

Pastor Keith Norman



Keith Norman is the Pastor of First Baptist Church, located in the Binghampton community of Memphis, Tennessee. He is the shepherd of a ministry that is dedicated to serve a predominantly African-American community in transition, which is targeted for revitalization in housing, education, and crime prevention. FBC has a long history of service to this community.

Pastor Norman has been successful in implementing an on-going campaign of community revitalization and strategic planning for future generations of FBC, including the completion of a \$2 million Multi-Purpose Family Life/Worship Facility. The latest undertaking of this vision-inspired ministry is the purchase and renovation of a 50,000-square-foot abandoned building, ultimately to be known as *The H.O.P.E. Zone* (Haven of Perfective Empowerment). Upon completion, *The H.O.P.E. Zone* will be dedicated to Christian education, senior living, temporary housing for the homeless and other much-needed ministry and services for the people of God and the community at large. In summer 2010 FBCB begin the third phase

In addition to his pastoral duties, Pastor Norman is a much-sought-after guest speaker, evangelist, and lecturer, who has an extensive speaking schedule throughout the United States and abroad. In 2006, he was chosen to join a group of ministers from various areas of the United States to participate in a revival in Guyana, South America. Pastor Norman has also received invitations to minister in Jamaica and The West Indies in 2007. In 2008, he toured Patmos, Ephesus, Delphi, Thessaloniki and Athens where he taught and preached. In September 2009, he was an instructor for the West Africa Theological Seminary Masters Program in Lagos, Nigeria. In 2010, he and a group of local clergy toured Tel Aviv, Tiberias, Jerusalem and was blessed to float in the waters of the Dead Sea. He is the founder and principal officer of GREATER WORKS Inc., a ministry with emphasis in organizational management aimed at empowering the church into action and optimum service to the community. He is the past Chairman of the Shelby County Democratic Party; served as an Obama Delegate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention; and was a member of the 2009 Leadership Memphis Class, as well as the 2010 Memphis Leadership Academy. He currently serves as the TN State Conference NAACP Religious Affairs Chairman. On the local level, he is the Religious Affairs Chair and Co-Chair of the Memphis Branch Freedom Fund Gala. He is a member of the Memphis Baptist Ministers Association, National Baptist Convention of America, and The More Excellent Way Foundation, Inc. He is the past state president of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Education Convention and past Dean of Christian Education for the Greater Memphis Sunday School and Nurture for Baptist Churches Congress. In 2009 he completed training for the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Training and now serves as a Chaplain with the Law Enforcement Chaplains Corps of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. He services on the Board of Directors of the Shelby County Health Care Corporation (The Med), and Memphis PREP Program.

A graduate of Morehouse College (1987), Pastor Norman has completed the Institute of Church Administration and Management Program at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) (2004). He has received honors and studied community revitalization and church/corporate partnerships at Harvard Divinity School (2006) as well as the Invitation Strategies for Church and Community Partnership, Wharton School – University of Pennsylvania. He is a 2010 Presidents Volunteer Service Award recipient.

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