

Pastor Arthur Carson, Jr.

Born August 16, 1949 in Reynolds, Georgia to the late Arthur Carson, Sr. and Ida Marie Carson, Dr. Carson is the third child of six children. Rev. Carson was reared in the central section of Orlando, Florida.

Educated in the public schools of Orange County Florida, he attended the Holden Street Elementary and Jones High School where he received his diploma in 1967. He was one of three commencement speakers.

Continuing his education, he attended Central Florida Junior College for two years and went on to Morris Brown College in Atlanta where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. While at Morris Brown, he served as president of the graduating class of 1971.

Rev. Carson continued his studies at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse School of Religion from 1976-1979 where he received a Master of Divinity Degree. Further graduate work was done at United Seminary in Dayton, Ohio where he received his Doctor of Ministry Degree in May 1995.

On June 17, 1973, Rev. Carson was blessed in marriage to Antoinette Reid Carson and they have two children, Darrell Phillip Carson who has served over seventeen years in the United States Marine Corps and Kasheida Arnett Carson, a third year student at Albany State University. Rev. Carson is the proud grandparent of two Darien and Jaylen.

Since the age of ten, Rev. Carson has served in various capacities in the church, church congress, associations and conventions. President of The First South Florida Youth Association, President of Congress Number Two Youth Convention, Choir Member, Junior Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and Youth Director of Sunday School to name a few.

In 1971, he was ordained as a Deacon at Greater Fairhill Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a member of Greater Ephesus Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Rev. M. Davis is his Pastor. He was called to preach the gospel in October 1974. Rev. Carson preached his initial sermon in February 1975 and was ordained in January 1976.

In September 1976, Springfield Baptist Church extended a call to Rev. Carson to serve as their pastor. The call was accepted on October 10, 1976 and he began his pastoral duties on November 7, 1976.

Not only is Rev. Carson a pastor, but he is also affiliated with several community, state, and national organizations: Chairman of the Atlanta Nehemiah Housing Alliance, LLC. (Nehemiah seeks to build affordable and work force housing), past Moderator of the Mount Hermon Association, President of the Congress of Christian Education of the Mt. Hermon Association and Second Vice President of the New Era Missionary Baptist State Convention of Georgia. He also teaches a host of Christian Training Workshops for churches, associations, conventions and conferences. For many years he was an instructor at the Progressive National Baptist Convention Congress.

Just as Rev. Carson has a love and passion for the Word of God, he is devoted to helping and encouraging young kids within the fellowship and the community. He reads weekly to Scott, Slater, Blaylock, Cleveland Avenue and Gideons Elementary Schools as well as Chapel Hill Middle School in the Atlanta area.

Dr. Carson has served twice as Chaplain of the day for the Georgia General Assembly. He has received a number of awards from various groups throughout the Atlanta Community. In 2002 Rev. Carson received the Golden Apple Award for his volunteer work in the Atlanta Public School System. Community outreach has been one of his hallmarks.

Many ministries have begun under the leadership of Pastor Carson; the Deaconess Ministry, Naomi Women Ministry, Joshua Men Ministry, Timothy Ministry and the Samuel Ministry.