

Rev. Robert Smith, Jr.

Pastor Robert Smith, Jr. is the third of ten children born to the late Rev. Robert Smith, Sr. and Ollie Mae Smith of Pensacola, Florida. His formal education was obtained in Pensacola and Birmingham, Alabama after his family relocated.

Robert received the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Miles College, Birmingham, Alabama in 1974 and the Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans in 1976. He continued studies at Drew University in the Doctor of Ministry Program and is currently enrolled in the Doctoral Program at Houston Theological Seminary, Houston, Texas.

Rev. Smith heard the call of God early in life and has been a minister most of his life and a pastor for more than forty years.

Pastor Smith succeeded his father upon his death at Bethel Baptist Church, Pratt City, and Birmingham, Alabama in 1975.

In 1982, Pastor Robert Smith, Jr. accepted the call to serve as Co-Pastor of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Upon Rev. Franklin's death in 1984, Pastor Smith became Pastor of New Bethel. Pastor Smith proudly pastors New Bethel where ministry extends beyond the church walls through Angel Land Day Care Centers, AA and NA Support Groups and the Samaritan Ministry which provides clothing and food weekly to those in need.

Pastor Smith is a member of the Executive Board of the Michigan Chapter, SCLC and Past Vice President of the Detroit Chapter NAACP. Mr. Smith blogs for the Detroit News. Serving as Moderator at Large of Michigan District Baptist Association, he assumed leadership during the sickness and after the death of Moderator John D. Kelly from 2007-2012. President, Dr. William J. Shaw appointed Robert Chairman of the Evangelism Board of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. in 2002. In June 2007, Dean George Waddles, Sr. appointed Pastor Smith lecturer of the Minister's Wives and Widows for the Congress of Christian Education. He is a sought after Evangelist and Vocalist.

Born with a passion for the down and out, Missionary Robert Smith, Jr. is the Founder and Chair of the Haiti Mission Alliance. His pilgrimage takes him to Port Au Prince, Haiti at least six times yearly as he provides for the needs of the people.

Robert Smith, Jr. and his best friend, Cynthia celebrated forty years of marriage on December 23, 2012. They have one son, Rev. Conderidge Robert Smith, two daughters, Sherique Moshelle Ransby who is married to Olander, Terique Moshelle Parker, Esq. who is married to Gary, two grandsons, Joshua Robert Smith and Austin Olander Ransby and one god-daughter, Erma Lee McQueen.

A preaching preacher with A Mind To Live For Jesus Rev. Robert Smith, Jr. continues to proclaim, How Good The Lord Is!