



Gospel Tabernacle

Church of God in Christ

Church History

*V*ision comes as a cry from the people of God.

*I*n March 2002 that cry reached God's heart and He answered their prayers.

Gospel Tabernacle was birth out of an existing ministry, called Holy Temple Church of God in Christ, Pastored by Elder Glynn King. Pastor King was pastoring Holy Temple and St. James Church of God in Christ, Moultrie, Georgia when after much prayer he felt lead to pastor one congregation. Through consolation with the Jurisdictional Bishop, Bishop Larry L. Shaw, Elder William M. Williams was appointed by Bishop Shaw to pastor Holy Temple Church of God in Christ.

*O*n March 10, 2002 Pastor Williams and First Lady Sparina Williams assumed the pastorate of Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. During the first Business Meeting, which was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2002 the name of the church, was changed and incorporated as ***Gospel Tabernacle, "The Church Where You Can Grow."***

*T*he first officers of Gospel Tabernacle were Sister Barbara Oliver, Church Secretary and Finance Officer, Sister Linda Smith, Head Usher, Sister Mary Cleary, Hospitality Coordinator, Sister Mary King, Choir Coordinator, Elder Glynn King, Sunday School Superintendent, Brother LaCedric Oliver, Praise and Worship Leader, and Brother Tim King, First Deacon in Training. Deacon Willie J. King, served as the Church's only deacon from 2004 until his transition from this life in 2015.

In the month of May 2002 Gospel Tabernacle moved from its old location in Cuttings, Georgia to the Forrest Avenue Community Center.

In September 2004 Gospel Tabernacle moved to 207 East Dame Avenue and in May 2007, Gospel Tabernacle purchased the building.

In March 2008, Gospel Tabernacle purchased & paid in full its 1st Bus Transportation.

In March 2011 Gospel Tabernacle purchased the Homerville Exchange Club for its present and future Family Life Center.

In February 2014, Gospel Tabernacle purchased land for its Future Home in less than 60 Days!

In August 2017, 3 buildings (Old Hope Ministries Buildings) were donated to the church to expand its community outreach efforts, thus the “Bags of Hope Community Development Center, Inc.” was created, providing to the community School Supplies, food, new and gently worn clothing, and household items at no charge.

In September 2018, the Groundbreaking Ceremony was held for the construction of Gospel Tabernacle’s New Sanctuary on 59 Virginia Ave.

In August 2019, the construction of “The New Gospel Tabernacle” was completed and the Grand Opening Service was held on September 29, 2019!

In November 2020, conducted the Mortgage Burning of its 207 East Dam Ave property.

In November 2022, new transportation was purchased with the assistance of the Ministry Partners.

In January 2023, The New Gospel Tabernacle conducted the Mortgage Burning of the Family Life Center.

Gospel Tabernacle continues to host numerous Community Outreach programs since its existence; the most noted ones are:

“Annual Back to School JAM in the Park Day, providing activities and school supplies to over 200 youth”

“Annual Teacher’s Appreciation Luncheon”, this includes the Clinch Elementary teachers and staff”

“Annual Marriage Seminar”, providing workshop sessions for married couples”

“Community Holiday Baskets Ministry, supplying 100 families each Thanksgiving and Christmas with food”

“Food & Pantry Ministry, providing on the average of 7 Families each month with food and clothing

“Hungry at Home Backpack Ministry, feeding on the average of 25 elementary youth each weekend”

“Angel Tree Ministry, providing clothes and toys to children awaiting Foster Homes and Children of Incarcerated Parents during the Christmas Holidays.”

“Summer Youth Employment Program”, employing youth.

“The Toys for Tots Coordinators”, for the Clinch County Communities.

Gospel Tabernacle’s mission is to become a family oriented, life-changing ministry by providing awareness programs that will minister to the total man. Gospel Tabernacle has become a household name in the lives of the community. Gospel Tabernacle believes God has called this ministry to be **“The Church Where You Can Grow”**.