



Rev. Dr. Bankole Akinbinu

Pastor Akinbinu is committed to spreading the Gospel because he believes that God's Word is able to transform and empower all who believe. He stands on the promise of Philippians 1:6: "He that hath begun a good work in you is faithful to perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."



Rev. Dr. Bankole Akinbinu is the Senior Pastor of Baptist Grove Church in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Rev. Akinbinu has been set apart to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ! He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at the age of 10 and was later called into the Gospel Ministry at the age of 16. On June 16, 2001, he preached his trial sermon at Community Bible Baptist Church in Prince George's County, Maryland. After serving eight years as a licensed minister, he was ordained in September 2009.

Rev. Akinbinu is committed to education. He earned his Bachelor's in Bible Theology from Washington Bible College in Lanham, Maryland. He then matriculated at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey where he earned his Master of Divinity Degree. In May 2019, he was conferred the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Duke University.

In January 2012, Rev. Akinbinu became the pastor of Baptist Grove Church in Raleigh, North Carolina establishing the church's vision "*Living Faithfully and Fully in Christ,*" as well as the three foundational pillars, "*Living in Faith, Living in Fellowship and Living to Serve.*" As the church walks in this vision it has experienced a significant increase in membership, new ministries and outreach to the community.

Prior to serving in the pastorate, he faithfully served as the Young Adult Assistant Pastor at Community Bible Baptist Church, and as the Minister to Youth and Young Adults at St. James A.M.E. Church in Newark, New Jersey.

Rev. Dr. Bankole Akinbinu has been abundantly blessed with the opportunity to express the gift God has given him on various platforms, including universities, revivals, conferences, and worship services globally. In 2010, he was the recipient of the Aaron E. Gast Award in Urban Ministry, which is given annually to a member of the Princeton Theological Seminary community who demonstrates a unique gift for ministering within a major metropolitan area. In 2014, he was invited by President Barack Obama to participate in a White House Summit on "Working Families-focusing on creating a 21st century workplace that works for all Americans."

In August 2007, Pastor Akinbinu married the love of his life, Angel. They are the proud parents of Alivia and Elijah.