

## Bishop Richard E. Patterson, Sr.



Richard E. Patterson, Sr. is the sixth child born to the late Administrative Assistant Samuel & Mother Bennie Patterson.

Richard Patterson began working in the church at an early age playing the drums. He later learned to play the saxophone, piano and vibraphone. His musical abilities have afforded him the privilege of appearing with and or accompanying the likes of Albertina Walker, The Thompson Community Singers, The Winans and the Hawkins Family, to name a few.

Richard Patterson accepted Christ at the age of six and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at the age of thirteen. It was in the year of 1976 when the Lord called Superintendent Patterson to the gospel ministry. He began preaching that following year at the age of fourteen.

Richard Patterson was ordained an elder in the Church of God in Christ under the late Bishop Louis H. Ford, August 18, 1984 during the annual convocation of 1<sup>st</sup> Jurisdiction Illinois.

Elder Patterson married Ms. Kista L. Stepney in 1988. To this union three children were born, Richard II, Stephen, and Krysta.

Elder Patterson attended the Charles H. Mason Bible Institute and graduated with honors. He was appointed an assistant teacher to the now Bishop of Third Jurisdiction Illinois, Bishop Robert R. Sanders. He was later assigned to his own class.

Elder Patterson served as the assistant pastor of St. Samuel Temple Church of God in Christ for fifteen years. He received the appointment as pastor in September 2001. Preceding this appointment Pastor Richard Patterson served as the first President of Evangelism in Third Jurisdiction Illinois. He held that office until December 2001.

In 2003, Pastor Patterson was appointed Jurisdiction Secretary of Third Illinois, an office he yet holds.

In 2004 at the death of his father, Pastor Patterson was appointed District Superintendent of the Lillian Brooks Coffey District renamed the St. Samuel Patterson / James C. Whiteurst District.

In 2005 Superintendent Patterson established the Samuel and Bennie Patterson Community Development Corporation, a 501(c)(3) organization. This organization honors the legacy and influence of his parents in his life which he desires to share with the community and city at large. At present Superintendent Patterson has begun a fund raising campaign to erect a multi-purpose building which will include a dining facility, office space and the acquisition of additional property.

In 2013 Superintendent Patterson was appointed and served as Interim Pastor of the New Hope Christian Center Church of God in Christ, Crete IL for 4 ½ months. His responsibilities there ended December 31, 2013.

In 2014 Superintendent Patterson orchestrated the cash purchase of a parsonage, which he and his family presently occupy.

In 2016 The financial relationship established some years ago, under his leadership proved to be profitable in this venture as well as the recent closing of the building adjacent to the north of St. Samuel Temple along with three additional lots. This purchase increased the church's real estate holdings to ½ city block.

In 2017 Bishop-Designee Richard Patterson, Sr. organized "**The Elect of God Fellowship of Churches**". This organization is the vision of God to bring back and restore the men and women of God who are ministering all while enduring the pain of disassociation, abandonment, disillusionment and ridicule while simply trying to do what they believed God would have them do. It is an organization that will stand on the principles of **HOLINESS and HUMILITY**.

Bishop Richard E. Patterson, Sr. was duly consecrated February 25, 2017 to the office of Presiding Bishop of The Elect of God Fellowship of Churches, Inc. He mightily believes in the vision God has given and the principles necessary to sustain this organization.

Bishop Patterson has visions of building a greater work for the kingdom of God. Remodeling and renovating the present properties is just the beginning. Pray that God's will be done speedily.

To God be the glory.