

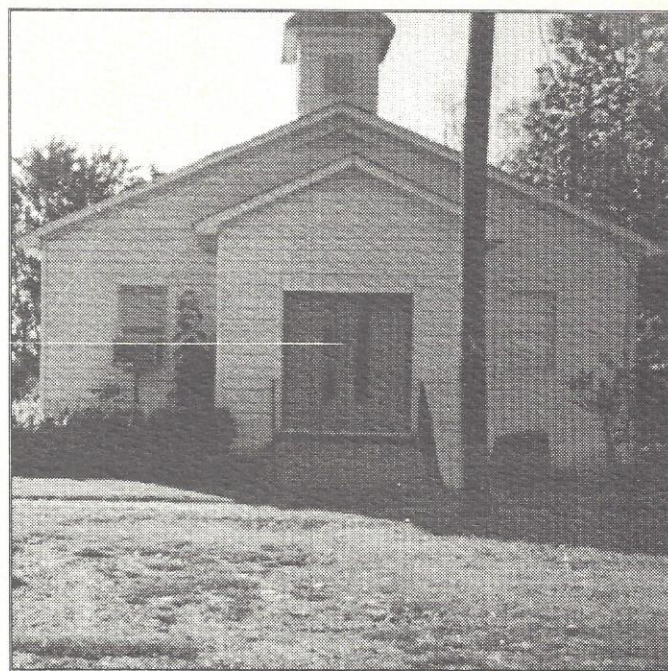
VERNON MEMORIAL
APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
120 ANDREWS AVENUE • CLEVELAND, MS

FOUNDERS' DAY

November 16, 2003
3:00 p.m.

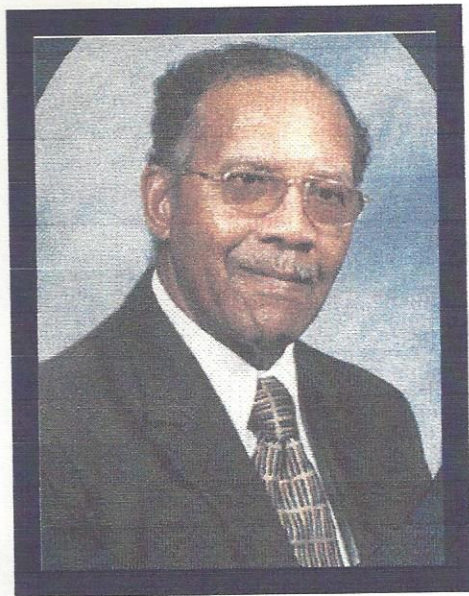


Charity M. Wafer
Founder



Elder William Cummings, Pastor

Diocesan Bishop Clifton Jones, Guest Speaker



*Suffragan Bishop, T. J. Melton, Sr.
Third Pastor*

Thomas Jesse Melton was born April 23, 1930 in Lyons, MS located in Coahoma County, MS. He was educated in the public school systems in Clarksdale, MS and Memphis, TN.

Elder Melton was baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ under the pastorate of Evangelist Rosalie Brown at the Apostolic Faith Church Mission on an Easter Sunday in April, 1945. He received the baptism of the Holy Ghost on August 1, 1945.

On November 21, 1947 he joined the United States Air Force and served two years, he was discharged on September 16, 1949.

Elder Melton started preaching in September, 1954. He was a street preacher and preached in towns such as Drew and Marks, MS. He began to minister to the saints at Grace Temple in Greenville, MS in 1955. Later Pastor Melton was appointed pastor by the late Bishop Oscar "Sin Killing" Lee Sanders. In July, 1956 he was appointed pastor of Apostolic Faith Church in Clarksdale, MS and in July, 1962 he was appointed pastor of Vernon Memorial by Bishop Sanders. In 1986 he resigned from Grace Temple.

He was ordained by the late Bishop Sanders in 1960. In 1962 Elder Melton was appointed District Elder by the late Bishop Davis of Spartanburg, SC. During his ministry Pastor Melton has taken courses offered at Aeon Bible College in Indianapolis, IN.

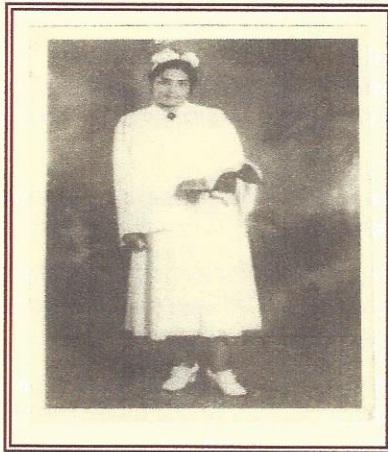
In 1998, District Elder Melton was appointed Suffragan Bishop of the Mississippi Western Tennessee District Council.

In December 2001, Suffragan Bishop Melton retired after forty years of pastoring the Vernon Memorial Apostolic Faith Church.

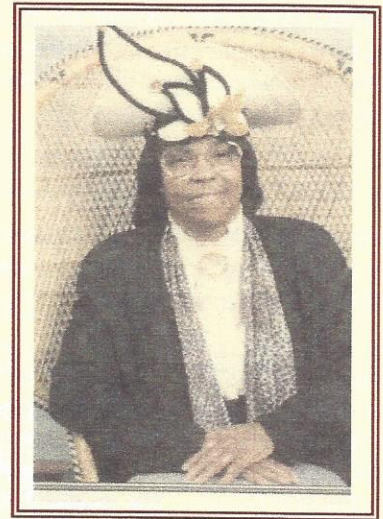
Suffragan Bishop Melton was married to the late Sister Ossie L. Bluntson Melton and is the father of eight children and a host of grand-children. He is currently married to Sister Margaret Melton and they reside in Clarksdale, MS.



Sis. Philippa Norman
First Baptized Believer in 1938



Evangelist Charity M. Wafer
Founder / Pastor - 1947-1955



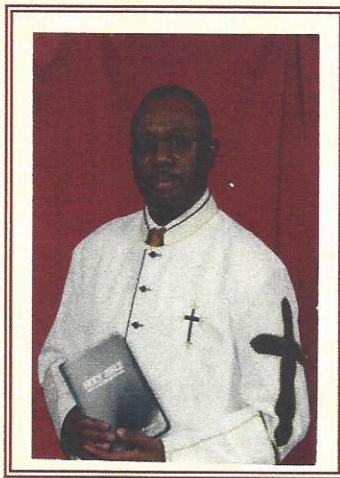
Missionary Minnie L. Howze
1 of 50 souls baptized in 1947



Elder G.W. Spates
Pastor - 1956-1960



Evangelist Ada M. Cummings
Early Missionary/Evangelist - 1951-2005



Elder William Cummings, Jr.
Pastor - 2001-present



Suffragan Bishop T.J. Melton
Pastor - 1962-2001

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” Ephesians 4:11-12

We give homage and recognition to the Saints that have gone on to be with the Lord.