

## *Profile of Pastor Kelly Brown*

Pastor Brown was born Kelly Rayford Brown on September 19, 1932 in Weir Mississippi. He is the fourth child of the late Reverend K. C. and Mrs. Fronie Brown, both of Lambert, Mississippi. Pastor Brown learned the value of prayer at an early age, as he asked God to heal him from seizures and God did just that. He served as a Deacon for many years. In 1956 at the age of 24, while residing in Titusville, Florida, he received his call to preach the gospel. His first sermon was "God Wants Your Attention."

Then, Minister Brown met Mary Doyle, and the two of them were united in Holy Matrimony on April 13, 1958. He preached to her and the Lord saved her and filled her with the Holy Ghost. They are the parents of 8 children, 26 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. In 1958 he became Evangelist Kelly Brown, and travel across the United States preaching the gospel with signs and wonders following. He was a part of the A A Allen Crusades and witnessed God performing many miracles, such as blind eyes being opened, cancer patients being healed instantaneously, and short legs growing to their normal size. He even witnessed "The Miracle Eye Man" who could take his artificial eye out and miraculously read anything that was placed before him. Later Evangelist Brown became Pastor Brown and was the pastor of a church in Florida for about 3 years.

In 1968 Pastor Brown moved back to Mississippi, and was ordained in the Church of God in Christ under the late Bishop B. S. Lyle. He met Superintendent E G Wright who convinced him to become the pastor of one of the churches he was pasturing. Pastor Brown agreed and in 1970 he became the pastor of St. Matthew's COGIC in Lambert Mississippi. He served faithfully under Bishop Lyle until his demise in 1973. Bishop T T Scott then became his Jurisdictional Prelate. Pastor Brown served for 18 years as the pastor of St. Matthew's in Mississippi until the Lord spoke to his heart to move to Minnesota.

In 1989 he moved to St. Paul, MN with a letter of high recommendation from Bishop Scott. He immediately began a ministry, and many souls were saved and backsliders returned to the Lord. He rented churches for his congregation until 1994 when the Lord blessed him to purchase a building at 688 Selby where he is currently the Pastor. He remodeled the building from a theatre to a church. Pastor Brown is a licensed carpenter, plumber and electrician. He also does cabinetry and upholstery. He has also made women's purses. He is a very talented man.

Pastor Brown is a leader who begets leaders. From his ministry, his has been blessed to see 6 members become pastors, 11 become elders, 8 ministers, 1 District Missionary, 1 National Evangelist, and lot of other Deacons, Missionaries, and leaders in businesses. Pastor Brown loves the Lord, and he loves the people of God. He is known as "***The man who will help people.***" He has an evangelist thrust, and an outreach ministry. He is an anointed Gospel Preacher who dares to tell the truth. He is also a man of faith who ministers heavily on faith and love. Because of his faith in God, he is a 5-year cancer survivor. At the age of 76, he still walks 5 miles and exercises daily. His plan is to live 100 years by the grace of God.