

Biography of William F Smith

William F. Smith is the Senior Pastor of the Truth Memorial Baptist Church located at 56th and Lansdowne Avenue in West Philadelphia. He was installed as Pastor in October of 1996. Pastor Smith is the husband of one wife, Denise and the father of five (5) sons: Will Jr., Christopher, Dail-Michael, Joseph and Benjamin.

On June 4, 1985, Pastor Smith graduated from New Life Bible Institute Missionary Training School. He later became an instructor of Soteriology (the study of Salvation) and Christology (the study of Christ) at the Beulah Baptist Church's campus. Pastor Smith attended the University of Pittsburgh from 1975 to 1977 and Temple University in 1978. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Ministry from Faith Bible College and Seminary in Washington D.C. on May 22, 1999. In 1988, Pastor Smith was licensed to preach the gospel and was ordained on July 14, 1991 by the late Pastor Timothy E. Ruffin of the Beulah Baptist Church. Furthermore, in March 2011, Pastor Smith received an Associate of Arts in Elementary Education from University of Phoenix.

As Pastor of Truth Memorial Baptist Church, Pastor Smith has inspired many transformations in both God's people and God's place of worship. God's vision to him is to educate, train and equip God's people to "move to the next level". Pastor Smith believes in the Word of God and the changing power of that Word. Many marriages have been reconciled through teaching and counseling of the Word of God. Pastor Smith with Denise focuses on pre-marital biblical counseling for couples that are considering holy matrimony. Families have stayed together, relationships were rekindled, lives have been enriched and souls have been delivered because of the preaching and teaching of God's Word. Pastor Smith believes what the Bible says in John 8:32, "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free". However, the Bible continues to say in John 8:36, "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." Pastor Smith believes the people of God should be free to experience God's "*abundant life*". In March 2017, Pastor Smith published a marriage book with Trafford Publishing called, ***30 and Counting: What it takes to make it Work!***

The vision for Truth Memorial Baptist Church embraces making a great impact in their community on all levels. Training men, women and children to better prepare themselves for the future. At Truth Memorial Baptist Church, our motto is "*Where ordinary people serve an extraordinary God*".

Pastor Smith's life-time verse is Psalms 91:1-2, "He who dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty, I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust."