



PASTOR MICHEAL BENTON BIOGRAPHY

Reverend Micheal Benton, a native of Lithonia, Georgia, is the pastor of Fairfield Baptist Church located in Lithonia, Georgia. Fairfield Baptist Church was established in 1885, and he was ordained as the fifth pastor in June 1977.

Born to the late J. P. and Jessie Mae Benton, Pastor Benton received his call to the ministry in 1975. At the age of 26, he was ordained and licensed as a minister of the gospel from Big Miller Grove Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Archbishop Jimmie L. Smith.

Pastor Benton received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree in Biblical Education from the Beulah Heights Bible College in 1999. He continued his theological studies in Biblical Education at the Great Commission Seminary in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He is certified to teach by the Evangelical Training Association.

Pastor Benton is an anointed man of God. Those who are blessed to serve under his ministry hear and receive great wisdom, an intense anointing, and the power to change. Whether churched or unchurched, his messages reach people with practical down-to-earth answers to the everyday challenges of life.

Pastor Benton is known as a dynamic expository gospel preacher and revivalist with a widely traveled ministry. His extensive experiences include preaching a sermon on the Sea of Galilee during a trip to the Holy Land, baptism in the Jordon River in Israel, and a trip to the Yucatan Peninsula for the dedication ceremony of a church in Chichania for which Fairfield provided funding.

Pastor Benton is a pastor with a shepherd's heart. As a "pastor's pastor", he inspires and encourages many men and women of God, and is frequently sought out as a mentor to pastors serving congregations inside and out of the state of Georgia. As a pastoral "elder statesman", he founded the "Bread of Heaven Ministry", a ministry that trains, teaches and supports pastors and ministers. He has installed five senior pastors, licensed over 75 preachers and ordained over 40 deacons during his ministry at Fairfield.

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Pastor Benton has demonstrated his leadership abilities as a member of Fairfield Kingdom Voices Toastmasters, where he received his Competent Communicator award, he is a teacher in the United Ministerial Alliance and teacher in the Fairfield Baptist Church Institute of Biblical Studies. He is past president of "Right Choice", a collaboration of local pastors and churches that partnered with high schools in their communities and supported, mentored and provided after school activities for male students.

Pastor Benton has demonstrated himself as a spiritual man with a vision by moving the church forward and equipping the saints to do ministry. He firmly believes in and lives out the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." As a testament of his abounding faith and belief, he has led the growing congregation of Fairfield Baptist Church through the construction of two sanctuaries, an administration building, a family life center, a parking deck, and the acquisition of several properties, all to the glory of God.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Pastor Benton enjoys spending time with his family. He is married to Y'Vonne Brantley Benton who has shared his life and ministry since 1975. They have six children, Keith (Marla), Nzinga, Yohance, Oya (Clifford), L'Anda and Shani, and five grandchildren, Joi, Jared, Emani, Ari and Clifford, Jr.

Pastor Benton, his family and the members of Fairfield Baptist Church invite those who visit the area to join them. Visitors receive a warm welcome, a worshipful atmosphere with an emphasis on the entire family, and powerful, practical biblical preaching and teaching.