

## **Bishop Elzie W. Young** **Presided 1964-1989**



Bishop Elzie William Young was born on October 13, 1913 to Julia and Levite Young in Fayette County of Lexington, Kentucky. While a young child, approximately 8 years old, Elzie was baptized in Jesus' name at the First Pentecostal Church (Lexington, Kentucky), under the leadership of Mother Murphy. It was a very cold winter night when Elzie was baptized and since baptism clothes were not provided, Elzie had to walk home wet.

On March 28, 1932, he met and married Ruby Eggleston of New Orleans, Louisiana. They moved back to Lexington, Kentucky and lived with his mother. Eventually, all of them relocated to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 42 years of marriage to Ruby Young, nine children were born. In 1955, one daughter, Billie, passed away at the age of 21.

In 1932, Elzie Young received the gift of the Holy Ghost. He tried to continue working at the race track, but it became difficult. He had very limited work experience, so the rich horse owners would give him work to do on their farms. Finally, he decided that the race track was no place for him. He acknowledged his call to the ministry. From 1937 to 1945, Elzie attended Christ Temple Church located at Bark Street, under the leadership of Elder Gatewood. In 1946, Bishop Young moved to the First Pentecostal Church, where he became the Church Leader, until the members elected Elder Owen Carter as the Pastor.

In 1950, still evangelizing all over the country, Elzie Young secured permission from Elder Jasper Phillips and started his own church. Its members consisted of Elder Young as Pastor, his wife, Mrs. Ruby Young, his mother, Ms. Julia Burton and Mrs. Lola Bradshaw.

In 1957, Elder Young became a District Elder of the State of Ohio. In 1958, he became a Bishop. In 1962, he became the Assistant Presiding Bishop to Bishop Lee of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. A short while later, a new organization was started. In 1964, he became the Presiding Bishop of the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. Every three years, he was re-elected to be the Presiding Bishop. During Elzie's tenure as Presiding Bishop of the PCAF, it was decided that he should remain Presiding Bishop, until his death. It is also noted that when he started presiding over the organization, there was \$5.00 in the treasury and by the end of his tenure; the organization was worth over \$1,000,000.00

