

# Church

## Led by Pastor Ray Hightower, Faith Temple COGIC Future Plans Include Youth Ministry Fellowship

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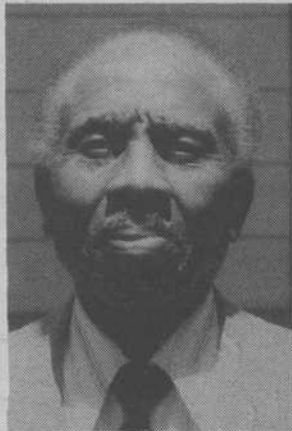
"The Lord is my shepherd, and I shall not want, is the verse by which I live" says Pastor Ray A. Hightower, pastor of the Faith Temple Church of God In Christ, 709 W. Adams Ave. "If I should have a headstone at my grave, I want those words inscribed."

Born in Woka, Oklahoma on May 11, 1912, Pastor Hightower recently celebrated his seventy third birthday. His parents Basie and Matilda Hightower are deceased as is two of his four brothers. Two brothers and four sisters are still living. He lived all of his life until age

thirty one in Oklahoma. In his day, Pastor Hightower was unable to get much schooling. He is however a self-taught man. He had a desire to learn so made his life better. Through correspondence study in later years, he studied electronics and learned to be a building construction worker who for many years practiced his trade at the Nevada Test Site.

Elder Hightower came to Las Vegas in 1953 after living in Los Angeles and San Diego, California. He founded a church in Los Angeles and named it New Jerusalem Baptist. After the Los Angeles smog began to affect his health, he had to give up

his church for the sake of his physical condition. He did not pastor again until recently when he was called to



Pastor Ray Hightower  
Faith Temple. He served under various pastors in the

city seeking to do God's work.

Elder Hightower married his wife Ida in Yuma, Arizona, in 1952. He states that she is well versed in the scriptures and can be a great inspiration to him because of her experience and deep religious convictions.

The main theme of Pastor Hightower's life is that of serious Bible study, prayer and fasting for the sick, and the realization of miracles. He spoke of several healings that the Lord had done through his ministry; examples are the healing of a woman with a deformed foot in San Diego and the healing of a paralyzed woman in Las Vegas. The most profound was however, his own healing from complete blindness. He relates that while he was in the hospital for the removal of his toenails the doctors spilled a complete container of Ethyl in his face and eyes. His eyes were burned to complete blindness. The Lord heard his prayer in his own time and healed him. To God give all praises says Pastor Hightower.

Pastor Hightower believes prayer is the key to whatever ones needs are. For that reason he believes that the answer to the common



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problem of overweight and underweight people can be found through fasting and prayer. He invites anyone interested in this aspect to contact him at the church.

Pastor Hightower advised all Christians and sinners seeking to know Jesus to read 2nd Peter Chapter 3 versus 1-18 with emphasis on verse 8.

The future plans at Faith Temple includes establishing a youth ministry fellowship and a radio ministry for outreach. The sacrament is served each first Sunday.

Pastor Hightower remains in the ministry for he cherishes the Lord Jesus Christ in his life. He cannot doubt him because John 3-16 tells him, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that

whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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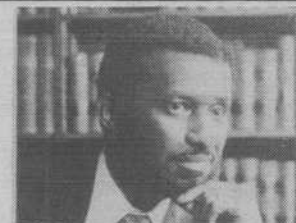
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