

EARLY PENTECOST IN SOUTH WEST ILLINOIS - 1913

And

Ministry of Rev. J. O. Underwood  
Recalled by Mrs. Edna Hobbs, Belleville, Illinois



Rev. J. O. Underwood



Mrs. Dora Underwood

IN MEMORY  
OF  
REV. AND MRS.  
J. O.  
UNDERWOOD

Rev. John O. Underwood was filled with the Holy Ghost in the year of 1913 under the ministry of Rev. Robert Miller in East St. Louis, Illinois.

He was ordained to the ministry, May 15, 1915 in East St. Louis, Illinois. In 1920, he received the revelation of baptism in Jesus Name and was re-baptized by Rev. George Dauer.

He helped in the services with Brother Dauer until 1922, when some folks, who after praying for a pastor, sent Brother Jack Gamble and Brother William Grinder to ask him to come over and preach for them. They then requested him to pastor the church which had only about four or five families as members.

On, October 15, 1922, he and his family, Sister Dora Underwood and children moved to Belleville, Illinois, as pastor of the First Pentecostal Church which held services in a small shed, seating about 25 people. He pastored this church until December 1956, when he resigned because of ill health.

In May 1942, the church changed it's name to Bethel Temple and now has a beautiful new building at 708 Portland. Brother and Sister Conrad Dannaman, who were saved in 1923 are still faithful members.

A number of ministers were called from his church into the ministry, including our District Superintendent, Rev. M. J. Wolff.

Sister Dora Underwood was a good wife and mother. She was a faithful worker in the church and section, earning the tribute; "she done what she could."

This church, Bethel Temple is presently pastored by Rev. Paul Davidson.