

A portrait of a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a blue dress shirt, and a blue patterned tie. He is resting his chin on his hand and looking thoughtfully to the right.

THE GOSPEL TEMPLE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastoral Installation
of

THE REVEREND
CHARLES LEE EWING, II

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017 – 3:00 P.M.
THE GOSPEL TEMPLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1080 NORTH MANASSAS STREET - MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38107

GUEST SPEAKERS

REV. TIMOTHY J. COLLINS
GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
DALLAS, TEXAS

REV. DR. JAMES B. COLLINS
PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE



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CHARLES L. EWING, II, PASTOR
GOSPEL TEMPLE
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The Rev. Charles L. Ewing, II has been named senior pastor of historic Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church at 1080 North Manassas Street. An ordained Baptist preacher within the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Pastor Ewing was ordained on March 31, 2013, under the Rev. Dr. James B. Collins. Rev. Ewing has ten-plus years of pastoral experience. He preached his first sermon as Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church's senior pastor during the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, September 3, 2017.

The Rev. Ewing's most recent pastoral assignment was as youth pastor of St. Mark Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, under the leadership of Pastor Kenneth L. Richardson. He also served as youth minister and assistant to the pastor at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Loudon, Tennessee, under the Rev. James Billings; and as associate minister and youth pastor in Memphis, Tennessee, at Progressive M. B. Church under the Rev. Dr. James B. Collins.

Rev. Ewing has taught bible study and interned at the Wesley Foundation of Tennessee State University and currently serves as a teacher's assistant at the American Baptist College in Nashville. Rev. Ewing is a former associate director general for the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

While at the helm of Ewing Moving & Storage in Nashville as the current Operations Manager, he has continued the work of ministry and rehabilitation in giving jobs to ex-convicts and drug addicts. He also provides counseling and outlets for drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

Rev. Ewing earned a Bachelor of Arts degree Cum Laude in biblical studies and a minor in history at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee. Most recently, he earned a Masters of Divinity at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville. While at Vanderbilt he received the St. James Academy Award for Outstanding Senior Sermon, and the Robert Lewis Butler Award for work in ministry and service to the black church.

Rev. Ewing is married to the former Billie M. Brown, and they are parents of two sons, Chase, 7, and T.J., 2, and a daughter, Raegan, 5.

Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, has served the North Memphis community for 113 years.

First Lady Billie Michelle Ewing

Billie Michelle Ewing was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her three sisters and mom, Vera Brown. When she is not working for Ewing Moving Service as a Customer Service Representative and caring for their three children, Chase, Raegan, and T.J., she enjoys reading, writing, and doing makeup.

Billie began her spiritual journey at Higher Ground Church under Pastors Calvin and Deborah Hooks in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she discovered her gift of dance. She served as choreographer for Total Praise Dance Ministry, as well as an interpreter for the Sign Language Ministry. She also served in the YPD (Young People's Department) and as a Jr. Stewardess. While attending St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, TN, under Pastor Kenneth Richardson, Billie served as Director of The Shekinah Praise Dance Ministry and Co-Coordinator of the Generation Next Youth Ministry.

"I am very passionate about worship through dance. My gift means everything to me and I do not take it for granted."

Favorite Scripture:

"For we know that ALL things work together for the good of them who LOVE God and are called according to HIS purpose." Romans 8:28



Order of Installation Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE ----- Musicians

PROCESSIONAL ----- Pastor Charles L. Ewing, II and First Lady Billie M. Ewing

CALL TO WORSHIP ----- Rev. Quentin Dickerson
Pastor, United Family Fellowship- Nashville, TN

SELECTION ----- Gospel Temple M. B. Church Choir

DEVOTION ----- Deacons of Gospel Temple and Progressive M. B. Church

SELECTION ----- Gospel Temple M. B. Church Choir

GREETINGS/OCCASION----- Sis. Jennifer Bates-Prewitt

ACCEPTANCE ----- Progressive M. B. Church

SELECTION ----- Gospel Temple M. B. Church Choir

Offering

Ministerial Reflections

REV. DR. RANDOLPH MEADE WALKER

Pastor, Castalia Baptist Church

West Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Education Association

REV. JAMES C. BILLINGS

Mt. Calvary M. B. Church - Knoxville, Tennessee

Pastor Ewing's College Pastor

REV. R. TROY WILKINS

Pastor, Greater New Salem M. B. Church

REV. RICKY BELL

Pastor, Greater Open Door M. B. Church

MIME MINISTRY -----Disciples of Mime

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER ----- Rev. Vincent Rogers
Progressive M. B. Church

SELECTIONS -----Progressive M. B. Choir

INSTALLATION SERMON-----Rev. Dr. James B. Collins
Pastor, Progressive M. B. Church

Invitation to Discipleship

CHARGE TO THE CHURCH----- Rev. Timothy J. Collins
Pastor, Grace M. B. Church- Dallas, TX

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR----- Rev. O. C. Collins, Jr.
Pastor, Bethlehem M. B. Church- Memphis, TN

PRAYER----- Rev. Wiley Harris
Pastor Emeritus, Grays Creek M. B. Church

Presentations

CLOSING REMARKS ----- Pastor Charles L. Ewing, II and First Lady Billie M. Ewing

BENEDICTION ----- Pastor Charles L. Ewing, II



Presiding Moderator
REVEREND EVAN G. COLLINS, PASTOR
Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church

Charge to the Congregation

Do you vow to maintain a living and vital relationship with God through personal worship through which you will derive the resources of heaven to enable you to fulfill your responsibility as the people and servants of God?

Do you vow to consistently yield your life to the control of God's Spirit so that Christ will live in you and the Spirit of God will manifest His presence, power and love through you?

Do you vow to recognize and affirm your Pastor's leadership and authority given by God to Shepherd the flock in this Church?

Do you vow to support and under gird your Pastor and his wife and family with your sincere love manifested in practical giving, faithful prayer and constant encouragement?

Do you vow to never speak negatively of your Pastor to others but always express your criticism or concern to him directly?

Do you vow to maintain the unity of the body with all members of the congregation through Godly conflict resolution following the scriptures as recorded in Matthew 18:15-17?

Do you vow to commit yourselves to be equipped to do the work of ministry?

Do you vow to commit yourself to become a faithful disciple who nurtures the Saints as well as reaches the unbelieving world with the Good News of salvation?

Do you vow to discover your gift(s) and use them in ministries in the Church?

GOSPEL TEMPLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY 1904-2017

The history of Gospel Temple Baptist Church is the story of an undivided fellowship, a faithful fellowship destined to change and grow to accommodate a North Memphis community's need for organized religion. In 1904, a group of Christian men and women, under the guidance of Rev. William Davis met as a Sunday School in a home on the Belt Line and organized the group into a church. The church was called Gospel Temple Baptist Church since it grew out of an organization set up to teach the Bible. The church was growing and preparing for a change in leadership after Rev. Davis was called to pastor a church in Oklahoma.

Rev. Fred Thomas was the first elected pastor. At that point, the church was located at 661 Maple, presently called Wells Avenue. In 1912, Rev. Thomas resigned, and Rev. Bolton was chosen to carry on the services.

Rev. L. A. Kemp was called to the pastorate and served from January 1913 to 1947. The cornerstone of the new church was laid on the third Sunday in July 1916. The formal opening was held on the fourth Sunday in November, 1916. Under his leadership, a platform was built and used for the graduation exercises of Manassas High School.

Rev. Kemp's tenure would be incomplete without acknowledging the invaluable services of Rev. Robert Culp, who was the assistant pastor, and Rev. L. E. Bingham, Rev. Melvin Tate, and Rev. Walter Thomas who served as pastoral aides. Rev. Kemp became Pastor Emeritus until his death.

Rev. Charles T. Epps served as pastor from January, 1948 until December, 1961. Under his leadership, the rooms in the back of the sanctuary were added, and the pulpit and choir stand were relocated. Air conditioning was installed, and the baptistery was moved from the basement to the front of the sanctuary. He also organized the Board of Christian Education and the Deborah Circle to enhance the already established Missionary Society. Rev. Epps resigned after the death of his father to pastor his father's church in New Jersey.

Upon Pastor Epps' resignation, Rev. Nearer Daniel Swannigan was chosen to conduct the services. He served until August, 1962. Rev. Swannigan was later appointed Assistant Pastor.

Rev. Neasbie Alston served as pastor from 1962- 2007. He will long be remembered by the members of our church and the surrounding community. His administration was characterized by an extensive remodeling program. A fellowship hall, including a new kitchen, and a paved, fenced parking lot were added. Sunday morning sermons were recorded and aired on Radio Station WLOK, so that the sick and shut-in and the radio audience could hear spiritual messages from the Lord.

Rev. Gary DeBose, associate minister at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church-Wellington, was appointed interim pastor and was formally received on November 18, 2007.

Rev. Katral Rainey served as the sixth pastor of Gospel Temple. He preached his first sermon as pastor on March, 8, 2009. His tenure reflected the church's interest in and support of student success at Manassas High School. In May 2012, Gospel Temple initiated and hosted Baccalaureate Services for the graduating class of Manassas High School. Pastor Rainey served until November 2016.

Rev. Charles Lee Ewing, II, preached his first sermon at Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church on September 3, 2017. Rev. Ewing was installed as the seventh pastor of The Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, October 29, 2017.

Acknowledgement of Appreciation

On behalf of Pastor Charles Lee Ewing, II, First Lady Billie M. Ewing, and the Historic Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church Family, we sincerely appreciate the unparalleled love and support of those who attended the Inspiring Installation of the Seventh Pastor of "The Temple". We are grateful for your presence at this Pastoral Installation and Celebration of our dynamic shepherd of this Place of Worship. Visitors, participants, ushers, families, community leaders, and pastors who came to celebrate this historic occasion—YOU have, indeed, become a part of our extended family. We give special thanks to the Ewing Family and guests who have travelled many miles to witness and rejoice with "Our Pastor". We are especially grateful for the tireless efforts of the Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church's Deacons, Trustees, Mothers, Choirs, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Service, Sunday School, Children of the Temple, Music Ministry, Ushers, Auxiliaries, Social Media Ministry, and the Installation Committee. We applaud the members of the Search Committee for their prayerful and steadfast search for a spiritually inspired pastor who will serve this church and this community. Yes, the journey to this point has been long and arduous, but we know that there is "joy in the morning"

Since 1904, Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church's legacy has been one of undivided fellowship, a faithful fellowship destined to change and grow to accommodate a North Memphis community's need for spiritual growth. As such, we, the members of Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church, are grateful for this legacy and embrace our future with love, praise, and service. Thank you for your love and support!



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