

# History Of The New Westside Central Missionary Baptist Church

## BEGINNINGS

The New Westside Central Missionary Baptist Church was born in 1940 at the home of Mother Lucy Langley (located at 1438 -17th Street). Rev. M. M. Dade was the Founder and Shepherd of a small congregation that consisted of several women and one man (Deacon Copeland).

Sister Laura Green acted as Deacon and Sister Mulba Bates was elected to the office of Church Clerk.

## GROWTH

The Church began to grow' rapidly and had to move from the home of Mother Langley. The congregation worshipped at several sites on Bagley until 1942. During that time, they purchased a house at 1760 20th Street. The members and Rev. Dade renovated the house to resemble a Church. February 13, 1954, the Deaconess Board was organized and Sister Gay served as the first Chairperson. Shortly, the Deacon Board was also organized and Deacon Copeland served as the first Chairman of the Deacon Board and Rev. Dade served as the first Chairman of the Trustee Board.

The Light of the Church began to shine in the community and many souls were added to the congregation. As the Church began to grow, **SEVERAL AUXILIARIES WERE ORGANIZED:**

**HISTORY I**

In 1940-the Senior choir was born Mrs. Crenshaw served as President and Mrs Ann Haskin served as Pianist.

The Youth Choir was born in 1945 and Sister E. Hickombottom served as instructor.

In 1953, the Pastor's Chorus was organized and Mrs. Lillie McGee served as President.

The Male Chorus begin its life in 1960, after the men formed a Male Choir for Men's Day. Deacon Prince Lewis served as its first President and Rev. Baker was the first musician.

**MOTHERS BOARD**

The Mothers Board was organized and Sister Arlene Norman served as the first President.

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Sister Julia Dade (Rev Dade's wife) organized the Missionary Workers and served as the first President.

**NURSES GUILD**

The Nurses Guild got its birth in 1960, under the leadership of Sister Hattie Windom who served as the first President.

**SENIOR/JUNIOR USHIER BOARD**

In 1940 the Senior Usher Board was established and Sister Laura Green served as the first President. In 1970, Sister Flossie Clark and Sister Erma Hunt organized the Junior Usher Board. The Young Ushers served faithfully until 1989 when the Board was disbanded.

**History II**

**MINISTERS**

During the Pastorage of Rev. Dade four Ministers were ordained: Rev. L. Hall, Rev. E. Anderson, Rev. J. Smith and Rev. R. Richardson.

**DEACONS**

Pastor Dade also ordained 10 Deacons: E. Battle, E. Miles, J. Norman, E. Johnson, E. Anderson, L. Winters, W. McKay, Sr., J. Mazique, E Clark, and E. Smith.

**MOVING FORWARD**

On September 24, 1962, Rev. Dade and members of the church purchased our present church home; at 1426-18th Street.

**A TIME OF SORROW**

On July 7, 1979 Rev. M.M. Dade departed this life and went home to be with the Lord. Our joy was turned to sadness and our future looked dismal, but we did not despair, our hearts turned to prayer.

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

On the second Saturday of May 1980 our present Pastor, Rev. R. Richardson was elected to serve as our new Shepherd. Pastor Richardson was raised up in New Westside Central Baptist Church.

He was received into our congregation through the Church Sunday School by Sis M. Bates and Deacon E. Johnson.

**HISTORY III**

**DURING HIS PASTORAGE**

Under the leadership of Pastor Richardson many souls have been saved and our membership has grown and is growing remarkable both spiritually and physically. PRAISE BE TO GOD OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

**DEACONS/MINISTERS**

Five Deacons have been ordained: James Bonner, Evans Holman, Michael McKinley, John Moore, and Walter Williams. One Minister was licensed, Brother Angelo Brown.

**AUXILLIARIES**

Two new Choirs were organized: The Celestial Choir was organized by Sis. Deborah Chambers served as President. On July 20, 1988, The Angelic Choir was born through the inspiration of the Pastor. Sister Earline Grimmatt took the challenge of being the first President.

Pastor Richardson initiated the Public Relations Committee for the purpose of having a link between the church and the people of the community. Brother Reginald Gaddis was appointed as the first President. Each year the New Westside Central Baptist Church and the New Starlight Baptist Church (Rev. C. L. Petty, Pastor) sponsors the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade. The March is held on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and West Grand Boulevard. This year, 2003 will be our 23<sup>rd</sup> year.

The Rev. M. M. Dade/Rev. R. Richardson Scholarship Fund Committee was organized to aid and encourage members to continue their education. Sister Lagail Yelder was appointed as the first President.

The Pastor's Aid was re-organized in 1986 through the inspiration of the late Sister Sarah Smith who served as the first President.

## History IV

### JUNIOR USHER BOARD

In January 1992 Sister Ernestine Wright and Sister Barbara Watson reorganized the Usher Board and Brother Marion Watson was elected as the President.

### ADOPT-A-MOTHER CLUB

The Adopt-A-Mother Club was born through a joint effort of Sister Sarah Smith, Sister Ella Wee Dade and Pastor Richardson. In 1987, an opportunity arose to make sure our senior mothers would not be neglected on Mother's Day, Christmas, and their Birthday. On Mother's Day of each year, a luncheon feast is prepared for all mothers and gifts are given to our senior mothers. Each year on the Church Annual Fellowship Day in Alliance, Ohio, the Club sponsors our senior mothers fare.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christian Education ministry has been reorganized under the direction of Deacon Willie McKay, Sr. The Church Sunday School and Night Church School has been reorganized under the direction of Deacon Michael McKinley (former Sunday School Superintendent).

### MISSION AND OUT REACH SERVICES

A caring and Sharing Ministry was organized in 1985 by Sis. Ella Dade. The Ministry operates every first Saturday of the month for the purpose of giving food, clothing and the word of the Lord to fallen humanity (The Church in Action).

The Lord has also blessed us with a Van Ministry. This was a dream of the late Deacon Eddie Smith, who never got a chance to see it in operation. Sister Dade was elected as the first President.

### LOCAL – STATE - NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

The Church is represented and attends Metropolitan District Congress of Christian Education (MEDCCE), the Wolverine State Convention, the National Sunday and B.T.U. Congress of Christian Education, and the National Convention, USA, Inc. In June 1989, we had 13 delegates to attend the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education in Nashville, Tennessee and witness the dedication of the World Center. Nine delegates attended the Nation Baptist Convention USA, Inc. which met in Los Angeles, California.



## HISTORY V

# THE FUTURE

Our future is bright and hopeful, our course is steady, stable, straight and we are marching up to glory, to that beautiful City of God.

Through the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit the Pastor started a Men's Tuesday night Bible Class to help men better understand their role as a man, as a father, as a community leader and the importance of their presence in the church.

Let the record state we have begun the process of working toward our New Church Home, as we move forward we solicit your prayers and support.

Through several conversations with the Holy Spirit, Pastor Richardson was inspired to raise the level of singing of our young people. Conferring with Reverend James Edwards our talented and gifted Organist, he also was inspired and moved with great haste to confer with another talented musician Brother Winston Jones. Brother Jones was touched by the Spirit of God and moved to form our newest and most precious Sunbeam Choir. In September, 1995 Brother Jones formed our newest choir, "The Sunbeams."

The Lord has blessed us, is blessing us, and is going to bless. We praise God for what he has done, is doing and is going to do. In the words of **Nehemiah (6:3)** "We are doing a great work and we can't come down."