



Perfecting Faith Church

Donnie McClurkin, Pastor

The Ecclesiastical History of the Perfecting Faith Church Inc.

Our Church's history is vital to the understanding of God's work at hand. Much is to be gleaned from the landmark events between the time we began and the present. The most important aspect of a visionary's life is to remain in alignment with the Word of God and to never lose sight of the vision, despite the distractions of life. Pastor Donald A. McClurkin Jr., is an example of this truth. Christ came to him and asked him: "Can I live inside of you?" At the age of nine, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Personal Savior. In a vision, Pastor McClurkin, Jr., saw the world. Little did he know a seed was planted. Through much cultivation this seed grew. God gave him the world as a platform; and as an opportunity to share his gift, his talent, his testimony and primarily, the Word of God.

The Archives and History Ministry collected and will continue to preserve the historical artifacts about the Perfecting Faith Church Incorporated; in order to educate the congregation, community, and constituencies at large about the legacy of faith, Christian witness, and significance of our Church.

In the beginning, Pastor McClurkin, Jr., did not want to start the ministry. However, Pastor Marvin L. Winans insisted that Pastor McClurkin be obedient stating:

"You [McClurkin] will not be a Jonah on this ship." Pastor McClurkin obeyed; (initially to be able to say he tried but it did not work out); but lo and behold, God sent souls from everywhere!

It all started in Queens, New York at a local hotel, on the night of November 3, 1999. Eleven (11) people committed themselves to follow Elder McClurkin, Jr., as he followed Christ. Through the leading of the Holy Spirit, our Ministry was born. The attendees at this first Ministry Vision Meeting were:

1. Bro. Lonnie Bonay
2. Minister Pepper Bonay-Martin
3. Bro. Marshall Carpenter
4. Sis. Sheila Carpenter
5. Sis. Regina Ferree
6. Sis. Debbie Jackson-Woodside
7. Sis. Marlene Mason
8. Elder Donald A. McClurkin Jr.
9. Bro. Donald West
10. Sis. Rebecca West
11. Sis. Frances Woodside and
12. Elder Tyrone Woodside

At this meeting, Elder McClurkin, Jr., shared his heart and his vision, ministering to those in attendance. He asked them to be in prayer for the Vision of the Ministry, as well as the roles that each would consider taking on, as God would lead. It was there that the Donnie McClurkin Ministries Fellowship (DDM) was established.

The group continued to meet recurrently to lay the foundation of the Ministry. Elder McClurkin, Jr., conferred five (5)

fundamental components that would shepherd moving forward.

1. The thrust of the Ministry would be to take the burden off the people.
2. Excellence is necessary.
3. Every area must be birthed by Vision in God.
4. There would be no prepackaged ministry accepted.
5. There would be no perpetual debt for the Ministry.

Sis. Sheila Carpenter served as the first Administrator of the DMM Fellowship. The vision was now in full motion. On December 5, 1999 at 6:00 P.M., the *first* official Service for the Donnie McClurkin Ministries Fellowship was held at the Best Western Hotel in Hempstead, New York. Over 400 people were in attendance!

These services would continue once a month until God showed us the building that was to be our place of Worship.

Our first business meeting was held on December 27, 1999. In this meeting, the Fellowship gave a full account of their stewardship, including an itemized financial overview. This practice continues annually.

In the year 2000, the Lord opened a major door for the DMM Fellowship. Many years ago, Elder McClurkin, Jr., served as one of the Ministers of Music at the Mount Sinai Baptist Church, in Roosevelt, New York. Out of this relationship, God led Pastor A.L. Mackey, Jr. to open those very same doors, to host our regular Bible Study Services, every other Monday evening.

The large crowds would come without any advertisement, simply by word of mouth. The manifest presence of God would saturate the Bible Study Services. Sometimes the Bible Studies turned into all night Prayer Services!

This was the beginning of something so powerful, that God brought souls from around the world to hear The Word of God and accept salvation! God was blessing; the Ministry was growing; and souls were accepting Jesus Christ as their Personal Savior!

In May of 2001, Elder McClurkin, Jr., along with a delegation from the DMM Fellowship and other supporters, traveled to Detroit, Michigan to attend the Perfecting Church Holy Convocation, where Pastor Marvin L. Winans is the Senior Pastor. Pastor Winans gave full recognition to the DMM Fellowship in that Session. He prayed for Elder McClurkin, Jr., to proceed in Ministry by the leading of the Lord.

In June of 2001, God gave Elder McClurkin, Jr., the name: Perfecting Faith Church... a non-denominational International Pentecostal Ministry, where "Ministry Means People!"

The Perfecting Faith Church Foundational Scripture is found in Ephesians.

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:" Ephesians 4:13 (KJV)

The mantra where "Ministry Means People!" originated from Pastor Marvin Winans; who always taught this principle to his congregants from the beginning of *his* ministry.

After returning from Detroit, Sis. Frances Woodside was appointed by Elder McClurkin, Jr., to begin serving as the Church Administrator.

Prayer was always the first order, in all things, as business was being conducted. God's order was unfolding daily. The foundation for Perfecting Faith Church was laid for subsequent development. The Church was Incorporated.

The next order, was to believe God for a Place of Worship. All stayed prayerful for the open door. Sis. Carol Carter informed Elder McClurkin, Jr., of a vacant building for sale located at 311 North Main Street in Freeport, New York. An appointment was made with the owner, Mr. Max Barnett, to tour the building site. While touring the facility, (an old Supermarket), Elder McClurkin, Jr., shared his heart with the building owner; and he (Mr. Barnett) fell in love with what he heard. The favor of God manifested.

Negotiations proceeded and we moved forward with a lease purchase agreement. Although we were a young Church and banks did not give loans to newly formed Church Corporations back then; after the negotiations, Mr. Max Barnett said to his son Steven Barnett, "Give Frances the keys to the building." His son then asked: "What about the down payment?" Mr. Max simply said, "I don't want to hold up Pastor's plans. They need a place to have Service." They can go in and come up with the down payment as they get it." We did just that.

Pastor Marvin L. Winans flew into New York to view the building. He also brought with him from The Perfecting Church our *very first* seed offering. Bishop Charles E. Blake (currently, the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ) also added a substantial seed offering. These offerings went towards the down payment of our present building.

Wherever Elder McClurkin , Jr., traveled, he would tell people of the work that God had ordained in Freeport, New York. The people gave liberally and we met the goal for the down payment.

Perfecting Faith Church purchased our present Place of Worship at 311 North Main Street for \$1.2 million dollars. In exactly six (6) years, the mortgage was completely paid ! At our mortgage burning service on *Sunday , October 14, 2007* , Pastor McClurkin , Jr. emphasized the favor of God, the faithfulness of the congregation , and the generosity of ministry supporters, as being the reason for Perfecting Faith Church's successes to date. He said , "Not a ticket or a fish fry or chicken dinner was sold to pay for the purchase of our building." Every dollar of the money was brought in through tithes and offerings; and God fulfilled His promise by pouring out a blessing upon us that our souls were not able to contain.

Our first Holy Convocation was held in October 2001 , in our new building. We also utilized The Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral of New York, in Jamaica, Queens for a portion of the assembly. Drs. Floyd and Elaine Flake were our Pastors.

It was at this Holy Convocation that Pastor Marvin L. Winans consecrated

Elder Donnie McClurkin , Jr., to the official office of Pastor of the Perfecting Faith Church , Incorporated of Freeport , New York.

Mr. Max Barnett , the mortgage owner, was in attendance at one of the Services. He was touched by the message and remarked to Pastor McClurkin , Jr., "I have never heard David talked about the way you did; it was amazing..." Mr. Max Barnett has since passed away; however his family honored the agreement until the mortgage was satisfied.

In January 2002, Elder Louis Mellini and Andrea McClurkin Mellini, by the leading of the Lord, relocated from California , to join the Ministry of Perfecting Faith Church . In May of 2002 , Elder Louis Mellini became the Administrator of the Perfecting Faith Church, Inc.

The Founding Board of Directors for the Perfecting Faith Church, Inc. was:

1. Pastor Donald A. McClurkin , Jr.
2. Sis. Audrey Dyer
3. Bro. Leonard Dyer
4. Bro. Jerry Greene
5. Sis. Agnes Greene
6. Sis. Frances Mackey Woodside
7. Elder Louis Mellini
8. Bro. Donald West
9. Sis. Rebecca West
10. Elder Tyrone Woodside

As the ministry grew, so did the responsibility of being accountable to the membership .

Under the watchful eye of Pastor McClurkin , Jr. , PFC Life was officially established . All Department Heads were appointed. The theme "working members only" also came into fruition.

These are the twenty-four (24) Departments and Ministries for Member Involvement and Opportunities :

[Arts](#)

[Catering](#)

[Children's Church](#)

Dorcas/Pastor's Aide

Education

Evangelism

Finance Fine

Follow-up

Hospitality

Maintenance

Media

Medical

Members Auxiliary Committee (MAC)

Men's Department

Ministerial Alliance

Missions

Mother's Board

Music

Perfecting Care

Physical Education

Public Relations

Security

Transportation

Usher

Women's Department and the

Youth Department

Evangelism was always the heart of Perfecting Faith Church's Ministry and it continues to be. Throughout our ten (10) years, we have embarked upon ways to enhance and encourage our Members and the Community at large. We use all forms of media made available to touch generations with the love of God. "Especially for You," PFC is available to serve Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M .

As "Working Members Only," we are workers together with the Lord in this ministry. Our ministry's outreach spans over numerous missions and programs; leading, evangelizing and proclaiming that Jesus is Lord! Here at Perfecting Faith Church, we are committed to providing a supportive and nurturing environment, that will foster growth in one's personal walk with God.

Since our early stages ten (10) years ago, here are just a few of the ways in which we strive to meet the needs of the people:

Academy to Perfection General Bible/ GED Classes / Tutoring / Purity with a Purpose / Young Men in Demand / Spanish Classes / Finance Classes and Parenting Classes

Church Without Walls Outdoor Worship Services : Taking the Gospel into the streets with Community Health Fairs -

Free screenings; and Kiddy Court

The Kingdom Walk Teams of Disciples walking through the community in prayer , every Sunday morning , rain or shine

The Manna Project Holiday Feedings, which provide the inopportune, the homeless, shelter and transitional housing residents with a wholesome dining experience , served with love. This provides clothes, gifts , and toys for children

The New York Call A coalition of Pastors and Churches throughout the tri-state area, evangelizing the world in an outdoor Christian crusade, was held at the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre in Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, New York now currently held at Jones Beach Nikon Theater in Wantagh, New York

Nursing Home and Prison Visitation The Evangelism Department ministers to the elderly and prison population , fulfilling the Great Commission

Perfecting Care Provides clothing, food pantry canned goods and non-perishable food items to help people in need

Perfecting Faith Bible Institute Educating and equipping God's people for service

Perfecting Your Faith Television Broadcast A weekly broadcast sharing practical, empowering messages and practical instructions from the Living Word of God

Resurrection Sunday Service First held at the Westbury Music Fair and now at the David S. Mack Sports heralds with music, dance and celebration, the triumphant Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to thousands!

Youth Explosion Young people gathering together with the focus on building a stronger relationship with God, while building new and stronger relationships with other youth , who desire to serve God.

Perfecting Faith Church , "PFC" as it is affectionately called, is in the midst of experiencing the magnanimous favor of God, as He proves Himself by continually adding to the ministry!

During the course of our ten year existence, Perfecting Faith Church has acquired:

1. *The Vacant Lot* , located at 3 08 North Main Street, Freeport, NY; sold to PFC by

Mr. Albert Thomas.

1. *The Residential House* , located at 17 Claurome Street, Freeport, NY. The late Sis. Mary Avant wanted PFC to be able to purchase the house before it went on the market.

1. *The Cornerstone Deli with adjoining apartment* , located at 310 S

God has not only blessed Perfecting Faith Church territorially, but spiritually as well!

The ecumenical expansion of our Ministry continues with the emergence of three new Ministries:

1. *Perfecting Praise Ministry* , located in Hempstead, New York, led by Pastors Leo and Tarran Carter.

1. *Perfecting the Heart Worship Center* , located in Chester, South Carolina, led by Pastor Jerry and Elder Agnes Greene.

1. Perfecting Love Church , located in Lakeland, Florida, led by Pastors Tyrone and Frances Woodside.

4. Emmanuel Youth Chapel , located at 222 E. 105th Street Harlem, NY

Perfecting Faith Church's commitment to advancing the Kingdom of God is clearly evident since our inception. As the opus of Perfecting Faith Church reaches beyond the four walls of our church building, The Holy Spirit continues to empower the Ministry to fulfill our mandate to reach the lost.

We are grateful for these spiritual milestones as we continue to move forward through the leading of The Holy Spirit. As we embrace and celebrate our 10 th Anniversary, let us remember the number ten signifies the perfection of Divine order. Our history and our future is one and the same; to forever quicken the conscience by the Holiness of God, to feed all minds with the truth of God, to purge imaginations by the beauty of God, to unlock hearts to and with the love of God, and to devote our will to the purpose of God.

MORTGAGE BURNING PHOTOS

Sunday October 14, 2007



Left to Right: Pastor Louis Mellini, Pastor Donald Mc Clurkin Jr., Mr. Steven Barnett Jr., holds the mortgage deed in his hands.