

"The Armor-Bearer"

Bishop Gerald L. Grant

Assistant to The Man of God



Bishop Gerald L. Grant came to the Pentecostal Church of God in 1987 after a severely troubled and tumultuous background sincerely seeking the Lord with all his heart. Born and raised in Dayton, OH Bishop Grant experienced a very warm and loving relationship with his grandmother, with whom he lived, along with his mother. Both were very kind to him; especially his grandmother who meticulously administered tender, yet firm, care in his upbringing. However, it was God's plan that he would be exposed to many of life's hazards early on. As a young child and teenager, he witnessed countless painful happenings; including violence, domestic abuse and other troublesome behavior. As an only child, he also became acutely aware of the significance and value of Family. This instilled in him a great longing and appreciation for the blessing of brothers and sisters residing together in peace and unity.

The Lord had a plan in place. This young man was being tailored and hand-crafted to be a Bishop and Man of God in The Pentecostal Church of God. Unbeknownst to many, his grandmother, early in his life prophesied that he would be a great man and preacher of Jesus Christ. Despite this prophesy; however, this did not seem to be his destiny as street life, betrayal by so-called friends and family, and other hardships led him to begin to entertain thoughts of suicide. It was about this time that he became acquainted with the Great *Bishop Elisha Williamson*. Just as he did *Bishop Curtis L. Simmons*, *Bishop Williamson* began to mentor Bishop Gerald Grant, often spending long hours on the steps of his front porch expounding the Word of God and showing him love. At just 19 years of age, Bishop Grant had experienced a life-time of adversity. But, this is exactly what drove him, at that same age, into the loving arms of Jesus Christ. In 1987, he was baptized and reborn in the name of Jesus Christ gaining the entire host of Heaven and all the earthly Body of Christ as his eternal family!

Growing and showing himself faithful as first a Deacon and then Minister under his spiritual father *Bishop William Duren*, Bishop Grant continued to grow in faith and grace eventually being elevated to the office of Elder assisting the Pastors of both Columbus, OH and Jackson, MI under the leadership of the beloved *Bishop Thomas D. Mason*. This was during Bishop Simmons tenure as Pastor in Jackson. Known for great passion in serving the Lord, Leadership and the People of God; Bishop Grant can often be heard humbly saying, "I just want to please the Lord. I just want to serve." Having served 4 years as Pastor of Dayton, OH, Bishop Grant was elevated to the office of Bishop and Assistant to the Overseer of District 1, Bishop Curtis Simmons, in July 2021. The ever-faithful "Armor-bearer" to the Man of God, Bishop G. L. Grant has demonstrated himself to be a man of great strength and fervor, in addition to proving himself a servant of tremendous humility.