

## A time capsule marks Unity Temple 25th anniversary

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Pastor Ezra J. Fagge'Tt and the Unity Temple Church of God in Christ family celebrated the 25th church anniversary with the historic sealing of a time capsule.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, the time capsule was sealed, preserved and embedded in the foundation in a special worship service and ceremony. During the service, members shared reflections from the past 25 years, musical selections were rendered and Pastor Fagge'Tt shared a special prayer.

The time capsule will be opened in 25 years — the year of 2037. The historic items will provide a snapshot in time of the Unity Temple COGIC family to those that open it in the future.

Items placed in the time capsule include pictures from the past 25 years (1987-2012), church programs/literature, membership directories, specialty items from 25th anniversary banquet such as custom-designed invitations, programs and napkins and a 61-page 25th anniversary commemorative book autographed by each member of the church.

The Unity Temple (Family) Church of God in Christ began its journey in the spring of 1987, under the jurisdictional leadership of Bishop S.N. Frazier. The church was located at 5355 38th Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the building of the Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Unity Temple relocated to 100 Franklin Ave. S., Minneapolis and worshipped there from April to June in 1992. It later moved to 2900 Lyndale Ave. N., Minneapolis, a church building owned by the Salvation Army.

In January, 1995, Unity Temple moved to St Paul and relocated in the basement of Rock Temple COGIC.

In April of 1996, Unity Temple was provided with its own church building located at 3000 20th

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Ave. S., Minneapolis, but the congregation outgrew the building.

In 2006, Unity Temple moved into its current location at 4801 63rd Ave. N. in Brooklyn Center.

Over the past 25 years Unity Temple has grown both spiritually and naturally to be the Church it is today.

As Pastor of New Jerusalem COGIC, Elder Fagge'Tt started with 13 members. Twenty-five years later, there are three original members that are still apart of the ministry. The name of New Jerusalem COGIC was changed to Unity Temple Church of God In Christ and was incorporated and registered with the national headquarters in Memphis, TN, in September, 1987.