

CITY TEMPLE - CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

The table below lists pastors who have served the church over the years, along with church accomplishments/achievements.

* - deceased pastors

1919	Elder Sydney Scott* First company of believers organized after tent was pitched on Central near Littlejohn drugstore. The Seventh-day Adventist Church started in the home of Mrs. N.H. Turner at 1112 ½ South Carroll Street.
1920 - 1923	Elder R.L. Bradford, Sr.* Spring 1923, first camp meeting held. Church home moved to Mrs. Hall's building on State street.
1923 - 1926	Elder E.M. Gates* Spring of 1926, another tent meeting conducted in Christian Park on Thomas & Washington avenue in North Dallas. Church officially organized into a charter.
1926 - 1927	Elder J.G. Dasent*
1926 - 1929	Elder H.J. Miller*
1926 - 1929	Elder Antonio K. Watkins* 1928 - tent meeting conducted on Haskell Street. October 3, 1928 - Construction of Beulah Seventh-day Adventist Church begins. 1929 - First church building completed on corners of Haskell and Day streets. Church seating capacity was 200.
1929 - 1936	Elder M.M. Young, Sr.*
1936 - 1937	Elder P. McDaniels*
1937 - 1939	Elder J.N. Fisher
1940 - 1943	Elder Stanley Huddleston*
1943 - 1944	Elder R.T. Hudson*
1944 - 1945	Elder A.B. Humphrey
1945 - 1946	Elder L.R. Proctor*
1945 - 1949	Elder J.H. Williams* Conducted several evangelistic meetings, adding several members by baptism. 1946 - Conference [called a mission] Office organized with first officers.
1949 - 1951	Elder W.W. Fordham* Conducted a crusade, adding 70 members by baptism. Built new church location and school. Moved church from South Haskell to 3711 Oakland Avenue. Church seating capacity was 400.
1947 - 1948	Elder Samuel D. Meyers*
1951	Elder C.E. Bradford
1951 - 1952	Elder Fred Parker*
1954	Elder W.J. Cleveland* Known for evangelistic efforts in West Dallas.
1955 - 1958	Elder J.E. Cox, Jr. 1956 - Adventist purchase the Temple Emanu-El at 1900 South Boulevard, with the Southwestern Region Conference. Official move was October 1, 1956. Elder organized the adult choir which became known throughout the city over the radio. This ministry increased church membership to 400 strong.
1956 - 1958	Elder V.L. Roberts* [Interim]

1958 - 1962	<p>Elder Charles E. Dudley*</p> <p>Known for his aggressive approach to leadership. He started:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a successful weekly radio program - a successful church school academy with an enrollment increase from 76 to 310 students in two years under the principal leadership of the late Mrs. Ruth Jordan Paschal - an active welfare program providing care for the local disadvantaged and indigent - a community service project of a nursery, kindergarten, and preschool programs providing care for 120 children daily, with the late Mrs. Naomi Lewis as director <p>A mortgage burning occurred March 11, 1962. <i>Financial progress was a hallmark of this period!</i></p> <p>November 26-29th, 1959 40-year anniversary convocation conducted</p>
1962	Elder L.B. Baker*
1965	Elder W.C. Jones [Interim]*
1965 - 1967	Elder C. Sampson Myles*
1967 - 1969	Elder Jerome A. James
1969	<p>Elder Louis D. Henderson* [Interim]</p> <p>Church properties at 1530 and 1600 Bonnie View Road, secured.</p>
1970 - 1972	<p>Elder James A Edgecombe*</p> <p>May 16, 1971 - construction completed at new 1530 Bonnie View location.</p>
1972 - 1973	Elder Norman Snipes [Interim]
1973 - 1975	Elder Warner Rice [Interim]
1975	Elder D.J. Williams
1976	Elder J.C. Hicks [Interim]
1976 - 1982	<p>Elder Gerald N. Wells</p> <p>January 17, 1981 - Dallas Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church opened its doors for worship at Bishop College. A few individuals from City Temple Church stepped out on faith to form this new church.</p>
1982 - 1990	<p>Elder Jack A. Morris*</p> <p>Initiated Sabbath afternoon Spirit of Prophecy classes and New Year's Eve family communion services.</p> <p>1983 - Southwest Region Conference Bible Worker, Sis. Verdia Tucker, initiated S.W.A.T. (Soul Winning Action Team)</p> <p>November 16, 1985 - S.W.A.T. conducted a Revelation Seminar which resulted in 15 baptisms and the formation of a new church in West Dallas - Penuel Seventh-day Adventist Church.</p> <p>January 25, 1986 - forty-six members transfer from City Temple to Penuel Church.</p> <p>Sis. Lallage Egleston initiated a cup offering ministry following the conclusion of the Children's Story - this tradition continues to date.</p>
1990	Elder Rawden Brown [Interim]
1990 - 1999	<p>Elder Helvius L. Thompson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known for conducting panoramic, multimedia third angel's gospel crusades • Organized the renovation of the church and school • Pastor Ron Williams started his ministry as the church's Associate Pastor/Bible Instructor <p>February 16-19th, 2000 80-year anniversary program conducted</p>
2000 - 2007	<p>Elder Alex Horton</p> <p>July 22, 2001: New church website goes live (www.dallascitytemple.org)! August 25, 2002: Church restarts live radio broadcast on KHVN (970 AM). 2003: Another renovation of the church occurs.</p>

	<p>January, 2004: Church installs new audio/visual equipment and A/V ministry in place. April, 2004: Church renovates entire sanctuary and furniture.</p> <p>June, 2004: Several members from City Temple Church canvas the DeSoto/Lancaster area. Agape Fellowship Company is the result with Chaplain Tyrone Boyd as the pastoral overseer. In 2007, Agape becomes a church in the Southwest Region Conference.</p> <p>October, 2004: Junior Bible Bowl team established by Dr. Michael McHenry.</p> <p>December 8, 2007: Pastor Horton preaches his farewell sermon, accepting a call to the South Central Conference.</p>
2007 - 2008	<p>Elder Charles Sanders [Interim]</p> <p>Pastor Charles Sanders, Director at the Southwest Region Conference is announced and serves as the Interim Pastor of City Temple Church from December 22, 2007 to August, 2008.</p>
2008 - Present	<p>Senior Pastor: Eddie Polite Associate Pastor: Charles Sanders (October 2008 – Present) Associate Pastor: Jaime Kowlessar (July 2013 - Present)</p> <p>July 31, 2008: The Southwest Region Conference Executive Committee votes Pastor Eddie Polite as the next pastor of City Temple Church effective September 1, 2008. October 4, 2008: Pastor Polite officially installed as Senior Pastor. Pastor Charles Sanders will remain as the Associate Pastor.</p> <p>August 7, 2010: Pastor Kenn Dixon installed as Associate Pastor for City Temple with emphasis on the children, youth, and young adult programs. Term ended May 4, 2013 when Pastor Dixon was voted and installed as Pastor of the Casalita Church in Garland, TX.</p> <p>December 31, 2011: Elder Kenneth R. Medlock ends a 31-year legacy as Elder at City Temple Adventist Church. He served his first six years as an Elder, and the remainder of his tenure as First Elder.</p> <p>January 7, 2012: City Temple Church programming begins airing on the "Dare To Dream" Network.</p> <p>July 2013: Pastor Jaime Kowlessar voted Associate Pastor of City Temple, replacing Kenn Dixon. Installed October, 2013.</p> <p>April 27, 2014: The City Temple Church opens the Dallas City Temple (DCT) Live Well Center in Wynnewood Shopping Center.</p>