

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF PASTOR DAVID ANTHONY CLARKE, SR.

Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr. was born in Flint, Michigan on July 5, 1967 to the late Mr. Fred F. Clarke, Sr. and Mrs. Modessa R. Clarke. Pastor Clarke began preaching in June of 1990 while on active duty with the U.S. Marines in Okinawa, Japan. He has been serving as the Senior Pastor of the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Warner Robins, GA, also known as "The Grove Zone", since October of 2002.

Under his dynamic, visionary leadership at Union Grove, the membership has increased, the full-time and part-time staff has expanded, numerous leaders have been elevated, and several exciting life-changing ministries have been implemented. The church has purchased residential and commercial properties to include the "Vision Center", a 7500 sq. ft. banquet hall w/full commercial kitchen. The Vision Center is utilized for special events and services to impact the church and community.

A powerful speaker, Pastor Clarke has provided motivational speeches and/or spiritual support for several organizations to include the GA Dept of Labor, City of Warner Robins, Albany State University, Ft. Valley State University, and Johnson C. Smith University. Clarke preaches regularly in local prisons, and has ministered in Japan, Haiti, and West Africa. The Georgia Informer has repeatedly recognized Pastor Clarke as one of Houston County's most outstanding preachers. In 2005, the Ross Report Partners in Progress of Atlanta, GA honored him as Man of the Year.

In 2001, Pastor Clarke and his lovely wife, Michelle, organized Clarkehouse Ministries to empower leaders to maximize their personal and organizational potential to the glory of God. He travels extensively conducting retreats and seminars on leadership, strategic planning, personal development, and performance improvement. Clarkehouse provides powerful insights for growth through various media to include [www.pastorclarke.com](http://www.pastorclarke.com), Pastor Clarke's monthly e-newsletter, *Enjoy the Journey*, and The Leadership Moment radio broadcast on middle Georgia's 980AM, 1400AM, and 100.5FM.

In July of 2005, Pastor Clarke released his first book, *Starting Over: Five Keys To A New Direction In Life*. His second book, *Are There Any Questions?*, was released on March 30, 2012 and is available via [www.pastorclarke.com](http://www.pastorclarke.com). Clarke has also written several book reviews for the National Baptist Voice magazine.

Pastor Clarke received an Associate of Science degree in Business from Barstow Community College of Barstow, California in 1998. In January of 2005, he graduated from Bellevue University of Bellevue, Nebraska with a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and received his Master of Science in Organizational Performance in March 2011.

One of Pastor Clarke's greatest passions is serving as an adjunct professor at THE Ft. Valley State University in Ft. Valley, GA. He enthusiastically teaches Leadership, Organizational Theory & Behavior, and Business Communications courses.

Pastor and Mrs. Clarke have three wonderful children: Janelle, Tenisha, David, II, and a furry son named, "Gunny". They currently reside in Kathleen, GA.