

## OUR HISTORY

The Apostolic Church of Promise (“A.C.O.P.”) was incorporated in September 2002 in Birmingham, Alabama. Although the church organization is new, its roots stem from an old source—the Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God (“AOH”), which was founded in 1916 by the Late Bishop William Thomas Phillips (1893-1973). Despite being new, A.C.O.P. still embraces the teachings of Bishop Phillips, whose ministry centered around sanctification and holiness. Consequently, we regard Bishop Phillips as the forefather/pioneer of A.C.O.P.

A.C.O.P. was birthed following a split in the AOH Church. In August 2002, the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, upheld an attempt to oust Bishop Jasper Roby as the Senior Bishop of the AOH Church. Following this court’s decision, those, who opposed this departure from the *Manual* of the AOH Church, were forced to part ways with the organization. “Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed”, this remnant was able to start anew, realizing that though the enemy meant it for evil, God meant it unto good. In September 2002, a new organization was born—the Apostolic Church of Promise.