishop  
James E. McKnight, Sr.**  
Presiding Bishop



**Ruling Elder  
David C. Rourk**  
Executive Secretary



**Ruling Elder  
James E. McKnight, Jr.**  
Executive Council Member



**Ruling Elder  
Horace N. Turner, Sr.**  
Executive Treasurer



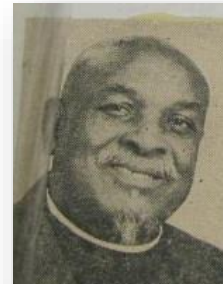
**Ruling Elder  
James T. Ware**  
Executive Council Member

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## Churches and Missions

Sumter, No. 1	1927, 1931 First church built
Sumter, No. 2	1932
Atkins/Lynchburg	1934
Pinewood	1936
Summerton	1938
Florence	1942
St. Paul	1949
Davis Station	1954
North	1968 church built in 1971
Congruity/El Bethel	est. 1975
Shekinah Glory	est 1978
Orangeburg	1984
Power House	1988
Amelia Virginia	1988
Bishopville Mission	1988
Olanta Mission	1988
Elliott	
Spartanburg Mission	
Faith Outreach Center	March 21, 2013



Elder Scippio was very active in the establishment of churches during 1931 – 1936. Below is the Marker at Pinewood, SC with the inscription NC Scippio



Bishop Willie W. Matthews visited us almost every year, running revivals and making sure he visited the various churches across the District until 19

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### Elder Willie W. Billups and Mother Emma Billups

Founder of the South Carolina District. Built the first church in 1931 under the leadership of Elder Nathaniel Scippio- Overseer. Elder Billups was the first Superintendent of the South Carolina District. According to his grandson, Bro. James Lonon, Elder Scippio and Elder Nathaniel Scippio were social buddies. His ministry span from 1927 -



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Elder Nathaniel Scippio evangelized South Carolina primarily in Sumter and Lee Counties. Elder Scippio has received credit for building Sumter No. 1 on Beck Street, Sumter No. 2 on Guignard St., and Pinewood Church located in Pinewood South Carolina. It is safe to say that Sumter No. 1 was built by Elder Willie Billups under the leadership and guidance of Elder Scippio. Bro. James Lonon, grandson of Elder Billups and Sis Martha Stukes, daughter of Mother Eva Stukes, the first SC Convert both concur.





## Elder Griffin and Mother Daisy Kemp

Elder Kemp has the longest tenure as District Elder – 23 years. God wrought many miracles through him such as stopping the rain from interrupting an outdoor service at Davis Station and raising the deceased on four different occasions.

## South Carolina's Beginnings



The South Carolina District had its beginning between 1927 - 1928 when Elder Willie and Mother Emma Billups returned to Sumter from Florida. While in Florida, the Billups received the Lord as their Savior and brought the good news of the Gospel to South Carolina. Shortly after the return of the Billups, Elder Billups pitched a tent and began to evangelize. Many people were saved and healed.



Lord years later at the age of 26. The tent was moved to the city of Sumter, near the Jehovah Baptist church. Elder

Mother Eva Stukes was the first convert during that time. Daddy Naham McBride remembers visiting the tent when he was a very young child. The tent was located on the Bennet Hamilton property (The Tram Road), near an area known as Brogden, SC. He recalls seeing Mother Stukes, Mother Matilda Allen and the Billups having service under the tent. As providence would have it, Daddy Naham McBride received the



Nathaniel Scippio came to Sumter and continued revivals harvesting people into the Kingdom and teamed up with Elder Billups. Elder Scippio led many to salvation. During that time Elder Arthur Dukes, Mother Ellen McCastle, Mother Susan Allen, Mother Willie Balls, Mother Helen Matthews, and many more accepted their salvation. The first church was built in 1931 on Beck Street under



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the direction of Elder Willie Billups.

Elder Griffin Kemp was sent to pastor Sumter No. 1 and also served as district elder in 1937. Elder Kemp and Sister Daisy Kemp worked very tenaciously inspiring the community. The district continued to grow in membership and extended to other areas of Sumter, (Sumter No. 2 was born) St. Paul, Davis Station, Pinewood, Atkins, Florence, and Summerton during Elder Kemp's administration. (During the Administration of Elder W.H. Livingston, the Church at Atkins was moved to Lynchburg.)

Elder Kemp was a member of the first latter Council. Prior to coming to South Carolina, he served as the first District Elder of the Gainesville District. He was a member of the Advisory Board of the first Assembly in Sumter, South Carolina. Elder Kemp rarely preached longer than 15 minutes but with a powerful voice that delivered the Word. When he used the word "hallelujah" it was so powerful that people fell out under the Spirit. He was married to Mother Daisy Kemp. Elder Kemp was the father of three children \*\*\* (2 sons – Rufus and , and a daughter) and a step-daughter (Martha). He loved the children and always gave them "hot balls" (candy). He was a "people person" and inspired other ministers from other denominations in their ministries. Elder Kemp used his carpentry skills to assist his members in building and repairs their homes. Prior to his death, the saints gathered around his bed, praying for his healing and survival until he asked to them to stop praying. Min. D.Y. McBride remembered getting him a drink of water. Elder Kemp was called home in 1959; he had a gangrene infection.

The Church at North, Congruity, Orangeburg, and Pelion were established later. Amelia, Virginia was inherited from the Northeastern District. Various missions were established as well to include Spartanburg, Bishopville, Olanta, Elliott, and Faith Outreach Center.



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## District Leadership Lineage

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Elder Griffin Kemp 1937-1960  
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Elder Arthur Dukes 1961  
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Elder W.H. Livingston 1975-1980  
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Elder E.P. Livingston 1986-2002  
Elder Mack S. Wilson 2002 – Present



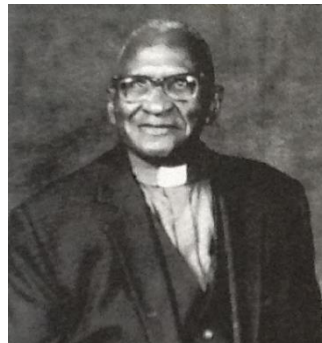
Elder Willie Billups



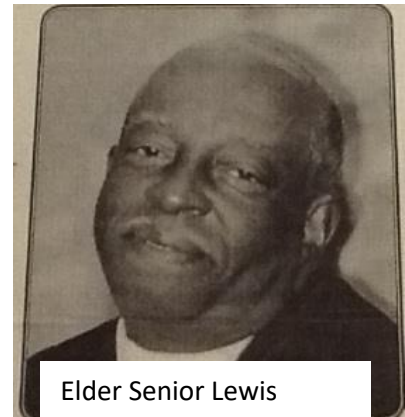
Elder Griffin Kemp



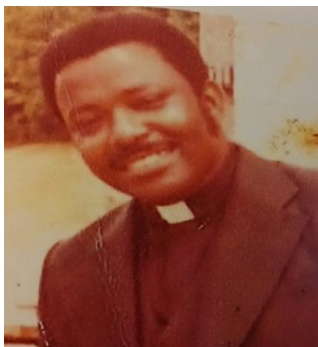
Elder Walter Rosier



Elder Arthur Dukes



Elder Senior Lewis



Elder William H. Livingston



Elder Richard Jones



Elder E.P. Livingston



Elder Mack S. Wilson

## Remembering South Carolina's Ladies of Faith



Mother Willie Harris Ball



Mother Emma Billups



Mother Eva Stukes



Mother Daisy Kemp

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## Various Churches Lineage and Leadership

### Sumter No. 1 est. 1927

Contributing Writer: Min. Deloris Y. McBride

First Church built in 1931 by Elder Billups. Pastors included Elder Willie Billups est. 1927, Elder Griffin Kemp 1937-1960, Elder Walter Rosier 1960, Elder Arthur Dukes 1961, Elder Senior Lewis 1962-1974, Elder W.H. Livingston 1975-1980, Elder Richard Jones 1980-1985, Elder E.P. Livingston 1986-2002, and currently Elder James Lucas, Sr.



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at the age of 26. Elder Nathaniel Scippio, friend of Elder Billups came to Sumter to assist in the soul winning efforts and pitched the tent in city of Sumter, near the Jehovah Baptist church. Elder Nathaniel Scippio came and continued revivals harvesting people into the Kingdom. Individuals such as Mother McCastle, Mother Susan Allen, Mother Willie Balls, Mother Helen Matthews, Mother Stella Mark, Mother Irene Lewis, Mother McWillie Hudson, and many more accepted their salvation. The first church was built in 1931 on Beck Street by and under the leadership of Elder Willie Billups as indicated by Bro. James Lonon, grandson of Elder Billups and Deaconess Martha Stukes, daughter of the first convert, Mother Eva Stukes. Perhaps it is safe to say that Elder Scippio was the Overseer of the work.



Elder Griffin Kemp was sent to pastor and also served as district elder in 1937. Elder Kemp and Sister Daisy Kemp worked very tenaciously inspiring the community. The church continued to grow in membership and outgrew the building on Beck Street. The second church was erected on Shannon Avenue about 1939. The Beck Street Church then became a parsonage. Below Elder Griffin Kemp is pictured in



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the center, Sis. Daisy Kemp is to his right, Mother Willie Ball is right of Sis Kemp, Sis. Matilda Allen is sitting directly behind Mother Ball. Mother Stukes and Deacon Linton are behind Mother Allen.



Above: First Choir organized during Elder G. Kemp's tenure.

Deacons who served during this time included but not limited to:

Deacon Stephony Ball, Deacon James Linton, Deacon Naham McBride, Sr.  
Deacon C.P. McBride, Deacon Henry Davis, Deacon O'Donald Daney, Deacon  
Vandruff, Deacon William Laws, Deacon Golden Laws,



Stephony Ball



James Linton



Naham McBride



O'Donnell Daney

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Do you remember when the deacons counted the offering at the table in front of the audience? The deacons also trained the young people how to count the offering as well. Often times, the members contributed their personal resources (groceries) to members in need. They called this gifting pounding a member.



During the early years of SC District only three persons had automobiles, Elder Griffin Kemp, Deacon James Linton, and Deacon Naham McBride. Left is a picture of Deacon Naham McBride standing next to his vehicle. Picture was taken January 1966.



Mother Emma Billups Lonon  
Hammond – Daughter of Papa and  
Mother Billups



Mother McWillie Hudson, one of the  
original Senior Choir member - first of its  
kind in the Church of God by Faith

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About 1960 Elder Walter (Sister Ruth, his wife) Rosier pastored the church and served for a year. Minister David Laws, Sr. (Minnie Harris) assisted during Elder Rosier's tenure.



Elder Walter Rosier    Sister Ruth Rosier    Judy Rosier

In 1959 the Sumter No.2 church which was located on Guignard Drive was destroyed by a storm. The Sumter No.2 church combined with Sumter No.1. Around 1961, Elder Arthur Dukes, the fire ball preacher who was notorious for his biblical recitations, became the pastor. Elder Dukes and his wife, sister Minnie Dukes, served faithfully for about two years.



Around 1964, Elder Senior Lewis (Sister Willie Nell) became pastor. Fund raising activities

began and enough money was secured to match the national church's contribution. Some of the persons who served faithfully and made significant contributions Willie Balls, and the late Mother Annie Daney McBride, Deacon Naham Minnie Laws, Sis.



included, the late Mother Eva Stukes, the late Mother Brown, the late Mother Vashti McBride, Sr., the late Mother Evelena Brunson, the late Dea. Daniel Brunson, the late Deacon James and Sis. Ellen Linton, Deacon William Laws, and the late Deacon David Canty and the late Sis. Sarah Canty. The church received various pledges from the members.

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In 1973 our present church (located at 609 Atlantic Avenue) was built and dedicated under the pastoral leadership of Elder Senior Lewis. Sister Ruth Nell Lewis worked faithfully with him. Elder Lewis was a praying man who held early Saturday morning prayer service.

He also ran revival lengthy revivals as long as six weeks.

In 1975 Elder William Henry Livingston, Sr. (Sister Viola), pastored our church as

well as served as District Elder. Deacon David Canty used Deacon Naham McBride's house plan and constructed the parsonage located at 607 Atlantic Avenue during the 70's. The house has since been converted into the SC District Headquarters. Elder Livingston was indeed a people's person who enjoyed playing his guitar with his sons.



In 1980 became Jones' growth Graham Elder assisted Elder the Jones



Elder Richard Jones (Sister Alma) pastor of the church. Under Elder tenure as pastor and District Elder, continued. Minister Brockington (the late Sister Ethel Mae) and Connie Curry (Sister Gretchen the church during this time as well. Jones provided a walk-way from parsonage to the Church. Elder enjoyed traveling with the saints

using his RV. He drove us to Florida, to Alabama, and to North Carolina. Elder Jones was a faithful and courteous leader who cared for his parishioners.



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Below is a picture of some of the saints gathering for Deacon Naham McBride's retirement in 1984.

### A Moment in Prayer

Clockwise: Elder Arthur Dukes, Willene McBride, Minnie Laws, Vashti McBride, James Linton, Moses McBride, Naham McBride, Sr., and Dorothy



Ok, what's so funny, Mother Vashti McBride and Elder Dukes?

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Elder E.P. Livingston (Sister Willer-Dean) began his tenure in June of 1986. The church continued to grow in membership and changes to the original structure were done. New windows and ceiling fixtures were added to the Sanctuary providing an inviting atmosphere. Modification to the parsonage was done. In February 2002, Elder Livingston went to be with the Lord. Elder Thomas Gibbs (Sis. Casondra) served as interim pastor until June 2002.



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In 2002 Elder Mack S. Wilson was appointed District Elder. For the first time in our history, a District Elder did not pastor “the Home Church” in Sumter. Elder Wilson chose to continue his pastorate at “God’s Remedy COGBF in Florence, SC. The SC District continues to grow with the vision our Elder Wilson. Under his administration, the District was organized into regions to include: the Pee Dee Virginia Region,

the Clarendon/Lee Progressive Region, and the Orangeburg-Midlands Region. A District Headquarters Office was established (a first throughout the organization), a Ministry Training Committee was appointed, A Technical Team was organized whose work created a Web presence headed and maintained by Min. D.Y.

McBride. The Health Ministry was also organized under his administration.



Elder & Lady Wilson at the 100th  
Celebration Service

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In July of 2002, Elder Lucas was appointed by the Executive Council to pastor, Sumter No. 1 where he is presently serving. During his pastorate at Sumter, No. 1, the church purchased a new organ Leslie, upgraded the PA system, purchased a new church sign, renovated the sanctuary to include new chandeliers and upholstered pews. In addition, choir chairs were purchased and the pews were upgraded with bible holders. Currently, the building fund is increasing and through his vision and the efforts of the members, the sanctuary was modified and the fellowship/kitchen facility. A new roof was added to the church and repairs to the ceilings in 2014. Everything Elder Lucas has accomplished during his ministry, he accredits to God and the support of his wife, First Lady, Sister Alice Lucas, his children and many encouraging saints. Elder Lucas teaches faith, sound doctrine, and believes that with God all things are possible.

### **Pastoral Lineage**

Elder Willie Billups 1927  
Elder Griffin Kemp 1937-1959  
Elder Walter Rosier 1960  
Elder Arthur Dukes 1961  
Elder Senior Lewis 1964-1974  
Elder W.H. Livingston 1975-1980  
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Mothers who serve(d) during Elder James Lucas Tenure. L/R: Mother R.L. Gibbs (Deceased), Mother Willie Mae Lucas (Deceased) Mother Naomi Lonon, Mother Rosa Brown, Mother Lucile Jenkins, and not pictured: Mother Lillie Mae Moses

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Sumter No. was built in 1973 during the administration of Elder Senior Lewis. Modifications to the front the entrance was done by Elder E.P. Livingston. Sis. Shirley Moses funded the new front entrance in memory of her husband.



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### Sumter No. 2

According to National History, Elder Scippio built the church around 1932. The church was located on Guignard Street in Sumter, South Carolina. Elder Arthur Dukes served as pastor for many years until around about 1959 when the church was destroyed by a storm. Members of Sumter No. 2 joined Sumter No. 1. These members included: Mother Vernell Sanders, Mother Ford, Deacon Lucius and Mother Rosa Brown, Deacon Frank Green, Mother Minnie Brooks, Sis. Johnson. The saints of Sumter No. 1 look forward to visiting their sister church and vice-versa.

Mother Vernell Sanders was ill with diabetes and one day she developed gangrene and an amputation was necessary. Mother Sanders exercised her faith, kept her leg, lived to give her testimony of God's healing power and died years later with both legs.



Deacon Frank Green

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Lynchburg – 1934 Contributing Writers: Elder Andre' McBride, Superintendent Mack S. Wilson

Elder Scippio and missionaries in Atkins, SC community conducted an old-time camp meeting during 1934. The year of 1934 brought contentment and salvation to many residents of the Atkins community. Elder Billups was left in charge after the revival to organize the church.

The church continued to progress under the pastorate of Elder L. Worthy, Elder Arthur Dukes, Elder Willie Clark and Elder James Lucas.

During Elder William H. Livingston's tenure, around 1978, land was purchased in Lynchburg with the assistance of the late Deacon Henry Davis, Sr. (Who held "the Thousand Dollar Program") and the late Deacon Jeff Rouse (Who found the land). The ground breaking ceremony was held and funds were raised for the construction of a new building. Initial construction of the COGBF Lynchburg was done by Elder W.H. Livingston, Elder Richard Jones and various brethren on the district.

While the church was not yet complete, Elder Arthur Dukes was the pastor or newly relocated Lynchburg COGBF and Minister Victor Livingston and Minister Robert Melton assisted him. Under Elder Dukes' ministry a lot souls were saved and added to the Lynchburg church to include Mack S. Wilson, Gloria R. Wilson and many of the Davis children. Elder Wilson recalls, many were saved during Thursday Night Bible Study as he was one of them. Elder Dukes did a lot for the spiritual



Lynchburg Church. When retired, Elder Cleveland P. the pastorate and Minister assisted him

Under the leadership of McBride, now Pastor appointed pastor at the 1983 December General Assembly, the completion of the



building and growth of Elder Dukes McBride continued Victor Livingston

Pastor C.P. Emeritus who was



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sanctuary was dedicated in 1984. His under pastorate, many credits and accomplishments have been added to his ministry; a fellowship hall, pastor's study, and additional restroom, central heat and air unit, kitchen appliances, stained glass windows, cushioned pews and an electric piano. These accomplishments could not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the faithful members.

Five ministers were born under C.P. McBride's pastorate; Minister James Windham, Minister Mack Wilson, Minister Phares McBride, Minister Andre' McBride (appointed Associate Pastor of COGBF, Lynchburg at the 2001 December General Assembly, and Minister Michael Fullard.

Deacons who are currently serving or have served include: Henry Davis Sr., Jeff Rouse, Mack S. Wilson, George Williams, Deacon Henry Davis, Jr., Deacon Allen



Davis,  
Charlie  
McBride,  
Stephon  
McBride,  
Clarence  
Davis, Kier  
(Chucky)

Schenk, Thoney Williams, Richard

Livingston, Elijah Lewis, the late Jeff Rouse, the late George Williams, and the late Deacon Henry Davis, Sr.



Our Precious Mothers include: Dorothy C. McBride, Gertie Rouse, Willie Mae Dingle, Lillian Calvin, and the late former First Lady Gertrude McBride, Betty Davis, Virginia Rouse, Janie Melton and Veronica Johnson.

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We praise God for our current Pastor and First Lady – Elder Andre' and Sister Michelle McBride, who are continuing to lead by example of the legacy instilled in them. The Lord is adding souls into the church and our church has been strengthened under their loving and careful leadership. Under this pastoral watch, we purchased a bus, renovated the foyer, and added a new steeple while in the previous sanctuary. In 2007, the Lord birthed the vision in our Pastor to build a new place of worship. He and along with the deacons and the overwhelming help from the members, were able to build and dedicate the present sanctuary on May 23, 2009. We are prayerful that the Lord is leading them to a greater destiny in the work of the ministry. Lynchburg also has a private cemetery.

We are a thriving church built upon godly principles. Our membership has grown, souls blessed, and healing claimed. The late Mother Gertrude McBride often referred to the COGBF-Lynchburg as the “Church Where Love Abides”

**Summerton – Macedonia 1938 Contributing Writer: Sis. Audrey Boatwright**



In 1938 Elder Griffin Kemp was appointed Superintendent of the South Carolina District. Serving as Pastor of Sumter #1 since 1937, the Lord pressed upon his heart to reach the Summerton area in 1938 so he put up a small tent. He began meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in August. The people were being blessed and as a result of the out pouring of the Holy Spirit, Elder Kemp was forced to move his tent by the Summerton authorities.

There was a man by the name of Mr. Brown that expressed how much he really enjoyed the tent meeting and he allowed Elder Kemp to put the tent on his property.



Elder Arthur Dukes



Elder C.P. McBride



Elder James Taylor

Mr. Brown told him he could stay there as long as he wanted to. The first Sunday in November, they were blessed with thirty one members.

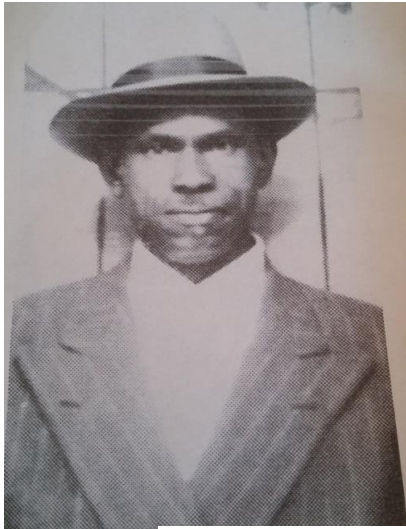
A church was built on the same street and dedicated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of November 1938. Some of the first Pastors were Elder Author Dukes, Elder Chester, Elder Worthy, Elder David Laws Sr., Elder David McBride, Elder David Davis, Elder CP McBride, and Elder James Taylor.

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Some of the members were Deacon Moise Brunson, Deacon Riley and family, the Ragin family, the Johnson family, Mother Mary Robinson and family, and Mother V. McBride. Members included Deacon Snyder, Deacon Riley, Deacon Willie Davis, Mother Emma Davis, and Sister B. Davis.

Elder John Spry served as pastor at the Summerton and St. Paul Church of God By Faith, Inc. for several years. Summerton Church of God By Faith, Summerton, South Carolina, South Carolina had Deacon Moise Brunson and Deacon Acie Riley and Mother Alice Riley and Mother Robinson were mothers of the church.



Deacon Moise Robinson



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Mother Alice Riley

In December 1985 Elder E.P. Livingston was appointed Superintendent of the South Carolina District and came to South Carolina June 1986 also served as Pastor of Sumter # 1. Under Elder E.P. Livingston's leadership, Elder and Sister Victor Livingston were appointed pastor in 1987. He and his family served faithfully until 1991.

In December of 1991, Elder James S. Gibbs was appointed pastor. Under his pastorate, the Pastor's study and Deacon's office were added and the church was renovated. The name Macedonia was also given to the church. He and his family served faithfully until 2002.



In 2002 Elder Brian Livingston was appointed pastor. Under Elder Livingston's pastorate souls were added to the church. Church pews were added, Bibles, and new drum set was given. He and his family served until 2006. District Superintendent Elder Mack S. Wilson resumed leadership in 2006. Mother W.D. Livingston served faithfully under Elder Mack S. Wilson.

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In December of 2006, Elder Mack S. Wilson appointed Minister George Marion Boatwright as Associate Minister. Minister George and Audrey Boatwright served faithfully as Associate Minister. Minister George M. Boatwright and family continued to serve faithfully and were appointed by Bishop McKnight as the Pastor of Macedonia COGBF, Inc. in December 2008.

Pastor Boatwright and his wife continue to build on the foundation set before them by the many Elders, serving at Macedonia. They continue to improve the sanctuary by sacrificing funds for various donations: Chairs for the pulpit, tables, Church sign, drums, and the van ministry. The church has purchased: central air and heat unit, guitars, amplifiers, speakers, microphones, keyboard, and conga drums, etc.



Elder George & Lady Audrey

Most recently in 2011, various tree removals were accomplished to enhance the landscaping of the church property. The church property has been surveyed and documented at the county court house and plats were obtained. Also in 2012, Pastor Boatwright and his wife donated a parcel of land that has been developed into a parking lot for the church. The church was able to finance the fence, lighting, and church signs to make such a beautiful contribution to the community and the house of God.

Pastor George Marion Boatwright and Elect Lady Audrey Boatwright are so gracious to the families that continue to make this church congregation a church family; a family that want to see growth and make a difference in the Summerton community. Thanks for the contributions of: the Livingston family, the Brunson family, the McDonald family, the Taylor family, the Kershaw family, the Gibson family, the McDuffie family, the Bates family, and the Smith family.

The Missionaries have gone out into the community and spread the ministry. Thank God that many were compelled to come and we are looking for many more. As we continue to grow together in love, peace and joy, we can only look for the blessings of God to fill the house of God. Elder George M. Boatwright was consecrated December 2012 and he and his wife want Christ to be pleased with the work accomplished and give Him all the glory.

**Florence – 1942 Contributing Writer: Elder Mack S. Wilson**



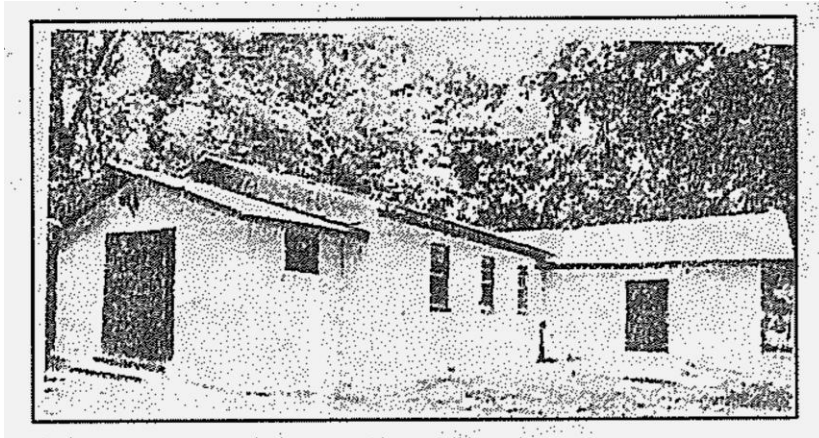
Elder Griffin Kemp

Florence Church of God by Faith, now God’s Remedy Church of God by Faith, Inc. began in 1942 under the leadership of Elder Griffin Kemp. As pastor, he began conducting services in a small rented building, formerly a night club. The Lord began to bless in a mighty and glorious way. The land was purchased across the street from the club and a church was built on it. Elder Kemp was the Superintendent and an inspiring pastor.

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Other pastors who served were Elder Tracy, Elder Willie Billups, Elder Arthur Dukes, Elder Cleveland McBride, Elder Senior Lewis, Jr. (1962) Elder David Davis and his assistant, Minister Brock Graham.



Elder Arthur Dukes

Johns St. Florence, SC

Elder David Davis and Lady Leona Davis served for 14 years. He along with the members and Minister Graham began renovating the Church building. Fundraisers were started; during this time Elder Richard Jones became pastor with Minister Victor Livingston assisting him. The renovation was continued and completed with the assistance of the District and National Church in 1985. The saints of Florence were grateful for the change in the church facility.



Elder David Davis



Min. Brockington Graham



Elder Richard Jones

In 1988, Elder Richard Jones pastored for several months.



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Minister Mack S. Wilson, Sr., became Pastor. Under Elder Wilson's leadership, land was purchased on Clement St. and the new church was built. The church continues to minister to the spiritual and natural needs of the community by distributing food, clothing, and finances, and by providing various activities for the youth of the community.



Elder Mack S. and Lady Gloria Wilson Pastor of God's Remedy and SC District Superintendent since 2002



Deacon George and Evangelist Dora Nettles have served Florence for many decades.



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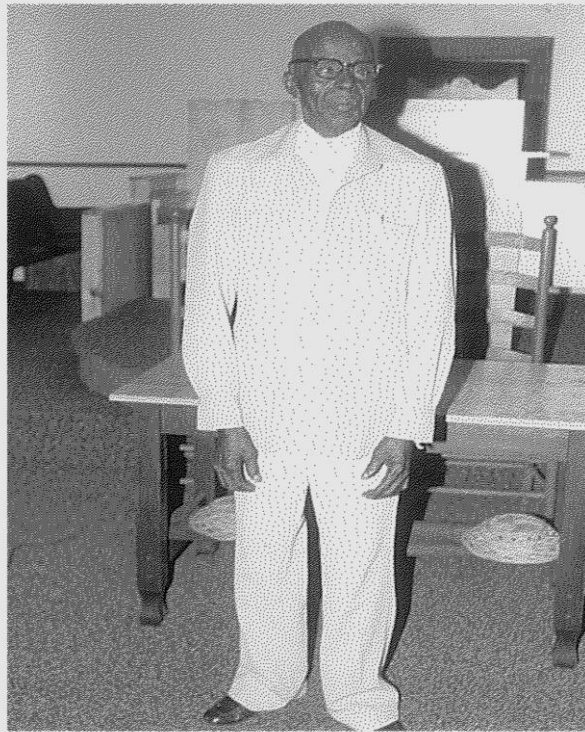
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Groundbreaking at Clement Road.

L/R: Mother White, Mother Gertrude McBride, Mother Luella McCray, \_\_\_\_\_  
Lady Gloria Wilson and child, Evang. Dora Nettles and Sis. Runette Eady.



Food distributions to the community



Youth Activities

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**Davis Station- 1954 - Contributing Writer: Sis. Shirley Spry.** Davis Station Church of God By Faith, Inc. began in 1954 with dedicated church members of Sumter No. 1 Church of God By Faith, Inc. Deacon Linton, Mother Balls, Mother



Mother Willie Ball

Deacon James Linton

Mother Vashti Deacon Naham McBride

Mother Eva Stukes

Eva Stukes, Deacon Naham and Mother Vashti McBride. Sis Pauline Montgomery's husband Bro George Montgomery was ill and she requested prayer for him to be healed. Sis Montgomery had a cousin which she visited, Sis Harriett Taylor, who was a member of Sumter No 1. Church of God by Faith, Inc. Sis Taylor requested the five church members aforementioned to come and have prayer for her husband who God healed and Holy Ghost sanctified. The surrounding community heard of the Bro Montgomery was healed and Holy Ghost filled and the people wanted to be in prayer and Holy Ghost sanctified prayer services which were held in Bro and Sis Montgomery's home until the house was overflowed with people.

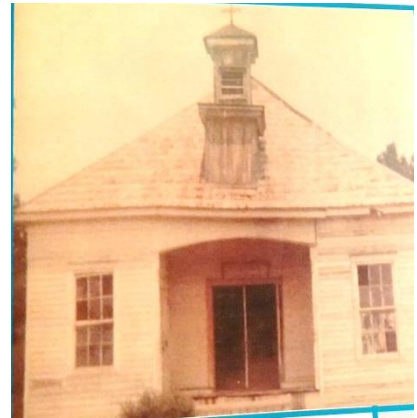
The services were moved under a large oak tree in their yard which was located on the Davis Station Road. Elder Griffin Kemp was the District Leader and pastor of Sumter No. 1 Church of God By Faith, Inc. Sumter, South Carolina. Elder Kemp had gone to Rochester, New York to visit his brother, Elder Eugene Kemp.

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When he returned and heard that people came to the Holy Ghost prayer and healing services and many were deliverance from their sins and healed. Elder Kemp established a tent which was placed under the oak tree and people continued to come to the services. God knew it was time for Elder Kemp and Church members to have a building to worship, have service and praise God. They were blessed to purchase a school house.

In 1955, Bro George Montgomery knew Elder John W. Spry as a pastor at Triumph - The Church and Kingdom Of God In Christ, Davis Station, South Carolina. Elder Spry served several years until Bro Montgomery told Elder Kemp about Elder John W. Spry a man of compassion, character and integrity. During that year Elder Kemp appointed Elder John Wesley Spry pastor of Davis Station Church of God by Faith. Elder Spry recognized that the church building needed several repairs and equipment which he donated his time and equipment to complete these task. Elder Spry was a gifted and skilled builder, bricklayer and with



excellent business skills. Elder Spry built a house for Deacon George and Mother



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Pauline and daughter Mary Montgomery, the first deacon of the church. Elder Spry renovated a section of the church to house the eldest Mother Nell Gibson. Elder John W. Mother Hattie L. Spry and their children took church members home, purchased food, and gave food from the Spry's farm to feed the needed, buy clothes, cut wood for the church heater. In addition, they took church members home after service. Elder John W. Spry also pastored Summerton and St Paul church of God By Faith Inc., for several years due to former pastors' critical family and job issues. Church members, friends and community people called Elder Griffin Kemp.

Elder Kemp visited Elder Spry sometimes twice a week which Sis Gertrude Balls McBride was his driver and sometimes Sis Julia Mae Amos. Elder Spry gave them vegetables, fruits and nuts from his farm. When Elder Spry and family member were not home Elder Kemp and church member of the district would go to the garden or field pick vegetables or fruits.

Elder John W. Spry appointed Deacon George Montgomery first deacon and Deacon Henry Hilton, Deacon Lee McCray and selected Mother Lillie Ann Pearson and Mother Nell Gibson as mothers during his pastoral. Elder John W. Spry served as pastor of the Davis Station Church of God By Faith, Davis Station until his death January 1962.

After Elder John W. Spry's death, Mother Hattie Simon Spry continue to as Acting Pastor for several months until Mother Spry made request to Elder Walter Rosier to provide the church with a pastor. Elder Walter Rosier requested Minister James Taylor a young, devout, and faithful man in his first pastoral church. Mother Spry stated to Elder Rosier that Elder Taylor needed several pastoral credentials. Elder Rosier provided Elder Taylor with pastoral certificate.



Mother Hattie Lee Simon spry is loved today by young and old and is still being remembered as woman of courtesy, wisdom, compassion, integrity, and dedicated.

Elder John W. Spry encouraged the Black people community and surround area when land become available and being offer to sell take the opportunity to purchase

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the land. Elder Spry stated “Don’t be beholding to no person or person” have land to call your own. Elder Spry was a mentor for the entire community and other area.

Elder Arthur Dukes came and pastored for several months.

Elder Taylor served faithfully, preached sound doctrine and caring for the church member and being a dedicated shepherd to his flock. Elder Taylor was mentor for Sis Helen Doughty and three children he purchased clothes for her two sons. Elder Taylor reconstructed the school building to a church with aid of the deacons and church members. Deacons who served during Elder Taylor leadership were Deacon Lee McCray, Deacon



Elder C.P. McBride

Moses McDuffie and Deacon Richmond McDuffie. When we had our 1969 October Assembly the Bishop appointed Elder Taylor to pastor another church.

In 1969 Elder C.P. McBride was appointed by the Executive Council with the presiding Bishop W.W. Matthews to be the pastor of Davis Station Church of God by Faith, Inc. Elder C.P. McBride and his wife, Lady Gertrude McBride were enthusiastic and grateful to embark upon building a new sanctuary. They worked faithfully along with the church members until the new church was built in April 1971. During Elder McBride pastorate new pews, gas heaters, air conditioner and a piano were purchased.

In 1975 the church members continued to improve the appearance by adding new wings.



Deacons who served during

Elder McBride pastoral were Deacon Lee McCray, Deacon Moses McDuffie and Deacon Richmond McDuffie. The church members’ financial resources were small but



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they prayed and trusted God, but when it was time for God to intervene God was on time. Elder C.P. McBride and Mother Gertrude McBride and their children demonstrated God's love and obedience to Him and made everybody feel they were we all of God children's.

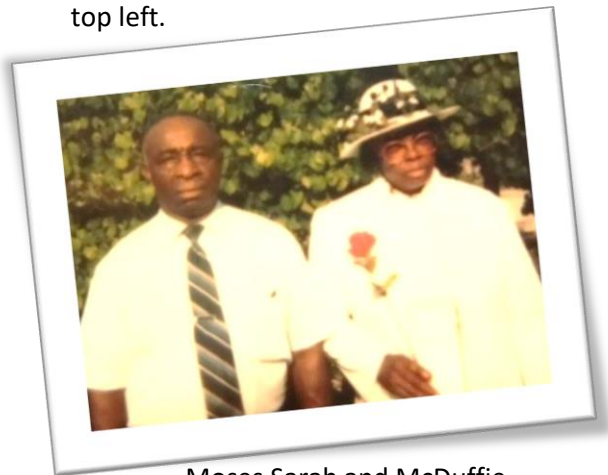
Helen Dowdy, Mary Montgomery, Beulah McCray, Pearl Lewis, Eva Mae Spry, Sarah McDuffie, Luella McCray



Children after church. Burnette McCray top left.



Mother Hattie Spry and Caleb Gordon



Moses Sarah and McDuffie



Mother Spry and Dorothy Hilton



Elder C.P. McBride seated on the Pulpit; Mother Spry and Lady Gertrude McBride seated at the table.



Mother S. McDuffie, Sis. Pearlie McDuffie, Lady Gertrude McBride, Mother H. Spry, and Mother Montgomery

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After Church



Beulah McDuffie

In December Assembly of 1982, Elder James Lucas was appointed by Bishop James McKnight as pastor of Davis Station church of God by Faith, Inc. During Elder Lucas pastorate the purchased central heat and air condition, new carpet was added to the sanctuary. Elder James and Sis Alice Lucas and children served the church faithfully throughout the years. Deacons who served during Elder Lucas pastoral were Deacon Lee McCray, Deacon Moses McDuffie and Deacon Richmond McDuffie. Elder Lucas appointed Deacon George T. Spry and Mother Luella McCray as the church first Deaconess.



Evang./Pastor Thomas Davis

In 1995 Elder Thomas Davis was appointed by Bishop James McKnight as pastor of Davis Station Church of God by Faith, Inc. Elder Davis begins to serve faithfully. Many souls were added to the church. Elder Davis is known as the “praying Man. Healing the sick and rescued the sinners from sins and evil. People came from far and near to receive prayer and soul delivery with Holy Ghost spirit. During Elder Davis pastorate many accomplishment have been made both spiritually and naturally church fellowship hall and front bathrooms was renovated, new carpet was purchased for a classroom, deacon’s office, pastor study, a new steeple, front porch was added. In January 2010 the interior of the church was redesigned which new carpet, church benches were pad and new glass pulpits Elder Davis appointed the following deacon: Deacon Dell Conyers, Deacon Gregory Martin, Deacon John McCray (Deceased), Deacon Michael Pearson (Minister) and Deaconess’s LuBertha Williams, Carnell Conyers, Barbara Ann Martin and

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Honorary Deaconess Shirley A. Spry. Today Elder Davis continue to preach sound doctrine, teach, mentor, pray and heal God's people, sinners and Christians. Elder Davis is a pastor and Bible scholar. Elder Davis instills in his members that "God is up to something" and as a Christian we should obey God.

### Pastoral Lineage

Elder John W. Spry – 1955; Elder James Taylor – 1963; Elder C.P. McBride – 1969;  
Elder James Lucas – 1983; Elder Thomas Davis - 1995



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### Pinewood - 1936

Pinewood Church of God by Faith is the last church in South Carolina that Elder Nathaniel oversaw its completion. The church still bears the inscription of Elder Nathaniel Scippio as depicted below. Elder Senior Lewis (Lady Ruth Nell Lewis) served as pastor October 1959. He preached his trial sermon in February 1959 and was appointed to pastor during the 1959 October Assembly. A memorable moment in Pinewood's history is when Mother Lucille Jenkins received salvation. She was so



happy that she praised the Lord all the way from Pinewood to Sumter. A three-week revival was conducted by Arthur Dukes. Also, during 1960, Elder James Taylor was saved at a revival conducted by Elder Senior Lewis. Elder Taylor joined the Pinewood Church, was called into the ministry in 1962, and years later became pastor in 1986 and was there until the church closed in 1985. Elder C.P. McBride pastored in \_\_\_\_\_. Elder David Lucas pastored in \_\_\_\_\_. Elder James Taylor pastored in 1986-1989. The church merged with Sumter No. 1 in 1989. Pinewood church building was sold to another church organization in \_\_\_\_\_.



Elder Scippio's inscription located at the bottom left of the church

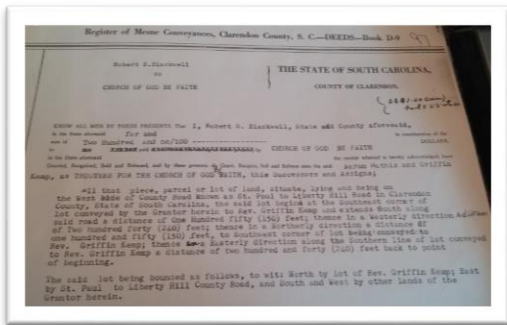
**St. Paul** Contributing Writer: Min. D.Y. McBride and Sis. Shirley Spry

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St. Paul was started around 1948; On November 10, 1949, the land to build the church was deeded to Elder Griffin Kemp and Bishop Aaron Matthews.

Many of the brethren dedicated their time, energy, and finances to build St. Paul Church. Some of the individuals were Elder Griffin Kemp, Deacon C.P. McBride (at that time), Deacon James Linton, and Deacon Naham McBride. Mother Vashti McBride shared information about how the men worked and the ladies prepared meals for them. Some of the pastors included: Min. Cubit (Mother Bertha Williams McCray, Elder John Wesley Spry (1958), Min. (Mother Lucille) Jenkins, and Elder James Lucas volunteered to pastor St. Paul and his tenure from 1972-1975. Some of the missionaries who supported the efforts were Mother Willie Ball, Mother Stella Mark, Mother Eva Stukes, and Missionary Nell Laws. Some of the members included the Ragins; Deacon Lucie Richardson visited the church frequency.



Above is the original deed of the sale of land to Elder Griffin Kemp and Bishop Aaron Matthews. The purchase was made for \$200.00.

Mother Lucille Jenkins' attended when her late husband pastored this church.



Mother Bertha W. McCray



Mother Lucille Jenkins

The St. Paul Structure still stands; however the church was sold has been renovated.

**North Established August 1968 Built August 1971**

**Contributing Writer: Sis. Vivian Stroman**

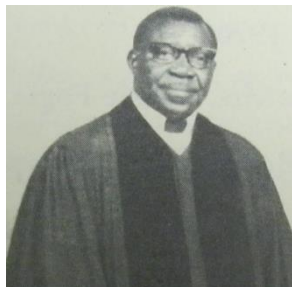
The North Church of God by Faith had its beginning in the year of 1968. The church was founded upon the return of its founders to their hometown of North, South Carolina. Its founders were: Deacon MacArthur Oliver, Sister Thelma Oliver and Sister Jearlene Casteal. The founders previously resided in Avon Park,

Florida where they were active in the Church of God by Faith, serving under leadership of Elder C.M. Folgle.



With a desire to continue in the service of the Lord, these three dedicated Christians searched for a building to worship the Lord in. They made contact with Ms. Lessie Hook, who

owned a building that they felt was suitable for worship. The building was rented and hence a church was born.



Through the efforts of Mrs. Willie Livingston, the sister-in law of Sister Jearlene Casteal, the land where our church is presently located was founded. During a morning walk around Blossom and Bedford Street, she discovered the land. Upon discovering that it was for sale, she was both happy and excited. Deacon and Sister Oliver along with Sister Casteal visited Mr. Delaney, the landowner and were informed that the purchase price for the land was \$1500.

District Superintendent, Elder Senior Lewis, and Jr. sent Elder Arthur Dukes to serve as our first pastor. Under his leadership, the land was purchased and the Lord blessed

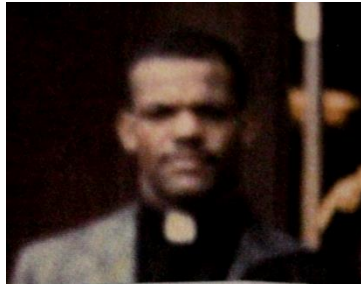


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the church with many faithful members and deacons. Elder Dukes served for two years 1968-1970, he did a wonderful job. We thank God for Elder Dukes.

In 1970, God sent Elder Thomas Davis to take up the reins. Elder Davis built all the church furniture by hand. Elder Davis donated these furnishings to the church. The church was dedicated under his administration in October 1971. Elder Davis faithfully served at the church and the congregation. Under his leadership, our membership doubled. God gave us three new deacons and one minister, Minister Richard Jones. We thank God for having Elder Thomas Davis for five years.



The church Council in June of 1975 sent Elder Richard Jones, Jr. as pastor. Under his leadership, the lord truly blessed the church. We purchased a bus that was used for travel across the South

Carolina District. We thank God for Elder Richard Jones, Jr.



tenure of twelve years, God blessed stained windows, ceiling fans, air roof, pews and pulpit furniture. God deacons into the ministry during his Minister Leon Jones and Minister Donnie Brown. Two missions, Orangeburg and Pelion Church of God by Faith, Inc. stemmed from the church in North by members who felt a higher calling in their lives.



December 1981, we saw another change of hands in pastoral-ship with the appointment of Elder Marion Geiger. During his us with a van, new conditionings, new called two of our tenure. They are

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We thank God for Elder Marion Geiger faithfulness and dedication to the church.

In May of 1989, the church mourned the death of one of its founders, Deacon MacArthur Oliver. He left a legacy of love and committed service to God and the church. He will always be honored and remembered by the members of this church.



In December of 1992, the late Elder E.P. Livingston became our pastor. During his tenure, God blessed us with new members, floodlights and two ceiling fans. We thank God for his service toward the North Church of God by Faith Inc. for two years.

In God's infinite wisdom, we once again experience a change in leadership. Elder Y.J. Jackson as became our pastor in December of 1994.



Through Elder David and Minister Mabel Lucas faithful service, the church reached a new level of growth both spiritually and structurally. We now have a beautiful fence surrounding the church property. Under Elder Lucas' leadership, a central air unit was installed; the office space and two Elder David and David Lucas is our church added a fellowship hall, bathrooms. We thank God for Minister Mabel Lucas. Elder current pastor.



The Middletons

In the year 2001, we To the front, we added



Deacon and Sis. Eric Oliver

completed our church renovations. an office and two bathrooms. We thank God for our continuous structural growth and spiritual development. Again, thanks to a faithful church family and a supportive District Five Man Board. Please continue to pray for our membership for their untiring labor for the works of the Lord.

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We would like to thank God for Elder David Lucas and Minister Mabelle Lucas who served as our pastor and first lady for fifteen years. Elder Mack Wilson served as



pastor in 2010 and Minister Toni Mellette assisted. Minister Mellette was appointed pastor in December 2012 and Evangelist Sharon Mellette serves as our first lady. We would like to thank God for our new members that we have gained over the past year.



## **El Bethel (Formerly Congruity) – During the early 1970s**

### **Contributing Writer: Evangelist Pamela McCollough**

Services originally began at the home of Sis. Vermell Green with Elder David Lucas and Min. Barrion Ford starting a prayer service in the 1970's. Services were also held at the home of Sis. Ruby Simon. As the attendance grew, Mr. Reuben Billie Sr. donated this building that was once a juke joint or night club. Minister Barrion Ford served as the Pastor of the Mission for a while. Later, Elder Thomas Gibbs was assigned as Pastor. Elder Gibbs and his family served with the assistance of then Bro Jeffrey Johnson, now Bishop Johnson, Bro. Wayne Brunson, now Elder Wayne Brunson and Bro. William Potts along with a number of young men from the community. After being closed for a time, Elder Thomas Davis reopened the Sumter Mission as it was called at the time. With him came, Deacon Buster and Sis. Runette Eady and family, the Late Deacon Bobby Johnson and Sis. Christine (Johnson) June and their family. The next Pastor was Elder James and Lady Alice Lucas and their family. Under Elder Lucas' tenure, the name of the church was called Congruity, COGBF Inc. While here, Elder Lucas completed various updates to the sanctuary. In 2002 Elder James Gibbs and the Late Sister Geraldine Gibbs were assigned to the Pastorate. After their arrival, Elder Gibbs asked the congregation to consider changing the name to El Bethel. After the approval by the church, Lady Gibbs adopted the Motto as "The Little Church With The Big Heart". Through the years the look of the building has changed with the addition and renovations of bathrooms on the front, a foyer, and choir stand, sheet rock to the walls, a dining and kitchen area. We have inset the pulpit chairs, removed and replaced the old piano, added new light fixtures, ceiling fans and added a Pastor's Study/ office. We continue to improve on the beautification of the building, but the most important thing is that the spirit continues to dwell and be felt whenever you enter the sanctuary. We are so thankful to God for our Pastor and the legacy of his beloved wife who is no longer with us. Pray for us as we continuously strive to do the will of the LORD and share our hearts with the people of God. El-Bethel is determined to stand.





**Pelion - Power House 1988 - Contributing Writer: Min. Domonique Brunson**

In the year **1988**, then, Sis. Doretha Bolton received a vision from the Lord; for a mission to be started in Pelion, SC while attending Church of God by Faith, North, SC under the leadership of Elder Marion (Mother Albertha) Geiger, a mission was started in the Pelion community. Services were first held on Friday nights.

In the years **1989-1990**, with more people coming out to services, Elder Geiger saw the need to have more than one weekly service and appointed Min. Leon (Sister Cynthia) Jones as pastor and wife along with Clarence Casteal as acting deacon.

In the years **1991-1992**, the Lord blessed Pelion to join two members: Sis. Geraldine Green and Dea. Bobbie Hartwell. Sis. Green was appointed Deaconess and Sis. Bolton was appointed Church Mother, making her the youngest mother on the SC District.

In the years **1993-1994**, Min. Leon (Sister Cynthia) Jones resigned as pastor and wife, but he stated before his resignation that he had a vision for the Pelion mission to expand in building size and increased membership, and so it did with the addition of: Sophia Tolan, Maxine Tolan, Tommy Tolan, and Nick Tolan, Lela Mae Koger, and Roxanne Mack.

Bro. Elbert Bolton and Dea. Hartwell inquired to Mr. John Fitts about the land where the church now resides. Mr. Fitts was very supportive, generous, and willing to donate the land, if the church would provide the necessary documents to show its authenticity and validate that a church would be built on the land. District Elder Dr. EP Livingston and the Five Man Board: Chairman Buster Eady, Secretary Willie Lucas, Board members: Lee McCray, David Canty, and Clarence Casteal met with



Mother Doretha and Deacon Bolton



Sis. Geraldine Green

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Mr. Fitts and his attorney, James O. Spence and after a brief correspondence the property was granted to the organization.

In the year **1995**, District Elder Livingston appointed Min. Vernon (Sis. Cheryl) Jamison as pastor and wife. Under their leadership more souls were added to the church: Sis. Mary Livingston, Sis. Janice Dixon, Bro. Elijah Dixon, and Sis. Cassandra Williams.

In the year **1996**, Min. Vernon (Sis. Cheryl) Jamison resigned as pastor and wife to relocate to Florida. The mission was placed under the District Elder's supervision. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Min. Wayne (Sis. Pamela) Brunson was appointed to serve. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday District Elder (Mother W.D.) Livingston served. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday the congregation served. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Min. Donnie (Evang. JoAnn) Brown served.

In the year **1997**, the construction began on the new sanctuary.



In the year **1998**, Dea. Bobbie Hartwell went home to be with the Lord. After being ordained during the National Convention – Min. Wayne (Sis. Pamela) Brunson was appointed as pastor and wife by the executive council.

In the years **1999-2000**, under their leadership and husband and wife ministry of “Hope, Praise and Consolation” the vision started to come to pass in full circle – more members joined and souls were saved.

In the year **2001**, Min. Brunson received a vision from the Lord to add a prefix “Power House” to the organization name and after completing the necessary paperwork resulted in Power House Church of God by Faith, Pelion, SC.

In the year **2002**, District Elder Livingston went home to be with the Lord. Also, that year, Min. Brunson was consecrated as “Elder” during the National Convention.

In the years **2003-2009**, the Lord continued to send members, families, and covenant partners to Pelion and wrought miracles and blessings before our eyes. That same year Pelion was recognized as a “church” denouncing “mission” status.

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In the year **2010**, Bro. Frank Hartwell went home to be with the Lord. This was our 2<sup>nd</sup> active member to pass away in (14) years. Also, Elect Lady Brunson and Sister JoAnn Brown were consecrated as “Evangelist” during the Summer Convention.

In the years **2011-2012**, more members continued to join the church and the ministerial staff was formed. We know without a doubt the Lord has His hands upon this Bethel spot and has birthed several ministries within the church to accommodate the people that He is sending for kingdom work. We are currently raising funds for our addition which we decree will be so in Jesus' name.

In the year **2013**, the Lord just keeps proving Himself to Power House by the outpouring of His anointing, reclaiming back-sliders and the saving of souls!!! Also July of that year, the Executive Council approved Elder Wayne (Evang. Pamela) Brunson to become pastor of our sister church in Newark, NJ, while still pastoring



Elder David and Lady Min. MaeBell Lucas

Power House, and Sisters: Domonique Brunson and Erica Miller were consecrated as “Evangelist” during our Summer Convention.

At the 2013 December General Assembly, Elder David Lucas was appointed pastor of Power House COGBF. We are looking forward to his leadership and guidance in growing the church.

### **Columbia – Shekinah Glory**

During the late '70s and '80s, Evangelist Thomas Davis dedicated a mission in Columbia, SC. Initially the Mission was located off of Monticello Drive. During this time, Deacon Buster and Sister Runell Eady and children, Brother Antonio McKie, Sister Jackie Gibbs McKie, Brother Leroy Gibbs, Sister Cheryl McKie, Mother McKie, and Sister Faith McBride Kemp and children worked tenaciously to assist Elder Davis in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The mission was located between North Main St. and Farrow Road near Columbia College Drive. The mission was later closed.





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In 1994, Elder David Lucas requested to Elder E.P. Livingston to reopen the Mission in Columbia, South Carolina. Elder Livingston consented to the reopening of the Mission. Elder David and Lady Mabel Lucas, Bro. William Livingston and family, Sister Yvonne Riggins, Brother Tyrone Balls, and Sister Deloris Yvonne McBride worked together in the most harmonious manner sharing and communicating the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During this time, the mission purchased a van to assist in the mission work. Services were held in a storefront on Fairfield Road in Columbia, SC.

Elder Lucas was appointed to the church in North, South Carolina in 1995. In 1995, Elder James Gibbs served for approximately a year. The Mission continued under the supervision of Elder Lucas with the assistance of the congregation. In 1996, Minister Phares (Lady Melissa) McBride served as pastor for nearly a year. The Word was proclaimed and others were added to the mission work. 1998 brought Minister Herd (and his wife) to pastoral duties. During this time the congregation held services in the home of Evangelist Yvonne Riggins. In 2000, Minister Elder Donnie Brown and Evangelist JoAnn Brown carried out the work of the mission. Their faithful service lasted until Minister Mabel Lucas continued to serve the mission while her husband continued pastoring in North, SC. In 2001, Elder Lucas asked Evangelist Loretha Jackson to continue the work of the mission. There were several attempts to secure a place for worship and the congregation moved to a funeral home to held services.

In 2003, District Elder Mack S. Wilson asked Elder Antonio McKie to serve the mission. Columbia Mission under his tenure, the congregation left the funeral home and began worship services at the Adams Mark Hotel located downtown Columbia. Elder Antonio and Sister Jackie McKie worked faithfully until 2004. The mission was named Shekinah Glory by Elder McKie.

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In July 2004, the mission was under the direction of the District Elder. The congregation relocated to the Best Western Hotel to hold services until the building at 2009 Leesburg Road was leased to hold services. In December 2004, Elder Andre' McBride was appointed pastor and elder David Laws assisted as pastor. They along with their wives and families worked diligently in reaching the lost and



Dedicatory Service for Shekinah Glory



purposing in their hearts to find a more suitable and permanent place of worship. In 2005, Elder David Laws was appointed Pastor and currently serves the Shekinah Glory COGBF. Under Elder Law's administration a milestone was reached in that he along with the members was able to purchase land and a building for a permanent place of worship for the "by Faith" family in Columbia, SC. This effort was led by Deacon Daniel who located the land and building and began the negotiation for the property.

The church continues to grow under his leadership. The building was converted into a sanctuary. The church was dedicated on March 3, 2012 with Ruling Elder Nelson Horace Turner giving the message. The church has grown under Pastor Laws' leadership and a permanent place of worship was established in the Palmetto State. Minister Naham McBride and wife Sister Joyce McBride along with other ministers and wives assisted in the ministry as well.

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## Orangeburg Church of God by Faith

In February 1984, the Lord led Deacon Allen and Sis. Evelyn Moseley to begin service in their home. Evangelist Thomas Davis, Elder David Davis, Elder James Gibbs and various members across the district participated in the services. God performed miracles and blessed the mission financially. Under the leadership of Evangelist Thomas Davis, the building located on 993 Edisto Drive from Mrs. T. Dyches. Service began at this location on April 1985. God added membership and blessed the members with jobs, healing their bodies, wisdom and knowledge of His Word. Elder Thomas Davis pastored from 1984 to 1989.



Evang. Thomas

In 1989 Elder David Davis was appointed pastor; the Lord continued to add to the fold. Despite adversity, the most High God enabled these saints to purchase 1.8 acres of land February 18, 1996. The edifice was erected and dedicated and is currently being utilized. Through the years, Sis Mary Yon, Mother Mary Alice Yon, Sister Nadean Yon, and brother Leroy Gibbs and others assisted. Elder Donnie Brown and Lady JoAnn Brown served in 2012-2013, with Elder David Lucas and Minister MaeBell Lucas serving in 2013.



December 2013, the Council appointed Elder Thomas Gibbs pastor and he is serving with his wife Lady Casondra Gibbs to improve the sanctuary and up-build the Kingdom of God.



### **Bishopville.**

During the 80's, Elder Victor Livingston and Lady Okema Livingston conducted service in the Bishopville, SC in efforts of sharing the Word of God. Deacon Naham McBride assisted with the renovation of building to curtail mission cost. Min. Mack S. and Sis. Gloria Wilson assisted in the Mission. They engaged in sharing the Word of God and winning souls. As young motivated ministers, they wanted to engage soul-winning efforts. Elder Victor Livingston pastored the mission until he was appointed pastor of COGBF Amelia, Virginia. After this appointment, Min. Mack S. Wilson was appointed pastor at the Bishopville Mission and the Olanta Mission. Min. Wilson served the Bishopville area until he was pointed Pastor at Florence, SC in June 1988. Elder David Lucas (Lady MaeBell Lucas) was appointed pastor and was later appointed to pastor COGBF North, SC. Elder James Gibbs (Geraldine Gibbs) was appointed pastor and the mission later closed.

**Olanta.** During the eighties Elder Mack S. Wilson and Sister Gloria Wilson conducted services under an Oak Tree in Olanta in efforts of sharing the Word of God. Even though the services were short-lived, God had other plans for the Wilsons. The mission work in Olanta, SC was closed when Elder Wilson was appointed pastor at COGBF, Florence, SC in 1988.

### **Amelia, Virginia - 1988**

Mother Dora Epps and her daughters returned to their hometown, Amelia Virginia from New Jersey and established a mission. An old schoolhouse was purchased for \$10,000 and renovated. The South Carolina District inherited Amelia, Virginia. Minister Crenshaw was the first pastor. Elder Victor (Lady Okema) Livingston was sent to Amelia, Virginia in 1988. Elder William McNair pastored after the Livingstons. Since 1998, Elder (Sheila) Walls have been meeting the needs of the community through food and clothing distributions.

**Elliott Mission.**

Elliott Mission was started by Elder Thomas Davis and Min. James Windham became pastor. Elder Thomas, Lady Casandra, and family assisted Elder Windham in various outreach endeavors. Sis. Yolanda Ford and Sis. \_\_\_\_Ford also participated in various enrichment endeavors. This mission has closed.



## Faith Outreach Center March 21, 2013

Faith Outreach Center established March 21, 2013, by Min. D.Y. McBride after hearing the voice of God to launch the effort. God opened so many doors



immediately providing a place to reach out to the community in various efforts. Daddy Naham McBride, Sis. Gloria Scriven, Elder Dorothy McBride, and Sis. Stephanie Alston were brought into the vision and hence, Faith Outreach Center was conceived and launched.

By the time we dedicated Suite # 4 of the Trinity Lincoln Center at 26 Council St., Sumter, South Carolina



for God's service, several individuals approached us and wanted to be part of this outreach endeavor.

Those individuals included: Bobbie Galloway, Amonnie Galloway (of course Amonnie was an automatic), Elder Thomas and Sis. Casondra Gibbs, Min. Barrion Ford, Deacon Frank Green, Sis. Darcella Smith Patterson, Bro. DeMarcus and Sis. Keondra Rouse (at the time) now Min. Rouse, Sis. Sabrina Kennedy Temoney, Bro Robert Temoney now Min. Robert Temoney, Hence Faith Outreach Center had a wonderful and blessed beginning.



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Immediately, we launched various outreach endeavors to assist the community to include preparing a dinner for the homeless shelter and participation with the Golden Age Community to promote the building of a school in Uganda, Africa. Other programs we have launched are the WOWW Ministry (Women of Worship and Wisdom); the HOPE Ministry (Honoring our Precious Elderly); MAPP Ministry (Men Aspiring Power/Praise); College Connection and Scholarship Ministries. Additionally, we have launched various programs to promote youth endeavors to include: God's Girls and God's Gents, Children's Church, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday- Youth Activities



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First choir organized under Elder Griffin Kemp in \_\_\_\_\_. Noticeable faces, the background reflects the church on Beck Street, Sumter, SC

Sis. Virginia Williams Wheeler and Mother Mary Harris



Left to Right: Deacon James Linton, Elder Arthur Dukes and Deacon Naham McBride (taken at the retirement Dinner for Deacon McBride in 1984)

## The Senior Choir of Sumter No. 1.

First Row: Mother Rosa Lee Windham, Mother Mary Harris, Mother Luvenia Amos Lufwisch, Second Row: Mother Dorothy Sanders, Mother McWillie Hudson and Mother Virginia Wheeler



Mother Rosa Lee Windham played the accordion and often used John 3:16 as she spoke on love.

## Elders/Ministers & Wives



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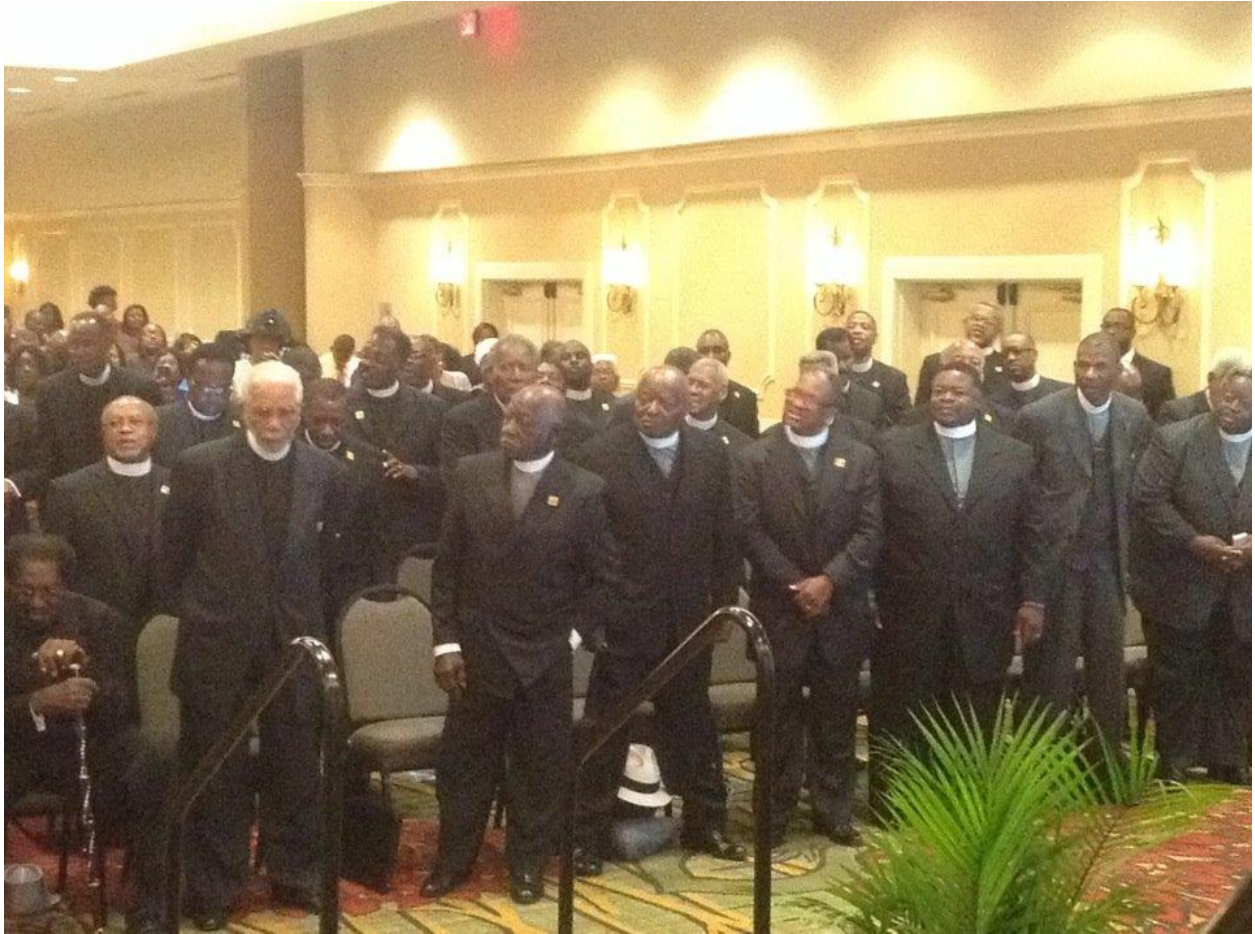


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Some Mighty Men of God at the 2014 National Summer Convention



## SC Represented Nationally.

L/R: Deacon Buster Eady  
serves on the National  
Finance Board



## 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations

In Celebration of our National History 1914-2014, the SC District recognized individuals who were with the Church of God by Faith, Inc. for 50 years and more.



Front Row – Left to Right:

Elder Thomas Gibbs, Elder James Gibbs, Evang. Pamela McCollough, Min. Katrina McFadden, Mother Jerlean Casteel, Evang. Daisy Bradley, Lady Gloria Rouse, Sis. LuBertha Williams, Sis. Diretha Williams, Daddy C.P. McBride, Min. Deloris Y. McBride.

Second Row – Left to Right:

Sis. Lillie Jackson, Mother Lucille Jenkins, Mother Mary Daniels, Sis. Patricia Spencer, Sis. Carrie Duffie, Sis. Shirley Spry, Bro. Mark Williams, Deacon Allen Davis



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First Row: Sis. Diane Williams, Mother Rosa Brown, Mother Naomi Lonon, Mother Willie Dingle, \_\_\_\_\_, Sis. Bernice McCray, Sis. Better McDowell, Deacon Henry Davis, Jr.

Second Row: Sis. Pearlie Mae Williams, Sis. Shirley Spry, Sis. Laura Simon, Sis. Jackie Jenkins, Sis. Barbara McBride, Deacon Stephon McBride, Sis. Carolyn



**Remembering those who served among us.**



Sis. Beulah McCray – Davis Station



Deacon James Linton provided assistance in hospitality for the National October Assemblies.



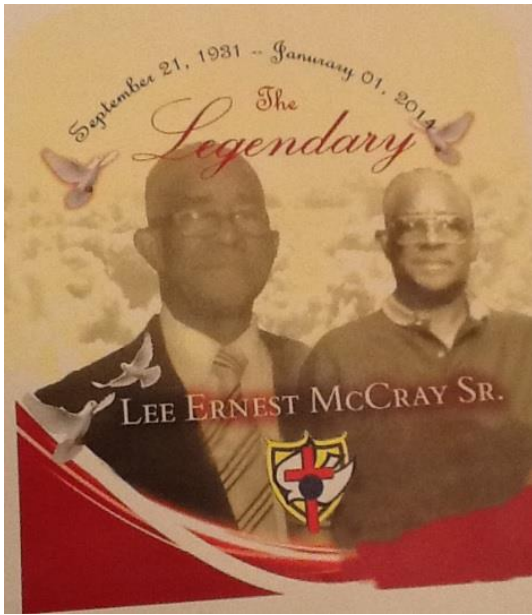
Bishop W.W. Matthews and Elder Connie Currie (Now Bishop Currie). Bishop Matthews always found time to visit us yearly.

**The Late Bishop W.W.W. Matthews, Executive Secretary – Elder James McKnight, District Elder E.P. Livingston and others**



Seated left to right: Bishop Willie W. Matthews, Elder Neloms (GA District Supt), Ruling Elder Theodore Brown, Treasurer . Standing left to right: Ruling Elder C.M. Fogle, Ruling Elder George Matthews, Ruling Elder John Robinson, Executive Secretary James E. McKnight, Elder Curtis Rourke, Elder E.P. Livingston, Elder Lloyd Evans, Elder Sherman Roberts, Elder James Williams

Elder E. P Livingston served as our District Elder from 1986- 2002. Ruling Elder George Matthews and Elder Lloyd Evans conducted revivals during Elder E.P. Livingston’s tenure conducted rivals at Sumter No. 1. One of Ruling Elder G. Matthews’ sermons was, “Everything that Looks Dead, is Not Dead”, Elder Sherman Roberts and Elder James Williams were our guest speakers during our SC District October Meetings.



Mother Willie Mae Lucas



Sisters: L/R Mother Gertrude Ball  
McBride and Mother Minnie Laws

## SC District Mothers



L/R: Evang. Dorothy C. McBride, Mother W.D. Livingston, Mother Thelma Oliver, and Mother Viola Livingston

## SC District Fathers



## 2014 Living Legends

Evelena Brunson (75)	70 Years
Elder David Davis	69 Years
Mother Leona Davis	69 Years
Elder Thomas Davis	50 Years
Mother Willie Dingle	50 + Years
Mother Willer Dean Livingston	50 + Years
Viola Livingston (79)	65 Years
Naomi Lonon (70+)	60+ Years
Cleveland P. McBride (89)	65 Years
Naham McBride (92)	65 Years
Mother Mary Emma Montgomery (95)	70 +Years
Mother Lillie Mae Moses	
Mother Dora Nettles	
Mother Gertie Rouse	__ Years

## Auxiliaries

### **The South Carolina District Usher Board**

The SC District Usher Board was organized under the supervision of the National Usher Board which was represented by Brother Willie Lonon (grandson of Elder Willie Billups) during Elder Jones' tenure (early 80's). Deacon Mack S. Wilson of the Church of God by Faith Lynchburg was the first president. Ushers manuals were introduced, regular practice and meetings were held for members of the District Usher Board.

The Late Rosa Lee Gibbs and Mother Lillie Mae Moses served for many years.



L/R: Louise White, Mother R.L. Gibbs



Mother Lillie Mae Moses, Lessie James



Deacon Thoney Williams and Sister Citronella Smith (Served as SC District Ushers Board's President for several years)

## South Carolina Missionary Department

Devout missionaries include: Mother Emma Jane Billups, Mother Eva Stukes, Mother Matilda Allen, Mother Willie Ball, Mother Stella Mark, Deacon Naham and Mother Vashti McBride, Missionary Evangelist Willie Nell Laws, Mother Irene Lewis,

## SC District Youth Department

Presidents include

Faith McBride

Deloris McBride

Yvonne Jones Riggins

LueBertha Williams

Angela Hanah



## SC District Mass Choir

Presidents include

John Richardson

Andre' McBride

Rachel Jones

Sharon McCray Livingston

Jackie Jenkins





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**SC District October Assemblies**



SC District Choir at the 2012 October Assembly



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SC District Missionaries on fire – October 2013



Youth Participation at the 2013 October Assembly



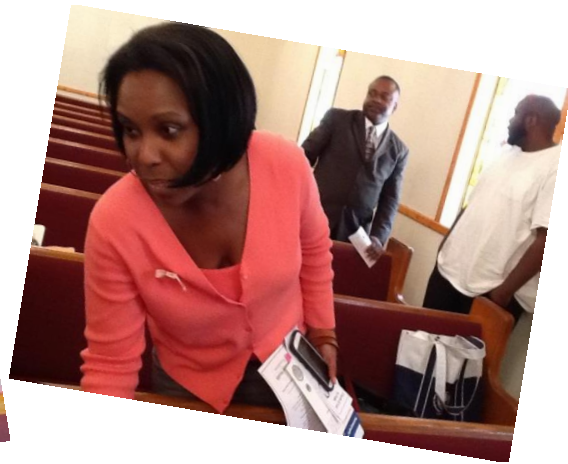
## SC District Headquarters

The SC District Headquarters was organized in February 2003 - March during the Administration of Elder Mack S. Wilson. The parsonage on 607 Atlantic Avenue was converted into a headquarters. Elder Wilson asked Sis. D.Y. McBride to spearhead the project. The team consisted of Daddy Naham McBride, Sis. Dorothy McBride, Sis. Gloria J. McBride Scriven, Bro Angelo McBride and Bro. Naham McBride did the flooring in the kitchen and hallway. Elder C.P. McBride, Sis. Jackie Jenkins, Deacon Thoney Williams, Bro. Tony Livingston, Bro. Ricky Livingston, Bro. Washington (a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church). The rooms were painted and furniture donated. Each room was given a name: The Matthew/Scippio/McKnight Conference Room, The Livingstons/Jones Office, The Rosier/Dukes Technology Room, The Billups/Kemp Archives, The Stukes/Ball/Linton Prayer Room, the WAV Refreshment (Willer-Dean, Alma, Viola –named after our District Ladies )Center, The Steadman/Roundtree Lounge, and the Lewis/Wilson Office.

Each room was furnished by donations from various persons: the conference room was furnished by Deacon Naham McBride & family; the Archives room was furnished by Bro. James Lonon family; the Technology room was furnished by Mother Betty Dukes & family; the LLJ office was furnished by Mother Viola Livingston & family, Mother W.D. Livingston, and Elder Richard Jones & family; The WAV RC was furnished by Dorothy A. McBride, Monica George, Sis. Laura Simon purchased a microwave; the refrigerator was donated by Sis. Viola Livingston, and Sis Carnell Conyers donated 100 glasses; the SBL prayer room was donated by Deaconess Martha Stukes, Sis. Estelle Ray; the furniture in the Roundtree/Steadman Lounge was donated by Bro. Angelo and Lillian McBride; the furniture in the Lewis/Wilson office was donated by Elder Mack S. Wilson and Elder George and Sis. Audrey Boatwright, Elder James Lucas & family donated Artwork and Deacon Naham McBride & family donated Artwork. Elder Wilson had a sign made to read SC District Headquarters, a first throughout the organization of the Church of God by Faith.

## Health Ministry

Health Ministry was organized by Min. D.Y. McBride, Chairperson of the SC District October Meeting Committee under the administration of Elder Mack S. Wilson. Dr. Rita Livingston, Bro. and Sis. Mack S. Wilson, Jr., Victoria McBride,



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and Cynthia Jenkins comprised the first Ministry. Later, Fallon Livingston joined with Oral Health.

## Matthew - Scippio Academy

Two individuals from South Carolina attended Matthew Scippio, Dorothy McBride (1965) and John Richardson (19\_\_\_). Dorothy McBride was Matthew Scippio Queen for two years and sang on the Matthew Scippio Academy Chorus. She graduated in 1965. John Richardson attended Matthew Scippio in \_\_\_\_\_,

To attend the school each person paid \_\_\_\_\_ to cover tuition and dormitory expense.



Dorothy McBride – 1965 Graduate



L/R: Dorothy McBride is the 4<sup>th</sup> person.



L/R: Dorothy is the 7<sup>th</sup> person.

The musician was Michael Jackson



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Elder David Davis, Sr.

Mother Leona Davis



Elder David Davis was born in 1930 in Sumter, South Carolina. He is the second of ten children of the late Robert and the late Emma Davis. Elder Davis was ordained an Elder on December 27, 1963, with Elder A. J. Williams giving the charge at the “Temple” in Ocala, Florida.

His ministry at the Church of God by Faith, Inc., began forty nine years ago. In 1965, he pastored in Summerton, South Carolina. In 1966, Elder Davis was sent to the Pee Dee area (Florence, South Carolina), where he was the pastor for fourteen years. During his tenure, a sanctuary was renovated and souls were revived. In December of 1983, Elder Davis was called to do missionary work. During that time, a mission was established in the Orangeburg area. In 1988, the Executive Council placed him in charge of the Orangeburg Mission. With much prayer, dedication, and encouragement, God blessed the Orangeburg mission in 1982 to purchase land and erect a sanctuary.

Elder Davis teaches and preaches the Word of God with a biblical and practical awareness, with integrity, balance, and without compromise. His desire is to equip the saints not only to do the work of the ministry, but to realize that they have a God given covenant through Jesus Christ, to live a life full of peace, prosperity, and an abundance of joy.

It is Elder Davis’ belief that his most spiritually fulfilling experience throughout his forty-nine years in the ministry is to have been able to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to ALL.

Elder Davis is married to the lovely Leona Davis and they are blessed with beautiful children and grandchildren.

Deacon Daddy Naham McBride, Sr.



Education: Pearson Chapel  
School

Army Veteran – served in 1942  
World War II

Married on September 21, 1946,  
to the late Vashti Johnson  
McBride for 56 years

Father of 10 children

Employment: Tuxedo Company,  
Wondo Furniture Company, and  
Crescent Tools Industry.

Church Contributions: served as a local and district five-man deacon, is a co-founder of the Church of God by Faith, Davis Station, assisted in the building of several church edifices to include but not limited to St. Paul Church of God by Faith and God's Remedy Church of God by Faith and assisted in the renovations of the Bishopville edifice. Naham served as chairman of the finance board for numerous years and chaired when the new sanctuary was built on 609 Atlantic Avenue. He is proud to have sat under the tutelage of Elder Griffin Kemp, Elder Nathaniel Scippo, Bishop W.W. Matthews, and Bishop James E. McKnight during Council Meetings.

He assisted the late Dr. E.P. Livingston in restructuring and roofing of the Fellowship Hall at the Church of God by Faith, Sumter No. 1. He also assisted in the renovation of the South Carolina District Headquarters. During his early by faith years, he was one of three persons who had a car –Elder Griffin Kemp and Deacon James Linton were the other two.

Naham is a member of the NAACP, and the Dwyer Community Association.

Naham distinguishes himself by being a man of integrity, faithfulness, an excellent provider for his family and a giver to various causes; one that loves the Lord, his family, church, and community. He is also very willing to give of his resources and assists others in whatever manner he can.

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Mother Gussie Mae Johnson



Mother Willie Nell Laws, Missionary  
President and Missionary to St. Paul.



Sis. Laura Lucas McConico played  
a vital role at Pinewood as  
Pastor's wife.



Deacon David Canty

June 3, 1930 – October 23, 2001.  
Built the parsonage on 607  
Atlantic Avenue, Sumter, SC.  
Serve as Chairman of the Deacon  
Board for many years as well as  
Chairman of the SC District  
Board. Stated that Deacon  
Naham McBride and Elder C.P  
McBride played a vital role in his  
coming to the Church of God by  
Faith.



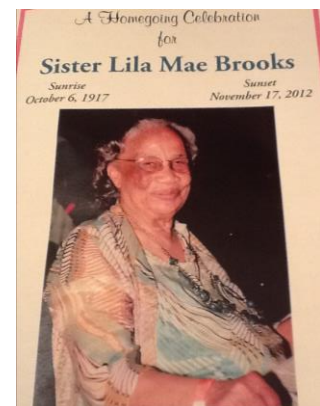
Mother Eva Mae Taylor,  
wife of Elder James Taylor

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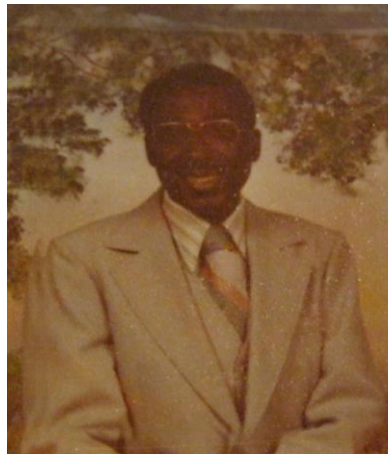


*Sister Ernestine Manning*  
1926 - 2006



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Mother Ethel Mae Graham

Maggie Jean Brunson Durant

Carolean Daney Anderson

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D.Y. McBride sharing time with her Uncle C.P. McBride and aunts -Mother G.B. McBride and Mother Minnie Laws around 1985.



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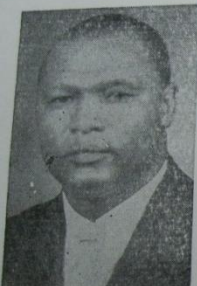
**PROGRAM  
Of The  
CHURCH OF GOD BY FAITH**

CONVENING  
October 6-9, 1966  
At The  
**CHURCH OF GOD BY FAITH**  
On Corner of  
Shannon and Back Street  
SUMTER, S. C.




I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH,  
AND THE LIFE:

ELDER W. W. MATTHEWS .....Bishop  
ELDER N. SCIPPIO .....Overseer  
ELDER C. A. McKNIGHT .....Moderator



SAM VEAL, Ormond Beach, FL



Elder Willie W. Matthews, Bishop

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the House of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills;  
And many nations shall come, and say, come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Please be advised that this program is subject to changes.  
All appointments of service made by Moderator C. A. McKnight.

**Program**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th**

12:00 Noon Opening service with Elder Senior Lewis, Host Pastor in charge of devotion.  
Scripture reading and opening of Assembly by Bishop W. W. Matthews.  
Remarks—Elder N. Scippio, Gen. Overseer

2:15 P.M. Deacons and Elder Council

2:15 P.M. Worship service—Mother E. Scippio in charge or her appointee.

4:00 P.M. Dinner

5:30 P.M. Healing service conducted by Elder Otis Bostick.

6:30 P.M. Youth hour with the National President in charge or appointee.

7:30 P.M. Evening worship with Elder C. A. McKnight in charge.  
Preaching by appointment.  
Remarks.  
Announcements.  
Benediction.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

8:30 A.M. Breakfast.

9:30 A.M. Sunday School.

11:00 A.M. Deacon and Elders Council.

11:45 A.M. Worship Service with an appointee in charge.

1:00 P.M. Devotion conducted by an appointee. Selection by the Assembly Choir.  
Sermon by Bishop W. W. Matthews


3:00 P.M. Dinner.

4:30 P.M. Ordination service.  
Sermon to be appointed.


5:30 P.M. Healing service conducted by Elder L. Williams.

6:30 P.M. Youth Hour.

7:30 P.M. Closing service with the moderator in charge.  
Sermon by Elder Eugene Kemp, Superintendent of North-Western N. Y. District.  
Remarks by Elder N. Scippio.  
Appointments and Closing of the Assembly by Elder W. W. Matthews, Bishop.



Sister Naomi Middleton.

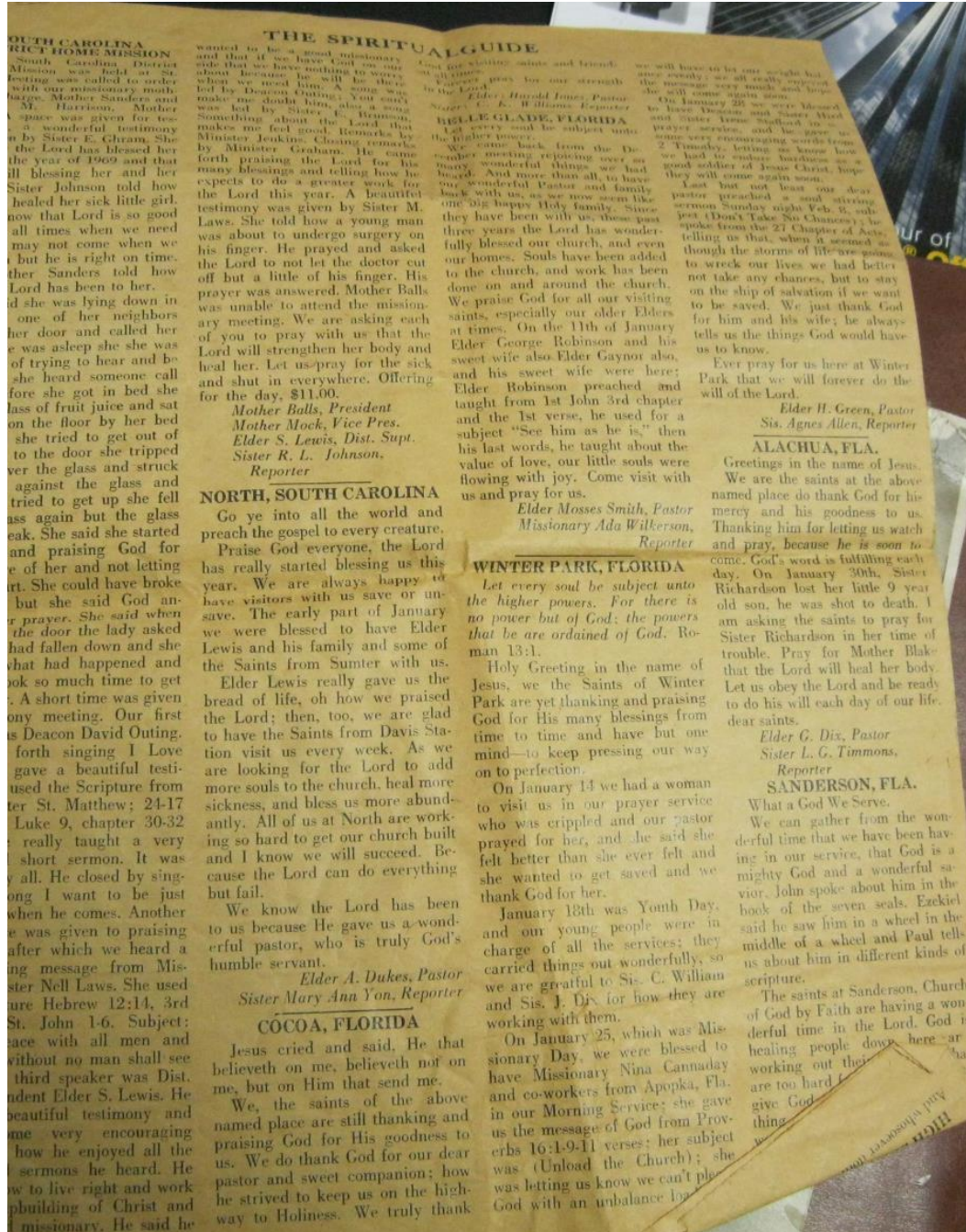


ANNIE THOMAS,

**FINANCIAL REPORT DUE**

District Superintendent .....	\$17.00
Local Preacher .....	5.00
Pastor .....	5.00
Assistant Pastor .....	5.00
Deacon .....	5.00
Field Workers .....	2.50
Missionaries and Leading Mothers .....	2.50





**SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT HOME MISSION**

South Carolina District Mission was held at the home of Sister E. Chram. She was called to order by our missionary mothers, Mother Sanders and M. Harrison. Mother A space was given for testimony by Sister E. Chram. She testified that the Lord has blessed her the year of 1969 and that she is blessing her and her children. Sister Johnson told how she healed her sick little girl, now that Lord is so good all times when we need him but he is right on time. Sister Sanders told how Lord has been to her. She said she was lying down in one of her neighbors her door and called her name as she was asleep she was trying to hear and behold she heard someone call her name she got in bed she had a glass of fruit juice and sat on the floor by her bed she tried to get out of the door she tripped over the glass and struck against the glass and tried to get up she fell back again but the glass broke. She said she started and praising God for the Lord and not letting her. She could have broke but she said God answered her prayer. She said when the door the lady asked had fallen down and she had had happened and took so much time to get up. A short time was given for our meeting. Our first was Deacon David Outing. He testified that he had been singing I Love the Lord. He gave a beautiful testimony from the Scripture from Luke 9, chapter 30-32. He really taught a very short sermon. It was very all. He closed by singing I want to be just when he comes. Another was given to praising after which we heard a message from Minister Nell Laws. She used Hebrew 12:14, 3rd St. John 1:6. Subject: Face with all men and without no man shall see. The third speaker was District Elder S. Lewis. He gave a beautiful testimony and was very encouraging how he enjoyed all the sermons he heard. He said he wanted to live right and work for the building of Christ and the missionary. He said he

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wanted to be a good missionary and that if we have God on our side that we have nothing to worry about because he will be able to lead us where we need him. A song was made me doubt. You may was led by Sister E. Brinson. Something about the Lord that makes me feel good. Remarks by Minister Jenkins. Closing remarks by Minister Graham. He came forth praising the Lord for his many blessings and telling how he expects to do a greater work for the Lord this year. A beautiful testimony was given by Sister M. Laws. She told how a young man was about to undergo surgery on his finger. He prayed and asked the Lord to not let the doctor cut off but a little of his finger. His prayer was answered. Mother Balls was unable to attend the missionary meeting. We are asking each of you to pray with us that the Lord will strengthen her body and heal her. Let us pray for the sick and shut in everywhere. Offering for the day, \$11.00.  
 Mother Balls, President  
 Mother Mock, Vice Pres.  
 Elder S. Lewis, Dist. Supt.  
 Sister R. L. Johnson, Reporter

**NORTH, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Praise God everyone, the Lord has really started blessing us this year. We are always happy to have visitors with us save or unsave. The early part of January we were blessed to have Elder Lewis and his family and some of the Saints from Sumter with us. Elder Lewis really gave us the bread of life, oh how we praised the Lord; then, too, we are glad to have the Saints from Davis Station visit us every week. As we are looking for the Lord to add more souls to the church, heal more sickness, and bless us more abundantly. All of us at North are working so hard to get our church built and I know we will succeed. Because the Lord can do everything but fail. We know the Lord has been to us because He gave us a wonderful pastor, who is truly God's humble servant.  
 Elder A. Dukes, Pastor  
 Sister Mary Ann Yon, Reporter

**COCOA, FLORIDA**

Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on Him that send me. We, the saints of the above named place are still thanking and praising God for His goodness to us. We do thank God for our dear pastor and sweet companion; how he strived to keep us on the highway to Holiness. We truly thank

**WINTER PARK, FLORIDA**

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 Holy Greeting in the name of Jesus, we the Saints of Winter Park are yet thanking and praising God for His many blessings from time to time and have but one mind—to keep pressing our way on to perfection.  
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 January 18th was Youth Day, and our young people were in charge of all the services; they carried things out wonderfully, so we are grateful to Sis. C. William and Sis. J. Dix for how they are working with them.  
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**ALACHUA, FLA.**

Greetings in the name of Jesus. We are the saints at the above named place do thank God for his mercy and his goodness to us. Thanking him for letting us watch and pray, because he is soon to come. God's word is fulfilling each day. On January 30th, Sister Richardson lost her little 9 year old son, he was shot to death. I am asking the saints to pray for Sister Richardson in her time of trouble. Pray for Mother Blak that the Lord will heal her body. Let us obey the Lord and be ready to do his will each day of our life, dear saints.  
 Elder H. Green, Pastor  
 Sis. Agnes Allen, Reporter

**SANDERSON, FLA.**

What a God We Serve. We can gather from the wonderful time that we have been having in our service, that God is a mighty God and a wonderful savior. John spoke about him in the book of the seven seals. Ezekiel said he saw him in a wheel in the middle of a wheel and Paul tells us about him in different kinds of scripture. The saints at Sanderson, Church of God by Faith are having a wonderful time in the Lord. God is healing people down here and working out their hearts. They are too hard to give God anything.



**Elder Griffin Kemp and Mother Daisy Kemp**

Mother Stella Mark was the piano player. Mother Stella Mark worked with Mother Stukes, mother Matilda Allen with the children with Easter practice, she was a mid-wife, missionary.



L/R: Mother Eva Stukes, Elder Thomas,  
Mother Willie Ball

## Some Special Moments



Julia Amos was anointed singer, often sang songs before Elder Griffin spoke, read scriptures for Elder Kemp and was one of his drivers. She always met you with a smile. Julia later married Elder Horace McKnight, Sr. who is the father of Bishop James E. McKnight



Gertrude Ball also drove for Elder Griffin Kemp as he visited across the district.



Mother Eva Stukes celebrating her 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday. (also pictured are D.Y. McBride and Naham, Jr.)



Young Thomas Gibbs

Bishop W.W. Matthews and Shirley  
Spry – A member of Davis Station.





The Brunson Singers



The Jenkins Singers

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Praise Team

Mot. Naomi Lonon, Evang. Sharon Mellete, Min. Domonique Brunson, Sis. Myrna Taylor, Sis. Angela Taylor, Sis. Jackie Jenkins

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Mother Evelena Brunson (Center) and grandchildren



Bottom right: Bro James Lonon and Norella Lonon (grandchildren of Elder Billups)



Right: Bro James Lonon gets a hug.





SC represented on National Usher Board at the Summer Centennial Convention (2014)  
L/R: Usher , Shirley Spry, Usher, Laura Simon, Usher



Mother W.D. Livingston surrounded by love



Elder Nelson Turner spending time in South Carolina at Lynchburg Valentine Gala

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## 2014 Inaugural Gala Hosted by South Carolina District

Gala Committee Chairperson was Elder Andre' McBride (Lady Michelle McBride).  
Committee members included: Lady Audrey Boatwright, Sis. Angela Hannah,  
Deacon Charlie McBride, Min. D.Y. McBride, Evang. Pamela McCollough, Min.



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South Carolina churches exhibited historical information.



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## A HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE CHURCH OF GOD BY FAITH, INC. FOR HELPING OTHERS TO SEEK THE BLESSINGS OFFERED TO CHRISTIANS AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CHURCH MEMBERS EVERYWHERE UPON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that the Church of God by Faith, Inc. will celebrate its centennial anniversary in Columbia from July 24 through July 27, 2014; and

Whereas, founders Crawford Bright, Elder John Bright, Nathaniel Scippio, and Aaron Matthews, Sr., created the Church of God by Faith, Inc. in 1914 in Jacksonville, Florida, for the purpose of glorifying God "in the beauty of holiness"; and

Whereas, the first executive secretary of the church, Hubert Steadman, served as the editor for the Sunday school literature and various inspirational publications; and

Whereas, the bonds formed through the establishment of the Church of God by Faith served to encourage believers and unify, sustain, strengthen, spiritually grow, and educate them in the Word of God in an environment where the Spirit of Christ is active; and

Whereas, the name "Church of God" gives glory to the Lord, which is due His name, and "faith" signifies the means of trust, confidence, reliability, and steadfastness that the founders placed in the unseen power of God without reservation; and

Whereas, the South Carolina District began between 1927 and 1928 when Elder Willie and Mother Emma Billups returned to Sumter from Florida, bringing the good news of the Gospel; and

Whereas, shortly after their return, Elder Billups began to evangelize under a pitched tent on the Bennet Hamilton land near Brogden, resulting in salvation and healing for many people; and

Whereas, Mother Eva Stukes was the first convert, and others were added until the tent was moved within the City of Sumter. Elder Billups and Elder Nathaniel Scippio, who came to Sumter, preached revivals and led new believers into the Kingdom; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Elder Billups, the first church was built on Beck Street in 1931, and in 1937, Elder Griffin Kemp came to serve as pastor and District Elder, adding churches in St. Paul, Davis Station, Pinewood, Atkins, Florence, and Summerton; and

Whereas, the Church of God by Faith has now extended to Lynchburg, North, Columbia, Gable, Orangeburg, and Pelion, and outreach areas include Richmond and Amelia, Virginia; and

Whereas, the leaders of the South District have included Elders Willie Billups, Griffin Kemp, Walter Rosier, Arthur Dukes, Senior Lewis, W. H. Livingston, Richard Jones, E. P. Livingston,

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and Mack S. Wilson, and currently the South Carolina District is led by Bishop James E. McKnight; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciates the outstanding service that Church of God by Faith has provided for ten decades to citizens of the Palmetto State and looks to hear of its continued ministry in the coming century. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Church of God by Faith, Inc. for helping others to seek the blessings offered to Christians and congratulate the church members everywhere upon the celebration of their one hundredth anniversary.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Sarah Lundy.