

## BIO

### REVEREND DR. W. B. SMITH, JR.



#### PERSONAL

Reverend Dr. Willie B. Smith, Jr., Pastor  
Born in Tucson, AZ to Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Smith  
He is the husband of Delouis A. Smith and the father of four

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

A graduate of Pueblo High School, Tuscon, Arizona. Earned an Associate Degree from Pikes Peaks Community College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Matriculated at Maryland University, College Park, MD. Earned a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Theology. Earned a Doctorate in Ministry (Summa Cum Laude) from A. L. Hardy Academy of Theology in Seattle, Washington. He was also awarded the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP) presented by the Department of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

#### PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Dr. Smith served as pastor at The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ MBC, in Temple, Oklahoma (June 2002 – February 2009). During his tenure as pastor, Dr. Smith spearheaded the project development and new construction of a multi-purpose facility from ground zero. The project was called "Hiding Moses". The facility features a computer lab, an afterschool mentoring program, game-room, banquet and entertainment area. Dr. Smith is the current Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Lawton, Oklahoma where the congregation works in concert with the Lawton/Ft. Sill community for the betterment of the community with programs like: Prison Ministry with GEO, Periodical ACT Workshops, and offering after school mentoring with meals open to the community. Under Dr. Smith leadership Bethlehem has also adopted a local Elementary School providing less fortunate student with book bags and supplies.

Dr. Smith serves as Congress President for the Western District and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the Oklahoma State Congress of Christian Education. Moreover, he has also serves as an instructor for the Oklahoma School of Religion and many Oklahoma State Baptist Convention lectures and workshops. Dr. Smith has also given devotional messages on the House Floor at the Oklahoma State Capital.

#### OTHER EXPERIENCES

Dr. Smith has also served his country in the United States Army from which he retired as Master Sergeant after 22 years of service as the NCOIC of Director of Information Management (DIOM). He was an owner of the *A Cut Above Barbershop* in Lawton, Oklahoma. As the chair of the Cameron Campus Ministry/Martin L. King (MLK) committee, Dr. Smith has been instrumental in bringing in renowned speakers and entertainers to the Greater Lawton/Ft. Sill community such as, Nikki Giovanni, Mark Lamont Hill, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Dr. James Forbes, former NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, Ambassador Andrew Young and Rance Allen.

#### AFFILIATIONS

He is a member of the Lawton Interdenominational Minister's Alliance (LIMA), Chair the Cameron Campus Ministries/ (MLK) committee (Cameron University) and has served on the executive board of the NAACP, Lawton Chapter 6131. Dr. Smith has also served as the co-chair of the Lawton, Public School oversight committee.

#### AWARDS

Rev. Smith is the recipient of numerous awards both from the military and the Lawton Community: the most recent is the **MLK- Humanitarian Service Award**, which was conferred upon him by the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award Committee and **Alpha Golden Award of Excellence for Ministry**

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