

The Sacred Service of Ordination



*Saturday, The Twenty-third Day of August
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five
At Ten o'clock Anna Meridian*

*Bishop Wilbert D. Davis, Presiding Prelate,
Wholeness in Christ Fellowship of Churches*



Bishop W. Darrell Davis was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was educated in the Wake County and Union County's public school systems. He continued his education at LockYear College, where he studied business management, as well as Heritage Bible College, located in Dunn, North Carolina, where he studied Christian Education. Bishop Davis graduated with his bachelor's in theology in August 2024.

Bishop W. Darrell Davis is the husband of Loretta Davis, and the father of two beautiful girls, Janae Michelle and Alexis Sharell, and four boys, Donta, Devonta, DeAndre, and Christopher. He enjoys mentoring young boys and additionally coaches for (CIC) Coaches in Christ AAU Basketball Team. In doing so, he grooms them to become young men, enabling and equipping them to be sound in the Faith.

Bishop Davis served under the leadership of Bishop William S. Spain, who is the founder of The Glorious Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Founder of The International Council of Pentecostal Ministries (ICOPM). He served as the Chief Adjutant at The Glorious Church, later becoming the Adjutant General of ICOPM, and also as Youth Pastor at the local assembly. In October 2007, Bishop Davis was once again elevated and assumed the responsibility of Overseer of Missions within the ICOPM fellowship. Bishop Davis was consecrated to the office of bishop in August 2023. Bishop Davis has a pure heart for souls and a genuine thirst to see souls won into the Kingdom.

Bishop Davis's favorite scripture is "I returned and saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet favour to men of skill, but time and chance happeneth to them all, Ecclesiastes 9:11.

WHOLENESS IN CHRIST FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES

WHAT IS WICF?

Wholeness In Christ Fellowship is legacy minded. We know that God's intent for all men is to be **WHOLE** in **HIM**. Through the Word of God, we endeavor to empower people by living a lifestyle of integrity, walking in righteousness, love, and compassion for all of humanity.

After the heart of Christ, we believe in outreach and missions, which are dedicated to reaching those who feel disadvantaged and have not accepted the free gift of salvation. Our desire is to connect with ministries that share these same beliefs in taking the Whole Word to the Whole World to Reach the Whole Man!

Wholeness In Christ Fellowship is one that wishes to create a supportive environment for congregations to thrive with a clear identity and the freedom to pursue their mandate to become nurturing communities of mission, worship, and witness.

Wholeness In Christ Fellowship is a way to connect, encourage, and provide accountability for churches and their leader in this fellowship, ministries will be sharing ideas, resources, and strategies.

An important part of being in The Fellowship Community is accountability, encouraging one another to love and good deeds (*Hebrews 10:24*). We do ask that participating leaders commit to meet all together at least once a year and to stay connected in other ways in between meetings.

Wholeness In Christ Fellowship is dedicated to creating and nurturing ministries of connection, spiritual growth, prayer, and support for small churches and the people who lead them. We will support in any way that we can.

To be in fellowship is a spiritual matter of grace whereby a leader desires to be under the watchful care and accountability of Bishop Davis and agree to live in peace with brothers and sisters in the fellowship.

Finally, those in fellowship are expected to refrain from sowing discord within the body of Christ. We desire that both reception into fellowship and leaving the fellowship (should you ever find it necessary) be handled in a Christ honoring manner. If you desire to be received into fellowship at WICF, please set up to meet with Bishop Davis. That's a good time for questions and answers! If you must leave the fellowship, please let us know in advance so that we may pray for you and make the transition a happy one and a pleasing testimony to the Lord.

We are glad that you would like to inquire more about this fellowship of believers!

WHAT IS FELLOWSHIP?

The Greek word for fellowship expresses the idea of sharing, of having something in common with somebody else. Common participation takes on a double form: giving and receiving. Christian fellowship seriously involves both aspects.

The horizontal dimension of fellowship is the habitual sharing, the constant giving to and receiving from each other, which is the true, authentic pattern of life for God's people. Fellowship with God, then, is the source from which fellowship among Christians springs; and again, fellowship with God is the end to which Christian fellowship leads.

Christian fellowship, then, is neither a luxury nor a devotional option, but a spiritual necessity. God intends that we have fellowship with Him and with each other. The former feeds the latter, and the latter requires constant feeding for its own deepening and enrichment. Fellowship between Christians strengthens our fellowship with God.

Our fellowship on the human level is seeking to share what God has made known of Himself with others, as a means of finding strength, refreshment, and instruction for spiritual growth. In fellowship, one seeks to receive as well as to give. The apostle illustrates this when he tells the Romans, "I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith" (Rom. 1:11, 12). Paul's understanding of fellowship is clear: it is a two-way channel whereby both he and the believers may find mutual encouragement in the bond of Christian fellowship.

Fellowship comes from God's grace. Through fellowship, one's soul is refreshed, fed, and strengthened. Second, fellowship is a test of active spiritual life. It means opening one's heart to fellow believers. Fellowship cannot exist where there is pretense or concealment. We can be free from pretension and concealment in our relations with others only as we are open and honest in our dealings with God and with others.

If we prevent or obstruct God's light from shining fully on ourselves, we cannot have free fellowship with other believers; we will shrink from fellowship, and our reticence will not go undetected. "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1:4).

Fellowship is God's chosen plane for spiritual life. It is where the spirit of God is found, where we find spiritual life, and where we grow in grace and are ready to help others to do the same. When we fellowship together, we should do so in prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit; otherwise, our "fellowship" will be partial and even empty, profiting little. In a world torn apart by so many differences, we need nothing more than fellowship and reconciliation—the kind brought about by God, "Who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18, 19).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Executive Pastor Loretta Davis

Call to Worship

Hymn

“What a Friend we have in Jesus”

Invocation

Elder Wanda Parmlee & Overseer-Elect Denis Pagoada

Old Testament Reading

“Isaiah 6:1-8”

Elder Aaron Christian

New Testament Reading

“John 10:7-16”

Elder Robbie Rowland

Mission Statement

Elder Jessica Spain

Offertory

Hymn of Preparation

I Surrender All

The Charge

Bishop W.D Davis

The Presentation

Wilbert Darrell Davis, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and Wholeness in Christ Fellowship of Churches, Inc., we present Pastor Denis Pagoada as an overseer and Avis Christian, Tameka Hedgepeth, and Nicole Kilpatrick, to be ordained elders.

BISHOP: *Have they been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe their manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?*

PRESENTERS:

We certify to you that they have satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe they are qualified for this order.

BISHOP: *Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?*

THE ORDINANDS ANSWER

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I, _____, appointed an Elder of Wholeness in Christ Fellowship of Churches, INC, in Garner, North Carolina, do solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old Testament and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do engage to confirm to the doctrine, and worship of God's Holy Church.

(+) THE CONSENT OF THE PEOPLEAll Stand. The Bishop says to the people

BISHOP: *Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry and the weight of your responsibility in presenting, Avis Christian, Tameka Hedgepeth and Nicole Kilpatrick, to be ordained as Elders.*

Therefore, if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now, and make it known. If no objection is made, the Bishop continues...

People of the Lord's Church and you of Wholeness in Christ Fellowship of Churches, Incorporated; is it with your consent we ordain Avis Christian, Tameka Hedgepeth and Nicole Kilpatrick Elders in the Lords Church?

PEOPLE: *It is.*

BISHOP: *Will you uphold them in their ministry?*

PEOPLE: *We will.*

Bishop: *The Scriptures tell us that our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, spent the entire night in prayer before He chose and sent forth the twelve Apostles. Likewise, the Apostles prayed before they appointed Matthias to be one of their numbers. Let us, therefore, follow their example, and offer our prayers to Almighty God before we consecrate for the work we trust the Lord through the Holy Spirit, has called them. The Bishop then calls the people to prayer with these or similar words In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

***All kneel, and the Person appointed leads the Litany for Ordinations, or some other approved litany.*

Prayer

Bishop Ronald Rowland

Let us pray: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Examination (The Elder)

(Candidates will stand and face Bishop Davis and the Board of Presbyters)

All are seated except the ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.

The Bishop addresses the ordinand as follows: My sisters, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as an Elder, together with your bishop and to take your share in the councils of the Church. As an Elder, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you. In all that you do, you are to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come. My sisters, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to this Eldership?

Answer: I believe I am so called.

Bishop: Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Answer: I do.

Bishop: Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

Answer: I will.

Bishop: *Will you be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger and more able minister of Christ?*

Answer: *I will.*

Bishop: *Will you endeavor so to minister the Word of God and the sacraments of the New Covenant, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?*

Answer: *I will.*

Bishop: *Will you undertake to be a faithful Elder to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?*

Answer: *I will.*

Bishop: *Will you do your best to pattern your life [and that of your family, or household, or community] in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?*

Answer: *I will.*

Bishop: *Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, offering all your labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?*

Answer: *I will.*

Bishop: *May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.*

Answer: *Amen.*

Vestments

Overseer Burnice Cross

Presentation of Bible, certificate and gift

Benediction

Bishop W.D. Davis

“What a Friend we have in Jesus”

What a Friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake
thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield
thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

“I Surrender All”

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Saviour
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Saviour wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and
power
Let Thy blessings fall on me

All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
Oh the joy of full salvation
Glory glory to His name