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Education

Master of Divinity 1987

Southern Baptist Theological
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Professional Profile

Garry M. Spotts is a native of Louisville, KY. The son of the late Elder George M. Spotts and Mrs. Viola Spotts-Dawson, Elder Spotts is one of four siblings, a sister Vanessa Spotts, his twin brother, Elder Greg M. Spotts and a younger brother Min. Sam “Shake” Anderson.

Elder Spotts is the delighted and excited husband of Ms. Annette Carlisle-Spotts his college sweetheart and they together are the parents of three children Jessica Carlisle, the late Gyasi M. Spotts and Shukura Adams (Spotts). They have two grandsons GeMari M. Spotts and Aidan Adams and a grand-daughter Aniyah Adams.

Elder Spotts was compelled to ministry in late 1975 and preached his initial sermon on Sunday March 28, 1976 under the pastorate of his mentor, Elder H. Donald Cockerham, now pastor emeritus of the Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Louisville, KY. He is a 1982 alumnus of the University of Kentucky School of Journalism and a 1987 Master of Divinity graduate of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained in the Zion Baptist Church by Elder Cockerham in 1989.

He has served professionally as:

- The Academic Dean of Simmons College of Kentucky (formerly Simmons Bible College),
- A First Year Student Advisor at Miami University of Ohio,
- The Assistant Pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Hamilton, Ohio with his much beloved late mentor and friend Rev. Dr. Norman L. Townsel, Sr.,
- The Executive Director of the St. Stephens Baptist Church Family Life Center,
- Minister of Church Development at St. Stephen Baptist Church,

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- Minister of Education and Staff Development at Zion Baptist Church for 8 years under the leadership of Dr. H. Donald Cockerham, and most recently,
- seven years as Pastor of the Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church of Louisville, KY from which he resigned in March of 2017.

Elder Spotts has been a sought after conference and workshop speaker addressing topics of vital importance to the future of the church in areas of discipleship, ministry development, the 21st Century Church, The De-Church Movement and trends that Impact the church.

Outside of ministry Garry Spotts has operated a consulting practice, Garry M. Spotts Consulting since 1993 serving small businesses, non-profits, churches, schools and educators as a trainer, a business, an organizational and a ministry developer.

He is the author of six books, one collection of original poetry, three children's books, and two books nearing completion, a Christian discipleship book entitled, "Discipled Living: By The Power of the Spirit", and a personal empowerment book, "Life Leaves Clues" Ancient Wisdom for Today's Challenges.

With four decades of progressive and diverse ministry experience, Elder Spotts is even more convicted of the need for:

- *The Gospel in the lives of the unsaved and saved alike, and*
- *The Power of The Holy Spirit for every growth hungry disciple of Jesus Christ.*

His love for teaching is only outpaced by his love for the people he teaches.

He says that the best way to introduce him, is to say,

“I Love The Lord, I Listen for The Holy Spirit’s Leading and I love serving Our God by actively serving His people! Nothing gives me more joy or satisfaction than watching the people of God transformed and set free by His Word.”