



*Rev. Watson David Allen was born in Sampson, Alabama on March 1, 1921 to James Arthur and Mattie Lee Allen. My parents were farmers and our lives were very simple compared to life styles today. The home was of a very meager structure, having only the outer walls with no finished interior. There weren't any modern facilities. We had kerosene lamps for lights, carried our water from the well and the fireplace was used for our heat.*

*My first Bible teaching was when I was about five years of age, when I attended Sunday School. This took place at the first school I attended. The school house was used for many different community activities such as singings, meetings, and etc. There were logs stacked up on the property and many times we would sit on the logs out in the sun, to keep from having to build a fire in the school house stove. Brother and Sister Miller taught us about Jesus and one of the many songs that they sung was Where The Healing Waters Flow. I still remember the picture cards that they gave us of David and his sheep. This couple's ministry made a great impression on my life that I have never forgotten.*

*It was when my brother was holding a brush arbor revival in 1934 that I accepted the Lord as my Savior. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and I was one of them. I continued to work the farm with my parents and attend school part time.*

*In the year 1940 I went to live with my brother in Wildwood, Florida, where he was a Pastor of a church. World War II broke out and I enlisted in the Army in 1942. While in service I attended Rev. and Mrs. Noel E. Wynne's church in Jackson, Mississippi. It was during this time that I felt the call of God on my life. Rev. Wynne encouraged me to get my ministers license. I also met their daughter Eloise Wynne and we married on November 19, 1945 after I was discharged from the Army. I received my minister credentials with the Assemblies of God Organization and became the Associate Pastor along with Rev. and Mrs. Noel E. Wynne, helping in their church in Jackson, Mississippi.*

*In 1955 I moved to Houston, Texas to find work and started attending Calvary Temple Assembly of God where Rev. C. N. Rice was Pastor and I became his Associate Pastor. A few years later Sorter's Community Assembly of God in Humble, Texas was in need of a Pastor and asked if I would come and take the position, which I did. After two years I resigned and went back as Associate Pastor at Calvary Temple Assembly of God. Eloise and I had three wonderful children, two boys and one girl. Sadly, Eloise passed away in 1979. In 1980 I was elected Pastor of Calvary Temple Assemblies of God and served as Pastor until 1985 when I retired and moved out of the busy city of Houston to Onalaska, Texas.*

*On April 16, 1987 I married Lois Schwalbe and moved to Ypsilanti, Michigan. In 2004 we moved to Toledo, Ohio and began attending the Shelton Park Church of God of the Mountain Assembly, where Rev. Scott Isham is Pastor. I found a wonderful fellowship with Pastor Scott and all the congregation. I applied for membership to become part of this body of believers. Pastor Scott ask me to serve as an Associate Pastor, which I accepted. On August 15, 2009 I received my Credentials with the Church of God of the Mountain Assembly*