



Faithful service to God

The Rich History of Holy Missionary Baptist Church whose founder and builder is Jesus Christ.

As having been led by the Holy Spirit, the Holy Missionary Baptist Church was organized January 8, 1970 in the home of Sis. Allena B. Turner. Minister A.L. Gaskin, Pastor of Damascus Missionary Baptist Church of Los Angeles, CA was in charge. Rev. E. C. Johnson was called to pastor the young church and Brother Sonny Scott was appointed Deacon.

Church services were held at 131 West Monterey Street, Pomona, CA until November 1970. The church moved to 735 S. Mills Avenue, Claremont, CA and remained in Claremont until we moved to our present location, 1013 San Bernardino Avenue, Pomona, CA.

The organizing Pastor, Rev. E.C. Johnson was inspired by the Holy Spirit to use God's simple Plan of Salvation, prayer, bible study and door-to-door evangelizing for church growth. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are still able to tell others that Jesus was crucified for our sins, died on the cross, and risen for our justification.

In the year of 1983, Rev. Johnson resigned as Pastor and Rev. John C. Bagsby was elected Pastor at our General Church meeting. Rev. Judge Lee, Pastor of New Way Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA, officially installed Rev. Bagsby, as Pastor on January 8, 1984. After serving as Pastor for thirteen (13) years, Rev. Bagsby resigned in August, 1997. Upon his departure, Rev. Morris A.L. Carter, Jr., was appointed Interim Pastor.

Jeremiah 3:15 states, "And I will give you Pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Through much prayer and guidance from our Lord and Savior, Rev. Morris A.L. Carter, Jr. was elected as Pastor by vote on August 22, 1998. He was officially installed by our organizing Pastor, Rev. E.C. Johnson of Hanford, CA, on November 29, 1998.

In May of 2009, True Way Baptist Church, under Pastoral care of Robert Postell, united with Holy Missionary. With this union, 33 members were added to Holy Missionary Baptist Church.

We continue with the mission of the Church through Evangelistic endeavors by supporting World Vision, sponsoring a child from Dominican Republic and our Mission ministries support other Local Community Outreaches along with Church Women United.

All praise, honor and glory to the Father for the many blessings he bestows upon Holy Missionary Baptist Church. We have been through valleys and over mountains, yet with His guidance we are still pressing towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ by being steadfast and unmovable.

We have been blessed by God. He has appointed a pastor after His own heart in September 2020. Pastor Etienne Lacey's was installed as the Senior Pastor of Holy Missionary Baptist Church October 2020,