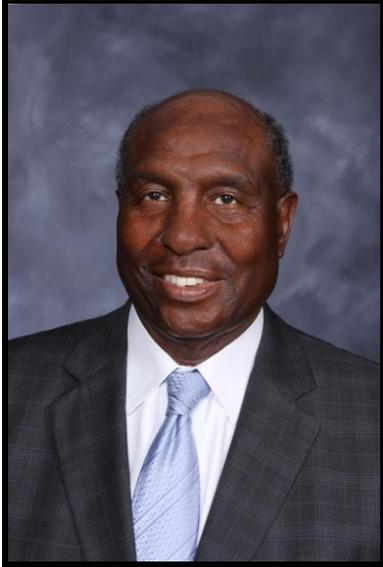


The Honorable Suffragan Bishop Charles W. Meadows

- Bio -



Suffragan Bishop Charles W. Meadows, the youngest of eight children, was born on April 9, 1940 in Idabel, Oklahoma to Will and Rena Meadows.

After receiving his formal education in Idabel, he continued his educational aspirations at FMI School and Southwestern College in Bethany, Oklahoma. In 1961, Suffragan Bishop Meadows was baptized in the name of Jesus and received the precious gift of the Holy Ghost. It was soon after, that he accepted his calling to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Not only was he commissioned by God, but he was also directed by Bishop R. A. Wauls of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (PAW) to spread the Word throughout the Oklahoma City area. He received his license and ordination credentials during the national convention, achieving the highest score during that convention session. The first message he preached was entitled ***“God Will Provide.”*** He was a historical pioneer and charter member of the Oklahoma State Council. At a time when there were no PAW churches in the Oklahoma City area, he established Christ Temple in the front room of his house.

On May 12, 1962, Suffragan Bishop Meadows was united in holy matrimony with Josie Mae West of Eufaula, Oklahoma. He was a wonderful provider for the family and a great father. He felt as though, (to paraphrase a figurative quote by Sir Isaac Newton), *“his children should be able to see further by standing on his shoulders.”*

Suffragan Bishop Meadows planted many seeds of righteousness in the lives he touched. His inspirational preaching and teaching of the word of God, would ultimately compel lives to be changed forever through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Suffragan Bishop Meadows adopted the philosophy of the “**Total Man Ministry**”, a ministry designed to meet all needs of an individual and encompassed the spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional.

He firmly embraced this biblical philosophy that “*He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread.*” As a result of the Total Man Ministry, he was able to employ many members of the church in some of the following businesses:

- Saints Market Grocery Store
- Saints Nursing Home
- Meadows Hillside Nursing Home
- American State Bank
- American Car Rental
- Krizzo’s Bar B-Que Restaurant
- Meadows Conoco Service Stations, and
- Mercy Care Task

Suffragan Bishop Meadows spent countless hours traveling the dusty roads of Oklahoma, spreading the Word of God to saints in many towns including Ardmore and Tatums. He served as interim pastor in Tatums until they were blessed with a full-time minister. This was all done while not only pastoring Christ Temple in Oklahoma City, but also while pastoring Christ Temple Church #2 in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Many sons and daughters of the gospel were developed through his ministry. Some are now serving as Bishops, Suffragan Bishops, and Pastors.

In 2002, Suffragan Bishop Meadows officially gave the charge to his son Elder Krizzo Meadows to carry out his work and to continue the legacy he birthed at Christ Temple Community Church.

Suffragan Bishop Meadows' memory is cherished as an anointed man of faith, a servant of the people of God, an entrepreneur, a trailblazer, and a man who loved life.