JONATHAN D. CHAPMAN



Jonathan Chapman is a pastor, community leader, and collaborative strategist committed to helping people live with clarity, purpose, and impact. Driven by a deep belief that every individual is created with God-given potential, he dedicates his life to equipping others to understand their faith, pursue their purpose, and build meaningful lives that serve both God and community.

In 2015, Jonathan relocated with his family from Norfolk, Virginia to Omaha, Nebraska, to begin the work of planting a new ministry. In October 2016, he founded Church On Purpose in North Omaha, where he now serves as Senior Pastor. Under his leadership, the church has grown into a vibrant, community-centered ministry focused on discipleship, relationship-building, and practical teaching that empowers individuals to live as Kingdom citizens in today's world.

In addition to his pastoral leadership, Jonathan serves as Chief Operations Officer for the African American Empowerment Network. In this role, he provides strategic leadership and support for the organization's Omaha office, and specifically across several high-impact initiatives, including the nationally recognized Omaha 360 Violence Prevention and Intervention Initiative, My Brother's Keeper Omaha (in partnership with the Obama Foundation), the Cradle to Career Education Collaborative, the Healthy Village Collaborative, and the Step-Up Omaha Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Initiative. He is particularly passionate about his work with Village Zone Faith Leaders, where he advances the Adopt-A-Block strategy to mobilize churches and faith-based organizations to strengthen communities at the neighborhood level.

Jonathan is a committed servant-leader beyond his formal roles. He has previously served as Board Chair of the Hartman Avenue Neighborhood Association and currently serves as Vice President of the Board for Omaha Street School, a committee member for the Presbyterian Church (USA) Self-Development of People Committee, and a youth basketball coach at Nelson Mandela Elementary School.

He believes that many of the world's challenges stem from a lack of purpose, limited freedom to pursue that purpose, and misunderstandings about faith. His life and leadership are devoted to addressing these gaps by helping individuals and communities grow in clarity, capacity, and conviction.

Jonathan lives in Omaha, Nebraska with his wife, Jene', and their four children.

Honors & Certifications:

- 2023 Drum Major for Justice Action Award Recipient – Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Metropolitan Omaha
- Certified Facilitator, Prepare/Enrich
- Certified Mentor, Leadership Training International
- Certified Instructor, Leadership Training International

Boards & Professional Memberships:

- Community Advisory Council, Omaha 100
- Community Advisory Board, Learning Community
- Douglas County Health Equity Committee
- Board of Directors, Omaha Street School
- Hartman Avenue Neighborhood Association *(former)*

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jonathan Chapman is the Founding Pastor of Church On Purpose in Omaha, Nebraska, and Chief Operations Officer for the African American Empowerment Network. A passionate leader and strategist, he works at the intersection of faith and community to help individuals discover their purpose and strengthen neighborhoods through collaboration. He provides leadership for initiatives including Omaha 360, My Brother's Keeper Omaha (in partnership with the Obama Foundation), Step-Up Omaha, Cradle to Career Education Collaborative, and the Village Zone Pastors & Faith Leaders. Jonathan is committed to developing people, building partnerships, and advancing solutions that create lasting impact. He lives in Omaha with his wife and four children.

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