

HISTORY of LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AREA CHURCHES



1952

Eld. Benjamin Betters and his wife Sis. Dovevater Betters answered the Macedonia Call of Bishop U.S. King, son of Bishop Judge King, founder of Christ Holy Sanctified Church of America, Inc. (CHSC), who said there needed to be a church in Los Angeles area. Eld. Betters, Sis. Betters and two of their five children, James and Jimmy, came from Ft. Worth, Texas to the Los Angeles area. About a year later, they were to bring the rest of their family (Gladys, Benjamin, Jr., and Betty) who were residing in Waco, Texas with grandparents.

The first worship services were held in the home of Eld. James and Sis. Lillie Mae Brown. Eld. James and Sis. Lillie Mae not only opened their home and their hearts, they worked untiringly and contributed financially and spiritually to the growth of the church and the up-building of the kingdom.

1953 - 1959

Deacon Gus McDaniel and his wife, Sis. Frankie McDaniel, began to worship with the Betters. A young man, Bro. Eugene Brown full of the fire and of the Holy Spirit, comes out to Los Angeles from Clinton, Oklahoma. Later, he and Sis. Alpha Searcie, daughter of Bishop Robert L. Searcie of Portland, OR are united in Holy Matrimony. To this union are born Craig Edwin, Cynthia Ann, Eugene Robert Brown; Macedonia Christ Holy Sanctified Church moved from its 27th and Western location to 35th St. and San Pedro; Another family, Bro. Jesse Lane of Los Angeles, CA and his new wife, Evang. Janny T. Searcie-Lane of Portland and daughter Evangeline, OR were added to the church. Associate Pastor; Evang. Missionary Geneva Jones (sister of Mother A. Money), and her husband, Deacon Isaac Jones come to Los Angeles from Beaumont, Texas. Missionary Jones was a dutiful church worker. She was president of the Women's Department and worked diligently to uphold the kingdom.

1960 - 1969

Macedonia Christ Holy Sanctified Church is blessed to purchase a home located at 208 E. Santa Barbara (now Marlin Luther King) and converts it to a worship edifice; Many are joined to the ministry of CHSC and the congregation experiences much growth. There are many youth and young adults as well as seasoned men and women of God; Eld. Eugene Brown and his family, along with Mr. James Hayes, Mother Hayes and a small group of members start another Christ Holy Sanctified Church at Budlong Avenue and Santa Barbara Avenue in Los Angeles. August of 1969 Supt. Benjamin Betters requests Eld. Eugene Brown to Pastor the Macedonia Christ Holy Sanctified Church located on 208 East Santa Barbara Ave. Later, the name of the church is changed to First Christ Holy Sanctified Church.

1970 - 1989

United Christ Holy Sanctified Church, under the pastorate of Supt. Benjamin Betters, Sr. is opened. Others are added to the church rolls as the churches continue to grow. Bro. Craig Brown is called to the ministry and ordained in 1988. Supt. Betters opens United CHSC on Washington Blvd. Supt. Eugene Brown and First Christ Holy Sanctified Church purchase a warehouse building on Normandie and Florence Avenues and convert it into a sanctuary; Supt.

Eugene Brown begins ministering to many of the young gang-leaders and becomes a mentor to many of them and some became pastors, evangelists, and bishops in the Los Angeles area.

1990 - 1999

Many more are added to the district and two churches are birthed in the San Fernando Valley and in Carson, California. Another ministry joins in with Bishop Eugene Brown and First Christ Holy Sanctified Church. Bishop Eugene Brown goes home to be with the Lord and the mantle is passed to his oldest son, Elder Craig Brown. Pastor Brown and his wife, First Lady Debbie Brown. Pastor Sandra Osborne and Liberty Life join the organization. Pastor Wilson and Peace and Joy join the So. California District In honor and memory of Bishop Eugene Brown (who loved to praise the Lord,) church name is changed from First Christ Holy Sanctified Church to Praise Tabernacle.

2000 - 2009

Assistant Pastor, Elder Ricky Logan and wife, Renee, open another CHSC, Pillar of Truth, in February 2001. Elect Lady Alpha Brown goes home to be with the Lord March 24, 2001 - the

same day her son, Pastor Craig Brown, installs Elder Logan as senior pastor of Pillar of Truth. Under the leadership of Supt. Craig E. Brown, other ministries join in with the district churches in Southern California. Praise Tabernacle is incorporated as a non-profit religious corporation in state of California. Several properties are purchased in an effort to procure adequate space for a new complex which would be made up of a 1000 seat sanctuary, parking, a family life center, administrative offices, conference rooms, and headquarters for Project Nehemiah Community Development Corporation.

