

Superintendent Richard E. Patterson, Sr.



Richard E. Patterson, Sr. is the sixth child born to the late Administrative Assistant Samuel L. Mother Bennie Patterson.

Richard Patterson began working in the church at an early age playing the drums. He later learned to play the saxophone, piano and vibraphone. His musical abilities have afforded him the privilege of appearing with and or accompanying the likes of Albertina Walker, The Thompson Community Singers, The Winans and the Hawkins Family, to name a few.

Richard Patterson accepted Christ at the age of six and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at the age of thirteen. It was in the year of 1976 when the Lord called Superintendent Patterson to the gospel ministry. He began preaching that following year at the age of fourteen.

Richard Patterson was ordained an elder in the Church of God in Christ under the late Bishop Louis H. Ford, August 18, 1984 during the annual convocation of 1st Jurisdiction Illinois.

Elder Patterson attended the Charles H. Mason Bible Institute and graduated with honors. He was appointed an assistant teacher to the now Bishop of Third Jurisdiction Illinois, Bishop Robert R. Sanders. He was later assigned to his own class.



Elder Patterson married Ms. Kista L. Stepney in 1988. To this union three children were born, Richard II, Stephen, and Krysta.

Elder Patterson served as the assistant pastor of St. Samuel Temple Church of God in Christ for fifteen years. He received the appointment as pastor in September 2001. Preceding this appointment Pastor Richard Patterson served as the first President of Evangelism in Third Jurisdiction Illinois. He held that office until

December 2001.

In 2003, Pastor Richard Patterson was appointed State Secretary of Third Jurisdiction Illinois, an office he yet holds. At the death of his father Administrative Assistant Samuel Patterson, Pastor Richard Patterson was appointed District Superintendent of the Lillian Brooks Coffey District renamed the St. Samuel Patterson / James C. Whiteurst District.



Superintendent Patterson has visions of building a greater work for the kingdom of God. Pray that God's will be done speedily.

To God be the glory.