

TABERNACLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

40th PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY



“CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED PASTORAL LEADERSHIP”

SUFFRAGAN BISHOP OTIS GRAYSON
SHEPHERD MOTHER BESSIE GRAYSON

TABERNACLE CHURCH OF CHRIST OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH
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Suffragan Bishop Otis Grayson

The son of sharecroppers, Suffragan Bishop Otis Grayson is one of thirteen children born on September 21, 1942 in Furman, South Carolina to the late, Virginia and Woodrow Roosevelt Grayson. As a child, he worked hard and has been committed to maintaining a very strong work ethic, until this day. As a young man in pursuit of a better life, he left South Carolina going to West Virginia, then Washington, D.C., continuing on to Newark, N.J., finally settling in Atlantic County, N.J. in 1978.

Suffragan Bishop Otis Grayson met and married his first wife, Sister Beverly Grove after moving to Newark, NJ. They were the proud owners of O & B Grocery store in Newark for about six years. Sister Grayson was called from labor to reward in 1977. After the death of his wife, Elder Grayson took on the great responsibility of the love, care and support of their four (4) beautiful children: Tyrone, Tony, O'tressa and Cynthia Kimberly. Shortly thereafter, he married Sister Bessie Brooks of Pomona, N.J. and was blessed with two more fine children, Daina and Otis Christopher II. Bishop Grayson loves, enjoys and has special nicknames for his wonderful grandchildren. Suffragan Bishop is a man that has a special love and concern for the well being of his family. He and Shepherd Mother currently reside in Cologne, N.J. Suffragan Bishop is also known for his entrepreneurial endeavors and for the past forty-five years, he has been self-employed and the proud owner of Grayson Trucking & Trailer Leasing Company.

Suffragan Bishop Grayson was baptized in Jesus Name in Savannah, Ga. and received the precious gift of the Holy Ghost in Newark, N.J. in 1968. He answered the call to ministry in 1969. He was a faithful member of Emmanuel Church of Christ in Newark, N.J. from 1970-1977, under the pastorate and mentorship of the late, great Elder Solomon Saunders. Suffragan Bishop is well known for his love of preaching, as well as singing. He formed and enjoyed singing with the traveling male quartet called "The Sons of Thunder," while a member of Emmanuel. Because of his faithfulness, zeal for God and obedience to his pastor, during this time his ministry began to soar. He also served as Evangelist, Sunday School Teacher, Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School, and Associate Minister; always giving God his all. Each position held left a footprint preparing and perfecting him for his future call as Pastor.

Suffragan Bishop Otis Grayson was recommended by his Pastor, Elder Solomon Saunders to go minister to a church in South Jersey that was without a pastor. In 1977, the officials and members of Tabernacle Church of Christ in Pleasantville requested that he become their pastor. He accepted the call and continues to devote his life to that same ministry today. He displays a special love and compassion for his flock and has the unique ability to introduce humor while teaching and preaching the unadulterated word of God.

Suffragan Bishop Otis Grayson was ordained as a minister in 1979 at the New Jersey State Council of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc., under Bishop Thomas Streitferdt. He was later elevated to District Elder in by Bishop Willie Burrell. In 2006, Bishop Ronnie Amos Jr. consecrated him as Suffragan Bishop. Presently, he holds the title of Chairman of the Credential Committee and District Bishop over District #1 in the New Jersey District Council.

Suffragan Bishop Otis Grayson is a happy man who serves the Lord with his whole mind, soul and strength. He proclaims that he would still choose to be saved, even if there were no Heaven or Hell. Under his leadership for the past forty years, many souls have been inspired and come to know the awesome power of the living God. Under his leadership, saints have been trained and developed. Many have been baptized in Jesus' Name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Souls have been delivered; miracles have been wrought; bodies have been healed! In addition, the church edifice has been remodeled and purchased property for the future use of constructing a new church edifice. Despite the many obstacles and challenges that he has faced in his life and ministry, he has stood firm. His testimony is "**Having, therefore obtained help of God, He continues unto this day.**"

Shepherd Mother Bessie Grayson

Shepherd Mother Bessie Grayson's natural birth took place on March 18, 1947 in Wildwood, N.J. to Mother Hattie Brooks and the late District Elder John Brooks. Her parents had seven (7) other daughters (one deceased) and one (1) son. As the oldest child at home, Bessie became a second mother to her siblings. She always strived to honor her father and mother and taken seriously her call, commitment and dedication to her family.

Shepherd Mother Grayson was a member of Christ Gospel Church in Whitesboro, NJ from childhood. She was baptized in Jesus' name at age of eight (8) by the late Elder John A. Small. Her spiritual birth took place at her home on February 24th, 1963 at the age of fourteen. She proclaims, "Jesus is the best thing that has ever happened to her." After the death of Elder Small, her father became her pastor. Under his leadership, she worked out her own soul salvation, acknowledging the Lord and seeking Him to direct her paths. While attending college in Philadelphia, she attended Pentecostal Bridegroom Church and was under watch care of Elder George Mayfield. At a very early age she strived for excellence, demonstrating strong leadership ability and was a very hard worker, motivated and active at home, school and church.

Shepherd Mother Bessie Grayson graduated from Middle Township High School in C.M.C.H. in 1965; then went on to college, becoming the first generation college graduate in her family Her formal education includes:

- ❖ Masters Degree in Business - Monmouth University (1978)
- ❖ B.A. from Richard Stockton College of NJ (1973)
- ❖ A.S. (Accounting & Finance) Pierce College in Pa (1968)
- ❖ Automation Inst. of Pa—Computer Program Design (1969)
- ❖ University of Kentucky - Business Management Institute
- ❖ License in Real Estate Sales-New Jersey
- ❖ Jackson & Hewitt Income Tax Institute

Shepherd Mother Bessie Grayson has been involved in ministry most of her life. She graduated from being a PK (Pastor's kid) to Pastor's wife, when she married Elder Otis Grayson (now Suffragan Bishop) in 1978. At Tabernacle, she works in every facet of the ministry, beautifully complimenting her husband's work in Kingdom building. She is committed to ensuring that his God given mandate is carried out. Additionally, she has held a number of state and regional offices, which includes, but not limited to, the Treasurer of the New Jersey District Council.

Shepherd Mother Grayson is a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She adores her children and grandchildren' they are her "Pride and Joy." She has two biological children and helped to raise her husband's minor children after the death of their mother. The Grayson's have done their best to model and instill Christ in their posterity and train them up in the way that they should go. Their children — Otis Christopher Grayson II (wife Teela) is a successful Music Producer, Songwriter and Church Musician. Daina Wallace (husband Bryon) holds a Master of Business Administration/Healthcare Administration Degree; formerly Director of Centralized Monitoring at Atlantic City/Mainline Hospitals, now School Teacher in Camden. Cynthia Kimberly is a Reflexologist and resides in South Carolina. Otressa holds a Master's Degree in Education and is a schoolteacher in Maryland. Tony resides and works in Newark and Tyrone resides in North Carolina.

From our children, we were blessed with twelve (12) delightful grandchildren' two of which have Bachelor's degrees; one has a Master's degree; and one has a double Masters degree and is a Pre-Med Student. Grandchildren names: Stephen, Jamelle, Diamond, Briana, Alexandor, Shaqela, Jade, Faythe, Topaz, Genesis, Hope and Giana. Another generation of delightful great-grandchildren are Riley, Taylor and Aiden.

Shepherd Mother Bessie Grayson began working at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in Pomona in 1971, upon its inception. She retired in the position as Director of Accounting Support Services in 2003 after thirty-four (34) years with the State of New Jersey. During her career, she traveled extensively, attending and conducting professional seminars, conferences and training. She remains a highly respected member of the college community and that regard is indicative of her character, integrity and standards by which she strives to live.

The Grayson's have traveled extensively and were especially blessed to take an unforgettable trip to Israel in 1984, as well as, an Eastern Caribbean cruise with Bishop T.D. Jakes in 2004.

Shepherd Mother Bessie Grayson is a kind and sharing person. A woman of wisdom, love and discernment. Her beauty radiates from the inside out. She is truly a virtuous woman who has been "called to the kingdom for such a time as this!" One of her favorite scriptures is found in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

40th PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

12:00PM Service
Elder J. Tony Moore
Tabernacle Church of Christ
Pleasantville, NJ

3:30PM Service
District Elder Leon Kornegay
Living Waters New Life Ministries
Rahway, NJ

Order of Worship

3:30PM Service
Master of Ceremonies • Elder Albie Mansfield, Sr.

Invocation.....Deacon Ronald Johnson
Scripture.....Deaconess Gwen Moore
Praise & Worship Team.....

PROCESSIONAL OF HONOREES

Welcome.....Sister Sereatha Mansfield
Selection.....Tabernacle Church of Christ Combined Choirs
Accolades (2 Minutes).....

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Honorees Love Offering.....Guest Preacher or Designate
T.C.C. Finance Committee
Preacher's Offering.....Elder J. Tony Moore & Elder Albie Mansfield

Introduction of Guest Preacher.....Lady Sandra Kornegay
Guest Preacher.....Pastor Leon Kornegay
Remarks from Shepherds Ministry.....Deaconess Gwen Moore
Remarks from Honorees.....
Benediction.....Pastor Leon Kornegay

40th PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017

Bishop Wondell Johnson
Grace Tabernacle Pentecostal Fellowship Church
Pleasantville, NJ

Order of Worship

7:30PM Service
Master of Ceremonies • Brother Albie Mansfield, Jr.

Invocation.....Elder Albie Mansfield, Sr.
Scripture.....Elder J. Tony Moore
Praise & Worship Team.....

Welcome.....Deaconess Melfreda Bordley
Selection.....Tabernacle Church of Christ Combined Choirs
Accolades (2 Minutes).....

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Honorees Love Offering.....Guest Preacher or Designate
T.C.C. Finance Committee
Preacher's Offering.....Elder J. Tony Moore & Elder Albie Mansfield

Introduction of Guest Preacher.....Pastor Gloria Johnson
Guest Preacher.....Bishop Wondell Johnson
Remarks from Shepherds Ministry.....Deacon Ronald Johnson
Remarks from Honorees.....
Benediction.....Bishop Wondell Johnson

40th PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

12:00PM Service

Elder Albie Mansfield, Sr.
Tabernacle Church of Christ
Pleasantville, NJ

3:30PM Service

Bishop Billal Parrish
Shiloh Temple Apostolic Cathedral
Atlantic City, NJ

Order of Worship

3:30PM Service

Master of Ceremonies • Elder J. Tony Moore

Invocation.....Deacon Ronald Johnson
Scripture.....Deacon Troy Hall
Praise & Worship Team.....

PROCESSIONAL OF HONOREES

Welcome.....Deaconess Lillie Johnson
Selection.....Tabernacle Church of Christ Combined Choirs
Accolades (2 Minutes).....

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Honorees Love Offering.....Guest Preacher or Designate
T.C.C. Finance Committee
Preacher's Offering.....Elder J. Tony Moore & Elder Albie Mansfield

Introduction of Guest Preacher.....Lady Mary Parrish
Guest Preacher.....Bishop Billal Parrish
Remarks from Shepherds Ministry.....Elder J. Tony Moore
Remarks from Honorees.....
Benediction.....Bishop Billal Parrish

40th PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

NJDC District #1 • Pastors

Pastor Pauline Norwood • Ark of Safety Word Ministries, Atlantic City, NJ
Pastor Alexander Smith • Community Harvesters Church, Atlantic City, NJ
Pastor Robert McKinley • Old Time Salvation Evangelistic Apostolic Church, Absecon, NJ

Order of Worship

7:30PM Service

Master of Ceremonies • Elder J. Tony Moore

Invocation.....Elder Albie Mansfield, Sr.
Scripture.....Sister Linda Hall
Praise & Worship Team.....
Selection.....Tabernacle Church of Christ Combined Choirs

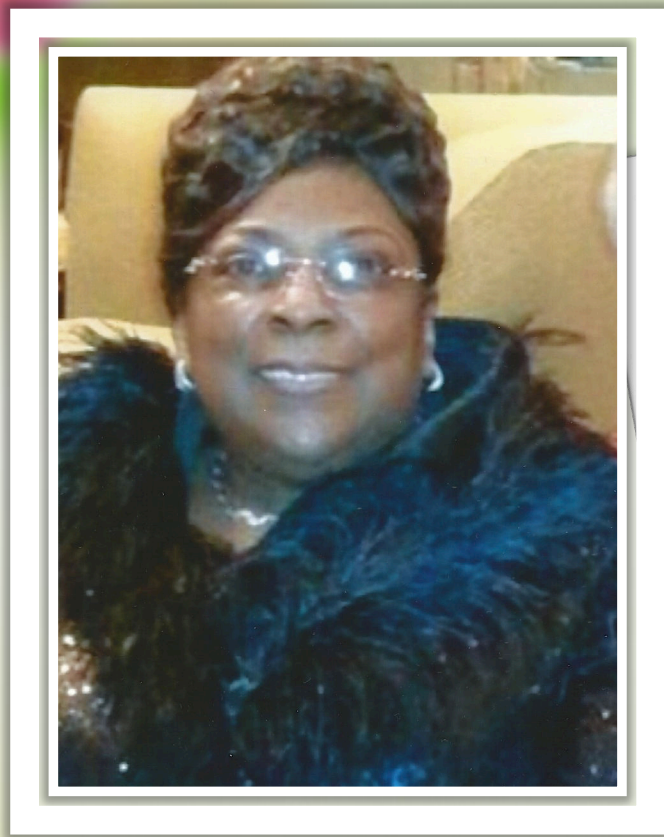
THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Honorees Love Offering.....Guest Preachers or Designate
T.C.C. Finance Committee

Words from Guest Preachers.....NJDC District #1 Pastors
Remarks from Shepherds Ministry.....Deaconess Lillie Johnson
Remarks from Honorees.....
Benediction.....



*For the LORD taketh pleasure
in his people: he will beautify
the meek with salvation.
Psalm 149:4*



Happy 70th Birthday
Shepherd Mother Bessie Grayson
Wears Many Hats Well!
Wife-Mother-Grandmother-Daughter-Sister-Confidant-Professional...

40th PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

12:00PM Service
Minister Jarrett Moore
Church of Jesus Christ
Washington, DC

3:30PM Service
Bishop Edgar Robinson, Jr.
Christ Gospel Church Love Center
Whitesboro, NJ

Order of Worship

3:30PM Service
Master of Ceremonies • Elder J. Tony Moore

Invocation.....Elder Albie Mansfield, Sr.
Scripture.....Deacon Troy Hall
Praise & Worship Team.....

PROCESSIONAL OF HONOREES

Welcome.....Sister Sereatha Mansfield
Selection.....Tabernacle Church of Christ Combined Choirs
Accolades (2 Minutes).....
Solo.....Sister Ashley Moore

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Honorees Love Offering.....Guest Preacher or Designate
T.C.C. Finance Committee
Preacher's Offering.....Elder J. Tony Moore & Elder Albie Mansfield
Introduction of Guest Preacher.....Lady Vanessa Robinson
Guest Preacher.....Bishop Edgar Robinson, Jr.
Remarks from Shepherds Ministry.....
Remarks from Honorees.....
Benediction.....Bishop Edgar Robinson, Jr.

40th PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

Bishop Luke Witherspoon, Sr.
Westminister Christian Worship Center
Atlantic City, NJ

Order of Worship

7:30PM Service

Master of Ceremonies • Elder Albie Mansfield, Sr.

Invocation.....Deacon Ronald Johnson
Scripture.....Elder J. Tony Moore
Praise & Worship Team.....
Welcome.....Sister Christina Mansfield
Selection.....Tabernacle Church of Christ Combined Choirs

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Honorees Love Offering.....Guest Preacher or Designate
T.C.C. Finance Committee
Preacher's Offering.....Elder J. Tony Moore & Elder Albie Mansfield

Introduction of Guest Preacher.....Lady Juanita Witherspoon
Guest Preacher.....Bishop Luke Witherspoon, Sr.
Remarks from Shepherds Ministry.....
Remarks from Honorees.....
Benediction.....Bishop Luke Witherspoon, Sr.

40th PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

Pastor Woodrow McKenzie
Refuge Church of Christ
Pleasantville, NJ

Order of Worship

3:30PM Service

Master of Ceremonies • Brother Albie Mansfield, Jr.

Invocation.....Elder Albie Mansfield, Sr.
Scripture.....Elder J. Tony Moore
Praise & Worship Team.....

PROCESSIONAL OF HONOREES

Welcome.....Sister Amber Mansfield
Selection.....Tabernacle Church of Christ Combined Choirs

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Honorees Love Offering.....Guest Preacher or Designate
T.C.C. Finance Committee
Preacher's Offering.....Elder J. Tony Moore & Elder Albie Mansfield

Introduction of Guest Preacher.....Lady Katrina McKenzie
Guest Preacher.....Pastor Woodrow McKenzie
Remarks from Shepherds Ministry.....
Remarks from Honorees.....
Benediction.....Pastor Woodrow McKenzie



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