



## Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr

July 5, 1942 - January 25, 2018

Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr. was born July 5, 1942 to the late Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Sr. and the Late Mother Sadie Lee Brewer in Springfield, Massachusetts. At the age of four Bishop Brewer relocated to New Haven, Connecticut. Bishop Brewer got his start as a child in the Church of God Christ under the tutelage and leadership of his late father, Bishop Brewer Sr. As his father labored to build Trinity Temple COGIC, a young Charles Brewer Jr. was indelibly imprinted with the teaching of the ways of holiness and the foundational principles of the Church of God in Christ, that he began laboring in the ministry with his father at a very young age. In 1956, at the age of 14 he accepted the Lord as his personal savior. Two years later at the age of 16 he accepted his call to ministry and began working along side his father Bishop Brewer Sr.

Bishop Brewer Jr. was a pioneering trailblazer, becoming the youngest State Youth President in Connecticut First Jurisdiction at the age of 17. He graduated from James Hillhouse High School and went on to further his education by earning a Bachelors of Arts in Education with a minor in Philosophy Religion from Curry College in Milton, MA, a Masters of Arts in Urban Studies under a special Thesis Program from Southern Connecticut State University, and a Certification in Theology from Charles H. Mason Bible Institute. During his college years, he got an early start working in the national church by being afforded the opportunity to work with the finance committee of

the Youth Congress. Though Elder Brewer had many different avenues and opportunities, including having received offers for football scholarships due to his skill in the sport, once he accepted the call to ministry, his father and Overseer, Bishop Charles Brewer Sr., impressed upon him that he should not get distracted with other areas of life; but that his commitment to ministry was the most important priority in his life.

On June 15, 1968 Elder Brewer married Sister Sarah Frances Carr. On September 29, 1971 Elder Brewer and Lady Brewer welcomed their pride and joy, their only son, Charles Henry Brewer III into the world; that same year, Elder Brewer was appointed, as Associate Pastor of the Trinity Temple Church and Wilson Memorial Church. The Lord blessed Elder Brewer, Jr.'s ministry and many young men and women were saved, which led to the appointment of Elder Brewer as Pastor of Trinity Temple Church and Wilson Memorial church by his father Bishop Brewer Sr. during his illness. As Bishop Brewer, Sr.'s illness progressed his desire was to see his son succeed him as Bishop and in March of 1976 Elder Charles Henry Brewer Jr. was elevated to the office of Bishop of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Connecticut Diocese, Church of God in Christ, at the age of 34, making him the youngest person to be appointed Bishop in the history of the Church of God in Christ.

In his early work in the national Youth Department, Bishop Brewer got acquainted with many notable persons who were also key workers during that era, including the late Bishop Davenport, Dr. Rimson, Elder C. Wilbur Daniels Sr. and so many others. Through his commitment and dedication, Brewer came to the attention of then National Youth President, Elder O.T. Jones Jr., who gave him opportunities to begin teaching and directing the training seminars and workshops in the national youth congress. Bishop Charles Brewer Jr. was chosen for a 6-month stint as the writer of the national YPWW topics. When Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson Sr. established a Provisional Board structure for the youth department, Bishop Brewer was appointed to

that board and was one of the early pioneers of “regional rally” type fellowships, as he oversaw a territory including the New England area and New York. He worked on this board with other notables including the late Presiding Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson.

With the appointment of Elder Chandler D. Owens as the National Youth leader, Bishop Brewer became the Executive Secretary of the Youth Department, a role which brought with it greatly expanded responsibilities. With ever increasing exposure, he went on to become 2nd Vice President of the Youth Department under President Chandler Owens. Recognized for his faithful service, commitment to excellence and dedication to the church, Bishop Charles H. Brewer Jr. was given the opportunity to serve the church as National Youth Department President in 1986. After his appointment, President Brewer had his first Youth Congress at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Chicago, Illinois, which turned into one of the largest youth conventions the Church of God in Christ had seen in its history. He went on to lead the Youth Department in several successful conventions, even under the unified UNAC structure, and he was also instrumental serving as Director of Education and as an Executive Committee member for UNAC. As he transitioned the work of the Jurisdiction at home, he continued to enjoy unprecedented success at the national youth department level. He brought to the forefront a broad-based vision for youth ministry, and pioneered such things as “Children’s Church” during the national Youth and UNAC meetings.

Bishop Brewer has served his community as being an advocate for Human and Social Rights. He has served as a member of several boards and committees: Board of Directors of the Opportunities Industrialization Center of New Haven; Board of Directors of the South Central Connecticut Criminal Justice Supervisory Board; Chairman of Board of Directors of Community Progress, Inc. (the nation’s first anti-Black Coalition of New Haven; Director of

Human Services for the City of New Haven; Organization of Black Elected Officials, and a member of the New Haven Clergy Association. Bishop Brewer was elected Tax Collector in the City of New Haven. He also served as the Director of the Yearwood Center in the City of Stamford.

Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr.'s amazing personality, selfless ways and giving heart will forever be felt by the many lives he has touched over the years; especially His Only Son and Heart-string, Administrative Assistant Charles Henry Brewer III; His Beloved Friend, Lady Sarah Frances Brewer; His Sister, Pastor Patricia McDaniel; His Grandchildren; His Great-Grandchildren, A Host of Nieces and Nephews; The First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Connecticut and His Beloved New Trinity Temple and Wilson Memorial Family.

Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr. has served as an example of what it means to be a clergyman, theologian, educator and statesmen for the last 76 years. We are eternally grateful to God for our trailblazing pioneer who has been a leader who believed in building up the next generation of leaders. On January 25, 2018 Bishop Brewer took his final rest and heard those sacred words "Well done, thou good and faithful servant". For Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr. always preached dying is not so bad, but dying unprepared is a tragedy.

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Bishop will lie in State

JAN 30. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The New Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT

## Jurisdictional Service

JAN 30. 7:00 PM (ET)

The New Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT

## Calling Hours

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The New Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT

## Funeral Service

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JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

The New Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Chuckie,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Memories of your Dad make me smile; I hope that your sadness turns to smiles very soon. In the interim, may you be given strength through faith and the love that surrounds you.*

*Lindy Lee Gold*

**LindyLee Gold** - February 02, 2018 at 07:15 AM

BB

“ *To the Brewer family, we send our condolence and prayers on behalf of Charles H. Brewer Jr. I will always remember how kind and generous he was but the most important thing he said every Sunday night starting our radio program, back in 1968 "Come on down". A young man from Oklahoma heard that call and came to Trinity Temple COGIC. We love you all*

*Larry & Barbara Brannon  
Oklahoma City, OK*

**Barbara Brannon** - February 01, 2018 at 11:25 AM

AW

“ *Anthony Williams lit a candle in memory of  
Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr*



**Anthony Williams** - January 30, 2018 at 07:12 PM

BW

“ *Pastor Chuck Brewer III and your entire family,*

*God will definitely show you the way to smiling again. I know this experience will change you forever. I hope in the days to come you can remember all the good times you shared with your father and all the love he gave you throughout the years. I know he will be watching over you forever.*

*Elder Brenda Lee Thigpen Ward*

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**Brenda Lee Thigpen Ward** - January 30, 2018 at 11:47 AM

NF

“ *Ndeye Fall and the Ndiaye Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr.*



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**Ndeye Fall and the Ndiaye Family** - January 30, 2018 at 10:59 AM

EL

“ *Ellawiggins lit a candle in memory of Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr*



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**ellawiggins** - January 30, 2018 at 04:34 AM

EW

*my condolences to the brewer family he was a great bishop and a great warrior for god god bless you all you had a wonderful bishop the wiggins family.*

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**ella wiggins** - January 30, 2018 at 04:42 AM

TM

*TO THE BREWER FAMILY MAY GOD CONTINUE TO COMFORT YOU DURING THIS TIME. I AM SO THANKFUL THAT I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN THE PRESENCE OF SUCH A WARM LOVING AND POWERFUL MAN OF GOD.MAY HIS LEGACY CONTINUE. GOD BLESS..THE MITCHELL/COLES/HAMETTE FAMILIES*

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**TONI MITCHELL/FAMILY** - February 05, 2018 at 06:10 PM

ET

“ *Elder Henry C. Tappin lit a candle in memory of Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr*



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**Elder Henry C. Tappin** - January 30, 2018 at 03:45 AM

ER

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Brewer family. May the Lord continue to strengthened and comfort you with His unfailing love.*

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**Elder Kevin and Linda Roscoe** - January 29, 2018 at 02:38 PM

ER

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**Elder Kevin & Linda Roscoe** - January 29, 2018 at 02:35 PM

RB

“ *Bishop Brewer Jr. touched many lives he will be missed. Rest with the heavenly father Bishop. Our prayers are with his family!- Robert&Susan Bullock of Myrtle Beach.*



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**Robert Bullock** - January 29, 2018 at 12:59 PM

RR

“ *Roland & Auvea Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr*



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**Roland & Auvea Rodriguez** - January 28, 2018 at 05:49 PM

MM

“ *Chuckie,  
Our prayers go out to you and your family  
may God continue to bless and keep you in  
all that you do keep doing God work the  
reward come at the end*



*Mr. & Mrs ODELL McNair*

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**Mr. & Mrs Odell McNair** - January 28, 2018 at 03:19 PM

LD

“ *Loretta Davis lit a candle in memory of Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr*



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**Loretta davis** - January 27, 2018 at 07:02 PM

LD

“ Loretta Davis lit a candle in memory of Bishop Charles Henry Brewer Jr



Loretta davis - January 27, 2018 at 07:01 PM

CH

“ I am still in shock about the passing of Bishop CH Brewer, he was my Bishop when I lived in Htfd, Conn. He was a True Man of God. Praying for you Chucky and your entire family are in my PRAYERS. RWG BISHOP!

Cassandra Hooten-Bush - January 27, 2018 at 09:51 AM

JM

“ Our Bishop Charles H. Brewer wil forever be miss with the Special times we shared together. We his extended Scott Marks Family send our Condolences to his family in this difficult time with love, support and prayer. 💔🙏



jill marks - January 27, 2018 at 08:18 AM

EG

“ Sleep on Bishop, we will see you again in the morning. Thoughts and prayers to the family, church family, and the entire Connecticut First Jurisdiction Family.

Eld Tyren Gaskins - January 26, 2018 at 11:03 PM

MO

“ *My deepest condolences to the Brewer family. Prayers for peace and strength. - Monica Osborn.*

**Monica Osborn** - January 26, 2018 at 09:09 PM

EA

*MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE BREWER FAMILY. BISHOP IS REALLY GONA BE MIS IN ALOT OF PEOPLES HEART. REST BISHOP SITTING ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF JESUS. I LOVE YOU. AS WELL AS EVERY ONE ELSE. BUT GOD LOVE YOU MORE. EVANGELIST ETHEL ALLEN.*

**EVANGELIST ETHEL ALLEN** - January 27, 2018 at 02:29 AM

BK

*To the entire Brewer Family - You have my sincere sympathy and prayers. Mother Beatrice Kendall, Supervisor Michigan Southeast*

**Beatrice Kendall** - January 29, 2018 at 05:54 PM

ET

*Our sincerest condolences to the family of our childhood friend. A devote man of God; Bishop Charles H. Brewer, Jr.,*

*Your physical presence in our lives will leave a void. But just knowing that we will meet again, never to depart is soothing to the pain of losing a dear friend and warrior of God's Kingdom.*

*Bishop take your rest, For great is your reward. Sleep in perfect peace.*

*Elder & Mrs. Henry C. Tappin,  
Killingly, Connecticut*

**Elder Henry C. Tappin** - January 30, 2018 at 03:46 AM