

And He saith unto him, verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open...
John 1:51

M. E. Abbey

Charlie D. Tillman

- 1 Life is like a mountain rail-road, With an en-gi-neer that's brave;
2 You will roll up grades of tri-di; You will cross the bridge of strife;
3 You will oft-en find ob-structions; Look for storms of wind and rain;
4 As you roll a-cross the tres-tle, Spar-ning Jor-dan's swelling tide.



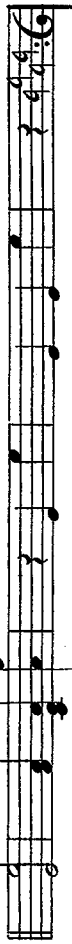
- 1 We must make the run suc-cess-ful, From the cra-dle to the grave;
2 See that Christ is your con-duc-tor On this light-ning train of life;
3 On a fill, or curve, or tres-tle, They will al-most ditch your train;
4 You be-hold the Un-ion De-pot In-to which your train will glide:



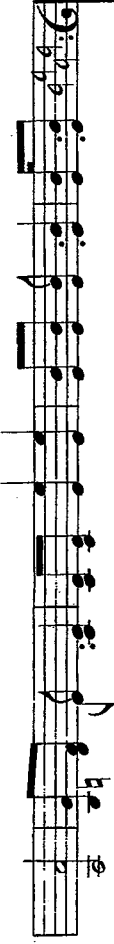
- 1 Watch the curves the fills, the tun-nels, Nev-er fal-ter, nev-er quail;
2 Al-ways mind-ful of ob-struction, Do your du-ty, nev-er fail;
3 Put your trust a-lone in Je-sus; Nev-er fal-ter, nev-er fail;
4 There you'll meet the Su-prin-tend-ent, God the Fa-ther, God the Son,



- 1 Keep your hand up-on the thro-tle, And your eye up-on the rail.
2 Keep your hand up-on the thro-tle, And your eye up-on the rail.
3 Keep your hand up-on the thro-tle, And your eye up-on the rail.
4 With the heart-y, joy-ous plau-dit, "Wear-y pil-grim, wel-come home."



Bless-ed Sav-ior, Thou wilt guide us, Till we reach that bliss-ful shore,



Where the an-gels wait to join us In Thy praise for ev-er-more.



Founder's Weekend

Commemorating the 100th
Birthday of Elder Virdeell Wallace



Sunday, January 5, 2003
3:30 p.m.
Homecoming

Rehoboth Miracle Temple (COGIC)
2830 W. Hadley Street
Milwaukee, WI
Elder R.V. Mills - Pastor

*The Church - Still The Foundation Of The Community
The Leadership And Accomplishments Of Elder Virdeil Wallace
"Ministerial Leadership"*

Elder Virdeil Wallace, founder and organizer of the Greater Rehoboth Miracle Temple, Church of God in Christ, Inc.

First organized at Madison, Wisconsin, it was a store front and was called "The Light House ", in 1936. With only two members, two years later it moved to 1018 West Galena Street in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After a few years with the membership increasing, the church moved to 1700 North 7th Street, where God continued to add on to the membership.

About 1944, after some 8 years of real struggle, God blessed in a super natural way, and made room for our membership. The church moved to 1801 North 11th Street, where the church was changed to Rehoboth Miracle Temple, Church of God in Christ, Inc. which means that god has made room. The church enjoyed a long period of Christian leadership in the community. many, many souls were saved at this time, and the preaching of Elder Virdeil Wallace became known and heard about across the communities of Milwaukee.

His wife, who stood by his side in those years of struggle, was Mother Mary Wallace. She was a wonderful person. I remember her stating "Yes, I love this church. I remember when Rev. Wallace and I slept in this church just to keep it going. I remember when we sold chicken dinners just to keep it going." She died in 1967, while attending a convocation in Memphis. Her funeral was just about an all day affair at the church. Later he married Abbye Johnson who was called from Labor to reward in 1988.

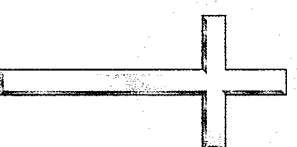
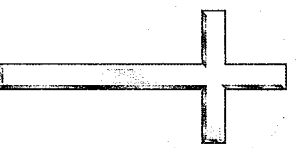
In December, 1972, the church purchased the present edifice which is located at 2830 West Hadley Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is a large church with a high steeple. The red brick church has a high cathedral ceiling and beautiful stained glass windows. It is a church and looks like a church.

Elder Wallace believed that every soul is worth saving. He was a father in the church to other ministers in Milwaukee. He was one of the oldest Black ministers serving a congregation in this area, in the Church of God in Christ and perhaps in any other faith. Many pastors have gone out from his administration and are serving in other parts of the country.

Elder Wallace had a crusade for Christ each spring or early summer of the year. The purpose being to hunt, search, locate with zeal new members for Christ. Many other churches and lay people from different denominations participate in the city wide demonstration. Many participants came into the city from out of the state.

The community was greatly affected by this ministry. People came from near and far to hear this small man with the loud and strong voice. Elder Wallace's ministry extended over the radio air ways. "The Old Time Revival Hour ". This broadcast had an effect on many people. This broadcast extended the work of the Lord to another level in the ministry. People left their local churches to share in the Sunday Night Broadcast! Rehoboth was doing what the young people call today "Jammin ". As the ministry continued to grow the church relocated to it's present address, 2830 West Hadley Street. Many ministries have been birthed out of this man's God given ministry. Bishops, Preachers, Missionaries, Evangelists, etc. As today yet God continues to bless Rehoboth Miracle Temple Church of God in Christ! God in his infinite wisdom and divine love called home his servant Elder Virdeil Wallace to rest on June 21, 1994. Elder Wallace was born January 2, 1903, in Mt Ray, Louisiana. He was a great humanitarian. From the beginning of his walk with the Lord, Elder Wallace had a great passion for people, young and old. His church was a house of refuge for many of the Saints that came from the Southland. He was a man with a mission and his mission was seeking the Lost through Pentecost at any Cost "! His ministry reached from Wisconsin to Mississippi and to other parts of the country. He reached out to the community through many means. Elder Wallace even shared his ministry with the community with outdoor services. Elder Wallace was an innovator, an entrepreneur. He was the owner of a cleaner and grocery store. He also was employed by Allis-Chalmers until he retired.

He received various awards, accolades and in particular, a presidential award from President Ronald Reagan. Much can be said about him, but one thing is for sure "He is a man that will Never be Forgotten!" We the family of Rehoboth Miracle Temple Church of God in Christ would like to extend our sincere thanks to God for blessing us with our father in the Gospel.



Order of Worship

Invocation.....

Old Testament Reading.....

New Testament Reading.....

Praise Singers.....

Welcome Address..... *Sister Rita Waford*

"I Remember When..... *Evangelist Barbara Biddle*

A~B~C~ Selections..... *Adult Reunion Choir*

Historical Moments..... *Mother Idella Blakley*

City Proclamation..... *Evangelist Sheryl Cunningham*

Ministry of Giving..... *Finance Committee*

Necrology..... *Sister Shirley Barnes-Jones*

A~B~C~ Selections..... *Young Adult Reunion Choir*

Sermonic Hym..... *Evangelist Brenda Spralls*

Guest Speaker..... *Pastor Walter Bates*
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Special Presentations..... *Elder Jeffery Rideout*

Final Remark and Thanks

Benediction..... *Pastor R. V. Mills*

