Thank you for attending our Pastor’s 40th Appreciation Celebration Service. We are delighted you spent your time fellowshipping with us while commemorating this blessed day of the Lord. It is our prayer that God continues to use our Pastor in any capacity, while leading this congregation in building the Kingdom of God. May the hand of God be with you as you travel back to your destinations and keep you safe by surrounding you with His loving arms of protection.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord". 1 Corinthians 15:58 KJV

"But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel." Acts 9:16

"The Mountain Church with the Upper Room Experience"
Welcome
to our guests, family and friends
we are glad you chose
to worship with us
for this special celebration!

Guest Pastor
Pastor Lester J. Gillespie Sr.
Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church
San Antonio, Texas

Sunday, October 20, 2019
9:00 a.m.

A Special Thank You...

Pastor George Henderson
Greater Garfield Baptist Church
Chicago, Illinois

Pastor Lester Gillespie
Greater Love Baptist Church
San Antonio, Texas

40th Pastoral Appreciation Ministry Committee
Chairpersons.................................Dea. Collen & Sis. Levouia Gweshe
Banquet Consultant............................Sis. Criss Lott
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Prayer Ministry.............................Sis. Addie Barnes & Sis. Marilyn Jefferson
Program Ministry...........................Dea. Collen & Sis. Levouia Gweshe
Hospitality Ministry.......................Sis. Renee Littlejohn, Bro. Al Ruffin, Bro Charles Eubanks
Culinary Ministry............................Sis. Vanessa Dixon
Finance Ministry.......................Min. Torres Ratcliff, Sis. Sara Hibbler, Sis. Angela Underwood
Decorations Ministry......................Sis. Joyce Stewart, Sis. Joann Ivory & Sis. Kattie Moses
Media Ministry...............................Bro. Chris Shannon & Sis. Rose Mary Shannon
Contact/Men’s Ministry .....................Dea. Larry Hibbler & Bro Bernard McBroom
Contact/Women’s Ministry..............Sis. Angela Underwood & Sis. Robin Ratcliff
Boosters........................................Dea. Collen Gweshe
Program Cover Design .......................Sis. Andrea “Cookie” Haynes
Just To Say Thank You

We thank God for giving us a Shepherd after His own heart, who allows him to heed the call to preach the word, in season & out of season, correcting, rebuking & encouraging with great patience & careful instruction. God has kept His promise & we treasure the gift of Shepherd & Pastor in William R. Lott Sr. Our Shepherd & Pastor has been preparing God’s people for work & service for over forty years. God, we love you for Pastor Lott’s faithfulness to You & the Mountain Church. God chose you for us, in times like these. We pray blessings on your life in days & years to come.

Thank you Pastor Lott, for your personal commitment to Jesus Christ. We appreciate & embrace your love, lead, service, teaching, preaching & prayers for us. Your sacrifice & personal interest in the flock under your care & the burden you carry for your Mt. Sinai Church family has been a blessing to countless individuals & families.

Sis. Lott, thank you for complimenting Pastor Lott’s leadership with your own servant, loving, caring & exemplary prayer life. We appreciate you for allowing us to share Pastor with you. WE LOVE YOU.

Thank you to our special guests & friends for choosing & taking time to fellowship with us in these historical moments. Your presence blessed us & please come back again real soon.

Mt. Sinai, we realize & acknowledge that God chooses, gives & commissions a Pastor. By faith, we received Pastor Lott and have embraced his teaching & preaching ministry. We have grown to be a better people who are obedient to the leadership that God gave us. You have made this celebration remarkable and one to applaud & congratulate yourselves. Thank you.

Finally, to everyone that has given leadership in various areas during this celebration... THANK YOU. Your efforts & the spirit of love continue to bind us as one body in Christ. We are always BETTER TOGETHER.

For Kingdom’s Glory,

Dea. Collen & Sis. Levouia Gweshe
40th Pastoral Appreciation Celebration Chairpersons
~FROM THE PASTOR’S HEART ~

As I reflect on the past 40 years, I marvel at God’s faithfulness and thank Him for allowing me the joy, honor and privilege of shepherding “one of the greatest churches in our nation.” God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Throughout these 40 years God has shown Himself strong. Many people of great character and commitment have served in this faith family and contributed in a generous way toward the work assigned to us by the Lord. This journey with the Lord continues to be joyously amazing and astonishing. To watch God unfold His plan and purpose through these years for both my life and the life of this church is miraculous, and I give Him all praise and glory.

This 40th Anniversary Celebration will be treasured in my memory for years to come. I thank God for the tremendous loving leadership and fellowship effort expended by the “Pastoral Celebration Committee.” Your service demonstrates the degree of excellence God has placed in this body of believers.

How I again give praise and glory to God for my wife, friend, and supporter (“Angel”) – Mrs. Christine McAllister – Lott. Your love for Christ, your husband and His Church is noted among believers everywhere. How I love, adore and respect you as my wife, my friend and most capable companion.

All For Calvary,
Pastor William R. Lott, Sr.
My heart is filled with gratefulness to God for His faithfulness towards us. He is more than wonderful, amazing & beyond whatever my mind can conceive, comprehend or imagine. What a marvelous thing that He continues to lavishly pour out His love upon us. So today we celebrate what only God has and is doing through His Pastor & People!

To the most diligent and capable Milestone Celebration Committee Leadership and "Mountain" congregation - thank you for your demonstrative loving kindness and the covering of your prayers over these years. I have been deeply touched by your ministry of encouragement to us during this 40th Celebration.

To a Man after God's own heart. To a giant of a man......Pastor, Comforter, Teacher, Encourager, Preacher, Leader, Counselor, Shepherd! Thank you for all that you give to serve the Lord and oversee His people. How you have allowed God to reveal His character through your teaching, your life and your ministry – it's a blessing to be led by a man who seeks the heart of God so faithfully. Be encouraged for He who created you has promised...."Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine."

To my husband - my love for you is.....Beyond Words!!

Criss McAllister-Lott
~ Angel ~
Our church is blessed
to have you for our pastor.
You serve faithfully and willingly
and we pray you will always know
that God’s presence is guiding,
directing, and helping you to accomplish
all that He calls you to do.

Thanking God
For You

Love your sheep,
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr. Lester J. Gillespie Sr.

Rev. Lester J. Gillespie, Sr., is the Organizer and Pastor of the Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church, 1534 Peck Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Pastor Gillespie is a native of San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of the late Rev. W. G. Gillespie and the late Sis. Vernell Gillepie-Jones. He is married to Kimberly S. Gillespie, the proud father to two sons and four daughters. He is also the grandfather of three grandsons and five granddaughters.

Pastor Gillespie is the National President of Ministers United for Ministerial Development (MUMD), the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Mission Board of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas, and founder of the Rev. W. G. Gillespie and Vernell Gillespie-Jones Memorial Institute Scholarship Fund.

He is the former Pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Crystal City, Texas, the 2nd Vice President of the Ministers Conference of the National Baptist Convention of America, Moderator of United Fellowship Baptist District Association, Carver Cultural Center Board Member, Chaplain of the Frio County Jail Ministry in Pearsall, Texas and Karnes City Detention Center in Karnes City, Texas, and the Chairman of the Gang Intervention Committee of the Southern Baptist Association of San Antonio, Texas.

He received the 1992 Pulpit Leadership Award from the San Antonio Register News and was the Outstanding Pastor of the Year in 1994.

Pastor Gillespie received his Bachelor and Doctor of Divinity from the Guadalupe Baptist Theological Seminary, Doctor of Divinity from American International Theological and Seminary as well as an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters of Urban Ministries from Aspen Christian College & Theological Seminary.

40th Pastoral Appreciation Banquet

Sunday, November 17, 2019
Six o'clock in the evening

The Chateau Bu-Sche'
1535 South Cicero Avenue
Alsip, Illinois 60803

Tickets are $90 each or a Table of 10 for $900
40th Pastoral Appreciation

Devotion       Deacon’s Ministry
~ Call To Worship ~
~ Chant (The Lord’s Prayer) ~
~ Responsive Scripture Reading ~

Awakening Hymn      “Lift Him Up”

Period Of Praise    Mt. Sinai Praise Team

~ Introduction Of Honorees ~
(Escort: Armor Bearers)

Entrance of Honorees
Pastor William R. Lott, Sr. & Sis. Christine Lott

Welcome       Sis. Jennifer Smith

Musical Tribute       J. V. Richardson Chorus

Senior Impact
Sis. Etra Simpson

Family Impact
Rev. Nicholas Brown & Family

~ Mt. Sinai Drill Team Presentation ~
Pastor William R. Lott, Sr., is a native of Houston, Texas; and son of the late Pastor and Mrs. Andrew S. Lott, Sr. His extensive pastoral experience includes ten (10) years of shepherding St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. Collectively, he has served in the pastoral ministry for fifty (50) years. He was charged as shepherd of the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, in February, 1979. He accepted his call to shepherd this flock June 18, 1979. His ministry testimony & theme song is “Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow”. His spirit led motto for Mt. Sinai became...“The Mountain Church With The Upper Room Experience, Where Jesus Christ Is The Center Of Attraction”. This motto consistently and clearly reveals itself in the life of the Church. Under his Mt. Sinai pastoral leadership he has led thousands to Christ as Candidates For Baptism, Rededication, Church Membership and Christian Experience. Because of the God ordained, powerful & effective leadership of Pastor Lott, God has and continues to do miraculous things here at the “Mountain Church” spiritually, numerically, and financially.....the blessings are abundant, and too numerous to adequately document. To date, under his pastoral ministry, forty one (41) Sons have been birthed, and countless “adopted” Sons in the Ministry all serving across the country & internationally on ministerial assignments.

Esteemed as a man of godly character & integrity, he has a broad religious, community, civic and political background encompassing many positions, services and affiliations with community leadership & affairs and various local /national offices such as: Precinct Judge, Program Counselor-Texas Community Action Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); Commissioner of Chicago Private Industry Council. Former Treasurer – Illinois Missionary Baptist State Convention, National Missionary Baptist Convention of America and Former Board Member - Pan America Bank (Chicago, Illinois). Currently he holds two offices: Moderator Emeritus – Midwest Baptist District Association, and Board Member of Cornerstone Mission, (Manchester, Jamaica)

His preaching itinerary is extensive locally, nationally and internationally including: Illinois State Missionary Baptist Convention; National Missionary Baptist Convention Of America; extending to Zimbabwe, Africa, Jamaica, the Holy Land, Athens, Greece and Rome, Italy. Pastor Lott is married to Criss McAllister-Lott and is the devoted father of two (2) children, Deidra and William Jr.; grandfather of William III, great grandfather of William IV, Taylor, Willow, and Teigan.

During this union of “Church and Pastor” numerous significant, and impressive ministry milestones have been achieved and the promises of God continues to unfold within our midst. The “core value” of his pastoral work remains constant that the Master be glorified...and His Mission accomplished!!

~ The Pastor’s Wife; A Tribute To Sis. Lott ~

Power Point Presentation
Bro. Chris Shannon & Sis. Rose Mary Shannon

Theme Speaker
Dea. Collen Gweshe

Music Ministry
Mt. Sinai Mass Choir

~ Introduction Of Mt. Sinai Mass Choir ~

Proclaiming His Word
Dr. Lester J. Gillespie Sr.
Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church
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~ Invitation To Christian Discipleship ~

~ Tither’s March / Free Will Offering and Benevolence Offering ~

~ Presentations ~

~ Presentation Of Honoree ~

Pastoral Remarks
Pastor William R. Lott, Sr.

Benediction
Responsive Scripture
1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Minister: Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Congregation: Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Minister: But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.

Congregation: For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

Unison: Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Awakening Hymn
"Lift Him Up"

Verse 1: How to reach the masses, men of every birth,
For an answer Jesus gave the key: And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Verse 2: Oh! The world is hungry for the living bread, lift the Savior up for them to see. Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said I'll draw all men unto me.

Verse 3: Don't exalt the preacher, don't exalt the pew, Preach the Gospel simple, full and free: Prove Him and you will find that promise is true, I'll draw all men unto me.

Verse 4: Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought, Let the world in you the Savior see. Then men will gladly follow Him who once taught, I'll draw all men unto me.

Chorus: Lift Him up, Lift Him up, Still He speaks from eternity: And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I'll draw all men unto me.