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Reverend Dr. Michael A. Evans, Sr.



Reverend Dr. Michael A. Evans, Sr. is the proud pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield, Texas, where he has humbly served for 25 years as the “Under Shepherd.” Born the oldest of 6 children on November 4, 1966, Pastor Evans is a native of Houston, Texas and he is married to Mrs. Lisa C. Evans, his high school sweetheart of more than 30 years. To this union, they have two adult children.

Pastor Evans received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Pre-Law) from the University of Texas at Arlington. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Texas Christian University’s Brite Divinity School. He participated in doctoral studies at Southern Methodist University’s Perkins School of Theology and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Baylor University’s Truett Theological Seminary.

Pastor Evans has served as an administrator with the Tarrant County College District, with coordination and oversight responsibilities for the district’s ESL and Adult Basic Education Centers. He has also served as the City of Arlington’s Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. speaker on three occasions; as a consultant on race relations for church, county, and state officials; as Reserve Chaplain in the United States Navy as a commissioned officer; and as a passionate Mansfield community advocate. As part of this advocacy, he is Founder of the following organizations: The BBC Educational Enrichment Corporation, which has helped more than 1,000 young people throughout the Southeast Arlington-Mansfield-Kennedale area with tutoring services, career exploration, and summer job placement; The Hope House Community Service Network, which assists indigent individuals in Southeast Tarrant County with addiction recovery, medical services, and transportation needs; and The Historic West Mansfield Texas Community Development Corporation, which encourages quality economic development of the Historic West Mansfield Community. Dr. Evans also serves as Director of the Life Touch Cottage Ministries Inc., a Christian education and evangelism organization serving children and youth in Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria–West Africa.

Pastor Evans is the former Director of African American Ministries for the Baptist General Convention of Texas that involved service to over 800 churches statewide. He was inducted to the City of Mansfield’s Wall of Honor in 2007, an award reserved for outstanding service for the city, her people, and the surrounding communities. He has served as President of the Board of Trustees of the Mansfield Independent School District and as Adjunct Professor at Dallas Baptist University’s College of Christian Faith. He has also served on the Advisory Council of Tarrant County Habitat for Humanity and the Methodist Mansfield Medical Center Advisory Board. He is a member of the Tarrant County Commissioner’s Court Citizens Blue Ribbon Council on Healthcare Services and has recently been elected to the Board of Trustees for the Tarrant County Community College District. He continues to serve on numerous boards and spearheads many community initiatives locally and state wide.

Pastor Evans is the author of the forthcoming book, *GOING TO THE CHURCH HOUSE: Pastoral Leadership Models for the 21st Century Black Church*.

However, in humble regard for all that God has done, he praises God for all of His love and kindness. He is most proud of the distinct gift of his wife, children, and church family.

For this season of his life, Pastor Evans’ favorite scripture is:
“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
(Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)