



# PASTORAL *Installation*

OF BISHOP  
ARTHUR LEE TRIPP SR.

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3PM



APOSTLE  
DEBRA MCLEOD  
*Officiant*



ELDER  
WILLIAM COVINGTON  
*Homilist*



BISHOP  
J.O. CUNNINGHAM  
*Founder & Pastor Emeritus*

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Word of Life Temple, Inc. | A Keep it R.E.A.L Ministry  
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# From the Board of Directors of Word of Life Temple, Inc.



Dear, Word of Life Temple, Inc. Family & Friends

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Word of Life Temple, Inc., we warmly welcome you to this special celebration as we usher in a new Pastor for our Ministry.

This marks a pivotal moment in the history of Word of Life Temple, Inc. as Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp, Sr. steps into the role of only the second Pastor in our Church's history. It is a time to celebrate and acknowledge the movement of God in our midst.

Each season in the life of WOLT is a unique opportunity for worship. Seasons of challenges test our resolve and strengthen our faith, while seasons of abundance remind us of God's unfailing favor. The arrival of a new leader reassures us that God has a plan and a promising future in store for our Church.

The installation of a new pastor is truly a blessing from God. We give thanks for the Father's divine care for our family, leading Him to prepare a shepherd uniquely suited for this season in our journey. We honor God for His wisdom and consider ourselves blessed to receive the gift of Bishop Tripp. Your prayers and support have been vital throughout this process, and we are deeply grateful for your role in this journey.

Your prayers and unwavering support have been our rock, lifting our spirits, sustaining us through trials, and comforting us in times of loss. Through the shared experience of God's love, we have grown closer as family and friends. This journey continues, and we are excited to enter this new chapter together.

We invite you to join us in celebrating this momentous occasion. With Bishop Tripp's leadership, we anticipate great blessings for our Ministry in the days ahead. We eagerly look forward to the new chapter that is about to unfold.

In Agape Love,  
The WOLT Board of Directors

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# From the Ministers and Deacons of Word of Life Temple, Inc.



This is a grand celebration for the Word of Life Temple, Inc. family, as God has graciously blessed our congregation with a Senior Pastor who earnestly seeks His guidance and wisdom.

The Ministerial Staff and Deacons Ministry at Word of Life Temple, Inc. are ordained offices within the Church, each with a distinct and vital role. The Ministers and Elders are entrusted with ensuring the spiritual growth of the Church's lay members. The Deacons, on the other hand, are called to be servants. Our mission is twofold: firstly, to assist in administering the Church's charitable activities, just as the early Church addressed the needs of widows in the Book of Acts.

Ministers and Deacons are individuals of good repute and filled with the Spirit and wisdom. This brings us to our second charge—to be Spirit-led in all our endeavors. Whether praying for church members, the community, or various aspects of life, the Deacons and Ministers are unwaveringly committed to serving the congregation. We celebrate with you during times of joy and offer support during grief and mourning, ensuring you always feel secure and supported.

As we embark on this new chapter in the life of Word of Life Temple, Inc., the Deacons and Ministers are prepared to stand by Bishop Tripp as he leads us with the vision God has placed on his heart. We are ready to roll up our sleeves and bring this Ministry into full operation.

It is our privilege to serve you as your humble servants. We are praying for each of you, our Senior Pastor, and his entire family. With great anticipation and enthusiasm, we look forward to the victories that lie ahead, inspired by God's vision in our hearts.

Humbly In His Service,  
The Word of Life Temple, Inc. - Clergy and Deacons

## **Ministers & Deacons**

**Elder Margaret Freeman**  
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*Minister*

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*Minister*

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*Deacon*

**Deacon Jimmy McIntosh**  
*Deacon*

**Deaconess Brenda Floyd**  
*Deaconess*

**Deaconess Gloria Jones**  
*Deaconess*





# Greetings from the Founder His Grace, the Most Reverend *Bishop Dr. James Oscar Cunningham*

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
It is with immense joy and profound thanksgiving that I write to you on the pastoral  
installation of Bishop Arthur L. Tripp Sr.  
This moment is both a culmination of years of faithful ministry and the beginning of an  
exciting new chapter in the life of our beloved church.

When I founded Word of Life Temple, Inc., in 1988, it was with a vision of a  
community where God's love would be shared and His Word would be preached with  
boldness and grace. Over the past 36 years, I have witnessed the miraculous growth and  
transformation of this congregation—a testament to God's faithfulness and the  
dedication of countless individuals who have joined in this sacred mission.

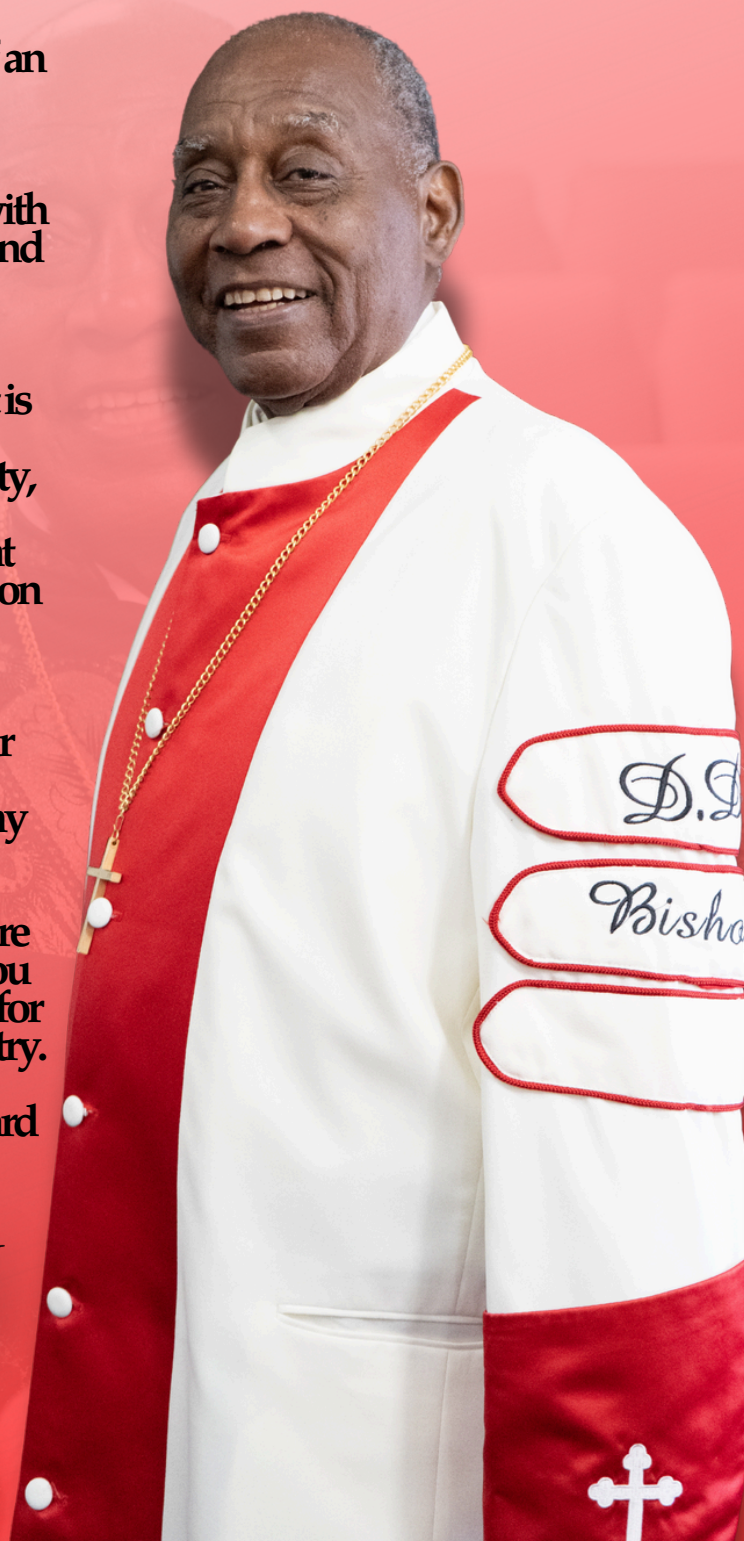
As we gather to install Bishop Arthur L. Tripp Sr. as our new Senior Pastor, my heart is  
filled with excitement for the future and gratitude for the past.  
Bishop Tripp comes to us with a remarkable ministry background, a spirit of humility,  
and a fervent commitment to serving God and His people.  
I have witnessed his deep love for the Lord and His Church, and I am confident that  
under Bishop Tripp's leadership, we will continue to build upon the strong foundation  
that has been laid.

I encourage each of you to extend a warm welcome to Bishop Tripp.  
Embrace this new era with the same passion and faithfulness that have defined our  
journey thus far. Let us support him with our prayers, our actions, and our shared  
commitment to the mission of WOLT, which is 1 Corinthians 10:33 - "not seeking my  
own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved."

As we celebrate this transition, I am reminded of the promise in Jeremiah 29:11, where  
God says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." I believe that God's plans for  
this church are filled with hope and promise as we step into this new season of ministry.

Thank you for the privilege of being part of this journey.  
May God's blessings be upon Bishop Tripp and upon all of you as you move forward  
in faith, hope, and love.  
In Christ's love and grace,

*James O. Cunningham, D.D.*





# Greetings from the Founder Her Grace, Elect Lady

## *Lady Doris Tillman Cunningham*

Grace, peace, and joy to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Today is a day of both reflection and anticipation—a moment when we gather to honor the past and embrace the future with hearts full of hope and gratitude. As I sit down to write this letter, I am overwhelmed with emotion as we prepare to install Bishop Arthur L. Tripp Sr. as the new Senior Pastor of Word of Life Temple, Inc., a church that has been the heart of our community for the past 36 years.

When my husband, Bishop Dr. James O. Cunningham, and I first embarked on this journey in 1988, we did so with a vision and a prayer. We envisioned a community where God's love would shine brightly, where His Word would be faithfully proclaimed, and where His people would find a place of spiritual growth and fellowship. The path has not always been easy, but by God's grace, we have witnessed His miracles and His faithfulness throughout the years.

Bishop Cunningham's leadership as the founding Pastor of this church has been a testament to God's goodness and mercy. His dedication, vision, and tireless efforts have established a strong foundation for the ministry we cherish today. As we honor his legacy, we celebrate his unwavering commitment to our church and the many lives touched by his faithful service.

As we turn this significant page in our history, it is with great joy and expectation that we welcome Bishop Arthur L. Tripp Sr. into this new role. Bishop Tripp brings with him a wealth of experience, a heart for ministry, and a spirit of humble leadership. We believe that God has prepared him for this moment, and we trust that under his guidance, our church will continue to grow in faith, reach new heights, and touch even more lives with the love of Christ.

I encourage you all to extend your warmest welcome to Bishop Tripp and to support him with your prayers, your faith, and your dedication to the mission of Word of Life Temple, Inc. Let us come together in unity as we enter this new season, confident that God has great things in store for us.

In this time of transition, I am reminded of the scripture from Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." Let us hold fast to this promise as we move forward with Bishop Tripp, trusting that God will lead us with wisdom and grace.

Thank you for being a part of this journey, for standing with us through the years, and for embracing this new chapter with open hearts. I look forward to seeing how God will continue to work in and through our church as we follow His path.

With heartfelt gratitude and love,  
First Lady Emeritus & Vice President of Word of Life Temple, Inc.

## *Doris T. Cunningham*





# Greetings from Her Grace, Elect Lady

*Janet Johnston Tripp*

Dear Arthur,

As I sit down to write this letter, my heart is overflowing with joy and gratitude for this beautiful moment in our lives. Today marks the beginning of a new chapter for you and for our beloved church, Word of Life Temple, Inc., and I wanted to take a moment to share with you my deepest thoughts and feelings as you step into your role as the Senior Pastor.

From the very start of our journey together, I have been in awe of your unwavering faith, your deep commitment to God, and your relentless passion for ministry.

I remember when we first began to explore the path of service that God had set before us. Your vision was always clear—to spread His Word, to uplift His people, and to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those around us. Watching you follow that calling with such dedication and love has been a profound experience for me.

Today, as you prepare to lead Word of Life Temple, Inc., I am filled with pride and excitement for what the future holds. You have walked a remarkable path, from your early days in Columbus, Georgia, to becoming a licensed preacher in Buford, Georgia, and eventually answering the call to pastoral leadership in Newport News, Virginia. Each step of the way, you have faithfully served, guided, and ministered to others with a heart full of grace and a spirit filled with determination.

Your time at Tabernacle Baptist Church and the establishment of Keep It Real Ministry are testaments to your dedication to God's work. I have witnessed your tireless efforts to build up those around you, your passionate preaching, and your unwavering support for the community. The transition of Keep It Real Ministry to Raeford, North Carolina, and its online presence during the pandemic were further reflections of your adaptability, resilience, and deep care for the people you serve.

As you step into the role of Senior Pastor at Word of Life Temple, Inc., I want you to know how proud I am of you and how much I believe in you. Your leadership, compassion, and vision will guide this church into a new era of spiritual growth and community outreach. I am confident that God has prepared you for this moment and that He will continue to bless your efforts as you lead this congregation. I also want to thank you for being the incredible husband, father, and grandfather that you are. Your love for our family and your dedication to nurturing the next generation is an inspiration to me and to everyone who knows you. Your ability to balance your family life with your ministry responsibilities is a testament to your strength and your love for God's work.

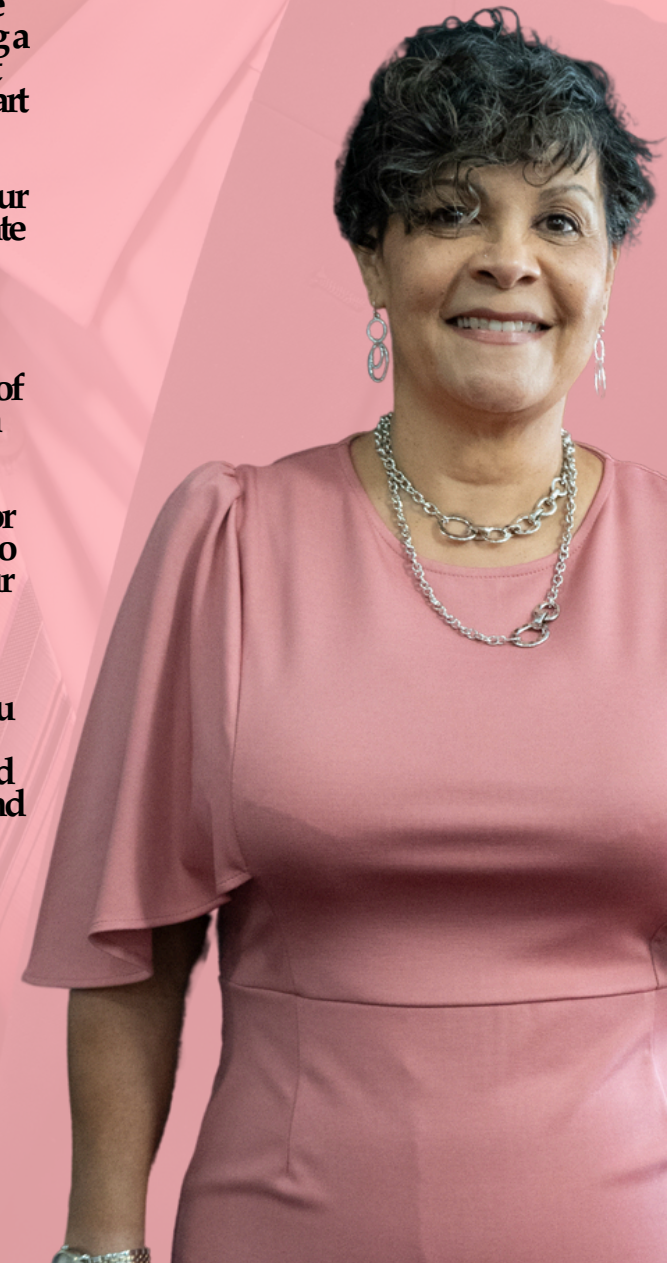
As you begin this new chapter, I pray that God will continue to guide you, strengthen you, and grant you wisdom and peace. I pray that He will bless you with the support of this congregation and that together, you will accomplish great things in His name.

I look forward to walking this path with you, supporting you in every way I can, and sharing in the joys and challenges of this new ministry. Together, let us embrace the opportunities that lie ahead with faith, hope, and love.

Congratulations, Arthur, on your installation as the Senior Pastor of Word of Life Temple, Inc.  
I am so excited to see all that God will do through you in this new season of your ministry.

With all my love and support,  
Janet Johnston Tripp

*Janet Johnston Tripp*





# The Written History of Word of Life Temple, Inc.



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Word of Life Temple, Inc., stands as a beacon of faith, hope, and service in the heart of Raeford, North Carolina. Founded in 1988 by Bishop James O. Cunningham and his wife, Doris T. Cunningham, alongside their family and a devoted group of believers, this church has been a testament to God's provision and a center for spiritual and community growth.

## **Founding and Early Beginnings**

In 1987, Bishop James O. Cunningham took a bold step of faith, envisioning a place where the Word of God could be proclaimed and where a vibrant Christian community could flourish. With the support of his beloved wife Doris, their three children Jamie Cunningham, Valerie Parker-Cunningham and her husband Robert Parker, and Vickie Cunningham, along with Helen Ross and her children Latonya Kershaw and Myron "Greg" Ray, they laid the foundation for what would become Word of Life Temple, Inc.

A modest but purposeful building was constructed that year, and in 1988, the church was officially established. The early years were marked by a deep commitment to nurturing a community of faith, service, and outreach.

## **Growth and Expansion**

As the congregation grew, so did the vision for the church's physical and spiritual expansion. The church embarked on several phases of construction to meet the needs of its expanding membership and to better serve the community.

- **Early Years:** The initial building phase provided a sanctuary for worship and a space for fellowship. Through the grace of God and the dedication of its members, the church became a place where lives were touched and the gospel was shared.
- **Adding an Overflow Section:** As the church's ministry flourished, the need for additional space became apparent. An overflow section was added to accommodate the growing number of worshippers and to ensure that everyone had a place to be part of the congregation.
- **Classrooms and Fellowship Hall:** Recognizing the importance of education and community engagement, the church added additional classrooms for Bible study and Sunday School. A Fellowship Hall was also constructed, offering a space for gatherings, events, and community outreach.
- **Children's Church Facility:** The church's commitment to the next generation led to the development of a dedicated Children's Church facility, creating an environment where young hearts and minds could be nurtured in the faith.

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## **The Vision for a Multimillion-Dollar Facility**

In 2004, Bishop Cunningham discerned the need for a larger, more versatile space to serve the community's growing needs. Under his leadership, the church embarked on an ambitious project to build a state-of-the-art multimillion-dollar facility. This new building would not only serve as a place for worship but also as a community resource. By God's grace, the mortgage for this expansive new facility was paid off in just two years—a remarkable testament to the faithfulness of God and the dedication of the church's members.

## **Community Impact and Outreach**

Since the completion of the new facility, Word of Life Temple, Inc. has continued to be a place of transformation and service. Bishop Cunningham's vision extended beyond the walls of the church as he sought to make a lasting impact on the community:

- **After-School Tutoring:** Partnering with local schools, the church established after-school tutoring programs to support students in their academic endeavors.
- **Boys Scouts of America:** The church became a home for the Boys Scouts of America, providing a venue for character development and community service for young boys.
- **Bible College Partnerships:** Recognizing the importance of ministerial education, Bishop Cunningham fostered relationships with Bible colleges to offer training and education for both ministers and lay members.
- **Affordable Housing:** The church initiated efforts to create affordable housing options for members of the community, demonstrating a tangible commitment to improving the lives of those around them.
- **Spiritual Oversight:** Over the years, Bishop Cunningham has spiritually overseen hundreds of members, offering guidance, support, and pastoral care.
- **Post-Secondary Education Board:** Bishop Cunningham was a member of the Sandhills Community College where they still recognize James Cunningham Day. Through this endeavor Bishop was able to sign into policy, solid partnerships that strengthened opportunities for kids from Hoke County to attend a college for free under the Sandhills Promise.



# The Written History of Word of Life Temple, Inc.



## Legacy and Future

**Word of Life Temple, Inc.**, has been a place where faith has been lived out, where the community has been served, and where God's love has been demonstrated in countless ways. As we honor the legacy of Bishop James O. Cunningham and Doris T. Cunningham, we also look forward to the future with hope and anticipation. With the installation of Bishop Arthur L. Tripp Sr. as the new Senior Pastor, the church is poised to continue its mission of spreading the Gospel, serving the community, and nurturing spiritual growth. Under his leadership, Word of Life Temple, Inc. will embark on new endeavors and opportunities, building on the solid foundation laid by the Cunninghams and the dedicated members of the congregation.

## Conclusion

The story of Word of Life Temple, Inc. is a story of faith, vision, and service. From its humble beginnings in 1987 to its current standing as a cornerstone of faith in Raeford, NC, the church's history is a testament to what God can do through a committed community of believers. As we look back with gratitude and look forward with excitement, we are reminded of God's faithfulness and the bright future that lies ahead.

May we continue to live out the mission of Word of Life Temple, Inc. with the same fervor and dedication that has marked our past, trusting that God will lead us in the days to come.



# The Introduction of the Pastor of Word of Life Temple, Inc.















Born to the late Donald and Anna Johnston in Karlsruhe, Germany, Lady Janet Tripp grew up with three older siblings—two residing in Germany and one in Virginia.

Her early years were marked by extensive travel across the country, a result of her father's military career, which concluded with his retirement in Newport News, VA. Lady Janet is a proud mother of two children, Devin and Akira, and a loving grandmother to her granddaughter, Jordyn.

In 1983, she dedicated her life to God at the First Baptist Church of Newport News under the guidance of the late Rev. Fred Boddie Jr.

She pursued her education at Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC), where she earned a certification in Business Management in 1988. For the past 30 years, Lady Janet has devoted her career to Housing Management, specifically aiding income-challenged families and individuals. She is certified in Public Housing Management and has made it her lifelong passion to serve and support her community.

In her leisure time, Lady Janet enjoys camping, reading, traveling, and occasionally indulging in crafting when the mood strikes. Her commitment to service and community remains a cornerstone of her life and work.



# Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp, Sr.



It is with great joy and anticipation that we introduce to you our new Senior Pastor, Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp Sr. As we embark on this new chapter together, we are excited to share the inspiring story of Bishop Tripp's life and ministry.

## **A Humble Beginning**

Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp Sr. was born in Columbus, Georgia, to Annie Tripp and the late David Tripp Sr. Growing up as the youngest of six siblings, Bishop Tripp was immersed in a family environment rich in faith, love, and mutual support. His upbringing in Columbus shaped his character and laid the spiritual foundation for a life dedicated to serving God and His people.

## **A Loving Family Man**

Bishop Tripp is a proud father of four wonderful children: Arthur Jr., Anichia, Indea, and Isaiah. He is also a devoted grandfather to two cherished grandchildren. His family is not only a source of joy and inspiration but also a testament to his commitment to nurturing and guiding the next generation in faith and love. Bishop Tripp is married to his lovely wife Lady Janet.

## **A Calling to Preach**

In 1999, Bishop Tripp was licensed to preach the Gospel at Popular Hill Baptist Church in Buford, Georgia, under the leadership of Pastor Avery Headd. This moment marked the beginning of a fulfilling journey in ministry, where he dedicated himself to proclaiming the Word of God and serving communities with compassion and grace.

## **Educational and Spiritual Formation**

Bishop Tripp pursued higher education with a deep commitment to understanding the Scriptures and pastoral care. He earned a Bachelor of Biblical Studies and Christian Counseling from Norfolk Seminary and College, which equipped him with the knowledge and skills necessary for effective ministry.

In 2005, Bishop Tripp was consecrated as a Bishop by the late Bishop Andrew E. Wiliford of the Righteous Church of God Inc. in Shelby, North Carolina. This significant event affirmed his calling and prepared him for a leadership role in the church, setting the stage for many years of impactful ministry.





# Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp, Sr.



## **A Legacy of Pastoral Leadership**

Bishop Tripp's ministry has been marked by significant roles and achievements:

- **Pastor at Tabernacle Baptist Church:** From 2002 to 2009, Bishop Tripp served as the Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in East End, Newport News, Virginia. During his time there, he was known for his dynamic preaching, compassionate pastoral care, and commitment to community service.
- **Founder of Keep It Real Ministry:** In 2010, Bishop Tripp founded Keep It Real Ministry in Hampton, Virginia. His vision for the ministry was to create a space for genuine worship, community engagement, and spiritual growth. In 2017, he relocated Keep It Real Ministry to Raeford, North Carolina, where it continued to serve the community until 2023, when it transitioned to an online format due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **A New Chapter at Word of Life Temple, Inc.**

In 2024, Bishop Tripp answered the call to become the Senior Pastor of Word of Life Temple, Inc. We are thrilled to welcome him to our church family and look forward to the new opportunities for spiritual growth and community outreach that lie ahead. Bishop Tripp's extensive background in ministry, strong theological foundation, and heartfelt commitment to God's work make him an ideal leader for our church's next chapter.





# Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp, Sr.



## Passions

Outside of his pastoral duties, Bishop Tripp enjoys a variety of hobbies and activities. He is an avid camper and traveler, finding joy in exploring God's creation and discovering new experiences. He is also passionate about mentoring young men, serving in any capacity to support the community, and educating youth. His diverse interests reflect a well-rounded individual dedicated to both spiritual and personal growth.

## Looking Forward

As we prepare to welcome Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp Sr. as our new Senior Pastor, we invite you to join us in prayer and support for his ministry. Let us come together in unity and faith as we look forward to a future filled with hope, growth, and new opportunities for service and outreach.

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Bishop Tripp. We are blessed and honored to have him as our new Senior Pastor and are excited about the incredible things God will do through his leadership.





# Introduction of Elder William A. Covington

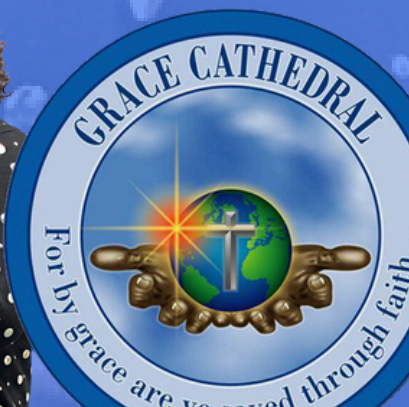


Elder William A. Covington, founder and Senior Pastor of Grace Cathedral, was born in Monroe, North Carolina. He grew up and attended school in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area.

William accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in 1974 at the Greater Lighthouse Church under Bishop Joseph W. Bryan, his father in the gospel. He answered the call to preach in 1976 and was ordained in 1978 by Apostle Smallwood Williams (Bibleway Worldwide). William has earned a "Certificate in Expository Preaching" from the E.K. Bailey International Preaching Conference and "Certificates of Ministry Leadership" from Regent University in conjunction with the Board of Directors of Project Bridges.

William and his beautiful wife Julia were married September 10, 1977. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Christina and Kimberly (deceased); three lovely granddaughters, Timiyah, Kyla and Jaylah; and one grandson, Timothy II, all born to Christina and her husband Timothy Chamberlain.

William has journeyed on several short-term missions trips with First Baptist Church of Glenarden (FBCG) to the Ukraine; Nanjemoy, MD; Cuba; New Orleans, LA and Burkina Faso, West Africa. He also serves with FBCG's Prison Ministry at Hagerstown and Patuxent, MD Men's Correction Facilities.





# Order of Worship & Installation

Apostle Debra McLeod, Officiant

Elder William A. Covington, Homilist

Saturday, September 7th, 2024  
THREE O' CLOCK in the Evening  
Word of Life Temple, Inc.

## Musical Prelude & Processional

"Hymn of Praise"  
*Word of Life Temple, Inc. Division of Worship*  
"My Hope is Built"

## Musical Selection

"I believe"  
*Word of Life Temple, Inc. Division of Worship*

## Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading | Deut 31:5-7 KJV

New Testament Reading | 1 Peter 5:1-4 KJV

Apostle Anthony Buie  
*Pastor, St. Joseph Miracle Revival Center*  
*Presiding Prelate, Solid Rock Ministries International*  
*Red Springs, North Carolina*

Pastor Ronnie McGirt  
*Pastor, Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church*  
*Blenheim, South Carolina*

## Invocation

Elder Jeffrey Gambrell  
*Lead Pastor*  
*God's Deliverance for All People Church*  
*Raeford, North Carolina*

## Statement of Purpose & History

Elder Teresa McCrimmon  
*Associate Pastor*  
*LifeConnect Community Church*  
*Woodbridge, Virginia*

## Welcome Address/Share your love

Lady Doris Cunningham  
*Co-Founder/First Lady Emeritus*

## Musical Selection

"In this Place"  
*Word of Life Temple, Inc. Division of Worship*





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## Special Greetings

*Reverend Chris Edmonds, Pastor, Jones Missionary Baptist Church  
Pastor James Leach, President Hoke County Civic League  
Sheriff Roderick Virgil, Sheriff of Hoke County  
Councilwoman Jackie McLean, Raeford City Council & NAACP  
Chairwoman Catherine Blue, Hoke County School Board  
Representative Garland Pierce, NC House of Representatives  
Commissioner Harry Southerland, Vice Chairman Hoke County Commissioners*

## Offering

*Word of Life Temple, Inc. Division of Stewardship*

## Introduction of the Homilist

*Video Presentation  
Division of Worship | Audio, Media & Marketing  
Word of Life Temple, Inc.,  
Raeford, North Carolina*

## Musical Selection

*"I came to tell you Medley"  
Word of Life Temple, Inc. Division of Worship*

## Homily

*Elder William A. Covington  
Pastor, Grace Cathedral Church  
Capital Heights, Maryland*

## Elder Margaret Freeman:

"We have come together today to present Senior Pastor Elect Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp Sr., whom we believe God has chosen to serve as Senior Pastor of Word of Life Temple, Inc. Church. We believe he is qualified and he has been prepared by God to serve this church and community. We, the Word of Life Temple, Inc. disciples, have prayerfully embarked on the selection process and confirmed this is the person who God has selected. Amen."





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## Installation Liturgy

### CHARGE TO THE DEACONS | Elder Teresa McCrimmon

I charge you deacons, to inspire faithful ministries of service to one another, to the larger community, and to the world. Remind us that the Lord requires us “to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with [our] God” (Mic. 6:8). Teach us to be merciful and to seize new opportunities to worship God with offerings of wealth, time, and ability. Therefore, minister to rich and poor alike, both within and outside the church. Weigh your opportunities for giving and service and use the church’s resources discerningly. Be compassionate to those in need and treat them with dignity and respect; hold in trust all sensitive matters confided to you. Encourage with words that create hope in hearts and with deeds that bring joy into lives. Be prophetic critics of the waste, injustice, and selfishness in our society, and be sensitive counselors to the victims of such evils. Let your lives be above reproach; live as examples of Christ Jesus; look to the interests of others. And in all your ministries help us participate in the renewing of all things even as we anticipate its completion when God’s kingdom comes. Understanding that your role is to be a support for the Senior Pastor, not to be the Senior the Pastor. Do you promise to do so, so help you GOD?

**Deacons: Yes, so help us God, we do.**

### CHARGE TO THE MINISTERS | Apostle Debra McLeod

I charge you, elders, as shepherds of the flock, to “hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that [you] can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it” (Titus 1:9). Be a friend and Christlike example to children. Give clear and cheerful guidance to young people. By word and example, bear up God’s people in their pain and weakness, and celebrate their joys with them. Hold in trust all sensitive matters confided to you. Encourage the aged to persevere in God’s promises. Be wise counselors who support and strengthen the pastor. Be compassionate, yet firm and consistent in rebuke and discipline. Know the Scriptures, which are “useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” (2 Tim. 3:16). Pray continually for the church. Remember at all times that if you would truly give spiritual leadership in the household of faith, you must be completely mastered by your Lord (1 Tim. 3:2-7). If in agreement with the charge, please say, yes, we do.

**Elders/Ministers: Yes, so help us God, we do.**





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## Installation Liturgy

### CHARGE TO SENIOR PASTOR ELECT

**Elder Covington:** "Senior Pastor Elect, do you believe that you are truly called by God and His Church to this sacred office? If so, please respond by saying, I believe I am so called."

**Pastor Elect:** "I believe I am so called."

**Elder Covington:** "Do you in the presence of the congregation commit yourself to this new Trust and responsibility? If so, please respond by saying, I do"

**Pastor Elect:** "I do."

**Elder Covington:** "Will you be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scripture and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger, more able minister of Christ? If so, please respond by saying, with the Lord's help, I will."

**Pastor Elect:** "With the Lord's help, I will."

**Elder Covington:** "Will you undertake to be a faithful Pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with your fellow ministers to build the family of God? If so, please respond by saying, with the Lord's help, I will."

**Pastor Elect:** "I will"

**Elder Covington:** "Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ so that you may be a wholesome example to your people? If so, please respond by saying, with the Lord's help, I will."

**Pastor Elect:** "With the Lord's help, I will."

**Elder Covington:** "Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and others, offering all you endeavor to God through Christ in sanctification of the Holy Spirit? If so, please respond by saying, with the Lord's help, I will." :

**Pastor Elect:** "with the Lord's help, I will."

**Elder Covington:** "May the Lord, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to carry them out. Amen."





# Order of Worship & Installation

Apostle Debra McLeod, Officiant



Elder William A. Covington, Homilist

September 7th, 2024  
THREE O' CLOCK in the Evening  
Word of Life Temple, Inc.

## Installation Liturgy

### CHARGE TO THE CHURCH [IN PERSON & VIRTUAL]

**Elder Covington:** "Word of Life Temple, Inc. Church Family please stand. Will you support and uphold Senior Pastor Elect Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp, Sr. in this appointed capacity and ministry?"

If so, please respond by saying, With the Lord's help, we will."

**Church:** "With the Lord's help, we will."

**Elder Covington:** "Word of Life Temple, Inc. Church family, will you receive Senior Pastor Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? If so, please respond by saying, With the Lord's help, we will."

**Church:** "with the Lord's help, we will."

**Elder Covington:** "Will you regard him as a servant of Christ, a steward of God, a shepherd to the sheep in leadership and integrity? If so, please respond by saying, With the Lord's help, we will."

**Church:** "with the Lord's help, we will."

**Elder Covington:** "Will you pray for her, support her, honor her in Kingdom Building for the work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace, harmony and unity of Christ? If so, please respond by saying, With the Lord's help, we will."

**Church:** "With the Lord's help, we will."

**Elder Covington:** May the Lord, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to carry them out. Amen.

## Musical Selection

Communion, Prayer &  
Anointing  
[Pouring of Oil]

"Song of Intercession"  
Word of Life Temple, Inc. | Division of Worship

Apostle Debra McLeod  
Elder William A. Covington  
Bishop J.O. Cunningham  
Lady Doris Cunningham  
Elder Margaret Freeman  
Elder Teresa McCrimmon  
Deaconess Brenda Flypd  
Deaconess Gloria Jones





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**Elder Covington:** "Everlasting God, strengthen and keep Senior Pastor Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp, Sr. May he with patience and understanding love and care for Your people. Grant that together, they may follow Christ, offering to You their gift, talents and calls through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever. Amen."

## Signing of Certificate

Elder Willam A. Covington  
Bishop J.O. Cunningham  
Lady Doris Cunningham  
Bishop Arthur Tripp, Sr.  
Lady Janet Tripp  
Elder Margaret Freeman

## Congratulatory Acknowledgements

## Presentation of Keys to the Church

Deacon Darrel Fisher, Head Deacon  
Word of Life Temple Inc.  
Raeford, NC

## Presentation of the Bible

Elder Teresa McCrimmon  
LifeConnect Community Church  
Woodbridge, Virginia

## Presentation of the Hymnal

Pastor Garland Pierce  
Bright Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor  
Laurinburg, NC

## Closing Remarks

Lady Doris Cunningham  
Bishop J.O Cunningham  
Lady Janet Tripp  
Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp Sr.

## Benediction & Grace

Elder William A. Covington  
Pastor, Grace Cathedral Church  
Capital Heights, Maryland

## Recessional

"Let Every Ear Hear"  
Division of Worship  
Word of Life Temple, Inc.

*In - Person Reception immediately following the service.  
In the James O. Cunningham Family Life Center*





Welcome  
Word of



To  
Life Temple

Lady Janet Tripp



Bishop Arthur Tripp



# *Mantle Passed*

Dear Friends and Family,

I am deeply grateful for each and every one of you who joined us for the installation service at Word of Life Temple, Inc., Your presence, prayers, and words of encouragement made this day truly special and memorable.

Thank you for being a part of this significant moment as I step into the role of Senior Pastor. Your support means more to me than words can express, and I am honored to have you alongside me as we embark on this new chapter together.

I look forward to serving with you and growing in faith as a community. Let us continue to seek God's guidance and work together to fulfill His vision for our church.

To my Bishop, brother and my friend, thank you for entrusting me with your mantle!

With heartfelt thanks and blessings,

*Bishop Arthur Lee Tripp Sr.*

Senior Pastor, Word of Life Temple, Inc.,





# *Publication Colophon*

## *The Installation Service of Bishop Arthur L. Tripp Sr.*

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