



BIBLE NUGGETS

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A Biblical Nugget Special Addition

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A Historical Time For Grace Bible Chapel

Celebrating 87 Years of Proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ

Berlin M. Nottage (1889 –1966 Pioneer and Gospel Trailblazer)

Mother Nottage said to her 6 sons, "Boys you may be good for this life, but you are not good enough for the next life until you give your lives to the Lord Jesus Christ." Mother Nottage of Nassau, Bahamas desired above all to not only see all of her sons saved, but missionaries. She didn't live to see them all saved, but her prayers were answered after she passed away. They were all save and four of them became missionaries to the United States. I came to know three of them, T.B. Nottage, Whitfield Nottage, and Berlin M. Nottage. In July of 1948, I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord under the ministry of Pastor Berlin M. Nottage.

Grace Gospel Chapel – Harlem, New York:

Brother Nottage was led of the Lord to begin his evangelistic preaching in Harlem, New York in 1910. It was the Fall of the year 1914, and during the preceding years an influx of immigrants from the West Indies came to New York. Many of them were settling in Harlem and the surrounding uptown areas of New York City. As a result, the Lord used the ministry of Berlin M. Nottage along with 25 other brethren in 1914 to start a new work at 50 West 134th Street, where Grace Gospel Chapel had its beginning. The work prospered as the Hand of the Lord was evident. Many were saved and their numbers increased tremendously. Today, Grace Gospel Chapel is located at 102 West 133rd Street, and is recognized by the City of New York as one of its historical sites to visit. I was privileged to have been at a number of anniversary services when more than 100 believers from different nations were guest.

Central Gospel Hall– Detroit, Michigan:

Detroit had no biblically sound assembly until around 1880. In 1881, T.D. W. Muir lived in Hamilton, Ontario and spent his time preaching the Gospel in Ontario and in towns in the central part of Michigan. In 1881, he came to Detroit with his wife and they held street meetings in Cadillac Square, the downtown area of Detroit at that time. They met some Christian people and saw others led to the Lord. These formed a small assembly, the first in Michigan and later to be known as Central Gospel Hall.

Berlin M. Nottage Arrives in Detroit:

The Nottage brothers being led to spread the good news of the Gospel into the unreached black communities of the United States. They started other Gospel assemblies in the South, Mid-west, Chicago, Terre Haute, Indiana, Philadelphia, Cleveland, and finally settling in Detroit. He began tent meetings in 1931. As result a number of assemblies were born, including Berlin M. Nottage's home assembly, Bethany Tabernacle (now Pembroke-Bethany Chapel) in 1932, followed by River Rouge Bible Assembly in 1933, followed by Grace Tabernacle (now Grace Bible Chapel in 1934), followed by Berean Tabernacle in 1936 (now Berean Chapel), followed by Community Tabernacle in 1936, with Gospel Chapel and Oakdale Tabernacle following. Brother Nottage taught the new believers the importance of being saved by grace through faith in Christ alone; the importance of family devotions, bringing their bibles to church; the importance of the Lord's Supper; the principles of gathering to the person of the Lord Jesus Christ in each meeting.

Grace Bible Hour: (Saturdays & Sundays – 9:AM -1200 AM)

Brother Nottage was the first black sound Gospel broadcaster in Detroit. He encouraged brother William James Coleman to start "The Wonderful Peace Radio Broadcast" stating: "You can reach more people by radio than you'll ever reach on Sunday morning." And brother Coleman in turn encouraged me to start the Grace Bible Hour. Because of the Grace Bible Hour, the Christians of Warrendale United Brethren in Christ Church became an assembly on April 7, 2009. It is located in the Warrendale Community of Detroit - 6920 Piedmont Street at West Warren.

Grace Bible Chapel's Temporary New Location

27475 Five Mile Road One Block West of Inkster in Livonia

- . Join us for our last meeting at Oakman & Joy Road on our 87th Church Anniversary – Lord's Day, October 17, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. with a delicious meal following. **Our Anniversary Theme:** "Taking Refuge in The Lord" – Psalm 118:8. **"It is better to trust in the Lord than to trust in man."**
- . The 87th Church Anniversary speaker is former missionary to Haiti, author, pastor, prison chaplain, and conference speaker Bob Herriman.
- . **Our first Lord's Day service at St. Paul Presbyterian Church will be October 24, 2021 at 7:45 a.m. The Wednesday Study is at Noon October 20, 2021. Join Us! The church is one mile north of I-96.**
- . **Our New Mailing Address is: Grace Bible Chapel – P.O. Box 51208 Livonia, Michigan 48151-5208**

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