

Biographical Sketch

Pastor Tony Ray Smith

THE MAN - Pastor Tony Ray Smith is a husband, father, pastor, musician, entrepreneur, author and itinerant preacher. He is a native of Northern Virginia. His cutting-edge style of ministry has allowed him to frequent the pulpit of many denominations and reformations. This has caused him to be a sought-after revivalist, teacher and conference speaker.

Pastor Smith is the product of a single parent home being raised by his Father (Tony Ray Carter) and Grandmother (Beatrice Carter). He has succeeded all statistical odds by achieving great things despite insurmountable odds.

THE START - Pastor Tony has been preaching the Word of God since he was 5 years old. It is from this humble beginning that the Lord cultivated his gift as a preacher of the Gospel.

THE PASTOR - Archbishop Alfred A. Owens (Former Presiding Prelate of the Mount Calvary Holy Churches of America) recognized the anointing the Lord placed on Pastor Tony's life and ordained him as an Elder in May 2009 and installed him as Pastor of The Empowerment Church in 2011. Pastor Tony faithfully served The Empowerment Church for 6 years, and the church experienced numerical and spiritual growth under his leadership. He was the youngest pastor to ever serve at The Empowerment Church (formerly known as Greater Zion Baptist Church), in its 126-year history and is currently the youngest pastor in Loudoun County, Virginia. Currently, the Lord has blessed Pastor Tony Ray Smith to serve as the Senior Pastor of a newly merged church, launched in January 2017, The Word Church in Ashburn, VA and Second Baptist Church Clifton, Clifton, VA.

THE ENTREPRENEUR - Pastor Tony is the founder of Tony Ray Smith Ministries. A ministry that focuses on empowering ministries and churches by the preached Word. He is also the CEO of Tony Ray Smith Enterprises, a Consulting Group that specializes in marketing, media and ministry services to businesses, churches, and non-profit organizations.

In addition, he is the author of three books: "Moving Forward," "Goal For It," and his latest release in October 2019, You Can Write A Book.

THE STUDENT - In June 2008, Pastor Tony earned a Certificate of Ministry from the Calvary Bible Institute in Washington, D.C. Additionally, Pastor Smith graduated cum laude from George Mason University in June 2023 with a bachelor's degree in Integrative Studies. Currently, he is pursuing a master's degree in Educational Leadership at Regent University.

THE SERVANT - Pastor Tony is submitted to the spiritual covering of Rev. Dr. Randy M. Haynes, the former and now retired Pastor of Open the Book Ministries and current Overseer of The Word Church.

THE HUSBAND & FATHER - Pastor Tony is married to Cardhia Smith who faithfully serves by his side and supports him in the work of the ministry. They have been blessed with two sons, Xavier Malachi Smith and Josiah Makai Smith.

As you experience the ministry of Pastor Tony Ray Smith, your life will be changed and your spirit lifted.

