

2021 Bio

Elder James H. Davis, Jr., was born in Detroit, Michigan; one of four children. His parents, James H. & the late Francine Davis, Sr. concerned about his education, relocated to California when he was eight years old. He graduated from Mt. Diablo High School in Concord, California in 1982. His family relocated back to Detroit, Michigan shortly after graduation.

While attending college, he met his wife of 33 years, Ursula T. Davis. From this marriage union there are three children, and three grandchildren: Ti'tiana, (Husband: Dr. Brent Frederick) a Graduate from Johnson C. Smith University; with triple majors in Banking & Finance, Economics, and Music Business & Technology; (Children: Kye, Alannah); Francswai, (Husband: Dr. Jamar Grayson) a Graduate from University of North Carolina at Charlotte; double majors in Political Science and Finance; and NaTasha, (Husband: Master Sargent, Jason Price) majoring in Computer Science at Central Piedmont; (Child: Greyson).

Elder Davis is a dedicated, faithful Christian man who loves the Lord very much! For the past 25 years Elder Davis has been a member of the Church of God In Christ, Inc. ministries whose headquarters are located in Memphis, Tennessee under the auspicious leadership of Presiding Bishop J. Drew Sheard, Greater Emmanuel Institutional and Jurisdictional Prelate of the Michigan North Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Church of God In Christ, Inc.

In 1994, he was licensed as a Minister at Greater Love Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C. in Detroit, Michigan where he attended and served his Pastor, Bishop Clifford Dunlap faithfully. He worked in various capacities in Chorus, Men's Prayer Group, and Men's Day President. Throughout Elder Davis' administration for Junior Sunday School he was responsible for raising and managing the entire budget to operate and manage the department. As Men's Day president he raised more money than any other president in the 60 year history of the church.

In 1997, he was ordained as an Elder under Bishop C.L. Anderson, Jr.; Great Lakes Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan. He continued to serve Bishop Dunlap and assist him in ministerial duties.

He visited West Virginia quite frequently, running revivals and preaching the gospel. He relocated his family to West Virginia in 2000 to answer a "Higher Calling." He was the Founder and Pastor of Spirit of Truth Tabernacle Church of God In Christ in Huntington, WV. He also became a non-traditional student at Marshall University in Huntington, WV.

While attending school he was approached by Reverend Jim McCune, a Methodist campus Pastor at the Campus Christian Center. Reverend McCune felt a need to have a representative of the African American community to help with the counseling of the students and their affairs. Elder Davis became the first African American campus Pastor/Director in the centers history.

The Campus Christian Center is an Ecumenical outreach that recognizes different religious Denominations, such as: Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal and Pentecostal. Each Church affiliation is responsible for meeting their financial obligations for staffing, funding, and expenditures to operate. One of the requirements to be a part of the Campus Christian Center was that religious holidays had to be celebrated together in the spirit of unity. This allowed each denomination to express their religious beliefs, learn from one another, and fellowship in harmony.

During his tenure in West Virginia, C.O.G.I.C. Campus Ministry (CCM) was established and founded by Elder Davis. CCM Ministry was designed and dedicated to help provide spiritual support, wise counseling, and encouragement for Marshall University campus students. Especially those students who desire to maintain their walk with Christ while attending college. We believe by collectively working together we can help develop and produce strong Christian soldiers prepare for life's battle. CCM provided Sunday school and Sunday morning services, Bible study, Lunch for-a-Buck, Abstinence Support Group, financial assistance, and book fund scholarships. CCM Ministry also participated with community outreach programs such as: the Red Cross Blood Drive and the Read Out Loud program. CCM operations were funded and managed solely by Elder Davis. He felt a need to help and motivate the students to stay in school, knowing how average students who desire to attend, and could not always meet their financial responsibilities and obligations would need additional assistance. As Director of CCM, Elder Davis successful help feed over 400 students per month with the Lunch-for-a-Buck program which allowed students to eat for \$1.00 or less which helped fray the cost of their food expenses. Becoming a non-traditional student himself, after a near fatal trucking accident, which left him disabled for a few years, found himself attending college after successful operating his own trucking company for a number of years. Starting a new career was very challenging but as Director of CCM he was very sensitive to the needs of others.

After Elder Davis completed his work in West Virginia he relocated to Charlotte, NC in 2005. He is currently the Founder and Pastor of God's Tabernacle Church of God In Christ, under the leadership of Bishop Leroy J. Woolard Prelate of the Greater North Carolina Jurisdiction.