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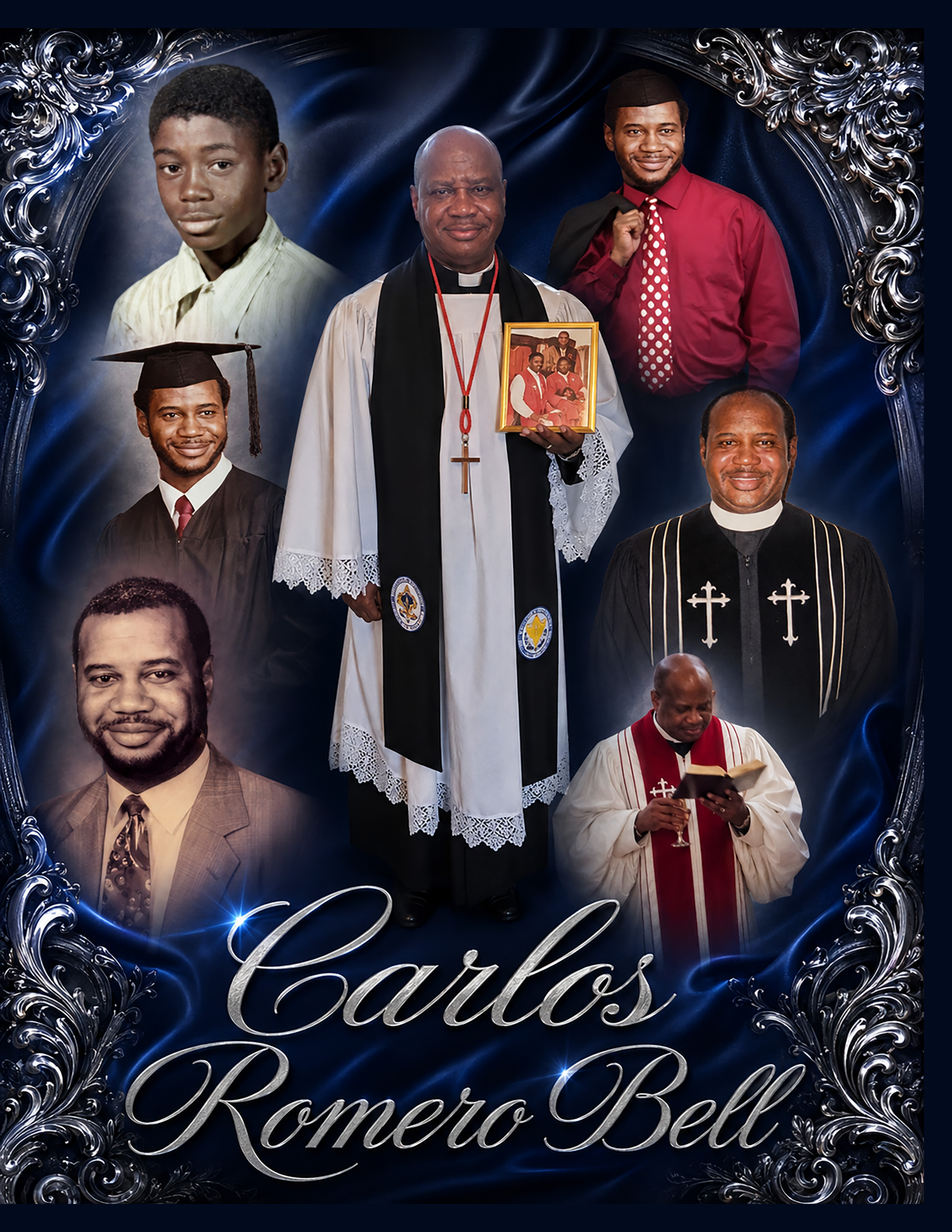
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*Carlos
Romero Bell*

THE LIFE, MINISTRY, AND ENDURING LEGACY OF *Chaplain Carlos Romero Bell*

*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."
—Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Chaplain Carlos Romero Bell entered this earthly life on September 11, 1958, in Jacksonville, North Carolina. He was born to the union of the late Reverend John Clarence Bell, Sr. and Mother Vivian Parker Bell. From the very beginning, the hand of God rested upon his life, and the foundation of faith, service, and ministry was firmly established within him.

Carlos was reared in the Church of God in Christ, where he learned to love the Lord, honor the church, and reverence the sacred call of ministry. He worshiped under the pastoral leadership of his father, Reverend John Clarence Bell, Sr., who also served as a pastor for a period of time. Carlos later became a longtime and faithful member of Globeville Church of God in Christ in Denver, Colorado, under the leadership of the late Pastor Eugene Graham.

As the eldest of eight siblings, Carlos naturally possessed the heart of a leader, a protector, and an example. Even as a young child, he knew that his life would be devoted to the work of the Lord. Like many children raised in the Church of God in Christ, the Bell children would joyfully reenact church services in their home. They would sing, testify, pray, and conduct mock worship services. Without hesitation, Carlos would assume the role of pastor, stand before his siblings, and preach the sermon. What began as childhood imitation would later be revealed as divine preparation for a lifetime of preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and spiritual leadership.

The Bell family eventually relocated to Denver, Colorado, where Carlos and his siblings were raised and received their education. While attending high school, Carlos developed a great love for basketball. His natural skill and dedication to the sport earned him several trophies and honors. His athletic abilities reflected the same discipline, determination, and excellence that would later characterize his ministry and professional career.

After graduating from high school, Carlos stepped out in faith and moved away from home to Houston, Texas, where he attended college and pursued studies in theology. His desire was not merely to preach, but to prepare himself

academically and spiritually to rightly divide the Word of Truth and serve God's people with wisdom and excellence.

While attending school, Carlos found a church home at Gethsemane Church of God in Christ, where the late Dr. A.J. Hines served as pastor. Dr. Hines became a great mentor, spiritual father, and guiding influence in Carlos' life. It was through Dr. Hines that Carlos was introduced to chaplaincy as a career and ministry calling. This introduction would ultimately open the door to a distinguished lifetime of service to individuals, families, clergy, healthcare professionals, military personnel, and institutions throughout the nation.

Carlos was licensed to preach the Gospel by then-Superintendent Prince E.W. Bryant, who now serves as a General Board Member of the Church of God in Christ. This sacred recognition affirmed the call that had been evident upon Carlos' life since childhood and marked the beginning of an extraordinary journey of ministry.

With a deep commitment to theological education, Carlos enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. There, he distinguished himself as a devoted scholar and servant leader. He earned two advanced degrees: a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Religious Education. During his time at the seminary, he also served as a graduate assistant, further demonstrating his commitment to academic excellence, Christian education, and the development of others.

Years later, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary honored him with the Distinguished Black Seminary Alumnus Award in recognition of his notable achievements and extraordinary accomplishments in the field of chaplaincy. This honor reflected the far-reaching impact of his service and the respect he earned throughout the theological and professional communities.

The Lord continued to surround Carlos with seasoned spiritual leaders who helped shape and groom him for greater ministry. His spiritual mentorship and ministerial development continued under several legendary Texas

church leaders, including the late Bishop R.E. Ranger and Bishop Frank W. Smith. Through their wisdom, guidance, and example, Carlos was further prepared for the weighty responsibilities that would one day rest upon his shoulders.

Carlos later relocated to Dallas, Texas, where he began serving as a chaplain at the Veterans Affairs Hospital. In this sacred role, he ministered to veterans, families, and healthcare professionals during moments of illness, uncertainty, grief, recovery, and transition. His presence brought comfort, his words brought hope, and his prayers reminded many that God was still near.

He later joined what is now known as Baylor Scott & White Health, Office of Mission and Ministry. Through years of faithful service, professional excellence, and compassionate leadership, his career advanced, and he ultimately served as Director of Pastoral Care and Education for the hospital system. In this position, he trained, mentored, supervised, and inspired countless chaplains and ministry professionals while helping to strengthen the spiritual care provided throughout the healthcare system.

Carlos became a member of Wheatley Church of God in Christ and later united with Saintsville Sanctuary Church of God in Christ. There, he continued to grow in ministry and was ordained by his spiritual father, the late Bishop J. Neaul Haynes. He also faithfully served as a jurisdictional adjutant, demonstrating humility, discipline, order, and a willingness to serve wherever he was needed.

Elder Bell later answered the pastoral call and served as pastor of Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. Through preaching, teaching, prayer, pastoral care, and faithful leadership, he ministered to the spiritual needs of the congregation and helped guide God's people in righteousness.

His ministry continued to expand as he was appointed District Superintendent of the S.D. Lee Memorial District. He also served as Personal Secretary to the Chairman of the Board of Bishops Judiciary Committee within the Texas East Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the leadership of its late prelate, Bishop J. Edward Lee. In each role, Elder Bell served with dignity, wisdom, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to the work of the Lord and the Church of God in Christ.

In 1988, Carlos was officially endorsed as a Church of God in Christ chaplain to the national church. This endorsement represented both a great honor and a sacred responsibility.

It affirmed his preparation, character, theological training, and ability to represent the Church of God in Christ in military, institutional, clinical, and professional settings.

A few years later, Chaplain Bell became a member of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education, commonly known as ACPE. Through faithful service, professional excellence, and visionary leadership, he continued to advance within the organization. He ultimately made history by becoming the first Pentecostal to serve as the 26th President of ACPE, the world's largest clinical theological training organization recognized by the United States Department of Education.

His presidency was more than a professional achievement; it was a groundbreaking moment for Pentecostal ministers, chaplains, educators, and leaders across the world. Through this historic accomplishment, Chaplain Bell demonstrated that one could remain deeply rooted in the Pentecostal faith while achieving the highest levels of academic, clinical, and professional leadership.

In 2009, God graciously brought Samantha into his life. She became the love of his life, his companion, his confidante, and his devoted partner in ministry and life. Carlos and Samantha were united in holy matrimony on January 1, 2011.

Together, they shared a beautiful life filled with love, laughter, ministry, fellowship, and travel. They attended church conventions, convocations, services, and ministry gatherings together. They also enjoyed annual vacation cruises that carried them to various continents and countries. Their travels created treasured memories and allowed them to experience the beauty of God's creation throughout the world.

In 2017, the late Bishop Delano Ellis recognized the extraordinary gifting, preparation, and leadership within Chaplain Bell and recommended him to the General Board as his successor. In 2018, by appointment of Presiding Bishop Emeritus Charles E. Blake, Sr., Chaplain Bell became the sixth in succession to serve as Ecclesiastical Commissioner and Endorser of the Military and Institutional Chaplaincy Department of the Church of God in Christ.

In this distinguished national role, he carried the responsibility of representing, supporting, guiding, and endorsing chaplains serving in military and institutional settings. He also made history as the first Certified Pastoral Education Supervisor in the Church of God in Christ. His

appointment reflected the confidence that national church leadership placed in his wisdom, character, experience, and spiritual discernment.

Following the passing of his beloved spiritual father, the late Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, Carlos honored his life, ministry, and legacy by founding the J. Neaul Haynes Memorial Church of God in Christ in 2017. He faithfully served as the church's pastor, continuing the work of preaching the Gospel, developing leaders, caring for families, and building the Kingdom of God.

Pastor Bell later joined the Texas Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the leadership of the late Bishop R.L. Williams. There, he served on the Executive Board and was appointed Superintendent of the newly formed J. Neaul Haynes Memorial District. His appointment allowed him to provide leadership, instruction, pastoral support, and spiritual oversight to pastors, congregations, and ministry leaders throughout the district.

Following the transition of Bishop R.L. Williams, Interim Prelate Bishop Prince E.W. Bryant appointed Superintendent Bell to serve as Administrative Assistant. Under the new leadership of the current prelate, Bishop Joseph Jackson of the Texas Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Superintendent Bell was reinstated as Administrative Assistant and appointed Dean of Ordination and Education.

As Dean of Ordination and Education, he poured from the deep well of wisdom, experience, training, and spiritual knowledge that God had cultivated within him throughout his lifetime. He helped prepare ministers for ordination, encouraged excellence in ministry, and emphasized the importance of biblical knowledge, spiritual maturity, accountability, integrity, and faithful service.

Chaplain Carlos R. Bell truly walked worthy of the vocation wherewith he was called. He faithfully operated in his gifts and calling as a minister of the Gospel, chaplain, pastor, preacher, teacher, theologian, educator, mentor, administrator, supervisor, superintendent, and national leader.

He was a man of great faith, profound wisdom, uncommon compassion, and distinguished service. He possessed the ability to minister in the pulpit, the hospital room, the classroom, the boardroom, the convention, the jurisdiction, and the national church with equal effectiveness and grace.

Chaplain Bell was not only a pastor—he was a pastor's pastor. He understood the burdens carried by spiritual leaders and knew how to encourage, counsel, strengthen, and restore those who continually poured into others. He gave guidance without condemnation, correction with compassion, and leadership with humility. His life touched countless individuals, and his influence will continue through every chaplain he trained, every minister he mentored, every patient he comforted, every family he encouraged, every pastor he strengthened, and every congregation he served.

On Tuesday, May 26, 2026, after faithfully completing the work assigned to his hands, Chaplain Carlos Romero Bell heard the voice of the Master calling him from earthly labor to eternal reward. He laid down the burdens of this life, closed his eyes on this side, and awakened in the presence of the Lord.

Though his earthly voice has been silenced, the message of his life will continue to preach. Though his earthly work has ended, the seeds he planted will continue to produce a harvest. Though he is absent from the body, we are comforted in knowing that he is present with the Lord.

Chaplain Bell was preceded in death by his beloved father, Reverend John Clarence Bell, Sr.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories and carry forward his remarkable legacy: his loving and devoted wife, Samantha; two beloved daughters, Ja'iona and Ty'anna; his loving mother, Vivian Annette Bell; his siblings, Denise, Keith, Deidree, Etta, John Jr. and his wife, Helen, Armond, and Olivia; his niece, Keisha; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, friends, colleagues, fellow chaplains, clergy members, ministry associates, and members of his church family.

*His life was a sermon.
His service was a ministry.
His leadership was a legacy.
His faith was unwavering.
His labor was not in vain.*

*"Well done, thou good and faithful servant...
enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."
—Matthew 25:21*

A Tribute FROM HIS WIFE



My beloved Carlos,

Thank you for loving me with strength, grace, and unwavering faith. Every moment we shared became a treasured memory because of your love. You were my companion, my encourager, and my dearest friend. Though my heart misses you deeply, I thank God for the life we built and the love we shared. I will forever cherish your smile, your wisdom, your gentle spirit, and the joy we found in one another. Until we meet again, you will always live in my heart.

*Love always,
Samantha*



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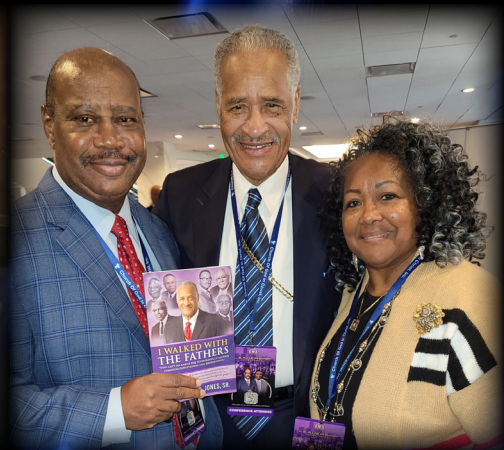
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Carlos Bell
Director of Pastoral Care and Education



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With heartfelt gratitude, The Bell Family

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