

Biographical Outline

Pastor H. Calvin Austin, III

Pastor H. Calvin Austin, III is a Shreveport native. During the last 58 years I have rendered service to God and His people in numerous capacities.

I have had the blessed privilege to pastor churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Louisiana.

I am now the pastor of the historic Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church that is 148 years old.

Prior to becoming the pastor of Mt. Pleasant I served as a pastor in Plain Dealing, Ia. Where I secured a grant for a health care facility; and with the aid of the Office of the Governor, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Bossier/Webster District Attorney J. Schuyler Marvin, secured an after-school tutorial program.

I graduated from L. B. Landry High School in New Orleans. I would have graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Shreveport in 1964, but due to my involvement in the Civil Rights movement I could no longer attend public/private schools in Caddo Parish.

After graduating from L. B. Landry in 1964 I matriculated at the University Of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado where I earned a B.S. in Sociology.

I have obtained a Master's Degree in Sociology from the University of Denver; and am the recipient of numerous doctorate degrees.

I have been awarded the Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. civil rights award in 2004, the Ann Brewster award by the Shreveport chapter of the NAACP, Shreveport African Chamber of Commerce Herschel Brown Award, and numerous others.

I am involved in many community and civic organizations.

I am a active member of the St. Rest Baptist Church in Shreveport; Board member of the community foundation (Step Forward program), member of the NAACP, Chairman of the North Louisiana Faith Based Initiative; Louisiana Baptist State Convention; National Baptist Convention; Board member of the North Louisiana Civil Rights Collation; member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity; a former member of the Shreveport Times

Community Board.

Married to Alphra M. Austin 17 years, father, grand-father, and great-grand father.