

## *Carroll Pitts, Jr.*

Evangelist Carroll Pitts, Jr., a man of valor in the mighty army of God, was a specialist in the field of Church Administration and Personal Evangelism. In addition to being a great Gospel Preacher, Brother Pitts distinguished himself as a dedicated Christian man of God and was in demand throughout the brotherhood, receiving many invitations to speak on Lectureship programs on the national level. He conducted religious workshops throughout the nation and other places throughout the world. His place should be reserved in the annals of Church history as a man who stood tall as a defender of God's Truth.



His wife, Sister Bernice Pitts, is still very active in carrying on his legacy of supporting Christian education as well as other great causes.

Carroll Pitts, Jr. was one of nine children born to Carroll and Albertha Pitts on February 1, 1923 in North Little Rock, AR. Carroll was wed to the former Bernice M Carr in Los Angeles in 1947 and together they adopted two children, Philip Carroll and Pamela Marie.

Brother Pitts' education includes a BA in Religion from Pepperdine University, 1954; General Elementary Teaching Credentials, 1957 California State University; MA in Religion from Pepperdine University - Master's Thesis: The Church and Civil Rights.

Among his works in the church, Brother Pitts resume includes: Compton Ave church Los Angeles 1945-1955, church secretary, Youth Minister, Chorus Director; Baker St Church in Bakersfield, 1955-1962; Associate Minister, Figueroa church Los Angeles 1962-1963, serving with R.N. Hogan and Calvin Bowers; Minister of Normandie Ave church LA 1963-1985. There Carroll Pitts helped the congregation grow to over 1,000 members; he appointed the first elders and deacons during his tenure with the congregation. He was instrumental in helping to start the Normandie Christian School.

Throughout the brotherhood and around the world, Brother Pitts was available for the cause of Christ. He conducted gospel meetings, workshops, seminars and gave lectures in 23 states; also in Guyana, South Africa, Kingston, Jamaica; the Bahamas, Nigeria, Africa; and New Zealand. Carroll taught religious classes at Pepperdine University, parttime, for 9 years. He made five trips to the Holy Land as a tour guide, touring Jerusalem, Cairo, Egypt and Corinth. Brother Pitts also made trips to Paris, London, Rome, Trinidad, Canada, Mexico and Haiti. Has given lectures at the following Christian school: SwCC, Pepperdine, Abilene Christian University, Oklahoma Christian College and Nashville Christian Institute and served as Secretary of the National Lectureship. Bro. Pitts continued to support Christian education until his passing in 1987.

