

HISTORY OF MT. CALVARY HOLY TEMPLE

Mt. Calvary Holy Temple (MCHT) was founded in 1958 by Bishop Harold I. Williams in a rented building, which was later relinquished to become a grocery store by the owners of the property. The church moved to a rented basement under a pool hall until the noise from the pool hall became unbearable. Finally, in 1967, arrangements were made for the church to purchase its own property at 1911 Bloomingdale Road in Baltimore, Md. Bishop Harold I Williams began devoting less time to national church affairs and more to the local church.

In 1971, Bishop Brumfield passed from this life, and Bishop Harold I Williams inherited the office of the presiding Bishop of Mt. Calvary Holy Church of America. He could not remain active in the fulfilling of the local church's vision. He needed to work at keeping the National church together. At this point, his wife, Reverend Amanda Williams became the pastor of MCHT and Bishop Harold I Williams became the Pastor of Mt. Calvary Holy Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Under the leadership of Dr. Amanda Williams, MCHT became known as the church where "everybody is somebody". Lovingly the church family referred to her as "Auntie". During the administration of Dr. Amanda Williams, the congregation reached full seating capacity and the church's mortgage was finally burned. In 1981, Dr. Amanda Williams became ill, and her health began to rapidly decline and she passed away in 1982. Bishop Harold I Williams served as interim pastor of MCHT until the appointment of the present pastor, Bishop Hansel H. Henry. In the National Convocation of 1983, it was decided that Bishop Hansel Henry would become the Pastor of MCHT. Bishop Henry commuted from Columbus Ohio, until he finally relocated to Baltimore in the fall of 1984.

In 1985, Bishop Henry introduced the "**REAPING**" Ministry to focus on the spiritual needs of the church. The focus included the following: Reconciling the lost; Excelling in duty performed; Aiding the needy; Preaching the Gospel; Increasing the membership; Nurturing the church family; and Growing in grace.

In 1987, ministers of the church were designated "coordinators" in order that every program and vision of the church would become affiliated with the "**AWESOME**" ministries. The AWESOME ministry names the seven top ministry positions of the church: Administration, Willing Workers, Education, Service, Outreach, Music and Evangelism. Bishop Henry, the pastor, believed that with these seven positions of the AWESOME ministries in place, the church would experience continued growth.

In 1990, a plan for success called "**GOSPEL**" was implemented. The plan of GOSPEL was to ensure that persons working with the vision had a sense of what it takes to accomplish the mission. The GOSPEL plan included setting goals, organizing, strategizing, planning, evaluating and looking at the final product to see if it is the original vision. As a result of Bishop Henry's vision, the ministry went from a budget of \$82,000.00 per year to \$250,000.00 per year. The ministry currently operates a Christian Day School, Day Care, Infant Care, and Transitional Housing Program. It is anticipated that with the merger of Mt. Calvary Holy Temple and New Life MCHC, we will do even greater works for the purpose of Kingdom Building.

HISTORY OF NEW LIFE MT. CALVARY HOLY CHURCH

In 1989, the Lord impressed upon the heart and spirit of Elder Ardie B. Shaw to start a ministry under the banner of "Mount Calvary Holy Churches of America". It wasn't until the spring of 1990, when God released his manservant to begin laying the foundation and vision for the church. In April 1990, the New Life Mt. Calvary Holy Church was birthed on the third floor of Pastor Shaw's home, then located at 907 Woodbourne Avenue. Worship services were held on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and bible study on Saturday mornings.

In January of 1992, the church moved to 3840 Crestlyn Road, in the Crestlyn Shopping Center. At the Crestlyn Road location, new ministries of the church were formed and souls continued to be added to God's Kingdom. It was through the Crestlyn Road experience where God began to birth steadfastness, dedication, and tenacity in our spiritual leader and membership. In December of 1992, the time had come to leave the Crestlyn Road location. Under the divine direction from the Lord, we pitched our tents in east Baltimore and shared facilities with Pastor Pompey Swann, and the Triumph Missionary Baptist Church family. For almost 3 years we pitched our tent at Triumph, believing that God would give us another permanent place of worship. The Triumph experience perfected our praise and worship, as God was perfecting that which concerned us.

The time had come for the New Life Church to continue on their journey. Under divine intervention, we packed our tents and journeyed west. In June of 1995, we pitched out tents at New Patmos Christian Church. We shared facilities with Elder Glen Bryant and the New Patmos Christian Church for 3 years. Of course, by this time, there were those who question the authenticity of the ministry because we were without a permanent place of worship. But through it all, we knew God was in control and that all things were working out for our good. While at New Patmos, souls continued to get saved, ministries were birthed, and order was established.

After five years of sharing facilities with other ministries, God saw fit to provide us with our very own place of worship. On June 7, 1998, the New Life family marched into its new home located at 4617 York Road. Little did we know that York Road was the **PROVISION** and not the **PROMISE**. We worshipped at 4617 York Road for five years (from June 1998 to December 2003), one year for every year we wandered in the wilderness, because God promised He would provide.

In December 2003, God began writing a new chapter in the spiritual journey of New Life Mt. Calvary ministry. On New Year's Eve December 31, 2003, Mt. Calvary Holy Temple under the leadership of Bishop Hansel H. Henry, 2nd Vice bishop of the Mt. Calvary Holy Churches of America and New Life held its first joint service as a prelude to an official "merger" of the two churches coming together as one. Worship services were held at 1911 Bloomingdale Road each Sunday. After several unsuccessful attempts to move the worship services back to the York Road location, God saw fit to release the ministry of the York Road location. It became evident more and more that God's **PROMISE** for the ministry was and is linked to our obedience of joining forces with Mt. Calvary Holy Temple, our mother church in Baltimore. The two churches held a "merger" retreat in January 2004 and it was decided that the new ministry's name should be "New Calvary Life Temple" ministries. Thus begins the miracles and blessings God has been performing and will perform on behalf of "New Calvary Life Temple". To God Be the Glory!