

## Charles Anderson Bio

Pastor Charles Anderson is a native of Alexandria, Louisiana. During his service in the U. S. Army at Fort Polk in Leesville, Louisiana, he answered the call to preach at the age of twenty-three. In 1990, Pastor Anderson was licensed and ordained to preach the Gospel at Greater New Hope Baptist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana, under the leadership of Senior Pastor Reverend Simm James.

Charles studied Human Behavior at Leal College and Graduate School, St. Ann, Missouri. Over the years he has pastored and lead several congregations: New Life Church, World Conquerors Baptist Church, and Good News Baptist Church all in the 'Show Me State' of Missouri.

Pastor Anderson served 8 years in the U. S. Army. He was honorably discharged in 1992 and went on to pursue a career in corrections. With over 15 years' experience working in corrections in Illinois, Missouri, and Texas, Charles developed a heart and compassion for the literal and figurative captives inside the prison walls. In recent years, he has committed himself to teaching weekly Transformation Bible Study Classes inside Texas Department of Criminal Justice. It is from this experience that Charles has implemented TUMI classes inside TDCJ for the modern day Onesimus's of our time, the runaway slave that the Apostle Paul speaks of in the Book of Philemon.

Charles is especially committed to the lives of those behind bars and their families, so that they may come to understand they've been bought for a price, their lives are not their own, and they are here to accomplish His work – for God's Kingdom purposes. His obedient servant-hood to those still incarcerated, is that these people have eternal value, they can proclaim the Gospel in Word and deed if disciple and taught, equipping them to be "useful" in serving God through serving others.

Pastor Anderson carries a deep and profound conviction that his life is meant to be laid down fully in order to lead, shepherd, disciple and equip the saints to do battle, taking territory from Satan, in this broken world. To do so, God has prepared Charles throughout his life, for such a time as this.