

Pastor Roberson was saved while in his teens in the city of Detroit. About a year after his conversion, he was filled with the Holy Spirit and received a call into the ministry. On April 5, 1931 he was ordained to the ministry in his home church in Detroit, serving there as Youth Director until the summer of 1937.

In the fall of 1937, feeling the burden of a new work in Highland Park, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, he began prayer services in his home, which developed quite rapidly making it necessary to move to larger quarters. A building, formerly a bank, was rented and the Immanuel Gospel Tabernacle was established. Brother Roberson continued to serve as pastor for thirteen years, leaving in July 1950 to answer the call from Calvary Assembly of God in Louisville, Kentucky. During his pastorate in Michigan he served as Sectional Sunday School Director, also as Home Missions Director.

He was active as a director of the Michigan Camp for almost ten years. In the Kentucky District, he served as District Secretary-Treasurer and also as General Presbyter. It was June 1955, that Brother Roberson accepted the call to pastor Highway Tabernacle. During these years, especially the past eleven years, he has served the Eastern District as Assistant Superintendent, also as one of the General Presbyters from the district. He was called upon to serve a term on the General Council Foreign Missions Board in Springfield, Missouri. Presently he serves as a member of the Board of Regents for Northeast Bible Institute. Only recently he resigned from the Board of Directors of Teen Challenge, which board he served on from the beginning of this work.

Under the leadership of Pastor Roberson and after much prayer, the present church edifice was purchased from the Fifth Baptist congregation. Immediately work was begun to renovate the building and educational unit. The first service was held on Thursday evening, October 13, 1960. Dedication was Sunday, November 20, 1960. In the spring of 1967 additional work begun in order to provide the needed class rooms for the Sunday School. A new chapel was also provided and the entire educational unit was air-conditioned. Under Pastor Roberson's ministry the radio ministry was resumed and today is one of the well known religious programs that is aired in the Philadelphia area.



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