

**DESCENDANTS/RELATIVES OF
JOHN HALL HOWARD (1824-1878)
and
SARAH BREWER HOWARD (1835-1909)**

Reverend Berger Edgar Howard (1923-) was the great grandson of Jesse Howard and Mary Matilda Howard. Jesse Howard was the younger brother of John Hall Howard CM. Reverend Berger Edgar Howard was the grandson of James Solomon Howard (1857-1911) and Emmaline Smart Howard (1852-1909). He was the son of Marvin Lester Howard (1888-1941) and Lorena Devereaux Howard (1886-1952). Berger Edgar Howard was raised in Elim Church. He was licensed to preach in 1938 by Elim Baptist Church and was ordained in 1939. He served as the pastor of Elim Baptist Church from 1954 through 1956. Pastor Berger was a warm, open, caring, concerned, and prayerful Good Shepherd to the congregation of Elim. He was a humble man and a fine speaker. He knew the Bible and loved proving that which was prophesized in the Old Testament was found evident in the New Testament. He had an outstanding baritone voice and many times he would sing a solo before he preached. His song would help emphasize the points of his sermon.



**Berger Howard and Alice
Theodora Way (1950s)**

Spencer Hart “Bud” Howard (1874-1948) was the younger son of John Hall Howard CM (1824-1878) and Sarah Brewer Howard CM (1835-1909). He was raised in Elim Baptist Church and married Mary J. “Mamie” Wells Howard (1874-1947) in 1896.



**Spencer Hart "Bud" Howard (1874-1948)
Mary J. Wells Howard (1874-1947)**

Mary J. “Mamie” Wells Howard (1874-1947) was the daughter of William S. Wells (1855-1904) and Mary D. Devereaux Wells (1856-1934). Sister Mamie’s mother, Mary D. Devereaux Wells was the sister of Alice Theodora Devereaux Way (1860-1955), member of the early Elim Baptist Church. Sister Mamie’s father, William S. Wells (1855-1904) was the son of Evan Wells and Georgia Ann Price. Sister Mamie was an active member of Elim Baptist Church where she played a part in the giving and praying for missions. She was in the church during the 1890’s when Annie Walker Armstrong served as the corresponding secretary in the Woman’s Missionary Union. Sister Mamie would have done her part by organizing and working with the Sunbeam Band of the WMU. Bud and Mamie raised their children in Elim Church.

Harold Hart Howard (1902-1971) was the son of Bud and Mamie Howard. Harold grew up in Elim Baptist Church and became a deacon of Elim Baptist Church. He married Sallie Mae Zorn (1906-1989) in 1922. Sallie Mae Zorn Howard moved her letter from Gum Branch Baptist Church in October 1924. Brother Harold also served as Clerk of the Church. Sister Sallie Mae worked with the Sunbeam band of the WMU. Brother Harold and Sister Sallie Mae raised their children in Elim Baptist Church.



**Harold Hart Howard
(1902-1971)
Sallie Mae Zorn Howard
(1906-1989)**

Brother Harold and Sister Sallie Mae guided their children. Their sons, Morris Hart Howard (1932-2001) and Willis Howard (1935-1994) became deacons of Elim Baptist Church.

Their son, Willis Howard (1935-1994), in addition to being a deacon, was a worship leader and mentor to the youth of the church. He was the staunch supporter for the many trips with the gospel singers from the church, training activities for the youth, Vacation Bible School, and conferences. Brother Willis and his wife, Jane Wells Howard, supported the youth for decades in an atmosphere of fun, praise and willing hearts. Jane continues to work in the nursery. Brother Willis and Sister Jane raised their two children, Michael and Stephen, in Elim Baptist Church. Their son Michael Howard was licensed to preach the Gospel in 1975 by Elim Baptist Church and is a much beloved former pastor of Elim Baptist Church.



HOWARD, WILLIS & JANE

Their son, Morris Hart Howard (1932-2001) was a caring man with a quiet steadiness and meekness that guided the brotherhood. He grew up in Elim Baptist Church. He served in the US Army from 1954 – 1956. He was in the 7th Division in Korea. Morris became a deacon of Elim Baptist Church and was devoted to the advancement of the church. He retired in 1995 from a Civil Service position at Fort Stewart after 30 years of service as a Utility Systems Operator. He had two sons, Benny and Jason Howard. In 1997 and 1998, Brother Morris gave his labor, a great deal of encouragement and guidance as he applied his many construction skills in helping to build the new sanctuary for Elim Baptist Church.



Morris Hart Howard
US Army 1954-1956
SP3 - 13th Engr Bn
7th Div in Korea



Morris and Shelby Howard

Photo Taken July 2000

Brother Morris and his wife, Shelby Cromer Burdette Howard, supported Elim Baptist Church in many ways. Shelby served as Clerk of the Church for many years, continues to work in many activities, and sings in the choir. Shelby has two sons, Bryan and Michael Burdette.

Brother Harold and Sister Sallie Mae's daughter, Haroldine "Dene" Howard married Kenneth Salter. Kenneth Salter is a deacon. Dene and Kenneth are active members of Elim Baptist Church. Howard, their son, attends church regularly.



Dene and Ken Salter
Picture Taken in 2007



Miriam Howard Wheeler
Sang special songs for the Church
Picture Taken in 1993

Brother Harold and Sister Sallie Mae's daughters, Miriam Howard Wheeler and Olive Howard Jenkins were youths of the church. Miriam and Olive were a joy to the congregation as they sang specials during the service. Olive played the piano at Elim Baptist Church. She also sang with her wonderful alto voice many hymns with Miriam. Miriam and her husband, Carrol Wheeler, are members of the church today.



Olive Howard Jenkins
Played piano and sang for the church
Picture Taken in 1963

Harold Hart's sisters, Eula E. Howard and Ruth Howard, were raised in Elim Baptist Church. They married into the Zorn family and raised their children in the church.

Jared Keith Anderson is the 2d great grandson of John Hall Howard CM and Sarah Brewer Howard CM and the great grandson of Jasper Ripley Howard (1868-1918) and Perlita "Ida" Tidwell Howard (1874-1936). Brother Jared is a deacon of Elim Baptist Church. He and his wife, Vera Ray Anderson, with their children Keith, Kaitlyn, and Kendall are active members of Elim Baptist Church and participate in many of the youth activities.

