



## **Dr. Donaldson Jones**

The Rev. Dr. Donaldson Jones is a native of Athens, Alabama, born June 30, 1959 to the late Deacon Willie and Mother Elizabeth Jones, who were devoted Christians and raised him in the life of Christ and His church. His spiritual father was the late Rev. Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Sr., who was the pastor of First Baptist Church Capital Hill and former Assistance Dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School of Nashville, TN.

Dr. Jones' educational background started as a 1977 high school graduate from West Limestone High School in Athens, Alabama. He later received a B. A. Degree with a major in Theology and a minor in History and Social Science from The American Baptist College in Nashville, TN. Dr. Jones attended The Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina for two years, working toward a Master of Divinity Degree. In 1999, he received a Doctor of Divinity Degree from The Tennessee School of Religion, Memphis, TN. Later in 1999, Dr. Jones was awarded the Doctor of Human Letters from the United Theological Seminary and Bible College in Monroe, Louisiana.

Dr. Jones is an active, involved churchman, a caring pastor and conscientious patriot. His ministerial experiences include being the Editor of the National Baptist Publishing Board in Nashville, Tennessee from 1989 to 1990. From 1990 to 1993, he was the pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church in New Market, Alabama.

In 1995 through 2004, he was the organizing pastor of the Great Commission Baptist Church in Burlington, North Carolina. From 2001-2005, Dr. Jones humbly served as a member of the Annual Preaching Staff in the Minister's Division of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and he also served as President of the Minister's Council of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. from 2002-2006.

June 11, 2004, Dr. Jones was called to the Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, NC and served until May of 2008. In conjunction to serving as pastor, Dr. Jones preaches throughout the country, speaking in various churches, conventions and academic venues across the length and breadth of the United States.

Dr. Jones is presently a member of the Trustee Board of the Tennessee School of Religion in Memphis, Tennessee and a member of the Trustee Board of the United Theological Seminary and Bible College of Monroe, Louisiana.

In November of 2009, Dr. Jones was appointed as Special Assistant to Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, President of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. In May of 2010, Dr. Jones was called to serve the Mount New Home Missionary Baptist Church, Leighton, AL.

President Scruggs said of our pastor that he is the combination of two of the greatest preachers to rise from the soil of African American Culture, the late great, Rev. Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Sr. and the legendary, Rev. Dr. Caesar A. W. Clark. From Smith, he draws intellectuality and profundity; from Clark, he draws intuitiveness and perception. From Smith, he draws his oratorical cadence; from Clark, he draws the melodious rhythm with which in the power of the Holy Ghost, he often concludes a sermon.

With all of this said, Dr. Jones' basic philosophy of preaching was best articulated by our beloved late president of the National Baptist Convention, Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, "There are no great preachers, just preachers who have great moments with God", and in his own words, Dr. Jones says, "Every now and then, there are people present when God and I have our moment".

Dr. Jones is married to Pamela E. Jones and they have two children, daughter, Kiesa Betts, son, Jameson and two grandchildren