

OUR CHURCH HISTORY

led by Roy and Barbara Gerald



It's been written that we have nothing to fear for the future, except when we forget the way God has led us in the past. The congregation of South County Christian Center has watched God lead through founders Roy and Barbara Gerald.

It was February 19, 1953 when the Gerald's began their ministry in St. Louis with a small group that met in a small building on Clyde Avenue. With growth came the need to find something more permanent and in 1963, a new facility was built in a fast-growing area of St. Louis County on Telegraph Road. During the next twenty years, the church continued to grow. A K-12 school was founded as well as a daycare. With its rich Pentecostal heritage, the church fostered the spiritual development of various ministers and leaders who are currently serving around the world.

After a time of transition, including holding services in a shopping center and a banquet center, the church was able to purchase property on Kerth Road in 1993. By June of 1995, the congregation moved into their new building.

“Having seen and experienced changes in so many lives has been an awesome experience,” said Pastor Gerald. “God’s word was fulfilled with lives transformed by the presence of God.”

Pastor Gerald has been listening to God’s word from an early age when he was called into the ministry. Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1931, he graduated from Baton Rouge High School in 1948 and attended college in Mississippi and Minnesota. It was in Mississippi that he met Barbara, who was a student music teacher. They were married in June of 1951.

In addition to serving a growing congregation, the Gerald’s raised two children who have continued their parents’ work in Christian ministry, one of which is Pastor Kevin Gerald, of Covenant Celebration Church in Tacoma, Washington who currently serves as a presbyter for SCCC. The Gerald’s have three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

In February 2006, when the Gerald’s retired as senior pastors, their congregation recognized their ministry by conferring on them the title of Bishop and Lady Gerald. On March 19, 2007, Lady Barbara Gerald entered her eternal rest surrounded by her family. Bishop Roy Gerald continues to travel and minister at churches, Bible colleges and various missions around the globe.