

BISHOP KENNETH J. SWARINGER



Kenneth James Swaringer was born on February 1, 1962 to The Late Bishop Lloyd E. Swaringer, Sr. and The Late Mother Susanna James Swaringer in Florence, South Carolina. The seventh of eight children, endeavoring in the church and reaching higher heights, the Lord blessed him with many talents. He is an anointed singer, gifted musician, entrepreneur, businessman, and a great organizer. But most of all, he is a powerfully anointed pastor and minister of the unadulterated Word of God.

Bishop Swaringer was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ at an early age. In September of 1980, he tarried until the Lord filled him with the precious gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave him utterance. In 1982, the Late Bishop Lloyd E. Swaringer, Sr. appointed him to the office of deacon. In 1984, Deacon Swaringer accepted the call of God to preach the gospel. Later, he was consecrated to the office of Elder. Due to the declining health of The Late Bishop Swaringer, Elder Swaringer was appointed Pastor-in-charge. In March of 1997, Elder Swaringer was elected to the office of Bishop-Elect of the Northern Diocese of The Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, Inc. In June of 1997, he was consecrated to the sacred office of Bishop by his father, The Late Bishop Lloyd E. Swaringer, Sr. On August 31, 1997, Bishop Kenneth J. Swaringer was installed as pastor of Greater Gethsemane Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ by Bishop R.F. Davis, Sr., the Executive Chairman of The Greater Highway Church of Christ, Inc.

Bishop Swaringer is both dedicated and faithful. Although Bishop Swaringer has received numerous accolades and accomplishments that are too numerous to be listed here, he epitomizes the Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 2:4-5, when he said, “And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”

Bishop Swaringer is fully committed to continuing steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine. He stands firmly on the Word of God and uncompromisingly teaches holiness as God’s only acceptable standard. He travels extensively, positively impacting the Body of Christ by preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Bishop Swaringer continually strives for excellence in every area of his life and ministry, and instills that same level of excellence into the lives of the saints, and people in general. His unwavering faith, guidance, and leadership are truly extraordinary. He is an impeccable leader; one who leads with godly integrity.

In July of 2008, under the prayerful direction of the Holy Ghost, Bishop Kenneth J. Swaringer officially established and launched The Apostolic Heritage Conference A.C.J.C., an extension of The Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, Incorporated. It is comprised of a number of churches from within the southeastern region of the United States, extending into some of the principal cities of the north. As a visionary leader and pastor of pastors, Bishop Swaringer presently serves as Chairman and Presiding Bishop. He is also the pastor of Greater Saint John Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, which is located at 385 Longbranch Road in Greeleyville, South Carolina. He is married to the lovely Lady Brenda B. Swaringer. Their union is blessed with two beautiful children, a daughter, Shametra, and a son, Kenneth J. Swaringer II. We praise the Lord for this mighty man of God and are grateful for the gift that he brings to the Body of Christ.