



CHURCH HISTORY

Twenty-Five years ago at Calvary Baptist Church in Buffalo, NY, a life-changing ministry began under the leadership of Pastor Troy A. Bronner. Since that day, its spiritual growth increased tremendously and the physical membership of believers grew from some 500 to almost 3,000. The 6:00 am daily Morning Prayer revival practically revolutionized worship in the Western NY region. Initiated in September 1995, the prayer service was incredible and sometimes ran for more than 3 hours, attracting as many as 200 people of all races and denominations on weekdays and as many as 500 on Saturdays.

It was at this point that God began to lead Pastor Bronner in another direction. In October '99, Pastor Bronner announced to the members at Calvary as well as to the city of Buffalo that he was sure that he had completed the assignment that the Lord had given him at Calvary, and that the Lord was calling him to start a new ministry called Elim Christian Fellowship. The majority of the people in the church as well as the city saw the move as an evolution...not a revolution.

It was the next step in the plan that God had for his life. This new move of God was more inclusive...non-denominational and multiracial – a lot like Morning Prayer.

Springing from this are other prayer revivals that have begun in Charleston, South Carolina; Baltimore, Maryland; Kentucky; Des Moines, Iowa; and Chester, Pennsylvania. This is precisely what God has done here in the city of Greensboro.

Former Senior Pastor, Terry E. Warr, and the former Assistant Pastor, Eric M. Gladney, established Elim Christian Fellowship in Greensboro. Elim became incorporated on April 27, 2001. Elim-Greensboro's first service was on October 14, 2001 at the Greensboro Regional Realtors Association. In 2018, Pastor Warr was led in a different direction. The Associate Pastor at that time was Pastor Stanton Gilmore who continued to serve Elim until the current Senior Pastor Audrey H. Johnson was installed on August 21, 2021. Pastor Johnson is married to First Lady Shawn DeBerry Johnson. The current Elder Board consists of: Elder Gerald Durham, Elder Mother Anne Heard, Elder Misti Sellars, Elder Stanton Gilmore, and Elder Rickie Gaymon. The Church Administrator is Susan Benjamin. She can be reached at (832) 603-2473 or at www.susan.benjamin@elimcf.org.