

Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church established in DeQuincy in 1911

First Church of God in Christ organized in 1928

Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church was the first Black church organized in DeQuincy in 1911 by Rev. Ambrose. Families who helped organize the early church were Dave Miller, Sr., the Stoudmires, and the Quillers.

The church was rebuilt in 1913 after being destroyed by a storm and again in 1958 after a fire.

Ministers who have served as pastors were Rev. Matthew Simmons (1914-1919), Rev. Groves (1919-1948) and Rev. Allen Gillespie (1948-1982). Rev. Willie Stevens was called to pastor the church in March, 1983. Evergreen is presently under the leadership of Pastor James B. Harris. Pastor Harris was called to the church in October, 1998.

Evergreen is presently a member of the New Light Association and the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.

The church has served as an outreach center, a collection point for food, clothing and other goods to be distributed to needy families of the community.

This church was also the first school for Blacks as well as a meeting place for civic leaders and members of the community. The local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) continue to meet monthly at the church.

The mission of Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church has been to meet the needs of the community through worship, fellowship and discipleship. We invite you to join us as we lift up the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church is to reach the unsaved through ministry, to introduce the

unsaved to God's plan to salvation through evangelism and to nurture the saved to spiritual maturity through worship, discipleship and fellowship.

MINISTRY

Serving humanity by identifying and meeting the needs spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give life a ransom for many" Luke 10:45

EVANGELISM

The Holy Spirit led proclaiming or communicating of the gospel of Christ Jesus in a way that it leads the unsaved to the decision to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior and to a productive membership in this Church.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor;" Luke 4:18

WORSHIP

As the Holy Spirit leads us let us express our love, adoration and reverence for God in Praise, Prayer and Thanksgiving.

"Exalt ye the Lord our God, and Worship at his footstool; for His is Holy" Psalm 95:5

DISCIPLESHIP

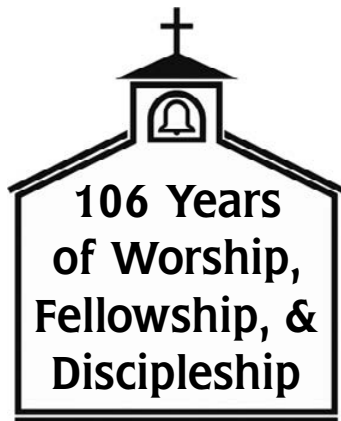
Let us become students of the Master Teacher Christ Jesus

"And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying" Matthew 5:2

FELLOWSHIP

Let us share common devotion and purpose as we are led by the Holy Spirit bonding to Christ Jesus and to one another.

"Not forsaking the Assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is: but exhorting on another; and so much the more, as we see the day approaching" Hebrews 10:25



THE GIFT OF GOD

O the gift of God is eternal life

O the gift of God is eternal life

And the wages of sin is death

When I was seeking Jesus

And thought He couldn't be found

The grace of God came in my soul

And turn me all around

O the gift of God is eternal life

O the gift of God is eternal life

And the wages of sin is death

When first I got converted

I had no doubts at all

But I've had so many crosses

That I feel the least of all

O the gift of God is eternal life

O the gift of God is eternal life

And the wages of sin is death

I wonder where's my dear mother

She's been gone so long

I think I hear her shouting

Around the Throne of God

O the gift of God is eternal life

O the gift of God is eternal life

And the wages of sin is death

Yonder comes my brother

Whom I loved so well

But by his disobedience

Has made his home in hell.



The First Church of God in Christ was organized in 1928 under the leadership of the late Rev. J. H. Keys

Among its first and permanent members were Mother Anna Bryant, Rev. J. Brown, Brothers O. M. Moss and Dutch Pete, Sisters Amanda Jackson, Williana Jones, Irene Blue, Annie Pete, Molly Brown, Mary Roberts, Bell Gray, Eve Edwards, Edna Kelly, Tina Kelly, Irene Moss, Ethel Gray, Katie Orsaw, and Minnie Cheatum.

This Group of Saints began worshipping in a small building at 308 S. Front St. where the Lord really blessed this work by adding souls to the church. On June 19, 1929, the church purchased the lot where it was previously located on Jefferson St. for \$200. Dutch Pete, O. M. Moss and Rev. J. H. Keys signed the contract.

In June 1931, the Masonic Hall was rented at 611 Grand Avenue for \$10 per month. In fall of 1931, meetings moved from the Masonic Hall to what was then known as the Jessie McClain's Hall at 223 Jackson Street. On Dec. 31, 1931, the hall was purchased from Mr. B. R. Gammage of Westlake for \$100.

In the Spring of 1932, a brush harbor was erected on the extreme south end of the present lot and continued worship services while the McClain's house was being torn down, and the materials would be moved to the present lot to be used in building the church.

In the fall of 1932, the church was moved to the house where Mrs. Nellie Simpson lived and started worship services. Because the house was too small, meetings were moved back to the Masonic Hall and remained there until the church was ready. The new church was used for services in early 1933 even though it was not fully completed.

After 10 years, Rev. J. H. Keys resigned and Rev. W. H. Samuel was appointed pastor. His first message was from *Matthew 25*. Rev. Samuel resigned in the spring of 1942 after pastoring for three years. In October of 1942, Rev. O. B. Pete, Sr. was appointed pastor.

On Nov. 1, 1947, the pastor presented plans calling for



Elder Clifton E. and Louella David

the tearing down of the old building and rebuilding a new sanctuary. By September of 1949, \$1,196.92 was raised. Construction of the new church began immediately; it measured 30' x 50' (1,740 sq. ft.), and it was completed for a total cost of \$1787.79.

In 1952, the fellowship hall and pastor's study were added. During this time, the building was remodeled, and the pews were made by the pastor at a cost of \$2,229.28.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Eight ministers have been ordained from the church. They are Elders Sam Bell, O. B. Pete, Sr., Albert Hodges, William Alexander, Otha Green, Sr., Oby Pete, Jr., Clifton David, and Rodney Williams.

The Lord continued to bless the church, and its membership gradually out grew its space for the educational training. It became apparent that something had to be done.

In spring of 1986, Bro. and Sis. David went to Pastor Pete's home after church about building a new church. It was a divine providence of God because the Pastor was thinking about the same thing! This process really set the Pastor's heart aglow. The pastor appointed a building

committee to begin putting the pieces of the puzzle in their proper places.

Those appointed to the committee were: Eld. Oby Pete, Jr., chairman; Bros. Bill Silas, Clifton David, Daniel Marburgh, Sis. Louella David, Catherine Pete, Delicia Marburgh, and Margaret Brown along with Eld. Otha Green and Pastor Pete.

With God as the chief Pilot, the old ship finally landed. On a surprisingly cold day, Mar. 5, 1989, we held the groundbreaking ceremony for the new edifice. Supt. Alfred Perry, Mrs. Alma Brown, Manager Calcasieu Marine Bank in DeQuincy, and Mr. Henry Thomas, contractor, were the featured speakers.

Construction actually began in April. Yes, God smiled on us; now, here we are today with a determined mind to continue to carry out the great commission: "SEEK THE LOST AT ANY COST!"

In 2000, Bishop O. B. Pete, Sr. retired as pastor but not from preaching the gospel. The saga continued in 2001 when Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush appointed Elder Clifton E. David as pastor of First Church.

Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church



~ Worship Schedule ~

Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 AM
Morning Worship	Sunday	11:00 AM
Brotherhood	Monday	6:00 PM
Mission Meeting	Tuesday	5:00 PM
Youth Rehearsal	Tuesday	6:00 PM
Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	6:30 PM
Bible Study	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Usher Meeting	2nd & 4th Wednesday	6:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday	6:30 PM
Deaconess Meeting	4th Thursday	2:00 PM



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Mrs. and Rev. James Harris

First Church of God in Christ

Motto: "To Win The Lost At Any Cost"

'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:'
Matt. 28:19

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Midday Worship	11 a.m.
Tuesday Youth Ministry	6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	6 p.m.
Thursday Discipleship	6 p.m.
YWCC/CWC/Men's Fellowship	
3rd Wednesday Monthly	6 p.m.
Fifth Sunday Missions	6 p.m.
Annual Prayer Walk	4th Saturday in April

Our Mission Statement

As a Church: We actively equip spirit-filled Saints for service in our fellowship by instruction and encouraging all Christians to concentrate on serving and obeying God, and discover and use their spiritual gifts to minister to the Whole man. We evangelize the unsaved by being active disciples, who through local outreach, attract unbelievers to faith in Christ for identification with us as a local body of believers.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.
Hebrews 12:14



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