

Highlights of Our Church History

*"Mine house shall be called 'House of Prayer for all people.'
Isaiah 56:7b*



For 36 years, the Lord has bestowed upon our founder, Pastor Leroy Jones, and our church, House of Prayer COGIC, His grace and mercy. *"To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen."* (Romans 16:27) Zechariah 4:6 reminds us that our vision was not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord. We cannot tell it all, but, we'd like to share with you a brief history of what the Lord has done. It is marvelous in our eyes!

1982 Our humble beginning was in a rented building in Edgar Park Shopping Center. There were six members, three of which Pastor Jones and family.

1983 We purchased the property at 4807 Titanic Avenue. Our small congregation had a Nehemiah spirit of determination. We renovated the "Little Adobe House" for worship.

1984 On June 6, the Late Bishop Felton King officiated HOP's Organizational Services and its vision began to unfold. The foundation for our first sanctuary was poured.

1985 We were blessed to hold our 3rd Church Anniversary and Dedication services in the first sanctuary that concluded with a Mortgage Burning Service.

1991-1992 The Layne-Henderson fellowship hall was built, classrooms were added and the little adobe house was demolished.

1994 Pastor Jones heeded the call to “Arise and Build!” Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the second sanctuary at 4807 Titanic Avenue.

1996-1998 Dedication Services were held in January and conducted by the late Bishop Felton King. HOP was the recipient of many blessings as God touched the hearts of acquaintances and friends of Pastor Leroy Jones in the areas of construction and architecture. Two years later, the mortgage for the second sanctuary was paid in full!

2004 HOP recognized the need to expand its ministry and purchased three acres of property here at 5940 Sean Haggerty Drive.

2006 The foundation was laid; the roof withstood inclement weather, and Dedication Services were held for our present edifice.

2009 By the grace of God and the faithfulness of our members, we were blessed to pay off this property and once again we are debt-free!

2010-11 Pastor Leroy Jones was promoted to the position of Administrative Assistant to Arizona Jurisdictional Prelate and named Chairman of the Administrative Assistants by Bishop Harvey T. Young.

2015 HOP began its Van Ministry. This has allowed our senior members and neighborhood children to attend services on a regular basis.

2018 Pastor Leroy Jones answered the call to expand our physical territory. Today, the newest addition to our edifice is the *Deven Rhett Annex*. It houses three new classrooms and two administrative offices.

We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!

