

New Store-Front Churches in Chicago

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THE STORE-FRONT CHURCH in Chicago's Negro neighborhoods tends to be short-lived, often because it is housed in a building soon to be torn down in slum clearance. Many of the churches cited in *Names* in the September, 1962, issue are now deserted or no longer standing. But others have sprung up with equal energy and hope, and their names are of no less interest to students of onomastics. In July, 1963, the following new congregations were to be found in the area bounded by 31st and 49th Streets, Cottage Grove Avenue and State Street:

By Way of the Cross Community Church; Christs [*sic*] Temple of the Seven Seals; The Right Way Home None Sectarian Temple [*sic*]; Church of the Living God Ground of the Truth; Holy Ground M.B. Church; Victory Saved M.B. Church; Straight Way M.B. Church; New Macedonia Spiritual Temple; Pastor of St. Jude Healing Temple #5; St. Anthony's Temple of Faith; St. Mathew [*sic*] Church of God in Christ; Green Grove M. B. Church, and Greater Pearly Grove Baptist Church (both on Cottage Grove Avenue); Good Samaritan [*sic*] United Christians Church; Gentle Savior Baptist Church; Little Flower Home Mission; The little Bethlehem M. B. Church; International Baptist Church; New Fellowship Church of God-in-Christ; The Christian Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church; True Faith Missionary Baptist Church; Church of God in Christ Deliverance Mission; Christian Love M.B. Church; Temple of Divine Love; Prayer Temple; Christ Holiness Temple; Omega Baptist Church; The Peoples [*sic*] House of Prayer; and The Redeeming Church of Christ.

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