

THE SERVICE OF EPISCOPAL INDUCTION AND
PRESENTATION FOR



Bishop Designate
Dr. Paul L. Binion II

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

PEOPLES CHURCH • 7172 NORTH CEDAR AVE • FRESNO, CA

CHIEF OFFICIANT AND CONSECRATOR
HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY JOSEPH CLARKE

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BISHOP JERRY W. MACKLIN • BISHOP CALVIN RICE • BISHOP THOMAS SCOTT
BISHOP JAMES D. STOCKTON III

THE BIOGRAPHY OF

Dr. Paul L. Binion II

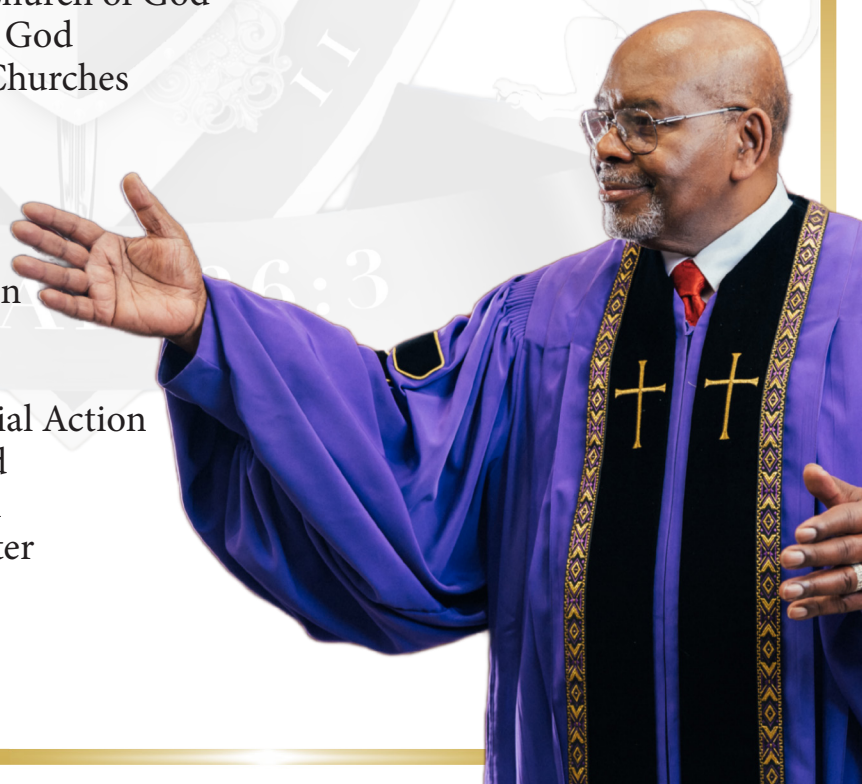
PASTOR/TEACHER

For 46 blessed years, since 1977, Pastor Paul Lawrence Binion II has faithfully pastored the Westside Church of God in Fresno, California. As Fresno's "longest-serving pastor," he is a "Pastor to Pastors," and a shepherd who lovingly "fathers" his flock. He serves as an advisor/confidante to numerous senior leaders, executives, organizations, ministries, fellowships, and residents in Fresno and throughout the Central Valley area. A highly sought-after orator, Pastor Binion is a renowned conference speaker, preacher, and teacher of the Bible.

Born in Fairfield, Alabama, to Paul Lawrence Binion, Sr., and Sara Ellafair House Binion, he is the eldest of five children. The family eventually settled in Los Angeles, California, where he became a long-time member of Wadsworth Church of God. Pastor Binion is a graduate of Susan Miller Dorsey High School; California State University, Los Angeles, with a Bachelor's Degree in History; and Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California with a Master's Degree of Divinity. The Southern California School of Ministry conferred a Doctor of Divinity upon him.

Pastor Binion is a man who loves his God, his family, and his community. His servant leadership is exemplary, and his extensive community involvement includes participation with:

- Central California Association of the Church of God
- Interstate Association of the Church of God
- Presbyter of the Berean Fellowship of Churches
- African American Clergy Task Force
- Southwest Fresno Development Corporation Founder
- Advisory Panel Member to President of Fresno Pacific University on Clergy and Church Development
- West Fresno Ministerial Alliance
- Central California Evangelicals for Social Action
- City of Fresno Mayoral Advisory Board
- City of Fresno Police Advisory Council
- Westside Community Counseling Center
- Faith and the Valley
- African American Advisory Board to California Community Colleges



Reflective of his commitment to his community's well-being, Pastor Binion launched a non-profit organization, the Southwest Fresno Development Corporation, which focuses on building community wealth through homeownership and was recently funded with \$1 million from the City of Fresno; established a Counseling Center to meet the mental health needs of our community; provides monthly food giveaways for hundreds of families experiencing food insecurity and hunger; and developed an Education and Career Initiative to help Fresno students achieve success in their educational and professional pursuits through scholarships.

In 2009, Pastor Binion and the Westside COG Board led the multimillion-dollar purchase of nine (9) acres of land and the construction of a state-of-the-art church facility in the heart of one of the most under-served communities in the U.S. The Westside COG is home to more than 400 members and serves as a hub for community members, neighborhood meetings and regional and local convenings and conferences. With a large sanctuary, classrooms, a dining hall and full-service industrial kitchen, Westside COG leases space to nonprofit organizations and is developing a community kitchen for food entrepreneurs and small business owners. Pastor Binion's vision is to expand the Westside COG campus to include the building out of the second-floor wing with office spaces for social enterprises, the construction of a 9,000 square foot Youth and Community Center, and the construction of affordable housing units for seniors on the rear church lot.

After his love for the LORD, the love of Pastor Binion's life is his beautiful wife, Valarie Jean Metoyer Binion. The two have been married since 1978, and have three daughters -- Tiffany (son-in-law, David), Crisandra, and Kimberley; two granddaughters, Alyssa and Zharia; and one grandson, David Paul.



THE CREST OF *Bishop Paul L. Binion II*



THE CROSS, THE SWORD AND THE CROWN

Represents the emblem on which Christianity stands. The Cross represents the life and death of Jesus Christ, His blessed resurrection and the fulfillment of prophecy. The Sword represents the passionate Word of God that is given to the church. The Crown of Righteousness represents the reward waiting for those believers who pursue godliness and who lived righteously while facing temptation and hardship on earth.

THE KEY

Represents the “Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven” of which Jesus spoke in Matthew 16:19, and symbolizes authority given in teaching and decisions.

THE BIBLE

Represents God’s Word spoken to humanity. This Word is to be revered and spoken to all, witnessed to all, and is life-changing to all.

THE SHEPHERD’S STAFF

Represents the concern and compassion that a shepherd has for his sheep. It conveys the concepts of authority, power, comfort, defense, and protection.

THE TRIANGULAR SYMBOL

Represents the interconnection between the Body of Christ and the Community; the triangular three-part Trinity and the circular shape represent the beloved community.

THE APOLOGETIC OF *Berean Fellowship*

Our God has sought to bring about a restorative paradigm for the Christian Church. Paradigmatic changes are not new to the followers of Jesus the Christ. From the establishment of Old Testament laws, rituals, and customs to the emergence of New Testament Pentecostal fire, the people of God have embraced and marveled at the awesome hand of God moving in the church throughout the ages. In each generation, there are servants and special envoys that are called to serve and encourage their contemporaries. Thus, new paradigms are born.

In our case, God has chosen men and women of God to “build the old waste places and to raise up foundations for many generations” (Isaiah 58:12). This paradigm seeks to restore the regal splendor of God’s abiding love for the church. This paradigm also uplifts relationships over jurisdictions and wholeness over fragmentation. Through it, we will endeavor to present the Gospel of Christ to a broken and disillusioned world.

This paradigm includes the restoration and re-interpretation of the Episcopacy. The Bishopric, the Presbytery (elders) and the Diaconate (deacons) are not new to the Lord’s Church. These offices have been established in the Scriptures to ensure that we will not be “tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine” (Ephesians 4:14). Bishops are those called to the ministry of healing in the Lord’s Church. They teach us how to live as the family of God. They are pastors of pastors. They guide, counsel and nurture those whom they serve. Their lives show evidence of the character of Christ and the fruits of the ministry.

ISAIAH 26:3

THE MISSIVE:

Bishop Timothy Joseph Clarke



Beloved in The Lord,

Holy greetings to you. From the beginning of her history, the church has always sought to operate and function based on divine order and scriptural stricture. The New Testament speaks of the offices of the pastor/teacher, apostle, prophet and evangelist or what we have come to call the “five-fold ministry gifts.”

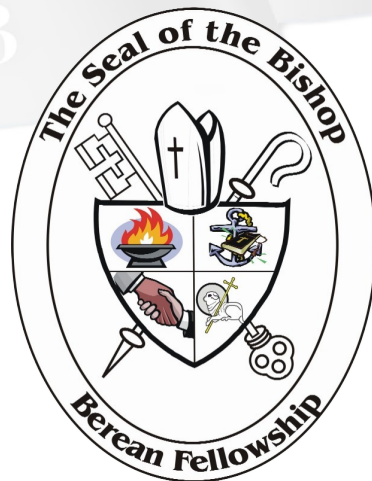
The Apostle Paul also speaks of the office of the Bishop, the Episcopus or Overseer. This office has a long and blessed place in the life and witness of the church, and across the centuries those deemed worthy have been called and consecrated by the church to fill this holy office.

The service tonight sets apart this man in sacred consecration for and to this office. In many ways, the church gathered tonight is the church speaking and her message is clear.

We give consent to this Consecration and assent to this servant of the Lord upon whom hands will be laid. Let the church rejoice and may the smile of heaven be upon us tonight.

Bishop Timothy Joseph Clarke

Bishop Timothy Joseph Clarke, Presiding Prelate
Berean Fellowship of Churches



Order of Consecration & Elevation

**CHIEF OFFICIANT: BISHOP TIMOTHY JOSEPH CLARKE
PRESIDER: BISHOP THOMAS SCOTT**

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL OF THE LORD'S LEADERS

**The Diaconate Ministry • Ministerial Staff • Pastors and Elders
National Leaders and Board of Bishops • Bishop Designate • Co-Consecrators
The Presiding Bishop**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bishop Thomas Scott

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Bishop Robert S. Davis, Jr.

HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Worship Ensemble

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

**The Old Testament (Isaiah 61) - Bishop J.R. Coleman
The Gospel (St. Luke 4:14-21) - Bishop Samuel L. Doyle
The Epistle (Romans 10:10-17) - Bishop Michael C. Eanes**

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Worship Ensemble

THE BLESSING OF GIFTS

Reverend Dr. Paul E. Sheppard

GREETINGS

**Reverend Warren Anderson • Pastor Booker T. Lewis
Dr. Horace W. Sheppard, Jr.**

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Worship Ensemble

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

Bishop Thomas Scott

LITURGICAL HOMILY

**The Presiding Bishop and His Liturgical Homilist,
His Excellency, The Most Reverend Timothy Joseph Clarke**



ANCHORED IN THE CROSS
ROOTED IN THE WORD

THE SERVICE OF DIVINE EPISCOPAL
AFFIRMATION OF BISHOP DESIGNATE

Dr. Paul L. Binion **II**

THE PRESENTATION:

Bishop James D. Stockton **III**

Almighty God, who by your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the endowment of the Holy Spirit to exercise gifts within the body, He gave spiritual leaders that would feed the flock. They were charged to love, rebuke, instruct, preach, and administer the godly discipline thereof.

We, this Council of Bishops, present Dr. Paul Lawrence Binion II for elevation to the office of Bishop. We agree that Dr. Paul Lawrence Binion II is a man of irrefutable character and integrity and has served the universal body of Christ in mind, body and spirit for the last 46 years. We now grant apostolic succession to Dr. Paul Lawrence Binion II and present him to the Flock of God for consecration and elevation to the office of Bishop.

THE EPISCOPAL MANDATE:

Bishop Thomas Scott

Know all men by these present that we, Bishop Thomas Scott, Bishop Calvin Rice, and Bishop James D. Stockton III, representing the Council of Bishops of the Berean Fellowship, along with Bishop Jerry W. Macklin, General Board Member of the Church of God in Christ, present to His Grace Timothy Joseph Clarke and hereby order and decree that the worthy servant of God, the Bishop Designate Paul Lawrence Binion II, be charged with the responsibility and duty of caring and providing for Christian people who submit themselves by the proper means to the ministerial leadership of the Bishop Designate.

And to that end, we do hereby discharge the duty and responsibility laid upon the Holy Church and by us, upon the Bishop Designate. We do hereby order and decree the consecration and elevation of the Bishop Designate to the Episcopal Office of Bishop of those parishes and ministries that are in covenant with this fellowship by this mandate. We hereby authorize all Bishops of the Holy Church to consecrate and elevate the aforesaid Bishop Designate.

Further, we exhort the Bishop Designate to assist the Presiding Bishop of the Berean Fellowship of Churches, bishops, presbyters, deacons, and parishes to entrust in all charity and humility in accordance with the Holy Scripture: "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28 NKJV).

May the Almighty God bless, preserve and keep this worthy servant of the Lord. Amen.

ISAIAH 26:3

THE LITANY:
Bishop Calvin Rice

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to God.

People: God, hear our prayer.

For this Bishop, and for all clergy and people, let us pray to God.

People: God, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to God.

People: God, hear our prayer.

For the City of Fresno, and for every city and community, let us pray to God.

People: God, hear our prayer.

For the good earth in which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to God.

People: God, hear our prayer.

For the aged and infirmed, for the widowed and orphaned, and for the sick and suffering, let us pray to God.

People: God, hear our prayer.

For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for the prisoners and refugees, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to God.

People: God, hear our prayer.

For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and poverty, let us pray to God.

People: God, hear our prayer.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to God.

People: God, hear our prayer.

For all who died in the hope of resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to God.

People: God, hear our prayer.

In union with all the saints we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: God, hear our prayer.

God of Mercy, you have given grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfill now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. Amen.

EPISCOPAL AFFIRMATION:

Bishop Jerry W. Macklin

Are you persuaded that you are truly called to this office, according to the will of our Lord Jesus the Christ, and the order of this Church?

Answer: I am so persuaded.

Will you continue to faithfully exercise yourself in the Holy Scriptures, and call upon the Lord our God by prayer for the true understanding of the same?

Answer: I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

Will you continue to be diligent in your practice of the Christian life: reading the Bible, continuing steadfastly in prayer, and taking up your cross daily to follow Christ?

Answer: I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

Will you faithfully continue to fulfill your calling among the people committed to your care: by preaching the Word of God and the apostolic faith?

Answer: I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

Will you continue to care for the people of God: nourishing, teaching, and encouraging them; giving direction to the life of the congregation; counseling the troubled; declaring God's forgiveness of sin; and proclaiming victory over death?

Answer: I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

Will you continue to conduct yourself so that your life is shaped by Jesus the Christ, who took the form of a servant for our sake; and will you, with the help of the Holy Spirit, continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you, to make known to all people the gospel of the grace of God?

Answer: I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

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THE CHARGE TO THE CHURCH:

Bishop James D. Stockton III

With this Apostolic Move of God comes the equipping of every believer for ministry, as every believer is important to God and is called into the work of the church. The Lord is restoring apostolic model, paradigm, order, and government, which means the priesthood and kingship of every believer is being restored.

In the book of the Acts, according to the Apostles, we see great power to give witness of the resurrection of the Lord and great grace on all the believers. They were invading cities with the Gospel of Christ and doing mighty exploits for God. It is the will of God that we all would enter the apostolic dimension of equipping every believer for destiny and significance.

Scripture declares in Daniel 11:32, "The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits." Therefore, I charge everyone that the Holy Spirit dwells in, to move in your appointed place in this season.

Apostolic ministry gifts bring structure and order to the Church. I hereby charge you to embrace with all diligence the five-fold ministry model which deploys, develops, and sustains momentum and creates movement dynamics for change.

Therefore, I charge you, Westside Church of God, to know that God has placed His anointing and apostolic grace upon you and I, as we invade the earth with the Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

Jesus said, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

If you accept this charge on your life as your man of God has accepted, please respond by saying: **I WILL!!**

**The Summoning of Bishop Designate Binion to the Altar
by the Chief Consecrator for Prayer**

**The Prayer of Consecration, the Laying on of Hands and the
Anointing of Oil: Bishop Jerry W. Macklin**

THE INVESTITURE:

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Timothy Joseph Clarke

The color Purple signifies royalty. Those who have received order to rise to the Episcopacy wear the color Purple because they are Princes of the Lord's Church.

The Full Collar

A symbol signifying sanctification and separation. It is the unique representation of being set apart.

The Cassock

This garment may be worn by all ordained clergy as a symbol of a servant. A typical cassock has 33 buttons in the front representing the years of Christ's physical life and 5 buttons on the sleeve representing the wounds of Christ.

The Rochet

The white linen garment is the symbol of the Priesthood. Aaron's white linen ephod is found in the Book of Leviticus and is a reminder to the Bishop that his role as Celebrant and Worship leader is prominent in the total mandate of the office.

The Chimere

This garment is the symbol of the Prophet. The Bishop of the church becomes the Chief Defender of the faith and preacher of the doctrines in the church. This is the symbol that sets him apart as one who speaks the things which become sound doctrine.

The Ring (Sonship)

Symbolizes fidelity to the nuptial bond with his spouse, the church. It is a symbol of Sonship and Episcopal Collegiality (Leviticus 15:21-22, Ephesians 5:22)

The Pectoral Cross

The cross of gold is hung around the Bishop's neck as a symbol of his imprisonment for Christ.

The Bible

The guide and standard for life (Psalms 119:89, 1 Peter)

THE PRESENTATION OF BISHOP PAUL L. BINION II

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Pastor Chris Conedy, Interstate Association

BENEDICTION AND RECESSIONAL

The Council of Bishops

His Excellency, The Most Reverend
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First Church of God, Columbus, OH
Berean Fellowship of Churches

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Glad Tidings Church of God in Christ
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Thirty Fourth Street Church of God
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The Word Community Church
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BISHOP SAMUEL L. DOYLE
Greater Macedonia COGIC
Fresno, CA

Adjutant Apostolic
The Right Reverend James D. Stockton III

Adjutant General
Assistant Pastor Samuel Morgan

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THE BISHOP'S BALL

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

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Join us as we celebrate the Consecration and Elevation of our
beloved Bishop Paul Lawrence Binion II.
Please call 559-237-1444 for more information.

Tickets will be available @ www.wscog.org on December 1, 2023.
All proceeds will benefit The Bishop's Fund.

Thank you and be blessed!

