



# The Jubilee Journal

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Special points of interest:

- The prophesy of Sis. Daisy Mae Rivera is revealed. Bishop Anthonee Patterson was chosen by God to lead his people February 22, 1994.
- Since Bishop Patterson's ordination, 181 have been baptized, 56 have received the gift of the Holy Ghost, 50 have returned to the Church, and 30 children have been offered up.
- Sis. Edwina Amos, national supervisor of the Apostle's Aide and Sis. Angela Hughes, assistant national supervisor, would like to extend a sincere thanks to the saints for their participation in this Apostle's Aide Convention.

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## Letter From Bishop

*Oh! Magnify the Lord of Host with me for His marvelous works unto the sons of men and sons of God!*

*We pray for you, without ceasing. Contend for the Faith delivered to us of the Apostles and Prophets.*

*In this continual feast of thanksgiving and praise, Oh! Won't you magnify the Lord of Host for His marvelous works.*

*The gates of Hell cannot prevail against the Church.*

*No harm has come to the Church!*

*That makes it all worthwhile.*

*Perfect ending day!*

*Perfect beginning tomorrow!*

## Testimonies of God

**Bro. McKinley Morris, Jr.**

**White Marsh, MD**

I give honor to God. Thank Him for being here again among the saints. Give honor to Bishop Patterson. Thank God for how He has been keeping me and my family. We've had some tough times but God has brought us through and He is still bringing us through our trying times. I particularly want to make mention as most of you know, I am a police officer and while I was out on vacation with my family a friend of mine since 11<sup>th</sup> grade was killed in the line of duty. Had I been at work, I would have been in the same duty. The Lord protected me and I am thankful. It bothered me so badly and I realized I had

been spared once again—so badly that I had to be hospitalized. But I thank God that He brought me through. Keep praying for me and my family. Thank you.

**Sis. Theodora Washington**

**Pottstown, PA**

All praises and honor do I give to God. I am thankful for Bishop Patterson, the Apostle in the land today. I am so thankful for being here. The Bishop asked me would I walk with him in faith and I told him, "yes!". I am so grateful. I told our Bishop, I want it all yesterday. Keep praying for me that I will continue.

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## Apostle's Aide Hosts Feast

From macaroni and cheese to smothered pork chops and a table full of deserts, the saints had plenty of delicious food to choose from during a feast hosted by the Apostle's Aide, Friday, February 22, 2008. This was the day the Lord came to Apostle Patterson and charged him to lead His people.

"I want this to be a time for the saints to reflect on God and what they have witnessed, by Him, in their lives," said Apostle Patterson. While feasting, the saints began to testify to one another about the goodness of the Lord at their perspective tables; testimonies of thanksgiving from not only years before, but just few days ago!



**The saints gathered Friday, February 22, 2008 to break bread and give thanks to God for his many blessings.**

## Elder Joseph Askew Turns 50

September 16, 2007 came and went without a big 50th birthday celebration for Elder Joseph Askew. Instead, he got dinner with his family. Not bad, but not quite what he was expecting.

“I don’t ask for much,” said Elder Askew. “But, there was one thing I did want. I told my wife and children to save their money because I wanted a big celebration for my 50th birthday.” When it didn’t happen on his birthday, he told his family that he will

“never forget” that they didn’t do this one thing he really wanted. That couldn’t be. Therefore, his wife, Sis. Gwendolyn Askew, began to plan.

With the Women’s Conference Rally as the cover and five months after his birthday, it was a sure plan for a big surprise! He had no idea that the gathering was for his birthday. Saints traveled from as far as Florida and Texas to raise money for the convention and share in this jubilant

occasion for Elder Askew. Complete with live, award-winning chamber music by The Ritz Chamber Players, wonderful food and great conversation, Elder Askew got just what he wanted and more—a 50th birthday celebration he would “never forget”. Additionally, more than \$1,000 was raised for the Women’s Conference.



**Elder Joseph Askew celebrates his 50th birthday during this Jubilee. His wife, Sis. Gwendolyn Askew and family planned a surprise celebration featuring Bro. Terrance Patterson’s Ritz Chamber Players.**

## Just Like He Promised...A Testimony of God

“Your wife will be your witness.” Sounds like simple words. But the power of these words spoken by the Man of God, Bishop Patterson, would become prophesy fulfilled in Bro. Sherrod Jones’ life.

For Bro. Jones, the Holy Ghost seemed like an unattainable prize...radiating in the soul, waiting to be re-

vealed with belief and tongues. At a spirit-filled service, Apostle Patterson prophesied that his witness would be his wife.

With his mother, Sis. Lendel Jones, constantly in prayer and in his ear about receiving God’s promise, one day he was led to tarry in his home with his mother and his wife in prayer with him.

He called Jesus. He called Jesus. He called Jesus. He answered...or did He? His mother, Sis. Jones said she was not sure that he spoke. There could be no uncertainty. He had to know for himself. Back on his knees.

It wasn’t long before he began to speak in tongues, again—he knew it and heard the tongues for himself!

When he asked his wife, Sis. Nellie Jones, did she hear him speak, she said “I heard you the first time.”

Prophecy revealed. “Take God at His Word. He will deliver. Just like He promised,” said Bro. Sherrod Jones.

## Talk About the Goodness of God, *Feast Cont’d*

At one table, Sis. Daisy Mae Rivera. A few days earlier, she was hospitalized with severe amounts of fluid on her lungs. After the fluid was drained, she weighed nearly 20 lbs less than when she arrived at the hospital. Expectations by the doctors were low, but her spirit in God was high. *We feast on the healing power of God.*

At another table, Mother Ada Yelverton. A few days earlier, she was in a car accident that threatened her life. Yet, she was in Jacksonville to mingle her voice with the saints. *We feast on the protection of God.*

At another table, Sis. Olivia Green. A day earlier, she was hit from behind by a hit and run driver. Though her car leaves evidence of a

collision, she walked away without a scratch. *We feast on the watchful eye of God.*

At another table, Sis. Patricia Stokes. A few days earlier, her daughter, Sis. Chloe Stokes, was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Finally, she witnessed the journey’s end of that prayer for her children. *We feast on the deliverance of God.*

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**Sis. Daisy Mae Rivera talks with Bishop Patterson and testifies to him about how God continues to heal her body.**

## Never Grow Old, By Sis. DeVondalyn Hughes



**Elder George Patterson**

A beacon of strength with determinant faith and blood running warm in his veins, Abraham has nothing on today's testimony in Elder George E. Patterson. With over half of a century steadily striding along the terrain in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith with his companion and family, Elder George Patterson yielded to the Lord's will concerning his better half, Mother Gloria Patterson. Finding solace in the preaching of his son, Apostle Anthoneé Patterson, and his promise to his dear wife to

meet her on the other side, Elder George Patterson can say 370 days later, "It's been the Lord that's been keeping me."

Because of Abraham's sacrifice to the Lord, his promise waits to unfurl due to his steadfast faith in God—his children will meet him there. Moreover, on the same bravura day of being caught up to meet our Savior, the groom shall again meet his bride, with the knowing of time on their side—ever will never end.

Before Mother Gloria Patterson went to the rest, she held on to the words that God's Apostle delivered to the Church as being a "Child of the Resurrection." Her husband, Elder Patterson, promised to meet her on the other side; therefore, when her eyes open, Oh, what joy divine to lock eyes again.

I will shout, 'Hallelujah!' that I made it over to see you in your new body—to reign with you in Ever.

To be able to stay in love with his one and only lover in his life, Elder George E. Patterson literally will receive his wife in "the best of both worlds"—Godly love terrestrial, Godly love celestial. His faith in God, earnest prayer, and promise to his wife has kept his feet treading at a trot towards continuance. And until the day the Lord arrives, again, with unremitting prayer, and determinant faith and blood running warm in his veins, Elder George E. Patterson, is already reigning in glory alongside his glory, Mother Gloria Delores Patterson.

--A perfect ending to a magnificent love story.

## Testimonies at the Feast, Cont'd From Page 2

At another table, Elder George Patterson. It seems like yesterday, but a year to the day marked the day his loving wife, Mother Gloria Patterson, was laid to rest. With unspeakable sadness in his heart, he moves on with the joy of God on his lips and the great anticipation of seeing her again—with God. We *feast on the salvation of God.*

These are just a few of the testimonies. The feast of the Lord is going on with God, with Apostle Patterson, with us.

"Ain't it good," said Minister Yelverton with joy as he closed the evening. After thanking Apostle Patterson for a wonderful feast, Minister Yelverton led the Church in song, "Oh, What A Change!"



**Minister Yelverton sings and gives closing remarks at the Apostle's Aide Feast.**

## Answers to Test Your Knowledge

-What does the initial C in Bishop Sherrod C. Johnson's name stand for?

Charlotte

-Where was the first church located?

1748 N 22nd Street (corner of 22nd and Montgomery Street), Philadelphia, PA

-What were some of the doctrinal differences between Bishop Lawson and Bishop Johnson?

Modesty of women, pride in the church and baptism in the name of Jesus Christ

-What was Bishop Shelton's position in the Church under Bishop Johnson's leadership?

Secretary General

-Who were some of the more famous debate opponents?

Albert and Richard Dennis, Lightfoot Solomon Michaux and Dr. Rud

-How much was the mortgage on the headquarters church when it was rebuilt after the fire?

\$0

## Newsletter Corrections

Laran Gregory is a Junior in High School and is not graduating this year. He will graduate in May 2009.



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# There's One Church. There's One God.



Sis. Doris Rivera gives God the praise with the clapping of her hands!



Sis. Anecia Wells directs the Little Flock in song during a Jubilee program.



Sis. Edwina Amos gives God the praise by lifting her voice in song.



Minister Asher, Vivian and Melech Shelton converse with Apostle Patterson.



Congratulations Newlyweds! Bishop Patterson married the former Sis. Sarai Shelton to Bro. Jon Mehmet Aytac during the Ordination Jubilee Service, Sunday, December 30, 2007. The couple is planning a formal wedding ceremony later this year. **Congratulations!**

## The Year of the Jubilee

### Jubilee Schedule

- **March 16-23, 2008:**  
*Women's Conference, Philadelphia*
- **April 18-20, 2008:**  
*Bringing Forth Commemoration of Bishop S. McDowell Shelton, Philadelphia*
- **May 22-26, 2008:**  
*Men's Conference, Jacksonville*
- **July 3-6, 2008:** *Youth Conference, Glen Burnie*
- **July 24-27, 2008:**  
*Bringing Forth Commemoration Bishop Shelton Nehemiah, Philadelphia*
- **August 21-September 1, 2008:**  
*National Convention, Philadelphia*
- **November 21-23, 2008:** *End of Apostle Anthonee J. Patterson's Jubilee, Philadelphia*

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