

## **BISHOP VAN BYNUM, SR.**

*Assistant Pastor*

*New Mt. Olivet Apostolic Church*



Van Sr. is the son of the late Deacon Douglas Bynum, Sr., and Mother Annie V. Bynum. He is the third of four siblings: Douglas, Jr., Annie Ruth, and Edward. He received his early education in the Public School System in Washington, D.C. – Mott Elementary, Garnet Patterson Junior High and Dunbar Senior High School. He attended the Federal City College (University of the District of Columbia) and Washington Saturday College. He is also a product of the Sewell Music Conservatory, Washington, D.C.

He was baptized in Jesus' name and received the gift of the Holy Ghost and was called to the ministry at age 17. He fully accepted the call to ministry at age 21. He was ordained a minister in June 1972 and ordained an Elder in June 1973, both by the late Bishop Monroe R. Saunders, Sr., Presiding Bishop of the United Churches of Jesus Christ – Worldwide. During the Convocation of 2010, he was the consecrated to the Office of Bishop by the Presiding Officer of the Mount Olivet Apostolic Churches Organization -- Bishop Hopeton W. Mair, Sr. He currently serves as the Deputy Presiding Officer of the Organization.

In 1971, he was united in Holy Matrimony with Florita Ethel Epps. They are blessed with four children -- Van, Jr., Keith Dametrius (deceased), Shellie Renee and Shirell Denise and he also has been blessed with two granddaughters – Kayla and Kristen (twins – born March 12, 2008), and one niece that he has been blessed to care for – Robynn.

From 1968 through 1974, he held positions with the federal government and from 1974 to 2013 he was employed by the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority. As an employee of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority, he received numerous awards for his service. In December of 2013 he retired with over 39 years of dedicated service.

From 1960 to November 1982, he was a member of the Rehoboth/First United Church of Jesus Christ, Washington, D.C., pastored by the late Bishop Monroe R. Saunders, Sr. and the late Bishop Charlie Burroughs, Sr. At First United, he faithfully served as a Minister; Elder; Assistant Choir Director of the Young People's Choir and Director of the Rehoboth/First United Church Brothers' Choir.

From November 1982 to present, he has faithfully served as Assistant Pastor of New Mt. Olivet Apostolic Church, Seat Pleasant, Maryland, under the leadership of Bishop Hopeton W. Mair, Sr. He has assisted in all aspects of ministry at New Mt. Olivet, including Superintendent of Sunday School, Minister of Music, Brotherhood President and Radio Broadcast Ministry (“Operating from An Area of Strength”), Transportation Ministry, Leadership Ministry, and Thermo Van Ministry. He gives his resources and time, wherever needed. He assists with the feeding of the homeless at various locations in the area and has worked with the Prison Ministry of Prince George's County, Maryland.

He was blessed to receive a Bachelor of Biblical Studies, Bachelor of Theology and Master of Theology. In 2008 he received his Doctor of Theology.

He and his wife have been blessed to record two CDs – 1) *Finally Van and Flo*; and 2) *Issues* and he has been blessed to write many of the songs on the CDs.

His love is working in the House of God, and he believes in true worship and praise. He gives God all the glory, honor, and praise for all that He has done for him and for all that the Lord has allowed him to accomplish.