

I remember the days of old; I meditate on
all thy works.....

-Psalm 143:5



A Walk Down

Memory Lane

Apostle Samuel Allen Sr.

61st

Church

Bishop Bryan S. Allen -D.D.

Pastor Steffan Allen

Anniversary

Greater Bible Way Temple

Sunday June 4th

MAIN SANCUTUARY

11:00 AM

If It Had Not Been For The Lord Who Was On Our Side.....

Order of Worship Experience

Subject to change as led by the Holy Ghost

Minister of Ceremony:
Pastor Steffan M. Allen

Invocation:
Minister Jerome Phoenix

Praise & Worship:
Praise Team

Ribbon Cutting

Procession of Sanctuary Choir

March of Ecclesiastic

Old Testament Scripture:
Deacon Derwin Sellers

Decalogue:
Elder Antwone Stewart & The Performing Arts Choir

New Testament Scripture:
Elder Vernell Myers

Song of Worship: *"Thank You So Much "*
Performing Arts Choir

Church History
Sister Dashia Stewart

Dance Ministry:
Sister Anejha Hines

Preached Word:
Bishop Bryan S. Allen D.D.

General Offering
Benediction

Church History

Greater Bible Way Apostolic Temple was organized June 3, 1962 by its founder the late Bishop Samuel Allen Sr. After seeing a need to continue in the same theological climate as the Apostles, Bishop Allen conducted his first service in a burned-out four room house, located at 715 Woodruff Avenue with his wife, Mother O. R. Allen, their four children, Samuel Jr., Linda, Patricia, and Anthony, and Louella Allen Avery. Bishop Allen was determined to build a work for the Lord. In about one week, Mother Annie Lee and her two little girls became the first members to unite with the newly organized church. One week later, Mother Cora Shelby and her children joined. Services were held at a store front, located at 212 South Chicago Street. Due to financial difficulties the church was forced to move. Elder and Mother George Fogle allowed Bishop Allen to hold church services in their garage. The church later moved to the basement of the pastor's home at 1418 Woodruff Road. The church remained there until finances could be raised to erect a new building.

In 1965, the first church was built at 1528 Woodruff Road. The church grew until a larger building was needed. In 1970, a new sanctuary was built and the old one was used for Sunday school rooms. In 1976, God revealed to Bishop Allen that "77" was the year for double blessing and sweeping victory and that the church would move to a larger edifice.

On December 31, 1977, we moved into our present edifice on Brown and Leach Avenue. It has been 61 years and Greater Bible Way is still marching to victory and continuing in the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Bishop Allen continued to feed the flock of God for 43 years until his transition on February 23, 2005. He had been given the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind. He has given knowledge and understanding of God's word to all that he came in contact with.

When the life of Bishop Samuel Allen came to a close, the vision to build a work for the Lord continued. We were given yet another great leader in the person of Bishop Bryan S. Allen. Under his competent leadership, he took the church to higher heights in God, souls were delivered and saved in the name of Jesus Christ.

In February 2023, Bishop Bryan S. Allen answered his calling to continue his work for the Lord in the Arizona. Before his departure, Bishop instated Pastor Steffan Michael Allen to continue on working for the Lord in Illinois. With Pastor Allen's feet firmly planted on the foundation laid in 1962, his ministry is taking a fresh approach to "Making Heaven Too Small"

Greater Bible Way Temple will always remember "If It Had Not Been, for the Lord Who Was On Our Side..."

Decalogue

LEADER: AND GOD SPAKE ALL THESE WORDS, SAYING,

PEOPLE: I AM THE LORD THY GOD, WHICH HAVE BROUGHT THEE OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE.

LEADER: THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

PEOPLE: THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE, OR ANY LIKENESS OF ANY THING THAT IS IN HEAVEN ABOVE, OR THAT IS IN THE EARTH BENEATH, OR THAT IS IN THE WATER UNDER THE EARTH:

LEADER: THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM, NOR SERVE THEM: FOR I AM THE LORD THY GOD I AM A JEALOUS GOD, VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN UNTO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION OF THEM THAT HATE ME;

PEOPLE: AND SHEWING MERCY UNTO THOUSANDS OF THEM THAT LOVE ME, AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

LEADER: THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN: FOR THE LORD WILL NOT HOLD HIM GUILTLESS THAT TAKETH HIS NAME IN VAIN.

PEOPLE: REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY.

LEADER: BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD THY GOD: IN IT THOU SHALT NOT DO ANY WORK, THOU, NOR THY SON, NOR THY DAUGHTER, THY MANSERVANT, NOR THY MAIDSERVANT, NOR THY CATTLE, NOR THY STRANGER THAT IS WITHIN THY GATES:

PEOPLE: FOR IN SIX DAYS THE LORD MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IN THEM IS, AND RESTED THE SEVENTH DAY: WHEREFORE THE LORD BLESSED THE SABBATH DAY, AND HALLOWED IT.

LEADER: HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER: THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE.

PEOPLE: THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

LEADER: THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

PEOPLE: THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

LEADER: THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOUR.

PEOPLE & LEADER: THOU SHALT NOT COVET THE NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE, THOU SHALT NOT COVET THE NEIGHBOUR'S WIFE, NOR MANSERVANT, NOR HIS MAIDSERVANT, NOR HIS OX, NOR HIS ASS, NOR ANY THING THAT IS THY NEIGHBOUR'S