

*Jesus Is Lord!*

# 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

From the Heart Church Ministries®

BISHOP JOHN A. CHERRY, II - PASTOR

1981-2021



EXCELLENCE  
OF  
MINISTRY®

*Jesus Is Lord!*



Grace and peace be multiplied unto you from God, our Father, and Jesus Christ, His Son and our Lord!

Sister Cherry and I are excited to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of From the Heart Church Ministries®. We want to thank God for His faithfulness to us as a local church and a worldwide ministry. We have had many experiences with God over our four-decade long history, yet we know the Will of God is in front of us. As we take this time to look back and reflect, I hope that you remember who we are and what we have been taught. We are called From the Heart because of the Word of God that has been sown in our hearts. We have obeyed God from the heart. We love God from the heart. We have done the Will of God from the heart and we give from the heart.

Since 1981, the taught Word of God has been foundational to the success of this ministry. We know that it is God and His goodness that has allowed this church to flourish and be a source of strength, truth and righteousness. Through Excellence of Ministry® in Our Character, Conduct and Commitment to the Faith, God has established our church on a firm foundation. We have been prepared, made ready, for God's next move and now we have an emphasis to build on the vision that God gave our Founder, the late Dr. John A. Cherry (1940 – 2019).

Over the past year, we have all experienced a worldwide health pandemic. We have modified how we have church but not changing who we are. Our steadfast commitment to God and the church has kept us through this difficult time. God is unchanging and His Will for His church has not changed. We continue to have uninterrupted weekly Worship Services because we know the importance of coming together, albeit online, as a body of believers. As a church body we love God, we love one another...and we love our church! We are truly appreciative to God for leading us by His Spirit to our church and for what He has accomplished in us, individually and collectively as a ministry.

Finally, I would like to thank every member of the church for your share. If you have contributed to the work of the ministry in any way over the last 40 years know that your share was important, sufficient and necessary. I am also appreciative to all those saints who have gone home to be with the Lord, but whose impact in the ministry was invaluable. I am forever grateful for my father (our founder) for living a productive life, raising the productivity of those around him and leaving a deposit for many generations.

I hope you thoroughly enjoy our Anniversary activities and services, reflecting on God's goodness and grace in your life and in our ministry. **From the Heart, to God Be the Glory for the Things that He Has Done!**

Bishop John A. Cherry, II

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John A. Cherry, II', written in a cursive style.

Pastor

*Excellence of Ministry®*

Through Our Character, Conduct and Commitment to the Faith.



May 26, 2021

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to From the Heart Church Ministries on your 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It is my pleasure to celebrate this wonderful milestone with you.

For four decades, FTHCM has offered great faithfulness, guidance and loyalty to the many families and individuals who have walked through your church's doors.

Bishop Cherry, you have established yourself as respected and beloved member of the community. Through your teachings, outreach and mentoring efforts, you have enhanced the quality of life for countless residents in Prince George's County.

As a Member of Congress, I work every day to expand opportunity for our nation. Together in partnership and with the devotion of From the Heart Church Ministries and your enduring spiritual leadership, we are building a brighter tomorrow for the families of our great nation.

On behalf of the residents of the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, I send my best wishes for a joyous celebration. God bless.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony G. Brown".

Anthony G. Brown  
Member of Congress



**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
Office of the County Executive  
"Prince George's Proud"



Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive

June 6, 2021

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the citizens and residents of Prince George's County, it is my pleasure to congratulate Bishop John Cherry, II, First Lady Rev. LaWanda Cherry and the entire From the Heart Church Ministries (FTHCM) congregation as you celebrate your 40<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary of growing through worship, evangelism and discipleship.

I commend you for your outstanding leadership and community outreach through your ministries that impact so many lives. I extend my sincere appreciation to you and the congregation for your "Excellence of Ministry," and for your important community contributions.

This congregation certainly has a rich heritage, a history of faithfulness to God, a legacy of inspirational preaching and effective teaching, and dedicated members who compassionately serve our Prince George's County community. We thank you for being a critical part of our faith community these past 40 years.

Best wishes for a successful celebration, and may God continue to bless you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela Alsobrooks".

Angela Alsobrooks  
County Executive

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FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE

*Order of Service*

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021

7:30 P.M.

*Praise and Worship 40th Anniversary Music Flashback*

*Call to Worship*

*Invocation*

*Selection*

*Tribute to Dr. John A. Cherry*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Offering*

*Introduction of Reverend Diana P. Cherry*

*Selection*

*Words from the Founding Mother - Rev. Diana P. Cherry*

*Closing Comments - Bishop John Cherry, II*

*Benediction - Bishop John Cherry, II*

COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

*Order of Service*

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

9:30 A.M.

*Prelude*

*Ministry of Praise*

*Call to Worship*

*Doxology*

*Invocation*

*Selection*

*Morning Prayer*

*Choral Response*

*Announcements*

*Offering*

*Rhema Selection*

*Rhema (Spoken Word)*

*Invitation*

*The Lord's Supper*

*Benediction*

*Seven-Fold Amen*

*Depart To Serve*

# CHURCH THEMES

• **1986**

The Year of the Family

• **1987**

The Year of Peace

• **1988**

The Year of Reconciliation

• **1990**

The Year of Choice Choices

**1992** •

The Year of Freedom From Bondage

**1993** •

The Year of Being Steadfast, Unmoveable,  
Committed to the Will of God

**1994** •

The Year of the Unity of the Faith

**1995** •

The Year of Unity Through Principles

# CHURCH THEMES

• **1996**

The Year of the Youth

• **1997**

The Year of Victory

• **1998**

The Year of Togetherness

• **1999**

The Year of Performance

**2000** •

The Year of Reformation

**2001** •

The Year of Reforming Our Focus

**2002** •

The Year of Personal Maturity

**2003** •

Go Ye Into all the World and Preach the Gospel

# CHURCH THEMES

• 2004

Maximizing and Strengthen That Which  
We Have

• 2005

Excellence of Ministry® Through Our  
Character, Conduct and Commitment

• 2006

Allow God To Do A New Thing

• 2007

Declaring Our Oneness Through Our  
Character, Conduct and Commitment to  
Our Faith

2008 •

Performing Our Oneness Through Our  
Character, Conduct and Commitment to  
Our Faith

2009 •

Establishing Our Oneness In the Faith  
Through Our Character, Conduct and  
Commitment to Our Faith

2010 •

Excellence of Ministry® In Our Character,  
Conduct and Commitment to Our Faith

2011 •

Encouraged To Continue

# CHURCH THEMES

• **2013**

Access To God

• **2014**

Maximizing and Strengthen That Which  
We Have

• **2016**

Excellence of Ministry®

• **2017**

Excellence of Ministry®

**2018** •

Maximizing the Dispensation of God

**2019** •

Preparing the Church For the Next Move  
of God

**2020** •

Preparing the Church For the Next Move  
of God

**2021** •

Building on the Vision

# OUR HISTORY

Full Gospel Church began March 19, 1981 with a call from God to the late Dr. John A. Cherry (1940 – 2019) and his wife Reverend Diana Cherry to establish a local church in the Marlow Heights area of Maryland. The church later submitted to a denominational covering. The church and teaching ministry were established with a mission to build strong families by leading people to the Lord, one soul at a time, through a church that taught the people to love God, hate sin, and love to give.



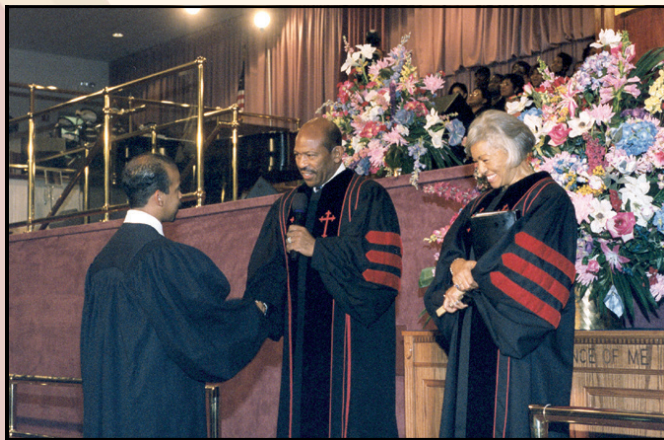
The first church services were held in a “storefront” located in Suitland, Maryland on June 7, 1981. Twenty-four members joined the church during the first Sunday service. By the end of May 1982, the church had received 81 members. Uninterrupted growth caused the membership to triple to 243 by the end of May 1983.



In September of 1983, within a two-year span, the “little church with the red curtains” was relocated to the corner of St. Barnabas and Wheeler Roads in Temple Hills, Maryland. This location was lovingly referred to as the “housefront.” Overcrowding there led to three services each Sunday. In June of 1985, the church purchased and moved into a Prince George’s County School building located at 4207 Norcross Street in Temple Hills, Maryland. At the end of 1985, we had 1,500 members. In the “school front” services were held in the school’s auditorium while classrooms were used for the Christian School and as office space for the growing staff.

The church outgrew the school auditorium and a gymnasium was constructed adjacent to the school building. Beginning in February 1989, the “gym front” housed two Sunday services while the original sanctuary served as an overflow room and auxiliary sanctuary. By the end of 1989 we had over 6,000 members. Full Gospel continued to grow at a rapid rate. The membership climbed to over 22,000 in the “gym front” location. As a result, an expansion site referred to as the “South Location” was opened on December 7, 1997.

In order to maintain our mission and to expand our outreach, Full Gospel withdrew from its former denomination and started doing ministry as **From the Heart Church Ministries®** on July 8, 1999. In that same year, a Sovereign God gave From the Heart an awesome task – to be at the forefront of the Reformation of the Church. This undertaking has caused ripples throughout the Body of Christ in both charismatic and denominational churches. Believers around the world are being made free from bondage and trickery. Many Reformation-minded pastors and leaders have joined us in this effort. In fact, the ministry has established numerous From the Heart churches worldwide to fulfill a need for reformed pastors and churches to receive those who have decided to come out of bondage.



On December 31, 2005, Pastor Cherry announced that his son, Bishop John A. Cherry, II, would be installed as the new pastor of the local church. Bishop Cherry, II was officially installed as the Pastor of From the Heart on Sunday, June 4, 2006 at the 25th Anniversary Worship Service, which was held at the Verizon Center in Washington, DC. After 25 years of faithful service, Episcopal Pastor John A. Cherry devoted his full attention to oversight over the From the Heart churches worldwide.

On Resurrection Sunday, April 12, 2009, we moved into our current church location at 4949 Allentown Road in Suitland, Maryland in an effort to keep pace with the spiritual, administrative, and financial growth of our ministry and to house our growing congregation under one roof. On August 12, 2010 we experienced a partial roof collapse in our current location but our church was Encouraged to Continue as we were housed in a temporary structure. On Sunday, February 5, 2012 we moved back into our renovated sanctuary and began having one Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.



Our church continued to grow and expand and under the instruction of our Episcopal Pastor John A. Cherry, a new expansion location was started in Washington, DC on March 28, 2012. In September of that same year, that location began having Sunday Worship Services and in March of 2014 that growing congregation began renovations to move into a larger facility. In April of 2014 Bishop Cherry, II announced the acquisition of our newest church building at 5055 Allentown Road and we are currently worshipping at our newly expanded campus in Suitland, Maryland.



2018 General Church Meeting.

At the 2014 General Church Meeting of From the Heart Church Ministries Worldwide™ Sunday Worship Service on July 20, 2014, Bishop John A. Cherry, II was consecrated as Bishop and given oversight over several From the Heart churches in the United States. On December 31, 2016, the Episcopal Pastor announced his retirement and after nineteen years of dedicated service Episcopal Pastor John A. Cherry retired on Sunday, July 15, 2018. At that time, Bishop John A. Cherry, II was consecrated as the second Episcopal Pastor of From the Heart Church Ministries Worldwide™ at the closing Service of the

With each move the “little church with the red curtains” has increased its membership, while at the same time increasing its sphere of influence to a lost and dying world. From the Heart is a warm and friendly church where members experience the love of God through Spirit-filled worship services, special programs and enrichment services, and of course, godly fellowship one with another. Currently, From the Heart has over 24,000 members and more than 50 service ministries that allow members to use their God-given gifts and talents in the service of the Lord. Additionally, From the Heart employs a full-time staff of ministers, administrative personnel, and teachers in the From the Heart Christian School.

The Word being taught uncompromisingly and in an unadulterated manner is the catalyst for the continuous growth of the church. The growth is evidence that Christ Jesus is faithful when He says, *“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me” (John 12:32)*. From the Heart is a church of spiritual, administrative, and financial excellence where Jesus Christ is Lord!

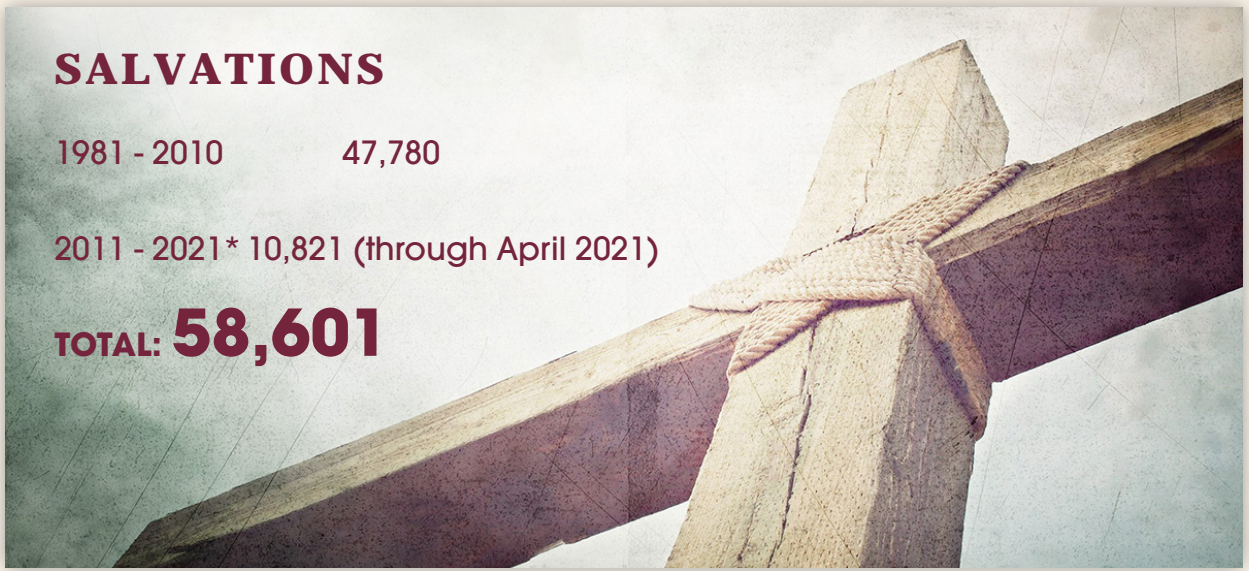


## SALVATIONS

1981 - 2010 47,780

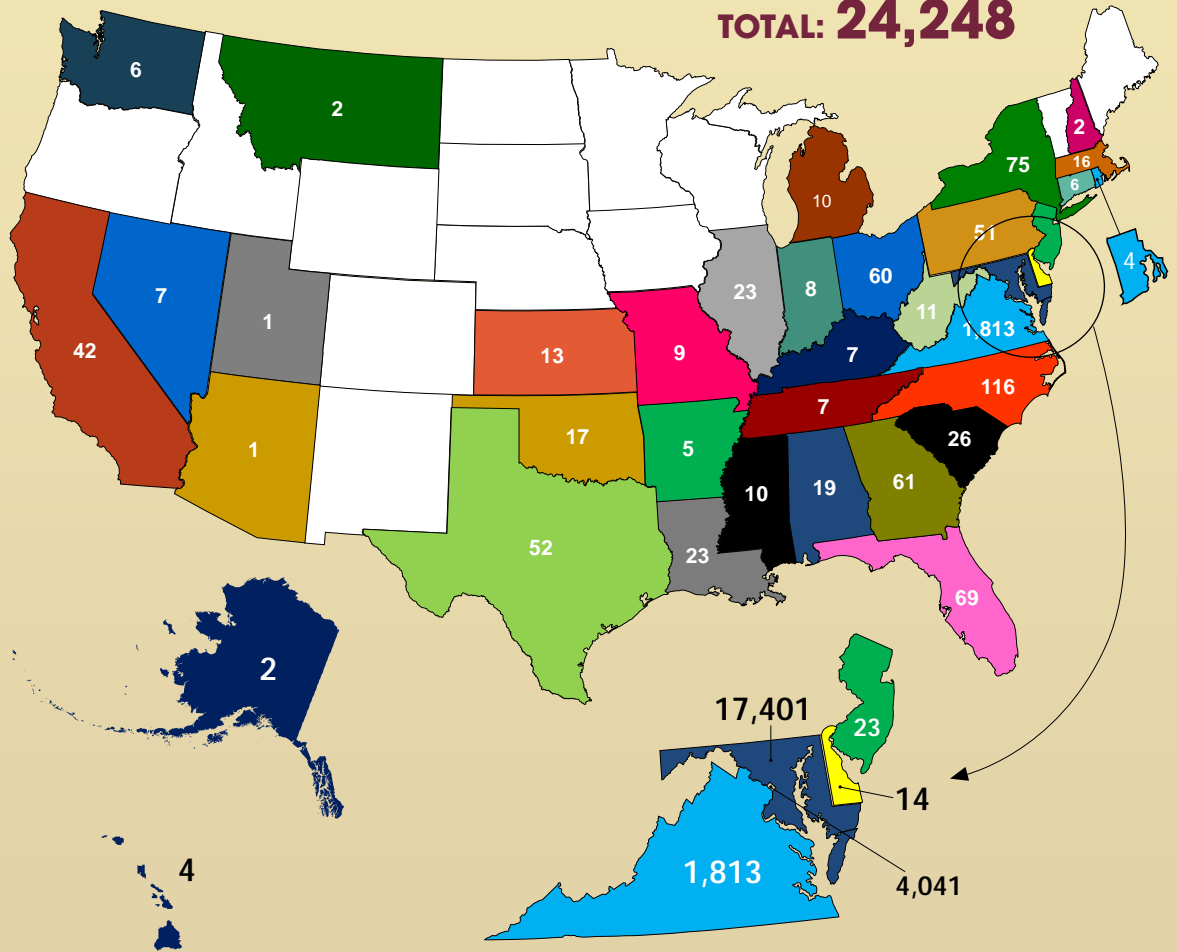
2011 - 2021\* 10,821 (through April 2021)

**TOTAL: 58,601**



## UNITED STATES MEMBERSHIP

**TOTAL: 24,248**



**MEMBERSHIP OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S.: 191**

## CAMPUS STATISTICS

### Acreage:

- 4949 (Main): 9.8 acres
- 4929 (Admin): 7.8 acres
- 5055 (Annex): 1.2 acres

**TOTAL ACRES: 18.8**

### Parking Spaces:

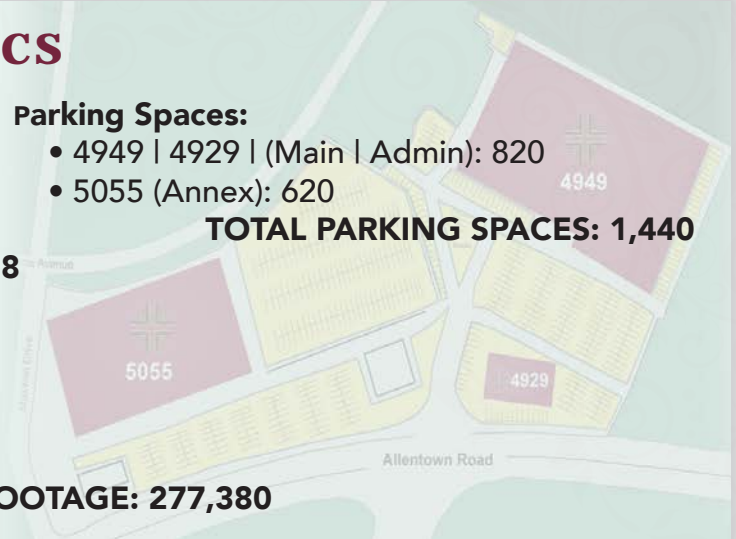
- 4949 | 4929 | (Main | Admin): 820
- 5055 (Annex): 620

**TOTAL PARKING SPACES: 1,440**

### Square Footage:

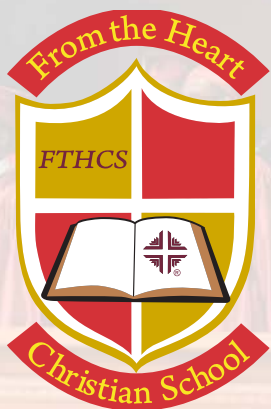
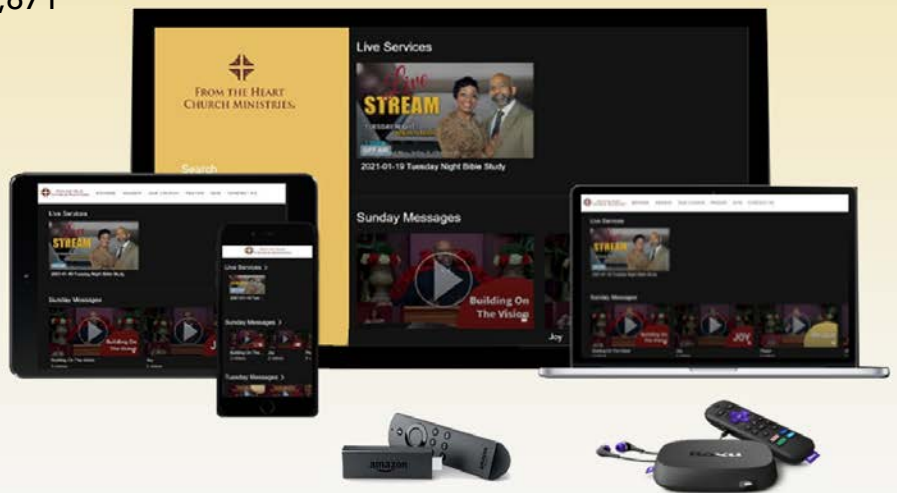
- 4949 (Main): 165,000
- 4929 (Admin): 10,000
- 5055 (Annex): 102,380

**TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE: 277,380**



## LIVE STREAM CONNECTIONS

- 2021-current – 188,871
- 2020 – 619,241
- 2019 – 165,000
- 2018 – 158,000
- 2017 – 197,732
- 2016 – 237,464
- 2015 – 283,324
- 2014 – 281,999
- 2013 – 250,569
- 2012 – 149,004
- 2011 – 125,490
- 2010 – 432,048
- 2009 – 341,406
- 2008 – 40,801



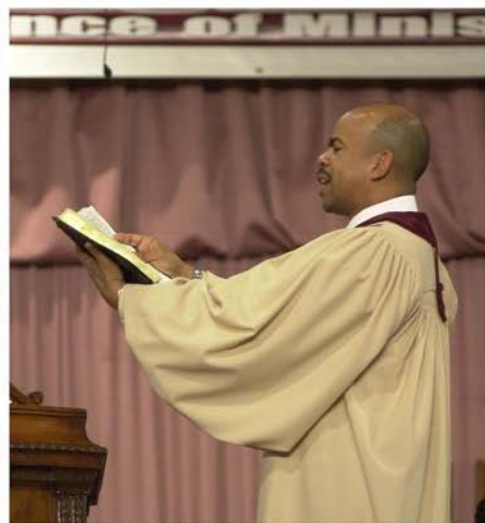
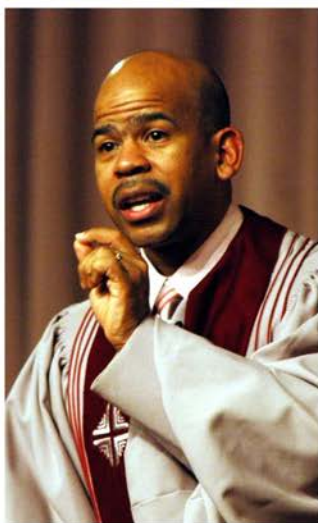
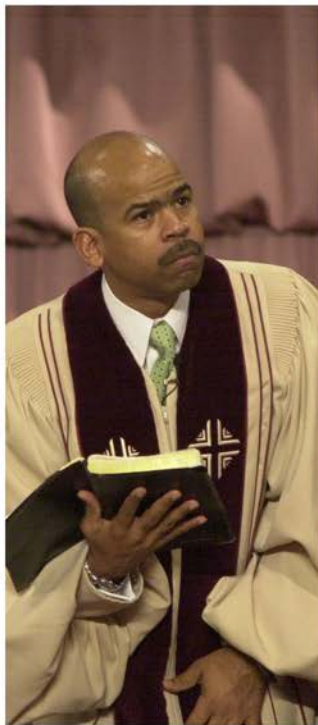
## FROM THE HEART CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*Excellence of Ministry in Christian Education.*

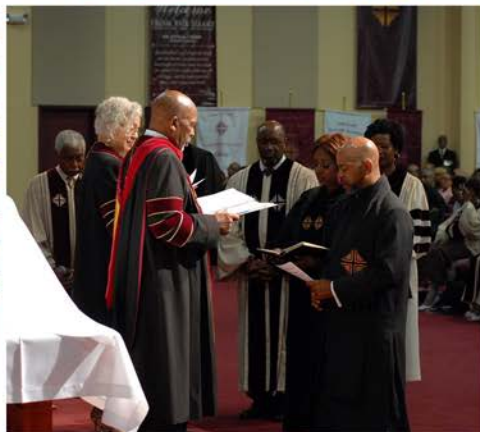
**Total Graduates (from 1994-2021): 254**

**Colleges and Universities attended by graduates: 101**

# BISHOP'S 15<sup>TH</sup> PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY









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