



Rev. Dr. Melvin Charles Smith

Rev. Dr. Melvin Charles Smith has been Pastor of Mt. Moriah-East Baptist Church since 1967. He is a nationally and internationally recognized evangelist and event speaker.

Rev. Dr. Smith is a native Memphian, educated in Memphis City Schools and LeMoyne-Owen College. He has a Masters Degree in Bible Studies, Memphis

Theological Seminary Netters Certificate, Honorary Doctorate from Gospel Ministry Outreach Theological Institute and Tennessee School of Religion. He is a graduate of Leadership Memphis, Memphis Police Clergy Academy, Federal Bureau of Investigation Citizens Academy, Oxford University, Oxford England, certified member of the Distinguished Oxford Round Table, a member of the Board of Trustees of Memphis Theological Seminary, Chaplain National Organization of Black Law Executives and Chaplain Federal Bureau of Investigation, Memphis Division.

Trained in the sciences, Rev. Dr. Smith formerly served for 13 years as senior staff member of the Virology and Immunology Research Department at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Interested in the sciences, Rev. Dr. Smith founded Church and Community United to Fight Hypertension in the African-American Community through the local church. A program sponsored by the American Red Cross and Pastor Smith travelled the country as spokesperson for Hypertension awareness.

Pastor Smith began preaching at 19 and has preached 5 decades winning thousands of souls to Christ through gospel preaching. Mt. Moriah-East is a Bible Congregation where Pastor Smith teaches that the word of God is true and without error. The study of the word, worship and prayer is the strength of any healthy church, so Pastor Smith centers the ministry on this foundation. Pastor Smith is a pastor's pastor. He is loving, caring, and sharing. His greatness is not predicated up on the size of his church but the souls won to Christ.

Because of Pastor Smith's love and concern for all children, in the church and community, youth have a unique focus in Pastor Smith's heart. He hosts hundreds of community youth each Saturday with Bible study, basketball a nourishing meal, and a work program for youth to earn personal funds and receiving community pride.

Believing in the unity of the family, Pastor Smith leads the congregation on cruises and Caribbean vacations for relaxation and preaching of the gospel. His travel ministry has taken the congregation to numerous sister churches in various cities throughout America.

Rev. Dr. Smith has received numerous awards including City and County Governments, Congressional Awards, Justice Department Exceptional Service in Public Interest, Dr. Martin Luther King Service Award, African-American Legacy Award, North Memphis District AME Church, American Solider Defender of Freedom, the Highest Military Award given to a citizen, Nassau Bahamas Mission Day Award, Father of the Year and Pastor of the Year.

Rev. Dr. Smith was married to the late Billie Rutherford Smith for over 62 years. They have two daughters, Mrs. Robin Chiodo and Mrs. Alison Burton and two granddaughters Erin and Lauren.