

HOWARD E. ANDERSON, SR., D.MIN.



Dr. Howard E. Anderson, Sr. was born in Jewett, Texas. After graduating from George Washington Carver High School in 1964, he served in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1969. Dr. Anderson is a Vietnam War veteran.

Dr. Anderson was called to preach in June 1979, and was ordained in 1983. He organized The "Exciting" Singing Hills Baptist Church January 1984 with 24 members and has served as Pastor for 41 years. Under his leadership the congregation has grown to over 3100 members and has completed five building projects.

Academically, 1983, Dr. Anderson became the first African American to receive a degree from Criswell College. That year, he received his

B.A. in Biblical Studies. He attained his M.A. in Pastoral Theology in 1993 from Criswell College. His academic achievements at Criswell College, afforded him the opportunity to serve on its Accreditation Committee. In 2003, he received his Doctorate of Ministry from Bethany Divinity College and Seminary in Dothan, Alabama.

Dr. Anderson has led The "Exciting" Singing Hills Baptist Church fellowship in engaging Kingdom work; reaching people for Christ, teaching and developing believers in Christ and serving others through Christ in over 83 ministries. These ministries include the SHBC Learning Center, the SHBC South Oak Cliff Community Job Fair, the SHBC Community Day In The Hills/Health Fair, and Off-Campus Bible studies at the Seagoville FCI men's prison and various women's/men's shelters. Under the direction of Dr. Anderson, the church has planted or sponsored seventeen churches in Dallas, Garland, DeSoto, Cedar Hill and Lancaster.

Dr. Anderson has served on numerous committees and held several leadership roles in the Dallas Baptist Association, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and the Southern Baptist Convention. He has also served as a Trustee of Dallas Southwest Medical Center.

In 2003, Dr. Anderson wrote his first book <u>Growth Principles for an Exciting Church</u>, discussing the mental discernment every church needs to be alive and vibrant. In June of 2005 he released his second book <u>Life Navigation</u>: <u>Biblical Guidance For Daily Living</u>, expounding the normal, cooperative and continual aspects of spiritual growth and how God's Word guides through our journey. In his latest release, <u>The Power of Your Faith</u>, Dr. Anderson takes us on a journey through the lives of those who have lived the life of faith, and have taught us how to walk by faith and not by sight.

Dr. Anderson has been married to Mrs. Shirley Von Anderson for 59 years. They have one son, Howard Jr., M.D., daughter in law Erica, granddaughter Francesca Von, and grandsons Howard III and William Albert.