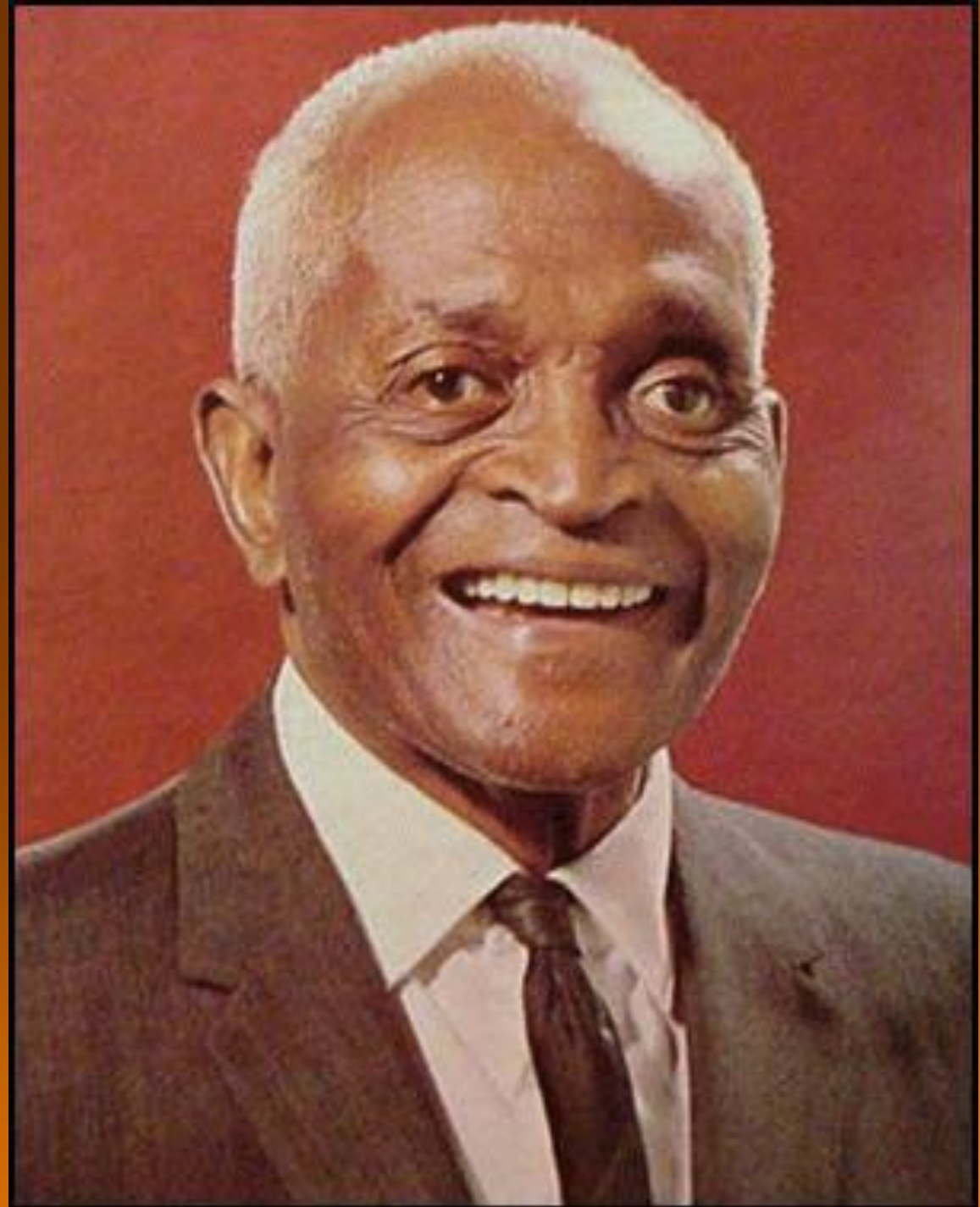


Marshall Keeble

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- Born in Murphreesboro, TN in 1878.
- Both of his parents were slaves.
- He completed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Never went to college.
- Married Minnie Womack in 1896. She died in 1932.
- Had 5 children
  - Two died in infancy, one son at 10.
  - One daughter is 1935, and his last child in 1964

# Marshall Keeble

- Married Laura Johnson in 1934. She was born in 1898 and died at 108 in 2007.
- He began preaching in 1897 but only on occasion as he also worked in a soap factory and owned a grocery store.
- That all changed in 1920 because of the generosity and foresight an extremely godly man.

# Marshall Keeble

- **A.M. Burton**
  - Founder of the Life and Casualty Insurance Company.
  - Began supporting Bro. Keeble in 1920.
  - Supported him for the next 4 decades.



# Marshall Keeble

- His historical significance!
  - *“Successfully bridged a racial divide in an important American religious movement prior to the Civil Rights Movement.”* - Wikipedia.
- According to historian Paul D. Phillips, Keeble embraced *“the two-fold task of elevating Blacks by the proclamation of the Gospel and of establishing a bond of interracial fellowship through White support of his ministry.”*



# Marshall Keeble

- His Spiritual Nature.
  - Quiet and meditative.
  - Compassionate and forgiving.
  - Perseverance and honest.
  - Peaceful and calm.
  - No one's shortcomings were food for his conversation.
  - Pled with people for the necessity of commitment to Christ.

# Marshall Keeble

- Kingdom Contributions.
  - Well educated in the Scriptures despite only finishing the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Established over 200 congregations.
  - Baptized between 40,000-50,000 people.
  - Established several Christian schools including Southwest Christian College.



# Marshall Keeble

- Kingdom Contributions (cont.)
  - Never preached for a local congregation but continued preaching Gospel Meetings all over and in all types of establishments.
  - An incomparable debater
  - At 82 began traveling the world preaching-
    - Places included: Palestine, Nigeria, Ethiopia, India, Singapore, Korea, Hawaii, Los Angeles.

# Marshall Keeble

- Recognitions

- Made an honorary chief of one Nigerian tribe.
- Honored by Harding University with an honorary Doctorate of Law Degree- 1965.
- Tennessee Governor Frank Clement presented him with the highest state honor- The Colonel Aide-de-Camp
- In 2000 the Christian Chronicle named Marshall Keeble the most influential preacher among churches of Christ in the decade of the 1940s.

# Marshall Keeble

- He Preached his last sermon on April 17, 1968, 3 days before his death on April. 20, 1968 at age 89.
- His preaching career spanned 71 years.
- Over 3000 people attended his funeral.