



**REVEREND DR. R. B. HOLMES**  
*Pastor, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church*  
*Tallahassee, Florida*

#### EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION

- Central Florida Junior College (A.A.)
- Malone College, Canton, Ohio (B.A.)
- Methodist Theological Seminary, Delaware, Ohio (M.A.)
- Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA (Doctor of Ministry)

#### THE MINISTRY FOR GOD'S GLORY!

- Thirty-seven years in the ministry: Pastor of **First Timothy Baptist Church** of Jacksonville, FL, for 10 years (1976-1986)
- Presently, Pastor of **Bethel Missionary Baptist Church** for 29 years (1986-present) – one of the leading and largest churches in Florida with approximately 4,000 members
- Spiritual leader of forty **intergenerational, family-based ministries**: *Christian Education, Music & Performing Arts, Infants, Children, Youth, Singles, Married Couples, Young Adults, Collegiates, Retirees, Military, Men's, Promise, Women's, Young Mothers Mentoring, Girl Scouts, Africare, Haiti, Homeless, Veterans Outreach, etc.*
- Founder and Executive Officer of **Bethel Christian Academy (1992)**; **Steele-Collins Charter Middle School (1996)**; **Steele-Collins All Male Charter Academy (2013)**; **Bethel Family Restaurant (1996)**; **Bethel Family Counselling Center (2006)**; **Bethel Strip Mall (1996)**, etc.
- Led the Building of **Bethel Towers (2000)**, providing housing for senior citizens; **Bethel Family Life Center (1999)**; **Carolina Oaks Subdivision (2007)**; "Water Well" in Caliquesse, Guinea Bissau, West Africa (1993); **Bethel Christian Academy II (The Bong Rong) in Mong Pong Village of the Ashanti Region, Ghana/West Africa (2007)**; **Haiti Rehabilitation Facility, Pignon, Haiti**, for earthquake victims (2009)
- Significantly increased **Bethel's land acquisitions**, including the purchase of the **Wadsworth Property** in 2004 (approximately 3.5 acres) and the "**Bethel House**" (1997), a project with Habitat for Humanity), etc.

#### GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Appointed by Governor Bob Graham:** Florida Education Commission
- **Appointed by Governor Bob Martinez:** Florida President, One Church, One Child
- **Appointed by Governor Jeb Bush:** Judiciary Commission and Florida A&M University Board of Trustees
- **Appointed by Governor Charlie Crist:** Florida A&M University Board of Trustees
- **Appointed by Governor Rick Scott:** Co-Chair, Task Force on Citizen Safety and Protection

#### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Served on United Way Board of Directors
- Big Bend Hospice: Board of Directors
- Past National President: One Church-One Child
- NAACP & SCLC
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
- Past member of the Chamber of Commerce of Tallahassee, FL

#### VISIONARY LEADER:

- President and Founder of the **National Save the Family Now Movement, Inc.**
- Chairperson, **National Anti-Hazing/Anti-Violence Task Force**
- Chairperson, **Tallahassee Chapter, National Action Network**
- Past President of Region Two/Southeast of the **National Newspaper Publishers Association /NNPA** (includes the states of *Florida, Virginia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama*)
- Past- President of the **National Baptist Congress of Christian Education (1999-2009)**, an Auxiliary of the 7.5 million member National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
- **Member, Board of Trustees** for three Historically Black Colleges and Universities
  - Currently on the Board of Trustees of **Florida Memorial University**, Miami Gardens, FL; **Edward Waters College**, Jacksonville, FL; **Malone University**, Canton, OH
  - Formerly served on the Board of Trustees of **Florida A&M University**, Tallahassee, FL, for eight years
- President and CEO of **Live Communications, Inc.** (Parent Company of the **Capital Outlook** Newspaper); Radio Station Owner of WTAL 1450 AM & WOCY FM 106.5 FM
- **Casey Family Programs Community of Hope (Project Embrace) - 2015**
- **Bethel Ready4Work Re-Entry Program** for the transformation of inmates and ex-offenders within the Florida Department of Corrections - 2015

#### FAMILY MATTERS:

- Son of the late Deacon and Mrs. R. B. (Lucille Johnson) Holmes, Sr.
- **Married to Dr. Gloria Price Holmes** Father of three; proud grandfather
- **Author:** The Private Christian School in the African American Church: It Is Needed  
*Contributing Author:* Marriage Matters: It's God's Will and Singles: Strengthened, Secured and Spirit-Filled