



Bishop Sheldon M. McCarter

Bishop Sheldon McCarter is the Senior Pastor of the Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church in Winston-Salem, NC. He was born April 10, 1961 to Dr. R.T. McCarter and the late Lady Virginell McCarter in Greenville, NC. Bishop McCarter is the third of four siblings, all of who serve God as Ministers of the Gospel. He is married to the love of his life and his partner in ministry, Co-Pastor Joyce N. McCarter. They are blessed with three children: Alana, Alaya, and Xavia (daughter in covenant, Kemonia) and granddaughter Zaria.

Bishop McCarter said yes to his call into the ministry in 1982 under the pastoral leadership of Dr. R.T. McCarter. He began as Pastor of Cleveland Avenue Christian Church in August of 1988. The tremendous anointing on his life, his zeal to serve God in excellence, and his heart for people led this ministry into phenomenal growth. The church grew from 200 members in 1988 to more than 3,000 members today.

The vision and wisdom of God inspired Bishop McCarter to lead Cleveland Avenue Christian Church to what is now the Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church (GCACC). The completion of the 33,000-square-foot edifice was celebrated in October of 1999. In January of 2001, GCACC celebrated the completion of the Signs and Wonders Learning Academy and the 32,000-square-foot S. M. McCarter Family Life Center.

Bishop McCarter has ministered the Word of God all across the United States. He's anointed to teach and preach the Gospel that changes lives everywhere he ministers. As Senior Pastor of one of the largest churches in Winston-Salem, Bishop McCarter is also heavily involved in the community. Though he keeps extremely busy, he remains touchable to his members. He remains humble so that God can elevate him to new levels. His heart's desire is to challenge and change lives through the Word of God.

In July of 2005, under the leadership of Bishop Larry Trotter, Bishop McCarter was consecrated to the office of Bishop in United Pentecostal Churches of Christ – now United Covenant Churches of Christ – where he served as the Suffragan Bishop to the Apostolic See. In July of 2009, Bishop McCarter was appointed Assistant Presiding Bishop of United Covenant Churches of Christ under the Leadership of Presiding Prelate, Eric D. Garnes.