

Ghetto Worship

A Study of the Names of Chicago Storefront Churches

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ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO GO FAR on one of the major business streets of Chicago's South Side before he encounters a storefront church. Tucked in between a grocery store and a pool hall, between a filthy five-and-dime and a dingy El station, or in an abandoned building scheduled for demolition, one finds these houses of worship.

Usually established as emergency meeting quarters for a small, struggling group, these make-shift churches soon acquire the aspect of permanency in areas of the city which are marred by decay and blight. They seem permanent because they are so numerous — there are thirty on South State Street alone today, but tomorrow there might be twenty-six or thirty-three. Even though these storefront churches frequently shift locations, names, and congregations, they persist in the bleak landscape of the Negro sections of our city, for they play an important part in the lives of the people.

Compared with the vitality and imagination expressed in the names of these churches, traditional church names of established, sophisticated denominations are somber and colorless. In this paper I would like to examine and classify the names of Chicago storefront churches. As the basis for this study, I have compiled a list of 381 church names which is appended to this article: 97 of these churches I have seen, 100 of them I have taken from a listing of Negro Baptist Churches in Chicago, and the remainder are from telephone listings where the address indicates a strong probability that the church is a storefront.¹ Not all of the churches listed still exist.

¹ "Negro Baptist Churches in the United States," *State of Illinois Historical Records Survey*, I, 1942.

Most storefront churches are situated on well-traveled roads in the Negro districts. A few can be found in houses, but most of them occupy quarters originally designed for small businesses. Seldom do these churches have buildings and grounds in addition to the main storefront. Several storefront churches in the same block are not uncommon, however, and on Roosevelt Road I have seen four adjacent churches.

The storefront church usually has its name printed (often not very neatly) on the window or on a sign which hangs in front of the building. Misspellings are surprisingly rare: of the churches in this study only *Shinning* Light Baptist Church, *Freindship* Baptist Church, and Mt. Herman Baptist Church had their names misspelled. (Perhaps King Davis Baptist Church is misspelled; King David would seem more likely, but the church might have formed a cult around a leader named Davis). One frequently also sees an "Order of Service" sign on the building, which information refers not to the sequence of a particular meeting, but to the number and time of the services held there during the week. Window paintings – while sometimes present – are not universal. Along 43rd Street, however, large window paintings in bright colors seem to be in vogue.

A large proportion of the churches reflect denominational orientation in their names, even though ties with a particular denominational organization may be very weak. Baptist is by far the most common designation – 263 (69%) out of 381: seventy-one (19%) of these are Missionary Baptist, a few are Primitive Baptist churches, and the majority are just plain Baptist churches. There are thirty (8%) churches on the list which are designated as the "Church of God in Christ," sixteen (4%) are pentecostal or Spiritualist Churches, and eight (2%) are African Methodist Episcopal. Some have undefined letters in their names such as F.B.H., A.O., A.O.H., and C. of F., and the remainder of the churches are apparently independents (17%).

Storefront churches are easily established – often a leader, a meeting place, and a handful of people are sufficient to do so – and they are as easily disbanded. Of one hundred Chicago churches chosen at random from a 1942 Negro Baptist Church Directory, only fifteen exist today at the same location; ten more, however, may have the same congregation at another address. Furthermore, forty-nine

probable storefront churches able to afford telephones in 1963 are not listed in the 1964 directory; and sixty-one churches with phones in 1964 are not listed in the 1963 directory. The rapid turnover, reflected in so many church names beginning with "new" or "greater," might be caused partly by the unstable society, the transient nature of the constituents, and by the fact that individual personalities often establish these churches and when they are gone the leaderless church dies. Also, during the last ten years in Chicago a number of churches along State Street, Wentworth Avenue, and Federal Street have been torn down through Urban Redevelopment programs and the construction of expressways.²

The churches' names can be classified in a variety of ways. A large number of them refer to Biblical place-names or persons, to books of the Bible, or to certain incidents described in the Bible. Other church names refer to saints; and still others, to their age — old or new —, to their appearance, their size, their quality, or to their relationship to other churches of the same name. Several names identify locations or their founders, while others attempt to define or describe the kind of activity which takes place at that church. Many refer to the guidance or help one might find there, or to the heavenly or earthly rewards one might hope to gain from attendance. I would like to discuss and give examples of each of these categories.

Biblical place-names for storefront churches are quite common. One might suppose that the congregation desires to have the attributes or associations of the Biblical location for their own church. This is probably the case for such names as Bethel (in *Bethel* Missionary Baptist Church and New *Bethel* Baptist Church) which means "the House of God," or for *Zion Temple* Baptist Church which refers either to Solomon's temple in Jerusalem or the Temple in the New Jerusalem of heaven; but one wonders if all the associations were intentional in *Thyatira* Missionary Baptist Church. Thyatira was one of the seven churches to whom the Apocalypse was addressed in Revelations 2:18–29; it was praised for its good works, charity, faith, and patience, but chastised because some of its members, following the advice of the "prophetess" Jezebel, had

² A substantial number of the churches reported by James B. Stronks in 1962 no longer exist ("Names of Store-Front Churches in Chicago," *Names*, 10.203–4, September, 1962).

practiced fornication. Philadelphia was also one of the seven churches to whom the messages in Revelation were addressed; this church was noted for its faith, patience, and orthodoxy, and it is not surprising that four churches in this study adopted the name of this ancient church — *Philadelphia* Baptist Church, *Philadelphia* Missionary Baptist Church (2), and New *Philadelphia* Baptist Church. Several towns where Paul stopped on his missionary journeys are now associated with the names of storefronts: *Antioch* Baptist Church, *Berea* Baptist Church, and *Macedonia* Baptist Church No. 1.

El Bethel Baptist Church, which is Hebrew for “God of the House of God,” takes its name from Genesis 35:7. *Beth Eden* Baptist Church associates itself with a paradise: Beth Eden means “the dwelling place in Eden.” *Beulah* Baptist Church occurs twice on the list; Beulah was the name given to Palestine after the Exile when the land was restored to God’s favor (Isaiah 62:4). These two churches may have taken their name from the popular gospel song: “I’ll be dwelling in Beulah Land.” *Samuel Temple* and *Solomon Temple*, these glories of the Old Testament, find their names on several less glorious Chicago storefronts. Rehoboth, the site of one of Isaac’s wells, is found in a slightly different spelling in *Rehaboth* Church of God in Christ. Identification with Israel in *Israel* A.M.E. Church is not surprising since this was the new land which God gave to his people; but identification with the former name of this area in *Canaan* Baptist Church is more strange.

Names associated with the life of Christ occur frequently. Bethlehem, Christ’s birthplace, is found in the names of six churches (*Bethlehem* Baptist Church, *Bethlehem* M.B. Church, *Bethlehem* Church, Greater *Bethlehem* Missionary Baptist Church, New *Bethlehem* Baptist Church); the sixth of these, *Bethlehem Star* M.B. Church, honors the star which guided the wisemen to the manger. Galilee, a district where Christ spent much time, occurs in the name of three churches: New *Galilee* Missionary Baptist Church, Greater *Galilee*, M. B. Church, and *Galilee* Baptist Church. Jerusalem is found in three church titles: New *Jerusalem* Pentecostal Church, *Jerusalem* All Nations Pentecostal Church, and *Jerusalem* Baptist Church. Calvary, the place of Christ’s Crucifixion, and Gethsemane, the garden where he prayed, are found in four church names each: *Calvary* M.B. Church of Chicago, Inc., *Calvary* Temple Baptist

Church, *Mt. Calvary* Church of God in Christ, Greater *Calvary* Church, *Gethsemane* Baptist Church (2), *Gethsemane* Church of God in Christ, and *Gethsemane* Star Baptist Church. Emmaus, in *Emmaus* Missionary Baptist Church, was the village near Jerusalem to which Jesus walked on the first Easter.

Captain Folger was not the only one who brought a mountain to Chicago. Thirty-eight Chicago storefront churches (10 %) have a mountain in their title, even though not all of these are really mountains. It is not too difficult to discover why so many storefronts on the flat streets of Chicago should be named after mountains. Many ancient peoples considered mountains as holy places, and references to these are numerous in the Bible. Mt. Sinai was Yahweh's special abode (Deut. 33:2); Mt. Zion was another of the Lord's favorite dwelling places (Ps. 68:16). The Lord as God of the Hills brought Israel victory (I Kings 20:23,28). Mountains melted at God's presence (Judges 5:5, Ps. 97:5), leaped in his praise (Ps. 114:4,6), and witnessed his dealings (Micah 6:2). Jesus himself often sought mountain solitude and height for his own devotions (Matt. 14:23, Mark 6:46, Luke 6:12, John 6:15). Christ's ascension also took place from a mountain. Furthermore, it has always been a common notion among people that the higher you are the closer you are to God and heaven.

The following mountains are mentioned in the Bible which are now church names: *Mt. Calvary* Church of God in Christ (Calvary, mentioned by name only once in the Bible – Luke 23:33 – was evidently an elevation (Mark 15:40, Luke 23:49), although the word "hill" is not used with it, much less "Mount" Calvary); *Mt. Carmel* Baptist Church and *Mt. Carmel* M.B. Church (the scene of the contest between Elijah and the prophets and priests of Baal); *Mt. Ephraim* Missionary Baptist Church (the central range of mountains in the territory occupied by the tribe of Ephraim); *Mt. Hebron* Baptist Church (3) (a city on a hill closely associated with the life of Abraham); *Mt. Hermon* Missionary Baptist Church (a high mountain in northern Palestine meaning "the forbidden place"); *Mt. Moriah* Missionary Baptist Church (the site of Solomon's Temple); *Mt. Nebo* Baptist Church (2) and *Mt. Pisgah* Baptist Church (the mountain where Moses went in obedience to God's command to look over the Promised Land of Canaan before he

died); *Mount Olives* Baptist Church or *Mt. Olivet* Baptist Church (the mount just east of Jerusalem to which Jesus often went); *Mt. Sinai* Baptist Church and *Mt. Sinai* Temple of Truth (the mountain where Moses received the revelation of the Ten Commandments); and *Mt. Zion* Baptist Church, *Mt. Zion* Church of God in Christ, and *Mt. Zion* First Holy Miracles Baptist Church (the site of the Temple in Jerusalem.)

Mt. Bethlehem, Mt. Eagle, Mt. Ebenezer, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pilgrim, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Ridge, Mt. Hope, and Mt. Vernon are not mountains mentioned in the Bible. The congregation of *Mt. Bethlehem* M.B. Church perhaps wanted to associate the qualities of both a mountain and the town of Christ's birth in their name. The names of *Mt. Pilgrim* M. B. Church, Greater *Mt. Hope* Baptist Church, *Mt. Joy* Baptist Church, and *Mt. Pleasant* Baptist Church all reveal states of being or states of desired being. *Mt. Ridge* Baptist Church seems to double the mountain emphasis. In the Bible, the Ebenezer of *Mt. Ebenezer* Baptist Church is a stone, not a mountain – the stone Samuel set up to commemorate a victory of Israel over the Philistines (I Samuel 7:12). Mt. Vernon is the tomb of George Washington, but I don't know if it has any other associations for the Greater *Mt. Vernon* Baptist Church. The Mt. Eagle, of *Mt. Eagle* Baptist Church, is not mentioned in the Bible, nor can I find any mountain of the world which has this name [There is an Eagle Mountain in Texas – Ed.]; perhaps the church took its name from the Bible verse in Isaiah 40:31: "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles . . ."

Particularly popular for church names are Biblical personalities and other names associated with Christ: *The Body of Christ* Baptist Church, *Christ* Chapel, *Gentle Savior* Baptist Church, *Immanuel* Missionary Baptist Church, *Light of the World* United Church of God in Christ, *Lily of the Valley* Spiritual Church, *Morning Star* Baptist Church, *Nazarene* M. B. Church, *Omega* Baptist Church, and *Rose of Sharon* Baptist Church. The names of several Old Testament heroes, such as the first elements of *King Solomon* M.B. Church and *Gideon* Baptist Church, and the more general *Israelite* Baptist Church, are also found. New Testament saints and saints of the Church are represented in *St. Augustine* Pro Cathedral AO Church, *Saint James* Church of God in Christ, *Saint Jude* Temple No. 1,

St. Luke Church of God in Christ, St. Mark Baptist Church, St. Paul Baptist Church, St. Peter's Spiritual Church of the Faith, St. Stephen Baptist Church, St. Lawrence Church of God in Christ, and St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church. I am not sure of the origins of *St. Marthal Baptist Church* or of *Saint Rest Missionary Baptist. Deborah's House of Prayer* could take its name from a founder named Deborah, or from the famous woman judge and prophetess mentioned in Judges 4. Likewise, *Hiram Temple* could have been founded by a man named Hiram (as are *Robert's Temple, Wately's Temple, and William's Temple*), or the name could derive from Hiram, the King of Tyre who helped Solomon build his temple by sending cedars, masons, and carpenters to Jerusalem. *Mel-Chize-Deck Healing Temple* takes its name from Genesis 14:17–20 and Hebrews 5:6–10; Melchizedek was a symbol of the ideal king-priest of whose order Christ was called a member.

Books of the Bible are represented in *Corinthians Church of God in Christ, First Corinthians Baptist Church, Exodus Baptist Church, New Exodus Baptist Church, First St. John Baptist Church, First Thessalonians Baptist Church, First Timothy Baptist Church, Second Timothy Baptist Church, Hosea Temple Baptist Church, St. Mark Church of God in Christ, St. James Church of God in Christ, Saint Jude's Spiritual Temple, St. Luke's Church of God in Christ, and Zephaniah Baptist Church.*

Particular incidents or events in the Bible are reflected in *Burning Bush Baptist Church* (Ex. 3:1–17), *Bethlehem Star M.B. Church* (Matt. 2), *Holy Ark Baptist Church* (Ex. 25:10–22), *Samaritan Baptist Church* (Luke 10), *Peter's Rock Baptist Church* and *Peter Rock Mother Church* (Matt. 16:16–20). Moreover, the Tabernacle and Temple prominent in the Old Testament are found in a number of storefront names as an addition to, or substitution for, "Church."

Despite the fact that many storefront churches are founded and led by a single individual, contemporary personal names appear rather infrequently. Personal names are found in the following churches: *Ivy's Pentecostal Church of God in Christ, Lusk Bible Way Temple, McClellan Temple Church of God in Christ, Morris Chapel A.M.E. Church, Thomas Chapel A.M.E. Church, Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church, Vernon Baptist Church, Inc., Walls Memorial A.M.E. Church, Ward Memorial Baptist Church, Wately's Temple*

Church of God in Christ, and *William's Temple Church of God in Christ*. (It is interesting to note that while Baptist Churches comprise 69 % of the churches in this study, only two of these are named after a founder or contemporary.) The name of *White Missionary Baptist Church* poses some problem: does it honor a white missionary, or is it a *Missionary Baptist Church* for whites, or, as is most probable, did a man named *White* establish it?

Very few of these churches adopt their names from their addresses or location. *South Halsted Baptist Church*, *State Street Move of God Church*, *Hyde Park Bible Church*, *Wentworth Avenue Church of God in Christ*, *Woodlawn Union Baptist Church*, and *Lawndale Baptist Church* are examples. Less specific location names are *Central Baptist Church*, *South Side Christian Center*, *Community Spiritual Church*, *Metropolitan Greater Baptist Church*, *Westpoint Baptist Church*, and *International Baptist Church*.

Some churches name themselves after their physical appearance (actual or desired): *Great White Stone M.B. Church*, *White Stone Baptist Church*, *Shady Grove M.B. Church* (the grove in front of this church on 43rd Street consists of three small, spindly elms), *Willow Grove M.B. Church* (no willows), *Lily Grove Baptist Church*, and *Landmark Baptist Church*.

Of those churches which identify themselves according to number, I did not find any *Last Baptist Church*, but there were several seconds: *Second Baptist Church*, *Second Christian Baptist Church*, and *Second Little Rock Baptist Church*. *Second Birth Baptist* refers to a religious belief; and *Second Timothy Baptist*, to a book of the Bible. It is possible that *Second Little Rock Baptist* was founded by a group that formerly lived and worshipped in Little Rock, Arkansas. Excluding books of the Bible, there are only four churches with *First* in their title: *First Bethel M. B. Church*, *First House of Prayer*, *First Gideon Baptist Church*, and *Church of God First*.

Churches classified according to size are *Big Zion Baptist Church*, *Little Zion Baptist Church*, *Little Guildfield P.B. Church*, and *Little Pilgrim Baptist Church*. Twenty-six churches add prestige to their title by prefixing "Greater," usually added to a common church name such as *Greater Exodus Baptist Church*, *Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church*, *Greater King David Baptist Church*, *Greater Mt. Olivet Baptist Church*, *Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church*, *Greater*

Bethlehem M.B. Church, *Greater* Canaan Baptist Church, *Greater* Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, *Greater* Mount Hope Baptist Church, *Greater* Pleasant Green Baptist Church, *Greater* Rock of Ages Baptist Church, *Greater* Siloam Baptist Church, *Greater* Tabernacle Baptist Church, *Greater* Union Baptist Church, and *Greater* Zion Temple Baptist Church. In several church names, the "Greater" modifies the second word of the title rather than the whole name, as in: *Greater Harvest* Baptist Church, *Greater Hope* Baptist Church, *Greater Unity* M.B. Church, and, perhaps, *Greater Open Door* Baptist Church.

The names of storefront churches frequently receive accretions; for example, one church name has taken on several successive additions – going from Baptist Church, to *Morning Star* Baptist Church, to *New Morning Star* Baptist Church, to *Greater New Morning Star* Baptist Church.

Some church names refer to age such as *Centennial* Baptist Church and *Old Landmark* Baptist Church. Others refer to their newness; as expected, the initial word in this type of church name occurring most frequently, thirty-five times, is "New." This designation is not surprising among churches which meet in temporary quarters and move so often; furthermore, even as "new" has psychological significance in the labeling of consumer products, the term probably also has similar significance in the names of storefront churches. As with the initial element of "Greater," when the initial "New" is omitted a common church name usually results. This practice would lead one to suspect that most designations of "new" and "greater" were given when the church moved, or when it came into competition with another church of the same name. The "new" does occasionally refer to a theological concept or a belief as in *New Faith* Missionary Baptist Church, *New Covenant* Church of God in Christ, *New Hope* Baptist Church, *New Life* Missionary Baptist Church, *New Light* Missionary Baptist Church, *New Prospect* Baptist Church, and, possibly, *New Jerusalem* Pentecostal Church; but most often "new" means "recent" or "different" as in *New Bethel* Baptist Church, *New Bethlehem* Baptist Church, *New Christian Fellowship* M.B. Church, *New Exodus* Baptist Church, *New Friendship* Baptist Church, *New Galilee* Missionary Baptist Church, *New Holy City* Baptist Church, *New*

Macedonia Baptist Church, *New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church*, *New Mt. Olive Baptist Church*, *New Nazareth Baptist Church*, *New Philadelphia Baptist Church*, *New St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church*, etc.

The desired quality or character of a church is sometimes rendered in its title as in *Acme M.B. Church*, and the churches which designate themselves as "Holy" or "Holy Temples": *Holy Bethel F.B.H. Church*, *Holy Israelite M.B. Church*, *Holy Temple Missionary Baptist Church*, *Holy Temple of God M.B. Church*, etc.

A number of church names define the kind of guidance or hope that the church offers, such as *Beacon Light Baptist Church*, *Christian Hope Baptist Church*, *Christian Liberty Baptist Church*, *Good Hope Baptist Church*, *Living Hope Baptist Church*, *The Lord is Able House of Prayer*, *Gospel Temple*, *Mercy Seat M. Baptist Church*, *Mercy Temple E.M.B. Church*, *Pathway M.B. Church*, *Seekwell Baptist*, *Soul Reviving Baptist Church*, *Shining Light Baptist Church*, *Spirit of Love Baptist*, *The School of Love and Prayer*, *Straight Way Baptist Church*, and *Your Prayer Room*.

Closely associated with these are the churches which more clearly define their performance or activity in their names: *Boosters for Christ*, *Brotherly Love Baptist Church*, *Cathedral of Love*, *Christ Way Church of God*, *Christian and Religious Builders*, *Christian Tabernacle Deliverance Church*, *Door of Hope Rescue Mission*, *Lusk Bible Way Temple*, *Orignal Way Baptist Church*, *Pilgrim Baptist*, *Supreme Spiritual Center*, *Temple of Brotherly Love*, *Temple of Divine Love*, *Temple of God*, *Temple of Truth*, *Unity Baptist Church*, *United Christian Baptist Church*, *Victory Baptist Church*, *Youth Crusaders*, *Faith Baptist*, *True Faith Missionary Baptist*, *Faith Healing Baptist*, *Healing Temple Holy Community Church of God*, *Free Will Baptist*, *Progressive Way Church of God in Christ*, *State Street Move of God Church*, and *Thankful Baptist*.

Some church names attempt to define the nature of the church or congregation: *Brethren in Christ Mission*, *Christian Baptist*, *Commonwealth Community Church*, *Church of God and Saints of Christ*, *Church of the Living God*, *Everybody's Church*, *People's Church*, *Free World M. Baptist Church*, *Prayer and Faith Church of the First Born*, *The True Church*, *True Right Baptist Church*, and *God's House of All Nations*.

Many names suggest a dream world or imply the kind of rewards one might expect from going to such a church. *Success Baptist Church* is perhaps the most this-worldly oriented of any of these. Others in this category are *Paradise Temple*, *New Paradise Missionary Baptist Church*, *Morning View Baptist Church*, *Look and Live Community Church*, *Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church*, *Stranger's Home Baptist Church*, *Trader's Rest Baptist Church*, *Traveler's Rest Baptist Church*, *St. Rest Missionary Baptist Church*, *Pleasant Green Baptist Church*, *Pleasant Hill M.B. Church*, *Pleasant Valley Baptist Church*, *Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church*, *Sun Rise Baptist Church*, *Rising Sun Baptist Church*, *Rise and Sun Spiritual Church*, *Sunshine Baptist Church*, *Star Light Baptist Church*, *Greater New Morning Star Baptist Church*, *Evergreen Baptist Church*, *Beautiful Gate Baptist Church*, *Silver Cloud Baptist Church*, *Grace-Eden M. B. Church*, *Pleasant Gift Baptist Church*, *Sweet Home Baptist Church* and *Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church*. I might add that a storefront which calls itself *Cathedral Baptist Church* also has rather great expectations.

Most of the storefront churches on my list are easily classified in one of the above categories. *Tried Stone Baptist Church*, *Grain Grove Baptist Church*, and *Range Baptist Church*, however, seem to defy classification by meaning.

These many examples reveal how expressive and imaginative are the names of storefront churches. Usually, the naming of churches is conservative and the choice for names is narrowly prescribed; certainly, the traditional denominations do not have nearly so much variety in the names of their entire church body as has been found in the storefront churches of this one city.³ Most unlike traditional church names, many storefronts freely express the immediate hopes and desires of their congregations for a better world – even though that “world” may never be reached until heaven is gained.

³ See P. Burwell Rogers, “Naming Protestant Churches in America,” *Names*, 11.44–51, March, 1963.

ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF CHURCHES

(An asterisk before an address indicates a telephone listing which I have been unable to check; I assume that the church is a store-front because of the area in which it is located. A double asterisk indicates that the church once was located at the address given, but has since moved or the congregation has disbanded.)

Abyssinia Baptist Church	**3710 Federal St.
Acme Missionary Baptist Church	*909 W. 59th St.
Aimwell Baptist Church	6750 Halsted
Alpha and Omega Baptist Church	*1429 S. Karlov
Antioch Baptist Church	**5129 S. Indiana
Apostolic Church of Christ the Divine	6700 Halsted
Beacon Light Baptist Church	*7250 Cottage Grove
Beautiful Gate Baptist Church	*5931 S. Wentworth
Berean Baptist Church	*5149 S. Dearborn
Beth Eden Baptist Church	*11121 S. Loomis
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church	**5810 S. Lafayette
Bethlehem Baptist Church	**2521 Maypole
Bethlehem Church	**1925 S. Loomis
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church	3300 Roosevelt
Bethlehem Star Missionary Baptist Church	*4607 S. Champlain
Beulah Baptist Church	**4154 St. Lawrence
Beulah Community Baptist Church	*3608 S. Ellis
Big Zion Baptist Church	*521 W. 65th
Big Zion Baptist Church	**2975 S. State
Body of Christ Baptist Church	**4547 S. State
Boosters for Christ Revival Center	770 W. 69th St.
Brethren in Christ Mission	6047 S. Halsted
Brotherly Love Baptist Church	*1219 S. Christiania
Burning Bush Baptist Church	**3218 Wentworth
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago, Inc.	*4130 W. Roosevelt
Calvary Temple Baptist Church	*4426 S. Princeton
Canaan Baptist Church	**20 E. 45th
Carey Tercentenary A.M.E. Church	*1448 S. Homan
Cathedral Missionary Baptist Church	*525 E. 46th
Cathedral of Love Baptist Church	*360 E. 75th
Centennial Baptist Church	820 E. 43rd
Central Baptist Church	**952 W. 59th
Christ Chapel Baptist Church	900 E. 43rd
Christ Chapel Baptist Church	4830 S. Cottage Grove
Christ Way Baptist Church	*5343 S. Wentworth
Christ Way Church of God	*3139 W. Roosevelt
Christian Fellowship Spiritual Temple	4743 S. State
Christian Baptist Church	**1306 S. Miller
Christian Hope Baptist Church	**3672 S. Wabash
Christian Hope Missionary Baptist Church	*4338 S. Prairie

Christian Liberty Baptist Church	**4338 S. Wabash
Christian and Religious Builders	*504 E. 47th
Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church	*4714 S. Prairie
Christian Tabernacle Deliverance Church	7300 Halsted
Church of Divine Guidance	**3955 South Parkway
Church of God	3900 Prairie
Church of God and Saints of Christ	*842 E. 43rd.
Church of God First	*140 W. 81st
Church of the Living God CWWF	*14 E. 45th
Church of Philadelphia	*6145 S. Green
Church of the True Brotherhood	2300 W. Roosevelt
Church on the Rock of the Apostolic Faith	702 E. 43rd
Cleveland Tabernacle Baptist Church	*3411 S. Prairie
Come and See Baptist Church	**2918 Cottage Grove
Commonwealth Community Church	**5735 S. Indiana
Community Spiritual Church	**3604 W. Roosevelt
Corinthians Church of God in Christ	*3329 W. Washington
Deborah's House of Prayer	*8857 S. State
Door of Hope Rescue Mission	4737 S. State
El Bethel Baptist Church	*5621 S. Lafayette
Emmaus Missionary Baptist Church	5500 S. State
Enoch's Chapel M.B. Church	1925 W. Madison
Evergreen B. Baptist Church	1800 W. Roosevelt
Evergreen Baptist Church	**1625 W. 14th
Everybody's Church	*5958 S. Wabash
Exodus Baptist Church	**3440 S. State
Faith Baptist Church	*3820 S. Michigan
Faith Healing Temple	**3910 W. Roosevelt
Faith Tabernacle AOH Church of God	*102 W. 59th
First Bethel Missionary Baptist Church	300 E. 51st
First Corinthians Baptist Church	**5260 Federal
First House of Prayer	*6555 Cottage Grove
First Gideon Baptist Church	*4056 S. Prairie
First Saint John Baptist Church	**749 E. 43 rd
First Thessalonian Baptist Church	**22 W. 37th
First Timothy Baptist Church	**4051 Federal
Free Will Baptist Church	4633 State St.
Free World Missionary Baptist Church	*4014 W. Roosevelt
Galilee Baptist Church	**4414 Prairie
Gentle Savior Baptist Church	**543 E. 40th
Gethsemane Baptist Church	**1352 S. Union
Gethsemane Baptist Church	**2627 S. Trumball
Gethsemane Church of God in Christ	*840 W. 59th
Gethsemane Star Baptist Church	3535 W. 15th
Gideon Baptist Church	**4056 S. Prairie
God's House of All Nations	*411 E. 43rd
Good Hope Baptist Church	*6115 S. Aberdeen

Good Will Baptist Church	**3247 S. State
Gospel Temple Baptist Church	620 E. 43rd
Gospel's Tabernacle Church of God and Christ	*6810 S. Wentworth
Grace-Eden Missionary Baptist Church	**436 E. 61st
Grain Grove Baptist Church	**1049 W. Marquette
Great Hope Baptist Church	**1365 Lawndale
Great Joy Missionary Baptist Church	71st and Calumet
Great White Stone Missionary Baptist	3200 W. Roosevelt
Greater Bethlehem M.B. Church	4338 Wentworth
Greater Calvary Church	1650 W. Roosevelt
Greater Canaan M.B. Church	*6239 S. Prairie
Greater Exodus Baptist Church	**3159 Wentworth
Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist	*1308 S. Independence
Greater Harvest Baptist Church	*5125 S. State
Greater Institutional A.M.E. Church	*7800 S. Indiana
Greater King David Baptist Church	*4921 S. Prairie
Greater Mount Hope Baptist Church	*6034 Princeton
Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church	*214 E. 50th
Greater Mt. Olivet Baptist Church	*4649 S. Prairie
Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church	*1421 W. Washburn
Greater Mt. Vernon Baptist Church	*6356 S. Yale
Greater New Morning Star Baptist Church	*3300 W. Monroe
Greater Open Door Baptist Church	*1301 S. Sawyer
Greater Pleasant Green Baptist Church	*11300 Carpenter
Greater Rock of Ages Church	2200 W. Roosevelt
Greater St. John Baptist Church., Inc.	*4821 S. Michigan
Greater Siloam Baptist Church	*1304 E. 75th
Greater Tabernacle Baptist Church	**4144 S. Indiana
Greater Union Baptist Church	**43 N. Damen
Greater Unity M.B. Church	*4713 S. Lake Park
Greater Walter's AME Zion Church	**3800 S. Dearborn
Greater Zion Chapel of Fire Baptized Holiness Church	*5931 S. Morgan
Greater Zion Temple Baptist Church	*6000 S. Halsted
Harvest Mission M.B. Church	55th and State
Healing Temple Holy Community Church of God	**1550 Clybourn
Hiram Temple Baptist Church	*929 E. 45th
Holiness Community Temple No. 1	*5536 S. Indiana
Holy Ark Baptist Church	*1041 W. 59th
Holy Bethel F.B.H. Church	*1960 W. Adams
Holy Cross Missionary Baptist Church	*6354 S. May
Holy Israelite M.B. Church	*408 E. 69th
Holy Mountain M.B. Church	*3625 W. Roosevelt
Holy Mount Zion Pentacostal Church	*936 E. 47th
Holy Rock Missionary Baptist Church	*6354 S. May
Holy Star Light M.B. Church	*3500 W. Cermak
Holy Temple Baptist Church	**4557 S. State
Holy Temple M.B. Church	2100 W. Roosevelt

Holy Temple Missionary Baptist Church	4201 St. Lawrence
Holy Temple of God Missionary Baptist	25 W. 22nd
Holy Trinity Baptist Church	*2903 W. Arthington
Holy Trinity M.B. Church	55th and Wentworth
Hopeful Missionary Baptist Church	*5347 Michigan Ave.
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church	*1630 S. Pulaski
Hopewell Baptist Church	**3515 Vincennes
Hosea Temple Baptist Church	6707 Halsted
House of David M.B. Church	**1532 E. 64th
Hyde Park A.M.E. Church	*5421 S. Wentworth
Hyde Park Bible Church	51st and Calumet
Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church	910 E. 43rd
International Baptist Church	**440 E. 47th
Israel A.M.E. Church	32nd and Michigan
Israelite Baptist Church	4500 S. Prairie
Ivy's Pentacostal Church of God in Christ	**6132 S. Halsted
Jerusalem All Nations Pentacostal Church	4400 S. State
Jerusalem Baptist Church	4218 S. Wentworth
King Davis Baptist Church	*4159 W. Harrison
King of Glory Tabernacle	*351 S. Kilbourn
Kevdale New Mount Zion M.B. Church	**1306 S. Kevdale
King Solomon M.B. Church	4430 S. Wentworth
Landmark Baptist Church	2700 W. Wilcox
Light of the World United Church of God in Christ	3800 S. State
Lily Grove Baptist Church	**5530 S. State
Lily of the Valley Spiritual Church	*257 W. 48th Pl.
Little Guildfield P.B. Church	*7242 S. Greenwood
Little Pilgrim Baptist	**3253 S. State
Little Zion Baptist Church	*3120 S. Wells
Living Hope M.B. Church	1550 W. Roosevelt
Lawndale Baptist Church	**1859 W. Roosevelt
Look and Live Community Church	5207 Wabash
The Lord is Able House of Prayer	6618 Cottage Grove
The Lord's House of Prayer	*3509 W. Roosevelt
Lusk Bible Way Temple	*649 E. 43rd
McClellan Temple Church of God in Christ	*415 W. 63rd
Macedonia Baptist Church No. 1	**3757 Federal
Macedonia Tabernacle Baptist Church	*109 E. 79th
M.B. Baptist Church	6640 S. Cottage Grove
Mel-Chize-Deck Healing Temple	*310 W. Normal Parkway
Mercy Seat Missionary Baptist	*3906 W. Roosevelt
Mercy Temple E.M.B. Church	3000 W. Roosevelt
Metropolitan Greater Baptist Church	*5686 S. Wabash
Morning Star Baptist Church	*3993 S. Parkway
Morning View Baptist Church	*611 E. 43rd
Morris Chapel A.M.E. Church	4500 S. State
Mt. Bethlehem Missionary Baptist	1800 W. Roosevelt

Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ	3300 W. Roosevelt
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church	*2978 S. Wabash
Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church	*740 E. 42nd
Mt. Eagle Baptist Church	*4559 St. Lawrence
Mt. Ebenezer Baptist Church	*1553 S. Drake
Mt. Ephraim Missionary Baptist Church	*340 W. 43rd
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church	*7201 S. Carpenter
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church	*3453 W. Douglas
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church	**1840 W. Taylor
Mt. Herman Baptist Church	**711 E. 43rd
Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church	*7848 S. Normal
Mt. Joy Baptist Church	*11339 S. May
Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church	*6352 S. Eggleston
Mt. Nebo Baptist Church	**3708 S. State
Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church	*1251 S. Lawndale
Mt. Olive Baptist Church	*1805 S. Pulaski
Mt. Olive Church of God in Christ	*218 E. 69th
Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church	**1851 Fulton
Mt. Pilgrim M.B. Church	2800 W. Roosevelt
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church	**467 Bowen
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church	*6601 Honore
Mt. Ridge Baptist Church	*2658 W. Jackson
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church	**1742 Fulton
Mt. Sinai Divine Temple of Truth	*7412 S. Vincennes
Mt. Zion Baptist Church	*56 E. 46th
Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ	1500 W. Roosevelt
Mt. Zion First Holy Miracles Baptist Church	6900 S. Halsted
Nazarene Missionary Baptist Church	1700 W. Roosevelt
New Bethel Baptist M. Church	548 E. 43
New Bethlehem Baptist Church	**3615 S. Ellis
New Christian Fellowship M.B. Church	*1006 W. 59
New Covenant Church of God in Christ	*3646 W. 15th
New Exodus Baptist Church	*1250 W. 75th
New Faith Missionary Baptist Church	*260 W. 66th
New Friendship Baptist Church	*1741 W. Roosevelt
New Galilee Missionary Baptist Church	*302 W. 51st
New Haven Baptist Church	*4413 S. Indiana
New Hope Baptist Church	*11019 S. Vincennes
New Hope Baptist Church	**3212 S. State
New Hope Interracial Baptist Church	3600 Roosevelt Rd.
New Hope Spiritual Church	*117 E. 31st
New Holy City Baptist Church	**4013 W. Harrison
New Jerusalem Pentecostal Church	7100 S. Halsted
New Life Missionary Baptist Church	**3610 W. 16th
New Light Missionary Baptist Church	1550 W. Roosevelt
New Macedonia Baptist Church	***842 E. 43rd
New Mercy Temply Church of God in Christ	*1303 S. Kedzie

New Morning Star Baptist Church	**240 N. Western
New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church	6938 S. Halsted
New Mt. Olive Baptist Church	*8751 S. State
New Mount Olivet Baptist Church	**5049 Indiana
New Mountain Missionary Baptist Church	Harmon and Roosevelt
New Nazareth Baptist Church	*735 W. 44th
New Paradise Missionary Baptist Church	*7250 S. Wentworth
New Philadelphia Baptist Church	*5452 S. State
New Prospect Baptist Church	*3352 E. 91
New St. John Community Baptist Church	*1539 S. Christiania
New St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church	3100 W. Roosevelt
New Salem M.B. Church	Central Park and Roosevelt
New Stranger's Home	*4647 S. Langley
New Tabernacle Baptist Church	*6158 S. May
New Testament Baptist Church	*3978 S. Drexel
New True Vine Baptist Church	*3821 S. Michigan
Northside Church of God and Christ	*1251 Clybourn
Old Landmark Baptist Church	**6158 S. Cottage Grove
Old Ship of Zion Baptist Church	*20 E. 45th
Omega Baptist Church	*4621 S. State
Original Way Baptist Church	**7439 Cottage Grove
Paradise Temple	*4363 S. Princeton
Pathway M.B. Church	*2116 S. Pulaski
Pentecostal Church of God in Christ	700 E. 43rd
People's Church of God in Christ	3704 Roosevelt
Peter-Rock-Mother-Church	52nd and State
Peter's Rock Church of God in Christ	*1340 S. Corliss
Peter's Rock Baptist Church	**3839 S. State
Philadelphia Baptist Church	**5337 S. State
Philadelphia M.B. Church	**547 E. 45th
Philadelphia M.B. Church	1800 W. Roosevelt
Pilgrim Church of God in Christ	*6012 S. State
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church	*1903 W. Washington
Pillar of Fire Church	*1115 W. Barry
Pleasant Gift Baptist Church	**9 W. 37th
Pleasant Green Baptist Church	**2941 Cottage Grove
Pleasant Green M.B. Church	**4502 S. Dearborn
Pleasant Green Baptist Church	*144 W. 59th
Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church	45th and Greenwood
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church	**1082 W. 14th
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	**466 E. 35th
Prayer Center Church of God in Christ	*6544 Champlain
Prayer and Faith Church of the First Born	*5822 S. State
Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ	*5801 S. State
Prayer Temple Church of God in Christ	3600 S. State
Progressive Pentecostal Mission	4245 S. State
Progressive Way Church of God in Christ	*3322 W. Douglas

Quinn Chapel A.M.E.	*2401 S. Wabash
Range Baptist Church	*3808 S. Indiana
Rehaboth Church of God in Christ	4714 S. State
Rise and Sun Spiritual Church	154 E. Marquette
Risen Holy Nazarene Church	3800 S. State
Rising Sun Baptist Church	*8904 S. Green Bay
Rock Hill Baptist Church	**29 E. 43rd
Rose Hill Baptist Church	**1069 Maxwell St.
Rose of Sharon Missionary Baptist Church	3825 S. State
Rose of Sharon Baptist Church	**115 E. 116th
St. Augustine's Pro Cathedral AO	*5831 S. Indiana
Saint James Church of God in Christ	*4147 W. Roosevelt
Saint Jude's Spiritual Temple	*1653 W. Washington
St. Jude Temple No. 1	59th and Halsted
St. Lawrence Church of God in Christ	*6960 S. Vincennes
St. Luke's Church of God in Christ	*914 N. Orleans
St. Mark Baptist	**1503 W. 14th
St. Mark Church of God in Christ	6056 S. Halsted
St. Marthal Baptist Church	*3737 S. Wabash
St. Paul Baptist Church	**4418 S. State
St. Paul Church of God in Christ	*4528 S. Wentworth
St. Paul Community Mission	*6054 S. Prairie
St. Paul Divine Healing Spiritual Church	*749 W. 61st
St. Paul Pentecostal Church	2427 W. Roosevelt
St. Peter's Rock M.B. Church	*4014 S. Cottage Grove
St. Peter's Rock Baptist Church	**4505 S. State
St. Peter's Spiritual Church of Faith	*9423 S. Lasalle
St. Rest M.B. Church	*3056 W. Polk
St. Stephen Baptist Church	**3935 S. Michigan
St. Thomas M.B. Church	3821 S. State
Samaritan Baptist Church	*5728 S. State
Samaritan Baptist Church	**4863 Federal
Samuel Temple Church of God in Christ	71st and South Chicago
The School of Love and Prayer	*6307 S. Cottage Grove
Second Baptist Church	**6129 S. Aberdeen
Second Birth Missionary Baptist Church	500 W. 71st
Second Christian Baptist Church	**832 W. 14th
Second Little Rock Baptist Church	*634 W. 59th
Second Timothy Baptist Church	*3524 S. Michigan
Seekwell Missionary Baptist Church	4450 S. Wentworth
Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church	610 E. 43rd
Shiloh Baptist Church	**1257 W. Roosevelt
Shiloh Baptist Church	*6201 S. May
Shinning Light Baptist Church	4430 S. Wentworth
Silver Cloud Baptist Church	6640 S. Cottage Grove
Silver Cloud M.B. Church	**4647 S. Langley
Solomon Temple of Israel Kingdom Center	71st and Wentworth

Soul Reviving M.B. Church	2455 S. State
South Halsted Baptist Church	5400 Halsted
South Side Christian Center	35th and State
Southern Missionary Baptist	23rd and Cottage Grove
Spirit of Love Baptist Church	*5857 S. State
Spiritual Science Church	*1715 W. 64th
Star Light Baptist Church	*4650 S. Langley
State Street Move of God Church	71st and State
Straight Way M.B. Church	2300 W. Roosevelt
Straight Way Missionary Baptist Church	4215 S. State
Stranger's Home Baptist Church	*5542 S. State
Stranger's Home Baptist Church	**3308 Cottage Grove
Success Baptist Church	**537 E. 35th
Sun Rise Baptist Church	**1307 Hastings
Sun Rise Baptist Church	*1333 S. Komensky
Sunrise Missionary Baptist Church	*6159 S. Aberdeen
Sunshine Baptist Church	3916 W. Roosevelt
Supreme Spiritual Center	*4310 W. Monroe
Sweet Home Baptist Church	**622 E. 43rd
Tabernacle Baptist Church	**708 E. 47th
Tabernacle Church of Prayer	*6315 S. Langley
Temple of Brotherly Love	**6250 S. Cottage Grove
Temple of Divine Love	4650 S. State
Temple of God	*735 E. 47th
Temple of Truth	**634 E. 43rd
Thankful Baptist Church	**4353 Dearborn
Thomas Chapel A.M.E. Church	39th and Prairie
Thyatira Missionary Baptist	605 E. 43rd
Trader's Rest Baptist Church	**3335 Wentworth
Traveler's Rest Baptist Church	*5756 S. Wentworth
Tried Stone Baptist Church	*3530 S. Wentworth
True Believer Baptist Church	*203 W. 68th
The True Church	*6710 S. May
True Faith Missionary Baptist Church	**5 E. 37th Place
True Fellowship Baptist Church	*5735 S. Indiana
True Right Baptist Church	*314 E. 95th
True Light Baptist Church	*4527 Dearborn
Union Baptist Church	**1228 S. Halsted
Union Chapel Baptist Church	43rd and Vincennes
Union Tabernacle Church of God in Christ	**206 S. Hamlin
United Christian Baptist Church	**2126 S. Wabash
Unity Baptist Church	*5129 S. Indiana
Vernon Baptist Church, Inc.	*6400 S. Champlain
Victory M.B. Church	*6201 S. Carpenter
Victory Saved M. B. Church	5 E. 37th Place
Walls Memorial A.M.E. Church	*2856 W. Washington
Ward Memorial Baptist Church	*4820 S. Prairie

Wately's Temple Church of God in Christ	*3140 S. Indiana
Wentworth Avenue Church of God in Christ	3600 Wentworth
Westpoint Baptist Church	*3572 Cottage Grove
White Missionary Baptist Church	**3027 S. State
White Stone Baptist Church	**520 S. Bowen
William's Temple Church of God in Christ	6847 S. Halsted
Willow Grove Missionary Baptist Church	2429 W. Roosevelt
Woodlawn Union Baptist Church	**6359 Eberhardt
Your Prayer Room	**3918 S. Cottage Grove
Youth Crusaders Institute	**5528 S. State
Zephaniah Baptist Church	**5333 Indiana
Zion Temple Baptist Church	**649 E. 48th