



PASTORAL INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR
ELDER BENJAMIN M. GRAVES, JR.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

BISHOP TYRONE W. MCCOMBS, PH.D.
JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE AND CHIEF CELEBRANT



Pastor Benjamin M. Graves Jr.

“YES LORD”



Pastor Benjamin Graves Jr., is the son of Evangelist Esther C. Graves and the late Superintendent, Dr. Benjamin Graves Sr. Ben is a graduate of the Pleasantville Public School System. After his Junior Year he was given the opportunity to be listed with the Who's Who Among America's High School Students and traveled with America's Youth In Concert European Concert tour. Ben is a graduate of Combs College of Music with a bachelor's degree in music education. He taught in the Atlantic City Public Schools and retired after 26 years of service.

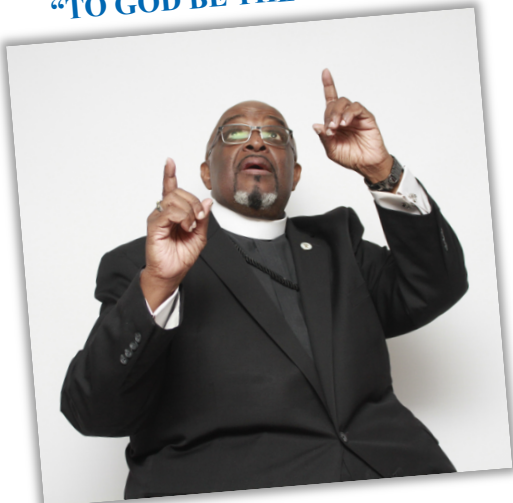
Ben is known as an accomplished musician and recording artist, who's skills have accompanied several Gospel, R & B and Jazz artists both live and in studios across the country. Ben's solo CD, the critically acclaimed "Instrumental Praise" is a testament to his musical gift and expresses that he is anointed to play Praises to the Lord. He has also served as Minister of Music at several Churches in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and has played for many choirs, groups and Gospel Musical Plays, including serving as Music Director for the Gospel recording group "Spirit". Ben is also a broadcasting legend who has been in the radio industry for over 40 years and is known as "Benny G". He was an announcer on WUSS AM, WFPG FM, and WEHA FM. You can now hear the Benny G Morning Show every Thursday morning from 8AM – 10AM on the critically acclaimed Sound Gospel Radio (www.SoundGospelRadio.com). His style and expertise has made him one of the top announcers in the Delaware Valley and beyond.

“HE DESERVES ALL PRAISE”



Ben was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at the age of 5 and has always had a divine calling on his life. He is part of a Legacy of Preachers to become Pastor of the Graves Temple COGIC. Ben's Grandfather, Elder James D. Graves, and his Father Superintendent Dr. Benjamin Graves Sr., were the beginning of a Legacy of Gospel preachers to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Ben has also served as the Assistant Pastor under the Pastorate of Elder John L. Wilkes Sr.

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”



Pastor Benjamin Graves Jr. was the proud Husband of the late Lady Bertha J. Graves, and father of three sons, four daughters, and 14 grandchildren. He is also the brother of five sisters and three brothers and a numerous amount of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, special friends and the Graves Temple COGIC family.

Order of Divine Worship

Saturday, October 7, 2023 • 12 Noon
Graves Temple Church of God in Christ
123 Church Street, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey

Superintendent Joseph Lewis, Sr., Worship Leader
Graves Barton Memorial District

The Period of Praise and Worship

The Processional

The Jurisdictional Prelate
The Pastor-Designee

Pastor Joseph Lewis, Jr., *Executive Assistant to the Bishop*

The Invocation

Pastor James Clements

The Scripture Reading

Pastor Ronald Kelly, Sr.

The Statement of Faith

Pastor Priscilla Gunn

The Selection

South Jersey Jurisdiction Choir



The Congratulatory Remarks

Representing the Family
Apostle Donald Robinson, Cousin

Representing Graves Temple COGIC
Mother Anita Sutton, Church Mother

Representing the Jurisdictional Department of Women
Mother Deborah R. Kitchen, Supervisor of the Department of Women

The Ministry of Giving

The Presentation of Our Prelate

Administrative Assistant Timothy Harris

The Sermonic Selection

Gary Nelson, Godson

The Installation Message & Ceremony

BISHOP TYRONE W. MCCOMBS, PH.D., PRELATE
South Jersey Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Church Of God in Christ



***In Loving Memory of Lady Bertha J. Graves
(1960-2023)***

*Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter,
We've shared throughout the years.*

*Now I am contented,
That my life it was worthwhile,
Knowing that I passed along the way,
I made somebody smile.*

*When you are walking down the street,
And you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps,
Only half a step behind.*

*So please don't be unhappy,
Just because I'm out of sight,
Remember that I'm with you,
Each morning, noon and night.*

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