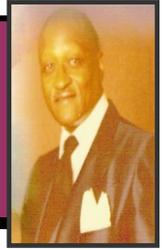




## SAINT SAMUEL PATTERSON / JAMES C. WHITEURST MEMORIAL DISTRICT

*“Established 1996”*



The Saint Samuel Patterson / James C. Whiteurst District was originally known as the Lillian Brooks Coffey District, named after one of the Church of God in Christ' outstanding women in leadership, (for more on Mother Coffey click the following link). <http://www.cogic.org/womensdepartment/general-supervisor/past-leaders/mother-lillian-brooks-coffey/>

The district was organized in February 1996 immediately following the approval by the General Board for Bishop Designee Robert R. Sanders to form Third Jurisdiction Illinois. In its' present form the Patterson/Whiteurst Memorial District is one of the remaining original districts of Third Jurisdiction Illinois.

As an appointed Administrative Assistant, Pastor Samuel Patterson selected Mother Florence Hagler to be his District Missionary and Elder James Whiteurst his Assistant Superintendent. The glory of God was made known in this district right away. The teaching was unparalleled and the anointing unrivaled. These three individuals possessed more than 175 years combined experience in church work and leadership.

In the latter part of 1997 a new district was formed by the husband of our District Missionary. Mother Hagler consented to work with her husband in organizing the women's work of that district. Our Superintendent selected Mother Ether Jamerson to serve in the stead of Mother Hagler. District Missionary Jamerson served with a blaze of zeal and commitment for a full year until she was stricken and taken from us. Following her death our leader chose to serve the women's work Mother Mattie Berry. Mother Berry represented us well for a short time until her local church moved its' membership.

In 2001 Dr. Catherine Horton was appointed District Missionary. Her knowledge of the church and her love for our superintendent allowed her to readily assimilate into the work of the district.

Due to the illness of our Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent it was apparent to our bishop that the leadership of the district needed to be solidified for the future. His first action was to retire Assistant Superintendent Whiteurst and appoint Pastor Richard Patterson, Assistant Superintendent this action was taken in the 2004 general district meeting. Truly this was the hand of God in action, for our founding Superintendent passed in September 2004. Upon his demise Bishop Sanders appointed Pastor Richard Patterson, District Superintendent. Superintendent Patterson's first request was to rename the district after our founding district fathers, hence the name Saint Samuel Patterson / James C. Whiteurst District. Supt. Richard Patterson appointed Elder Charles Price as his assistant. Elder Price served as the appointed Assistant Pastor of Fountain of Life Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of Pastor James Whiteurst.

Pastor James Whiteurst' illness lingered for some time. In June 2006 the Lord summoned him home. Elder Charles Price immediately ascended to Pastor and the name of the district was amended to include the word "Memorial".

In 2007 Supt. Patterson saw a need to strengthen the women's work. In October he selected with the approval of the pastors, Missionary Barbara Redd. Missionary Redd is a hard worker and very conscientious in her commitment.

At present the Patterson/Whiteurst Memorial District is comprised of four churches: **St. Samuel Temple**, Family of Faith – Pastor Jessie Gandy, **Fountain of Life** - Pastor Charles Price, **New Hope Christian Center**-Pastor Brady Richards. With its' rich history and bright future the Patterson/Whiteurst Memorial District is destined for greatness.