

GREATER PENTECOSTAL TEMPLE



2nd

89th

Pastoral & Church
ANNIVERSARY

HONORING:

PASTOR CLARENCE & LADY DELENA JOHNSON
EMERITUS BISHOP MARVIN E. DONALDSON

JOIN US

April 10th & 12th, 2026

FRIDAY SPEAKER:

7PM

ELDER JASON SIMS,
MT. CARMEL COGIC

864 SPLITLOG AVE, KANSAS CITY, KS 66101

SUNDAY SPEAKER:

3:30PM

BISHOP DANIEL CHAVIS,
APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST

CHURCH HISTORY

The first service was held in 1937 on a Wednesday evening in the home of Versie and Lula Hornbeak. At that inaugural service, many souls received the Holy Ghost. Elder Roach, a minister from New Jersey, taught the Apostolic Pentecostal doctrine of water baptism in the name of Jesus. It was at this service that Lula I. Hornbeak realized her call to the Pastorate.

In the spring of 1938, the church moved to 248 N. Mill Street remained there until the converted house was no longer sufficient for the growing membership.

On May 11, 1952, the groundbreaking ceremony was held at 864 Splitlog Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas. The new church, which seated approximately 300, was dedicated in May, 1955.

In 1976, Pastor Hornbeak selected Elder Marvin E. Donaldson to be Co-Pastor of the growing church. Then, after 41 years of faithful service in God's vineyard, in June of 1978, God called Pastor Hornbeak to rest and reward. The following month, Elder Donaldson was chosen as the pastor of the church. On November 5, 1978, Elder Donaldson was officially installed as pastor of what was then called, The Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ.

On February 1, 1982, the church was incorporated in the State of Kansas and began to operate administratively. Slowly and surely the church added a number of things...people, programs and classes, such as the new members Spiritual Growth & Development class. A bus was added to help transport the growing membership. In June of 1984, God continued to shower His grace, mercy and divine favor on Greater Pentecostal Temple as Elder Donaldson was elevated to District Elder in the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. (PAW).

Proverbs 29: 18 declares that "where there is no vision, the people perish." District Elder Donaldson, a man with a vision, realized the need for a larger building. On the second Sunday in May, 1983, the church held the groundbreaking ceremony at the church's current location and began to build. Working together, the members raised the money for the first phase of construction. GPT's growing trend continued and by 1993 it was time to begin the second phase of construction, resulting in the completion of the building in its current state.

Today, the sanctuary will seat 1,800 people. In 1999, GPT began working on the new Children's Church, located in the lower level of the building, designed to give spiritual guidance and teaching to young people ages 3 to 10. Church expansion continued in 2001 with the development of the nursery, designed for children 2-year-olds and younger. Greater Pentecostal Temple is "Taking the City!" through revitalizing the neighborhood impacting the entire community.

As The Lord would have it, in October of 2023 Pastor Clarence Johnson was named as the successor of GPT. This God move was made publicly by the hand and oversight of the Honorable Bishop Marvin E. Donaldson and The GPT family. Sunday October 8, 2023, Bishop Donaldson announced his retirement and that Pastor-Elect Clarence & Lady DeLena would serve as his choice of succession. Thorough prayer, seeking the Lord and wise council Bishop Donaldson made his selection.

Mother Lula Hornbeak
Founder & Pastor ~ 1937-1978



Bishop Marvin E. Donaldson
Pastor Emeritus ~ 1978-2023



Elder Clarence Johnson, III
Senior Pastor ~ 2023-Present



Bishop Marvin E. Donaldson ~ Emertius

Bishop Marvin E. Donaldson, Pastor Emeritus of Greater Pentecostal Temple in Kansas City, Kansas, is widely recognized as a visionary pastor, community leader, preacher, teacher, and educator. Celebrated among the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World's dynamic ministers, he has coupled spiritual leadership with a lifelong commitment to economic development and equitable urban policy throughout the greater Kansas City area.

For more than four decades, Bishop Donaldson has been a trailblazer in the faith community. Under his leadership, Greater Pentecostal Temple experienced sustained growth—expanding from an initial membership of 45 to more than 2,500 congregants. Guided by prayerful vision, he oversaw the construction and expansion of a worship edifice now valued at more than \$3 million. In 1993, the church broke ground to enlarge its existing structure—literally removing walls to make room for the “masses”—and today the campus in the heart of Kansas City, Kansas, stands as a beacon of beauty, quality, and hope.

Bishop Donaldson accepted Christ more than 57 years ago while attending ElBethel Pentecostal Church under the pastorate of the late Bishop W. H. Davis in Springfield, Ohio. His family later relocated to East Chicago, Indiana, where he completed his primary and secondary education before studying at the University of Indiana and Moody Bible Institute. In 1969, while at Morgan Park Assembly in Chicago, Illinois, under the leadership of the late District Elder Herbert C. Moore, he acknowledged the call to preach the Gospel. After serving faithfully in a range of church and district capacities, he stepped out in faith as a full-time National Evangelist, traveling the country to proclaim the Word of God.

In May 1976, the late Pastor L. I. Hornbeak invited him to serve as Co-Pastor. In September 1978, he was chosen to succeed her as Pastor of Greater Pentecostal Temple, relocating to Kansas City, Kansas; his installation was held on November 5, 1978. From the outset, Bishop Donaldson's ministry extended beyond the sanctuary. He championed programs that addressed both spiritual and practical needs, including the Outreach Ministry (with a robust Prison Ministry), the Christian Fellowship for Recovering Alcoholics and Addicts, and the Lady Donna Memorial Health Screening Center.

His civic service is extensive. Bishop Donaldson is a three-time honoree among the “100 Most Influential African-Americans” in the Greater Kansas City area by the Kansas City Globe. He served on the Hepatitis B Task Force (sponsored by the Honorable Mayor Carol Marinovich-Johnson and the Honorable Mayor Emmanuel Cleaver), was a member of the Kansas City, Kansas Planning Commission, Special Advisor to the President of Donnelly College and a former member of its Board of Trustees, a member of the Executive Board of the Black Health Care Coalition, past-President and Board member of the Substance Abuse Center of Eastern Kansas, a member of President Clinton's Empowerment Zone Commission, and a Board member of Derrick Thomas' Third and Long Foundation.

Bishop Donaldson is the proud father of three children: Sherry Dowden, Stephany Dungey, and Marvin Donaldson.

The Greater Pentecostal Temple continues to be inspired by the legacy of its anointed leader. In October 2023, Bishop Donaldson retired and, under the unction of the Holy Spirit, passed the pastoral mantle to Elder Clarence Johnson, III.





Clarence Johnson, III **Sr. Pastor**



Pastor Clarence Johnson, III, is a native of Kansas City, Missouri. He grew up as a lifelong member of the NWDC(now HACC). Upon graduating from Southwest High Pastor Johnson attended the University of Missouri, Columbia for two years. Growing up in the home of a pastor Elder Johnson felt the need to finish secondary education back at home. In the meanwhile he helped build the young striving ministry he had grown up being a part of. Furthermore, assisting the Late Clarence Johnson, II, and his mom, Betty A. Johnson.

Once Elder Johnson returned to Kansas City he finished undergraduate studies and seminary training at MidAmerica Nazarene University, Olathe Kansas with a bachelor's in Systematic Theology with a minor in Christian Counseling.

Pastor Johnson is also a gifted musician, singer and songwriter. Growing up in church you could find young Clarence on drums or with a microphone worshipping God through song.

Elder Johnson has also served as the teen director of the NwDCYPU, Vice President and President. In 2004 Elder Johnson co-produced a live recording with the youth choir alongside Dist. Elder Christopher Collier. Pastor Johnson has also been blessed to travel the length and breath of this Country and abroad as an evangelist.

Elder Johnson was a vital piece to the success of Jesus Chapel (Cameron, Missouri) and Life Tabernacle (Kansas City, Missouri). Following the unexpected transition of Pastor Clarence Johnson, II, Elder Johnson was elected as lead pastor of Life Tabernacle Church in December of 2009.

Alongside his dynamic preaching and teaching, Pastor Johnson exemplifies a loving, kind, and caring spirit as a husband and father. In May 2011, Elder Johnson joyfully wed his beloved, DeLena Johnson, and they have been blessed with five children: Payton Camille Johnson, Clarence Johnson IV, Mason Johnson, Autumn Brooks Johnson, and Carver Wayne Avery Johnson.

After ten successful years as senior pastor of Life Tabernacle Church the Lord called Elder Johnson back to full time evangelistic ministry. After following the voice of God Elder Johnson felt he and his family needed a spiritual covering during that particular season. In result, the Johnson family was led to join PCAF of Leavenworth in April of 2018.

After serving faithfully for just shy of three years Elder Clarence Johnson and Lady DeLena Johnson were appointed as the 6th incoming senior pastor and elect lady of the Historic PCAF of Leavenworth, Kansas January 17, 2021 by the hand of Bishop Kenneth Neal and the executive board at large. Many souls were added and the Kingdom was again advanced under the leadership of Pastor Johnson.

As The Lord would have it Pastor Johnson had another transition to make in fulfilling ultimate purpose. This God move was made publicly by the hand and oversight of the Honorable Bishop Marvin E. Donaldson and The Greater Pentecostal Temple family.

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Pastor Ervin Jason Sims

~Mt. Carmel, COGIC~

Pastor Ervin Jason Sims, "Pastor J", brings true passion to ministering the word of God. Born into the Church of God in Christ and ordained as an elder in 2001, Pastor J has dedicated his life to winning souls for Christ. Pastor J has been faithful to the Mt. Carmel Church walking hand in hand with his father and Bishop, Ervin Sims Jr. for over 20 years, serving as assistant Pastor for 3 years and being installed as Senior Pastor in December 2019. Pastor J has an organic gift from God to lead and provide detailed administration to the glory of God.

Professionally he has a B.S. in Civil Engineering and has become one of the worlds leading authorities in transportation management. He is currently the Transportation Director, coordinating all modes of transport for the FIFA World Cup 2026 in Kansas City.

Pastor J has been married to First Lady LaSandra Sims, a national recording artist and psalmist for 20 years and they have four beautiful children: Taylor, Jaylen, Ethan, and Jayla. Pastor Sims wants God to get the Glory and seeks to do the will of the Lord in every aspect of his life.

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Honoring

Pastor Clarence & Lady DeLena Johnson

Friday, April 10, 2026~7:00pm

Master of CeremonyMinister Omar Murphy
Praise and WorshipGreater Pentecostal Temple
Prayer and ScriptureMinister Roderick McConnell
SelectionGreater Pentecostal Temple
WelcomeSister Katie Anthony
Response to WelcomeVisiting Church
Selection (A).....Mt. Carmel C.O.G.I.C

Presentation

Recognition of Ministry & Offering Suff. Bishop Tommie R. Hughes
Ministry of DanceGPT Men of Worship
Introduction of SpeakerPastor Clarence Johnson, III
Selection (B).....Mt. Carmel C.O.G.I.C
Ministry of the Word & Altar CallPastor Jason Sims
Mt. Carmel C.O.G.I.C
Closing RemarksHonoraries
Benediction.....Suff. Bishop Tommie R. Hughes

“The Year of Double Manifestation”

*“For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion:
therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.”*

Isaiah 61:7



Suff. Bishop Daniel Chavis, Jr.

~Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ~

Suffragan Bishop Daniel Chavis Jr., formally of the Bethesda Temple Church in St. Louis, Missouri moved to Kansas City, Missouri to continue his education in July 1973. He was called to the ministry and preached his first sermon in 1974. He has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history with an emphasis in ancient and classical studies from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. He has a Masters of Divinity from the Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Suffragan Bishop Chavis has been the Pastor of the thriving Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ since July 1984. He has held many prestigious offices in our community. Since June 1991, he has served as a District Elder of the Northwestern District Council of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. He has served as a treasurer and chairman of the Northwestern District Council.

In October 2007, he was elevated to Suffragan Bishop. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards. Among the greatest blessings in his life, is his marriage to the lovely Joan Elaine Alford Chavis. Their union produced four precious children who are their pride and joy. Bishop Chavis is a great man of God and may the Lord continue to bless him.

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Master of Ceremony.....	Elder Mike Randle
Praise and Worship	Greater Pentecostal Temple
Prayer and Scripture.....	Evangelist Rebecca Rush
Selection A	Greater Pentecostal Temple
Welcome	Deacon Dennis & Sister Victoria Bradford
Response to Welcome.....	Visiting Church
Selection (A)	Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ
Recognition of Ministry & Offering	Suffragan Bishop Tommie R. Hughes
Ministry of Dance.....	GPT God's Grace
Introduction of Speaker	Pastor Clarence Johnson, III
Selection (A)	Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ
Ministry of the Word & Altar Call.....	Bishop Daniel Chavis
Closing Remarks	Pastor Clarence Johnson, III
Benediction.....	Suff. Bishop Tommie R. Hughes

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THANK YOU!

To our wonderful family, friends, and the entire GPT family,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for joining us this past weekend! Celebrating Pastor Clarence & Lady Johnson for their 2nd Pastoral Anniversary, alongside the monumental 89th Church Anniversary, was truly a soul-stirring experience.

Your presence, prayers, and tokens of love made this milestone unforgettable. We are so blessed to have a community that pours so much into the vision of this house. May God bless you abundantly for the kindness you've shown the Johnson Family, Bishop Donaldson, and our church.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Clarence & Lady DeLena Johnson
Bishop Marvin E. Donaldson & Family
The Anniversary Committee
& The entire GPT Family,

We say Thank you!

