

CURRICULUM VITAE OF
Christopher Bernard Davis

PRESENT POSITION

Associate Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Ministry
Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tennessee

EDUCATION:

B.A. Communications, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 1997
B.A. Social Science, Arkansas Baptist College, 2000 (*Cum Laude*)
M.A.R. Memphis Theological Seminary, 2004 (*Cum Laude*)
D.Min. United Theological Seminary, 2007; Thesis "Pastoral
 Communication: Preaching as a Form of Pastoral Care for Individual
 and Congregational Restoration"

PUBLICATIONS:

God's Man Standing for a Cause, served as editor for this collection of sermons by graduates and supporters of Arkansas Baptist College. Published by Arkansas Baptist Press, Nashville, TN, 1997

Published Sermons: *Deliverance Brought by Death*, published in *The African American Pulpit Journal*, summer 2004; *Living on the Left Side of God*, published in *The African American Pulpit Journal*, summer 2008

"Black Church and Politics: It Ain't What It Used to Be" in *African American Perspectives* Jan-Mar 2008

"Insights from Proverbs 18" in *African American Perspectives* Jan-Mar 2010

"Revival" (2012) and "A Service of Healing" (2010), in The African American Lectionary an online resource that provides preaching, culture, and worship commentaries; it is a collaborative project of Vanderbilt Divinity School and the African American Pulpit, Inc. online at www.TheAfricanAmericanLectionary.org.

Contributor to *I'm Challenged: Daily Meditations for Christian Living*, Grant House Publishers, East Chatham, New York, 2009

"The New Look of Pastoral Leadership," NBV: National Baptist Voice (Spring 2013) Nashville, Tennessee

CURRENT PROJECTS:

Working on a book for publication with Dr. Gina Stewart tentatively titled *We are Family: The Relationships of Church Membership*. The book will be a manual for new church member orientation.

Awaiting agreement for publication on an article entitled: "African American Pastoral Theology: Rejecting and Liberating" a chapter in a forthcoming book that is tentatively titled *Pastoral Ministry in the African American Context in the Twenty First Century*.

PUBLIC LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS:

Guest preacher for the 83rd Lenten Noon Day Preaching Series, Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tennessee 2007.

T.W. Coggs lecturer for the 32nd and 33rd Annual Session of the E.C. Morris Ministers' Institute, Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Arkansas 2007, 2008

Plenary to the Parent Body of the 134th Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Memphis Theological Seminary

Assistant Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Ministry 2012-2015

Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Liturgics, 2010-2012

Preaching and Teaching Fellow, 2009-2010

Adjunct Instructor, 2007-2009

West Africa Theological Seminary

Adjunct Instructor in Preaching, 2011-Present

Arkansas Baptist College

Adjunct Instructor in Preaching, 2005-2006

Courses Taught

Theology of Worship and Preaching

Worship and Preaching Practicum

Imagination in Preaching

Sermon Design

Preaching for Social Change

Contemporary Trends in Christian Worship

African American Worship and Congregational Life

The Preaching of Gardner Calvin Taylor

African American Preaching

Revitalizing the Local Church

Introduction to the Theology and Practice of Pastoral Leadership

Supervised Parish Practicum

HONORS:

Named one of the "20 to Watch" by *The African American Pulpit* for 2008. This list is announced every three years, and clergy under 40 throughout the country are nominated. The African American Pulpit is the only African American owned, non-denominational preaching and ministry journal in America.

Invited to the White House by the 42nd President of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton to participate in dialogue regarding issues impacting historically Black colleges and universities in the Mississippi Delta.

Awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree by Arkansas Baptist College, 1998

The Paul R. Brown Distinguished Teaching Award, 2011, Memphis Theological Seminary

Inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers and Collegium of Scholars of Morehouse College, Class of 2013

SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION:

Educational Development Committee, Chair
Planning and Evaluation Committee
Curriculum Committee
Judicial Committee

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

Advisory Board for *The African American Pulpit Journal*
Advisory Board for *The African American Lectionary*
Member, The African American Caucus, The Academy of Homiletics
Member, The American Academy of Religion
Member, The Association of Practical Theology

SERVICE TO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY:

President of the Congress of Christian Education for the Tennessee Baptist, Missionary and Education Convention. 2012-2014

Former Vice President of the Baptist State Convention of Arkansas – Consolidated. When elected, I was the youngest state vice-president (26) in the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Former President of the Riverside District Association Congress of Christian Education, Memphis, Tennessee 2002-2005

Instructor in the State Congress of Christian Education in Arkansas and Tennessee, as well as the National Christian Education Conference 2005 - present

Member of the Memphis Baptist Ministerial Alliance; Tennessee BM&E State Convention; Baptist Convention of Arkansas; National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Served seven years as board member including serving as secretary and vice-chair of the Board of Trustees, Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Arkansas

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Academy of Homiletics
American Academy of Religion
Association of Practical Theology
Association of Pastoral Theology

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT:

Associate Minister, St. James Missionary Baptist Church Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1994-1996

Pastor, Greater Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church Van Buren, Arkansas, 1996-2000

Senior Pastor, St. Paul Baptist Church Memphis, Tennessee, 2000-Present

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Family Status: Married to Rhonda Richardson Davis; father of five: Christopher, Jaden, Allie, Jenna and Savannah
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