

BISHOP SAMMIE HAYNES, JR.



Bishop Sammie Haynes, Jr., is a native of Miami, FL, veteran of the Vietnam War, retired educator, husband of Mother Maelois Blackshear Haynes, and father of seven children.

After graduating from Miami Killian Senior High School, Bishop Haynes continued his studies in Macon, GA. He received an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Macon College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Special Education from Mercer University. Subsequently, he acquired a Master's Degree in Special Education from Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, GA. He also completed religious studies at Mercer University, along with other institutions of learning.

After listening to the radio broadcasts of the late Bishop L.M. Bell, Bishop Haynes joined Bell's Temple A.O.H. Church of God in Macon, GA. He later joined the ministry of Bishop Milton Wynn at Greater Word of Deliverance Church of God in Christ. While there, Bishop Haynes became a licensed minister and ordained elder. When Bishop Wynn contemplated leaving COGIC, Bishop Haynes felt called to start a church in Vienna, GA. In August 1989, this vision materialized into Greater Word of Deliverance II Church of God in Christ. Eventually Bishop Haynes withdrew from the Church of God in Christ and became an independent. However, in September 1997, Bishop Haynes reunited with the A.O.H. Church of God after being introduced to Bishop Rufus Sanders, the diocesan bishop of Georgia. The church was renamed to Temple of Faith A.O.H. Church of God. As the Lord began to really bless the church, a Category 4 tornado destroyed the church building in 1999, but it did not destroy "the church". The Lord enabled Bishop Haynes and the congregation to rebuild a bigger and better sanctuary. After the A.O.H. Church of God split in 2002, Bishop Haynes transitioned to the Apostolic Church of Promise and was appointed as an overseer.

When Bishop Haynes parted ways with the Apostolic Church of Promise in 2006, he went independent. In December 2007, he was consecrated as a bishop by Bishop Calvin Watkins and Open Door Pentecostal Church of the Lord of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. Feeling led to go back home, Bishop Haynes rejoined the Apostolic Church of Promise in June 2016.

Currently he is the diocesan bishop of the South Georgia/East Florida Diocese, Supervisory Bishop of the National Music Department, member of the Board of Bishops and the National Executive Board, and pastor of Vienna Temple of Faith Apostolic Church of Promise.