



HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATION

City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

PLEASE NOTE: A \$100 PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM
(Checks should be made payable to "City Treasurer")

1. Applicant information:

Applicant's Name TONY A. ROGERS

Organization or Company BETHLEHEM TEMPLE CHURCH

Street Address 222 EAST CENTER STREET

City/State MILWAUKEE, WI

Zip 53212

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Email LRUTHSIMPSON@YAHOO.COM

2. Honorary Street Name Request

Street name requested BISHOP WILLIAM ROGERS

Location of proposed designation: (for example, West Main Street from North 12th Street to North 15th Street)

(CENTER STREET FROM 2nd STREET to NORTH HOLTON STREET)

3. Required Submittals:

- Refer to Chapter 113-3, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances (attached)
- A *typed* statement containing no fewer than **500 words** describing the significance of the person, place, or event being honored. The statement should indicate why a particular section of street has been requested for the honorary designation.

4. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

My application consists of the following items necessary to complete the application. Please check:

- ☒ \$100 fee (check made payable to "City Treasurer").
- ☒ Completed Application Form.
- ☒ Autobiography or statement regarding the person, place, or event being honored.

Signature

Tony A. Rogers

Date

3/21/21

3. Naming of Public Buildings, Facilities and Streets. 1. **POLICY.** To preserve the city's heritage and protect the public safety and convenience, existing names of public buildings, facilities and streets may be changed only in exceptional cases and only when compelling reasons for change are evident. In the naming of new public buildings and facilities, in the assignment of honorary street names and in the exceptional cases of renamings of public buildings, facilities and streets, priority shall be given to names reflecting the city's cultural diversity and the contributions of groups underrepresented in the existing nomenclature.

2. **EXEMPTION.** The procedures and guidelines contained in this section shall not apply to the naming of new or replacement buildings or facilities when the names used are simply administrative identifiers or reflect the functions of the structures. In addition, these procedures and guidelines shall not apply to the naming of new streets.

3. **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** There is created a citizen advisory committee on the naming of public buildings, facilities and streets which shall make recommendations to the common council regarding proposals to name or rename public buildings, facilities, and streets or to assign honorary street names. The committee shall consist of 7 members who are residents of the city of Milwaukee and who hold no other public office or public employment. Committee members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the common council to serve staggered 3-year terms. The mayor shall designate the chair. Members of the committee shall include at least one recognized local historian, one representative of a local business association or chamber of commerce and one employee of a local nonprofit community organization. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

4. **PROCEDURE.** Proposals to name new public buildings and facilities, to rename existing public buildings, facilities and streets, or to assign honorary street names shall be processed in the following manner:

a. A proposal to name or rename a public building, facility, or street, or to assign an honorary street name, shall be submitted in writing to the city clerk, who shall refer the proposal to the citizen advisory committee, the appropriate standing committee of the common council and the relevant city department or agency. Each proposal shall include:

a-1. The specific building, facility or street being proposed for naming or renaming, or the specific street or street segment being proposed for honorary street naming, including a sketch showing its location. a-2. The full form of the name being proposed, as well as the form suggested for use in the naming, renaming or honorary street naming.

a-3. The origin or meaning of the proposed name.

a-4. If the proposed name refers to an individual, a brief biography of that individual. a-5. The rationale for naming or renaming the building, facility or street with the proposed name or for assigning the honorary street name, including, if applicable, an explanation of how the name or individual is or has been associated with the building, facility or street or the area in which the building, facility or street is located. a-6. Any letters from appropriate organizations and individuals which provide evidence of substantial local support for the proposal.

b. Following submission of a naming, renaming or honorary street naming proposal, and, in the case of an official street renaming, the application fee required by ch. 81, the relevant city department or agency shall evaluate the proposed name in terms of the criteria contained in this section. In the case of an official street renaming, the department or agency shall also conduct a postcard survey of residents, businesses and owners of property along the street, with all postage costs relating to the survey to be borne by the applicant. An official street renaming proposal shall not be given further consideration by the city unless the results of the postcard survey indicate that at least 50 percent of all property owners, residents and businesses along the street support the proposal. One postcard shall be sent to each owner of property along the street and to each address along the street, including each individual apartment, unit, room or suite number. No postcard survey shall be required if the renaming is initiated by the city and the renaming is necessary to eliminate a threat to public safety, such as but not limited to a situation where 2 streets have the same name and identical addresses exist or could be created. c. If the proposal was submitted in accordance with the requirements of par. a, the relevant city department or

NOMINATION
for
BISHOP
WILLIAM ROGERS

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March 4, 2021

The Honorable Mayor Tom Barrett and
The City Clerk's Office
City Hall, Room 205
200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202
Phone: (414) 286-2221

RE: Honorary Street Name Change Nomination for Bishop William Rogers

Dear Honorable Mayor Tom Barrett, The City Council Members, and all other Board Members,

On the behalf of the Bethlehem Temple Church, it gives us great pleasure to nominate the 1946 founder and first Pastor of the Bethlehem Temple Church Bishop William Rogers for an honorary street sign.

Street Sign:	Center Street from 2nd Street to North Holton Street.
The Location:	Bethlehem Temple Church, 222 East Center Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212
Why:	Bishop Rogers' exemplary leadership served the community for over 50 years.
Date of Service:	1946 - until his passing April 4, 1993.

If you, your staff or board members have questions or need additional information, contact me at (414) 595-5015 or my executive secretary Ruth Simpson at (804) 454-6721. Thank you kindly, for your continued service to our great state. Please accept our best wishes for every future success.

Best Regards,

Dr. Tony A. Rogers

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BISHOP WILLIAM ROGERS was one of the most prestigious pioneers in the Pentecostal circles. He was a frequent speaker at Bible conferences, workshops, conventions, and seminars throughout the nation. Bishop William Rogers was born April 8, 1913, and died April 4, 1993.

In 1940, he attended Aeon Bible College, 4112 Woodworth Avenue Columbus, OH 43219. After college, he returned to St. Louis, MO and was ordained and appointed as the Assistant Pastor under the leadership of Bishop P. L. Scott, Lively Stone Church of God, 4015 S. St. Louis Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63107. Following eight years of direction on the most proficient method to lead in a caring compassionate manner, he answered the call to begin the Apostolic movement in Wisconsin with the blessings of Bishop P. L. Scott.

In 1946, he became the Founder/Senior Pastor of the Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith. He served faithfully for more than forty-seven years before his death. He witnessed the congregation's growth from twenty individuals in 1946 to in excess of five hundred congregants with more than one hundred ministries.

In 1960, our Sunday Evening Service - The Voice Crying in the Wilderness - was heard live each Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. over the radio station WAWA 1560 on the AM dial. This program joins our live service at 6:00 p.m. for one hour. The audience heard the choir opening up with the theme song "Jesus is the Light of the World" with special music selections, guest singers, announcements, and an inspirational sermon from the Pastor.

In 1970, he was ordained as District Elder William Rogers, by the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (PAW) and received a Diamond Award and served on the board of District Elders. He also received a Proclamation from the Honorable Mayor Henry Maier of Milwaukee, WI. Bishop Rogers has contributed greatly to the City of Milwaukee through social, cultural, and humanitarian acts. He had undeniable compassion for the people, the community, and the world around him. As a result of his certifiable love for the inner-city and each individual that he at any point ever met, the Bethlehem Temple Church humbly requests that Bishop William Rogers be honored for his devotion and sacrifice.

In 1979, he was ordained Bishop William Rogers and he put into action outreach programs that continue today through Bethlehem Temple Church. He was one of the best donors and supporters of our time. As an ally of multicultural individuals, he encouraged unity, fostered harmony, promoted peace, and strengthened leadership within the community, other churches, and inside the school district of 53212. He was a phenomenal visionary pioneer, sharing the inspiring, uplifting good news of Jesus Christ and showing love for our community, teaching life-long mastery and self-help improvements.

In 1984, Bishop Rogers received his Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Redeemed Bible Institute in Baltimore, MD. He gathered persons from various theological backgrounds to continue conversations about the future of the inner city, seeking to restore hope and transform lives through the proclamation and application of God's Word. Joblessness and unemployment rates were high during his time here on earth, more families were struggling to make ends meet, with a heart full of compassion, Bishop Rogers made an astounding opportunity to bless families and their children in the neighborhood.

Before it became mainstream, Bishop Rogers was a trailblazer by providing The Back To School Give-Away. The church has given away millions of backpacks full of school supplies to students for the upcoming school year, year after year. In 1993, the year of his passing, it was the church's forty-seventh year of holding such a charity for the community, and it continues.

As an active member of a number of community organizations focused on ending domestic violence, encouraging community development, and promoting homeownership, Bishop Rogers has made a difference in low income, high crime rates, underprivileged, oppressed, chronic disruptors, school dropouts, gang members, drug addicts, unmarried teens, the disadvantaged, the homeless, the destitute, and others. He was helping each of them as the situation necessitated.

His love for God and the Church was never more evident than in his leadership of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act 94-142, when Bishop Rogers paid special tutors to help children with disabilities. He also facilitated the payment of college debt to students who were members and non-members. He has given scholarships and sponsorships to help those in the community pay for college and seminary.

With the young children in mind, Bishop Rogers expanded the congregations' operation of the FREE Summer Food Service Program to a year-round program, serving all students regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, membership, or affiliation.

While leading worship, visiting the sick, leading meetings with other religious leaders, participating in government and humanitarian causes to bring completeness to the beautiful people of Milwaukee, WI, we saw firsthand his remarkable leadership skills as he led the community through illness and struggle for a life of hope in God. For more than 50 years he served his community well without a road map.

God's comprehensive rule over every area of his life is demonstrated by the individual, the family, the church, and society. He leaves behind a great legacy. Many Apostolic Churches come together every year to support this great man of God. This year is the 75th anniversary of Founders' Day.

On Sunday, May 2, 2021, the churches around the city of Milwaukee will come again and celebrate Bishop William Rogers and his legacy. The majority of the Apostolic Churches in the city of Milwaukee has blossomed from this founding ministry and carry within their teachings the same message of multicultural outreach ministry.

Bishop William Rogers was lovingly married to Anna Ruth Kerr Rogers. She died in 1973 and left behind ten adult children, the youngest, eighteen years old. As he guided their young adult life alone, with the grace of God some of his children became ministers of the gospel, others were teachers, activists, professional musicians, cable t.v. producers, professional technicians, and filmmakers.

The intentional inclusion of all races by Bishop Rogers did not go without notice. He lived his life in multicultural settings. Both his immediate and extended family members include people of all races, African Americans, Asian Americans, Caucasians, Mexicans, Indigenous, British West Indies, Panamanians, Puerto Ricans, Portuguese, Trinidadians.

The loss of this remarkable man is always going to be present. We are always going to have his passion to guide us and keep us as strong as he was. Words will never describe how much he meant to us, and how he touched the lives of everyone he met, especially his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. So many of them went on to higher education. His grandchildren are ministers of the Gospel, first responders, nurses, Navy veterans, and veterans of the United States Army Airborne Chaplaincy. His great-grandchildren are pastors of worship, teachers, first responders, nurses, and are currently serving in the armed forces.

True Leaders have a legacy in mind and are stewards of the future. Education was important to this great man of God, and he left a great legacy to his church, to his community, and to the great city of Milwaukee. When our work is done, our legacy depends on how well we have empowered and mentored others to stand in the gap and keep the vision of hope and prosperity alive.

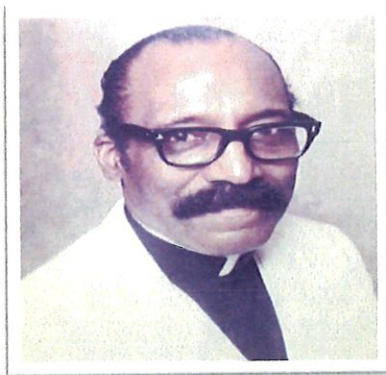
Not only is the community left with an incredible legacy of Bishop Rogers, but his family tree is also left with the legacy of loving people with excellence through education. Bishop Rogers' adult children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Preparing your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to enjoy success on their own merits, on their own terms, is what it is all about. This is a heritage worth leaving.

We thank God for Bishop Rogers, the pastor of the first African American Apostolic Church in the city of Milwaukee to advance and promote a multicultural outreach ministry. The Bethlehem Temple Church, 222 East Center Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212 still thrives today.

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration.

God Bless.

Meet the Founder.....



The late Bishop William Rogers was born in Forest City, Arkansas on April 8, 1913, to James and Elizabeth Rogers. At an early age he moved to Saint Louis, Missouri where he received his education. Under the late Bishop Carl E Smith, he attended Aenon Bible School in Columbus Ohio. He was baptized in Jesus name and received the Holy Ghost on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1933. He served as the first assistant pastor of the Lively Stone Church of God of the apostolic faith in Saint Louis, Missouri under the leadership of the late pastor and founder, Bishop Philip Lee Scott. He was later elevated and became a pastor in Northville, Kentucky and Duluth Minnesota.

In October 1946 he moved to his family to Milwaukee Wisconsin and founded the Bethlehem Temple Church, Incorporated. The first place of worship was a storefront located at 2117 W. Cherry Street. When the congregation became too large for that building, the Lord led him to the second location at 1736 N. Third Street. In 1951, Bishop William Rogers and his congregation moved to their third and present location at 222 E. Center Street. In 1963, the Bethlehem church was faced with a fire resulting in damages totaling more than 160,000.00 with no insurance. Bishop Rogers and the congregation repaired the church themselves. While the church was being repaired, he held services in his home.

For more than 25 years, he touched millions of lives through his radio broadcast. He was a hard worker, in his youth he worked as a laborer and foreman at Chevrolet motors. He was a licensed engineer, a porter on the railroad and a welder at A.O. Smith manufacturing company. Some of his accomplishments included owning and operating a service station, a foster home; a boy's home, a day care center, a rehabilitation center for the homeless, an outreach center and a home for the disabled. He had a food distribution program and a summer reading program for the community.

Under the 44 years of leadership, Bishop William Rogers and the Bethlehem Temple church membership purchased several homes on the same block of the church. His dream was to build a new church in the future. He passed away on April 4, 1993, four days before his 80th birthday and one week before his spiritual birthday.



1948

Tribute to District Elder William Rogers 30th Anniversary

Bethlehem Temple Church was organized by Dist. Elder Wm. Rogers in the year 1948. Before moving to Milwaukee, he was serving as assistant pastor to Bishop P.L. Scott of Living Stone Church of God in St. Louis, Missouri.

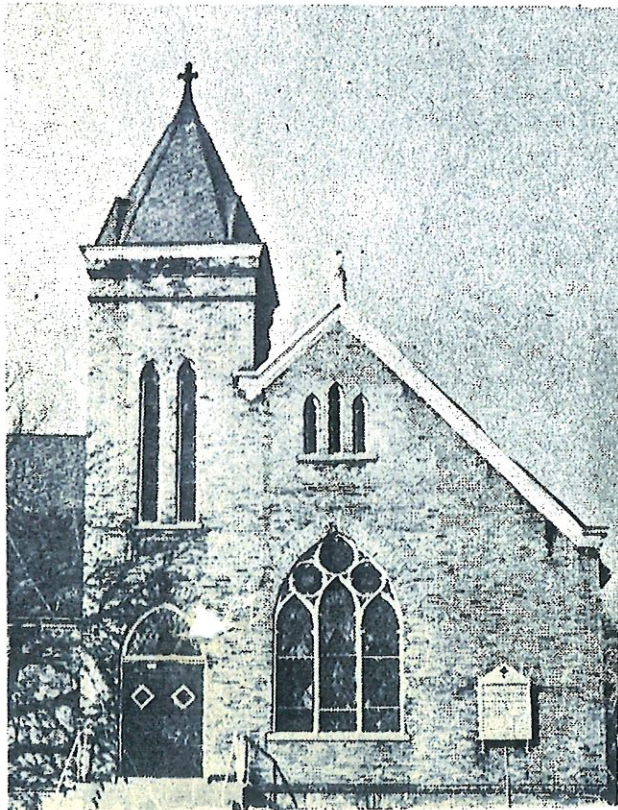
Bethlehem Temple Church express their greatest appreciation and gratitude for your thirty years of rendering your service naturally and spiritually as our Shepherd. These thirty years of ministering has not been in vain, many minister and evangelists got their teaching under your great leadership. Many souls have been saved, baptized in Jesus name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Many have received spiritually and natural guidance through the great exhortation as Chastisement.

We are praying that you continue this great Ministry thru Christ Jesus, because great is the reward for those that endure to the end.

The Lord has blessed you to go through the storm and rain of life to enjoy the Sunshine.

Dist. Elder Rogers has traveled to many foreign countries. During his visit to Israel, he was given an opportunity to preach on the Mount of Olives. He just returned from South America evangelizing in the Caribbean Island, Puerto Rico, San Juan, St. Kils, and the Bahamas. May the Lord Bless and Keep you Ministering his Holy Word in Jesus name. We love you, and God Loves you too.

Bethlehem Temple Church
Congregation



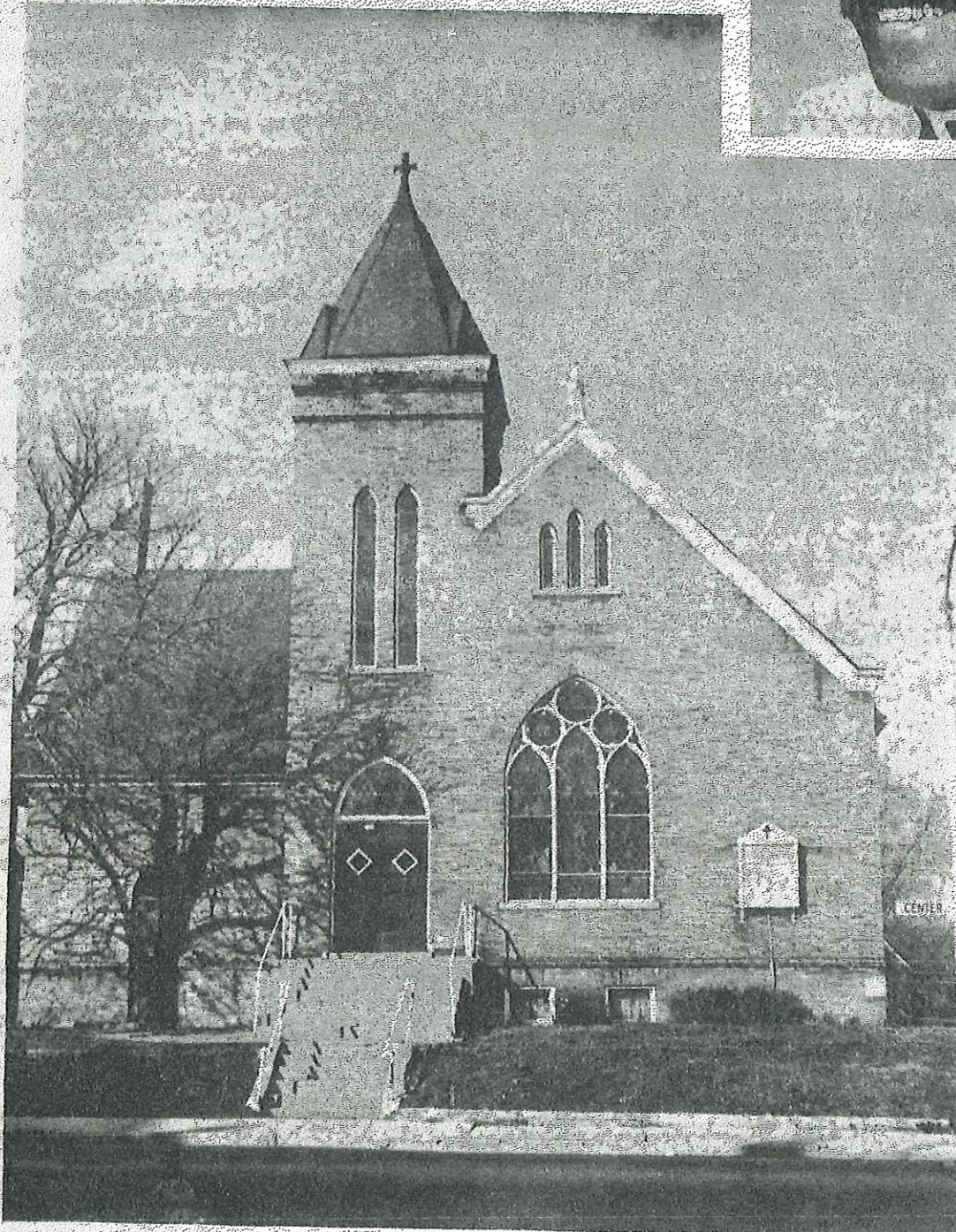
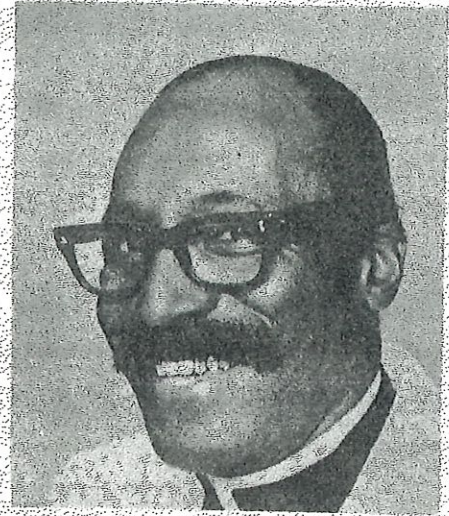
28th PASTOR and CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
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AND THE

APOSTOLIC FAITH

District Elder, Wm. Rogers





Bethlehem Temple Church

THE LIFE OF A PASTOR



The pulpit on Sunday morning is filled with joy and radiance emanating from our pastor delivering his weekly message. To preach the word in season and out, expounding the Pastor's constant PRAYER and thanksgiving.

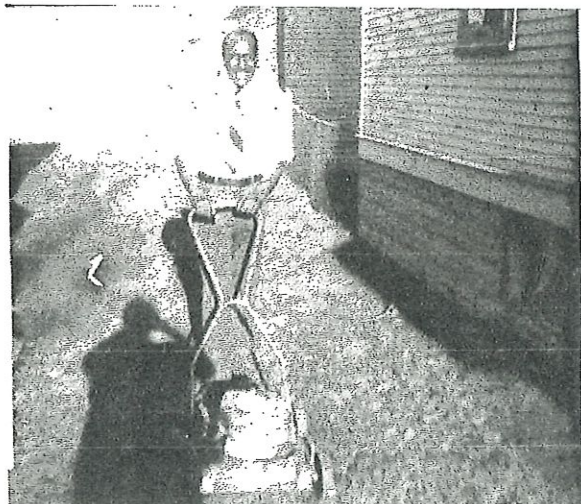


"Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the kingdom of heaven." Jesus said it and our pastor puts it into action. A father of eleven children himself; despite his children having all grown up; the pastor still takes time out to talk with the little ones at the church.



Being in the pulpit on Sunday morning is just part of the work of the ministry of a pastor. He must also, study to shew himself approved. To aid in this facet of the ministry Elder Rogers, in March boarded a DC-7 Boering Jet to the Holy Land. Many biblical places were visited; thus, giving him a vicarious experience of the time and ministry of Christ. **THANKS TO THE MANY WHO HELPED MAKE THIS DREAM A REALITY.**

Note: Carved Jewish star in the picture, a living symbol of God's chosen people.



RELAXED AT HOME?? HARDLY! A pastor is also the keeper of his own home in addition to God's house. A husband, father, shepherd, counselor, janitor, painter, laborer, taximan, psychiatrist, servant, usher, doctor, lawyer, trustee, deacon, teacher, evangelist, prayer, lecturer, soldier, electrician, plumber, and accountant: these are but a few of the pastor's jobs... **AND YOU WANT THE JOB???**

BUS MINISTRY

Driver Evang. T. Rogers

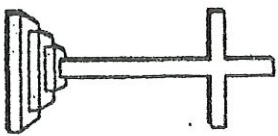


During one of the Monday night Junior Missionary meetings as the President Evang. Tonya Rogers taught courses on soul winning, personal evangelism and door to door salesmanship that is needed. The burden of a bus ministry fell on the heart of Sis. Terri Bialas, one of the Jr. Missionaries. After Sis. Bialas, Evang. Rogers and others attended a bus ministry campaigning meeting the idea became more real in their minds. This idea was brought to our Pastor and he then made this dream a reality. Sis. Bialas had the burden and Sis. Shirley Rogers and Evang. Tonya Rogers did the work. The Lord has blessed us and our Pastor is now in the process of purchasing another bus. All those that are in need of a ride to our Sunday Services or Tuesday morning prayer gives us a call. The bus is here to serve you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



Left to right: Row 1: Bro. N. Bell, Deacon J. Webb, Minister S. Williams, Deacon S. Rogers. Row 2: Evang. T. Rogers, Sis. R. Mann, Sis. S. Davis, Sis. D. Parks, Sis. P. Davis, Sis. R. Rogers, Sis. M. Schad.
Superintendant Adult Dept. - Deacon J. Webb. Junior Dept. - Sis. D. Parks



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