

THE MAN ... THE MUSIC ... THE MINISTRY ...

BISHOP WALTER LEE HAWKINS

1949 - 2010

PRESIDING PRELATE OF PASTOR AND FOUNDER OF LOVE FELLOWSHIP PASTORS LOVE CENTER MINISTRIES, INC.

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BISHOP ANTHONY WILLIS, Lilly Of The Valley Christian Center OFFICIATING

THE PRELUDE		
THE PROCESSIONAL	Presiding Prelates Love Center Pastors and Ministers Love Fellowship Pastors Visiting Bishops Visiting Pastors The Family	
A SONG OF PRAISE	Celebration Mass Choir	
THE INVOCATION	Love Center Ministries- Oakland, CA	
OLD TESTAMENT READING Reader: The Word of Lord People: Thanks be to God.	Joshua 1:6,7	
NEW TESTAMENT READING Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.	1 Corinthians 15: 55-58Bishop Gordon Humphrey Olivet Missionary Baptist Church- Oakland, CA	
Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.	St John 14:1-6, 12Pastor Ronnie McFarland Love Center Ministries- Oakland, CA	
PRAISE AND WORSHIP	Love Center Worship Warriors	
CIVIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS		
SELECTION		

EPISCOPAL FELICITATION	Bishop Julia Whitehurst Wade New Covenant Perfecting Church- Apopka, FL
	Bishop Kenneth Ulmer Faithful Central Missionary Baptist Church- Los Angeles, CA
	Bishop George McKinney St. Stephens Church of God in Christ-San Diego, CA
SELECTION	
ECCLESIASTICAL FELICITATION	Love Center Ministries- Oakland, CA
	Pastor Larry Coleman Restored Life Ministries- Springfield, OH
	Pastor Gregory Payton St. James Baptist Church- Oakland, CA
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	Love Center Ministries- Oakland, CA
OBITUARY	Love Center Ministries- Oakland, CA
FAMILY TRIBUTE	Edwin Hawkins and the Family
SERMONIC SOLO	Perfecting Faith Church, Freeport, NY
EULOGISTIC MESSAGE	Bishop Kenneth H. Moales, Sr. Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bridgeport, CT
CLOSING SONG	



BISHOP WALTER LEE HAWKINS

On May 18, 1949, the breath of God blew upon the earth, and man became a living soul. As God exhaled, He gave life to the seventh child of Dan Lee and Mamie Vivian Hawkins. On Sunday, June 11, 2010, God in His infinite wisdom called him back to Himself....Bishop Walter Lee Hawkins, Presiding Prelate of the Love Fellowship Pastors, Pastor and Founder of Love Center Ministries, Inc. Therefore, let it be so documented in the registry of the righteous that in the life of this great man, destiny was fulfilled and divine purpose was accomplished.

Walter Lee Hawkins was born in Oakland, CA. This humble family lived in the West Oakland projects until their father Dan Lee moved the family to what was then the non-integrated, middle class East Oakland. It was here that Walter began his matriculation through the Oakland public school system. During his time as a young student at the Elmhurst Elementary School and Castlemont High School, his leadership ability and musical gifts surfaced. At the tender age of Ten years old, he began playing the

"THEN I WILL GIVE YOU SHE who will lead you with

organ for Churches and Pastors in the Bay Area. He was the featured soloist with the Castlemont Castleers, and won awards for his outstanding vocals. He attended Laney College, but Ministry and Music was drawing him.

He met Tramaine Davis when she was seven years old and he was ten years old. They were childhood sweethearts and sang together at Ephesian Church of God in Christ and eventually as featured soloists with the original Edwin Hawkins Singers. They married in 1971, and from this union, two children were born: Walter "Jamie" Hawkins and Trystan Hawkins.

1971 was also the year God planted the seed for Walter's ministry during lively biblical discussions held in his parents' home. These discussions grew into informal group meetings, which quickly evolved into regular Prayer Services and Bible Studies. He answered the call to Pastor, and was Li censed and Ordained by his own Pastor, Bishop E.E. Cleveland. Shortly thereafter, the ministry to which he devoted thirty-seven years of his life, Love Center Ministries, was born. His love for the people God entrusted to him, regardless of the state they were in, was genuine. God gifted him with the ability to correctly analyze and skillfully teach the Word of God with profound insight and revelation. His anointed and powerful teaching gift attracted the attention of the scholarly community and earned him an invitation to become a visiting Professor at the Berkeley Religious School of the Pacific. He was awarded an Honoran Doctor of Divinity Degree by the United Baptist College and Seminary

n 1992. His passion for the Word of God and his love for God's people made him a sought-after national and international Conference speaker.

n response to twenty-one years of committed and loyal service, on October 18, 1992, Bishop George D. AcKinney of St. Stephens Church of God in Christ and, Bishop Wilbert L. Baltimore of Holy Temple Cathedral Church of God consecrated Pastor Hawkins to the office of Bishop. Shortly thereafter, God called him to become a Spiritual Father to independent pastors across the nation. The addition of the Love Fellowship Pastors Network provided an ecclesiastical component, which Bishop Hawkins believed added spiritual balance to the annual Music & Arts Seminar founded by he and his brother Edwin.

n 1975, Bishop Walter Hawkins decided to record his Love Center church choir. Longtime family friend Andraé Crouch introduced Walter to Light Records, providing a platform for the first of what became a eries of Five best-selling "Love Alive" LPs that remain timeless gospel classics. "The impact that Walter tawkins had on gospel music was so profound and far-reaching that it is now, and forever shall be, part of gospel's DNA," says gospel music historian, Bob Marovich.

te earned nine Grammy Award nominations during his career, and won one for his performance on "The ord's Prayer" LP in 1980. In 1990, he released "Love Alive III" which became the biggest seller of the "Love

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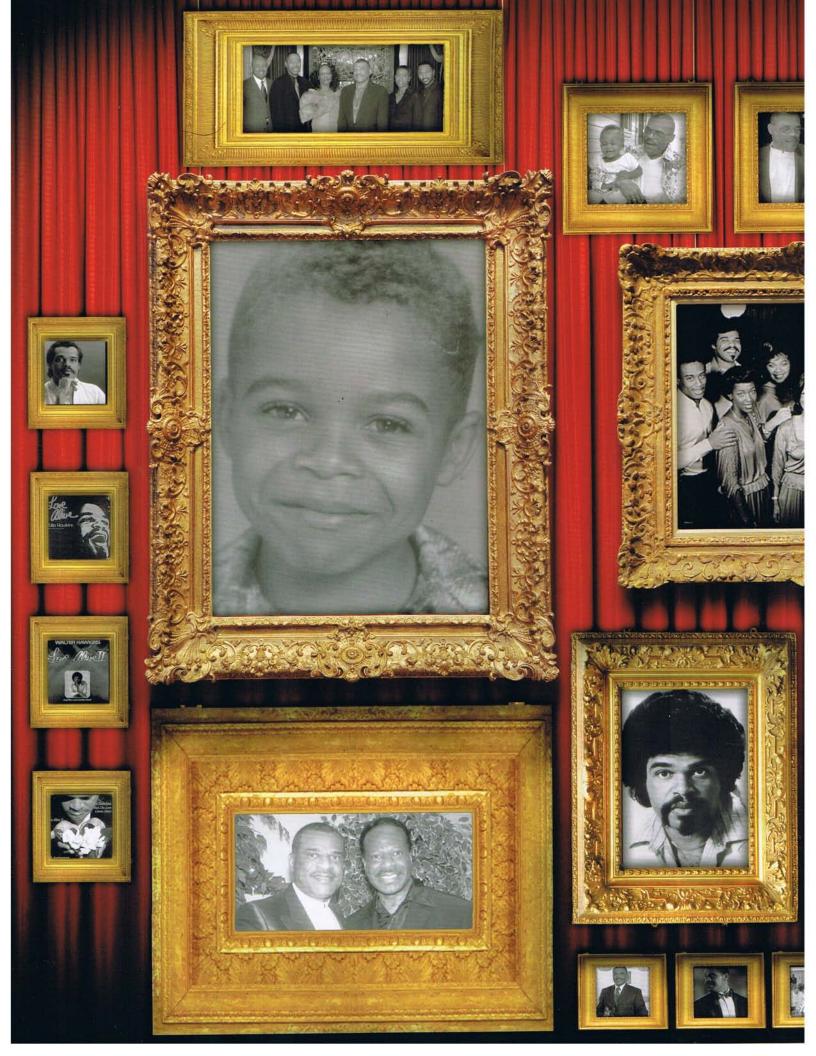
- JEREMIAH 3:15 (NIV)

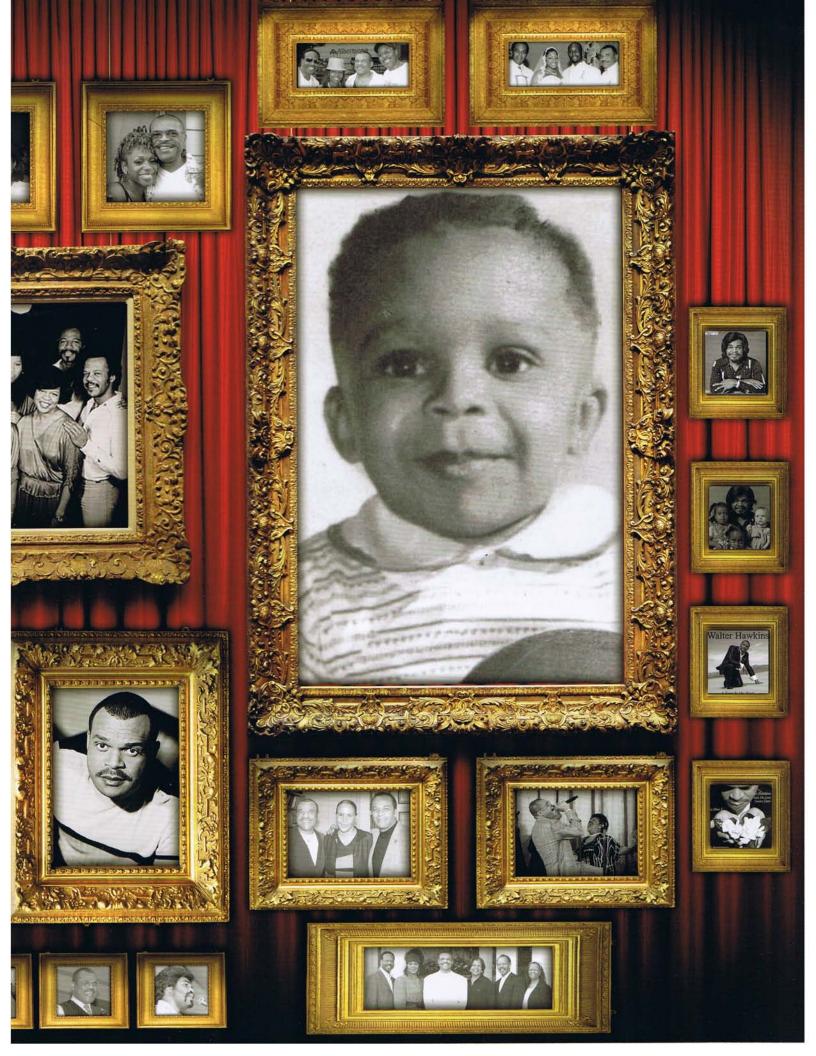
Alive" album series. The radio favorites were "There's A War Going On," "I Love You, Lord," "He'll Bring You Out," and "When the Battle is Over." The LP spent 34 weeks at #1 on the Billboard gospel album sales chart during he almost 100 weeks it spent on the survey. The album went on to sell over a million copies. The 1993 "Love Alive IV" also peaked at #1 on the album sales chart and spent a year on the survey.

Bishop Hawkins relished being a pastor as much as he enjoyed singing. "Early on, I thought my ministry and my music were apart from each other. But now I see they work hand-in-hand," he once said. "I can go a lot of places with my music that I can't go as a pastor and vice versa. The purpose of both is getting the gospel nessage out to people. I've had some material blessings and it's okay to have them, but to be blessed with peace of mind and joy in your life—that's when you will be truly fulfilled."

Bishop Hawkins leaves to cherish his memory and to anticipate a glorious reunion according to 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 his two children, Walter "Jamie", Trystan, and daughter-in-law Myiia "Sunny"; two grandchildren: Jamie-Daniel and Jahve; five brothers and sisters: Carol, Feddie, Edwin, Daniel, and Lynette; brothern-law Reginold and sister-in-law Marcia; one aunt: Mother Nadine Henderson; ten nieces and nephews: Sharon Kemp, Otis LaDale Kemp, DinGaka Kemp, Joel Smith, Basil Smith, Marion Smith, Kimberly Smith, Jason Wright Jr., Tony Hawkins, and Sean Hawkins; four great nieces: Milan, Mia Coco, Bella, and Alyssa; six great nephews: Joshua, Tibari, Devin, Jason III, Dayon, and Mekhi; six godchildren: Moni Coley, Kimally Samuels, Chauncey Evans, Brandon McFarland, Cynthia Robinson, Townsend Milligan; twenty-six first cousns: Shirley Miller, Jeanie King, Brinda Augustin, Min. Gloria King, Cynthia Lunsford, Jennifer King, Linda King, Renee Matthews, Charlotte Johnson, Sheila Matthews, Frances Matthews, Lolita Alhart, Lorraine Matthews, Debbie Rieley, Lawrence Matthews, Cecelia Matthews, Sandra Matthews, Bobby Matthews, Leon Mathews Jr., Linda Matthews, Regina Shavers, Theresa Shavers, Larita Shavers, Cathleen Pittman, Leonard Pittman, William Pittman, Charles Pittman, and a host of relatives and friends.

He leaves to mourn, cherish and walk in the power of his memory, the spiritual children of the Love Center Church family whom he has loved, birthed, nurtured, ordained and sent forth.







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