

Bishop David Collins Assisted in Founding the PCAF 1957



Bishop David L. Collins was born on February 12, 1900, to the union of William and Rose Collins in a log house near Yazoo City, Mississippi. He was the third child of a family of six. At the age of twelve, early in the year 1912, his father died after a long illness. Recognizing his responsibility to his mother, Bishop Collins went to work to support her and the family.

He continued working in Mississippi until 1921, when he left and traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, and gained employment there. Then, in 1923, Bishop Collins left Kansas City and came to Detroit to work at the Packard Motor Company.

In the mid twenties, David was united in Holy Matrimony with Viola Smith who preceded him in death.

In 1930, while working for an automobile company, his cousin led him to Clinton Street Bethlehem Temple Church, located at 2238 Clinton Street in Detroit, Michigan, where Bishop S. N. Hancock was Pastor. It was there that Collins received the water baptism in Jesus' name and on March 13, 1930, he received the gift of the Holy Ghost.

In the later part of 1932, Bishop Collins was called into the ministry at Clinton Street Bethlehem Temple Church. His ministry was threefold: establishing churches, teaching, and conducting Bible classes under the leadership of Bishop Hancock. He assisted Bishop Hancock in establishing churches in New Haven, Michigan; Port Huron, Michigan; Monroe, Michigan; Jackson, Michigan; Delray, Michigan; and finally, the Bethel Church in Detroit, Michigan.

He continued his work of establishing churches until the year of 1952, when Bishop Hancock appointed him as his Assistant Pastor of Clinton Street Greater Bethlehem Temple Church.

In 1957, he was one of the founders of the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith.

After Bishop Hancock's death on Sunday, August 18, 1963, Bishop Collins assumed full responsibility as Pastor of Clinton Street Greater Bethlehem Temple Church. By this time, the church had relocated from 2238 Clinton Street to 2900 West Chicago Boulevard on March 10, 1963.

