

OUR HISTORY

The Shining Light Bible Mission Church (SLBMC) was established in July 1969 by its founder Rev. Cellenia Wood. With a faithful group of committed Christians, Rev. Wood held services at 2503 Cleveland Avenue and they later purchased the properties located at 2503, 2501, 2505 and 2507 Cleveland in North Linden, Columbus, OH.

The graciousness of the SLBMC congregation in those early days will never be forgotten. For thirty eight (38) years they served and shined a light in the North Linden community through the heart of God and earnest compassion in so many ways, including but not limited to, feeding those who were hungry, providing clothing to needy families, providing transportation to community residents who were challenged to get to church and move about in their everyday lives, and by giving toys for Christmas through the U. S. Marines Toys for Tots program.

Pastor Wood served as pastor until her death on December 3, 1998. At her passing, Elder Marvis L. McGowan was appointed Interim Pastor for one year and installed as Senior Pastor on December 26, 1999.

In 2007, Shining Light purchased and relocated to its sanctuary at 95 W. 5th Avenue between Olentangy River Road and High Street. We continue the work of ministry that was established in those small beginnings and we are committed to serving God and the immediate surrounding neighborhood where we are now placed. In alignment with the scripture found in Matthew 25:35-36 “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me”; Shining Light continues its quest to serve through its annual Community Unity Day that includes clothes give-aways and opportunities for the community to learn more about the mission and vision of Shining Light.

We thank God for our beginnings, and are reminded that we must labor even now, as we prepare for the future. For it is our hope that through our faithful work, we can leave a legacy of spiritual power and liberation. Therefore, we move forward, claiming victory over every obstacle, and knowing deep within our hearts that “the best is yet to come”! To God be the glory!



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Shining Light Bible Mission Founding Pastor



Rev. Cellinia Wood

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REMEMBER THE TIME?**



*"Do not despise the place of small beginnings..."
Zechariah 4:10*