

YOUTH PASTORS

Youth Pastor Marvin Kirkwood Pastor Marvin Kirkwood was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on September 30, 1979, to Angela Kirkwood and Melvin Taylor. Pastor Kirkwood was educated in the Kansas City, Missouri, school system and received his high school diploma from Excelsior Springs Technical Institute. Pastor Kirkwood pursued a life of gang violence and selling drugs at the early age of 13. Growing up without a father, he thought he had no other choice but to sell drugs to put food on the table and clothes on his back (What a big mistake that was!). Pastor Kirkwood witnessed drug abuse throughout his childhood. Due to gangs and gang violence, Pastor Kirkwood was kicked out of the Kansas City, Missouri School District and decided to live a life in the streets. Influenced by his grandfather, Adell Kirkwood, he enrolled in alternative school. In 1994, it seemed like his life was going down the drain. Marvin was involved in an accidental shooting, and in 1996 he witnessed the death of his cousin. He tried to accept Christ, but his heart was still like stone, but faking and acting like he was a Christian quickly got old. God sent Bishop Larry B. Aiken and Pastor Olivia C.Q. Aiken, who along with others would help to turn his life around forever. Bishop Aiken would prove to be a true father in Christ to Pastor Kirkwood. Through much love and compassion, the gift of what God wanted to do with Marvin Kirkwood came shining through. In 1999, Pastor Kirkwood was tired and fed up with life and on his 21st birthday, he heard God speak. God told Marvin to get his life together or he would spend it in jail or hell (possibly both). Pastor Marvin took heed to the voice of God and on October 1, 1999, Marvin truly gave his life to God. In 2000, he enrolled in Faith Bible College where he studied Sermon Preparation and Biblical Studies. Pastor Marvin Kirkwood accepted his calling into the ministry in 2000 and he has been on fire for God ever since. In the words of Pastor Kirkwood, "The Fire of God Will Never Go Out"; In 2002, God blessed him with a beautiful wife by the name of Tiffany McNeil, and they united on July 20, 2002. Later, they were blessed with a precious daughter by the name of Hezekiah Monet. He and his family have been faithfully serving under Bishop Larry B. Aiken and Pastor Olivia C.Q. Aiken in the youth ministry. While in the youth ministry, God was setting him up for the next level. On July 18, 2004, Minister Marvin Kirkwood was appointed to serve as Youth Pastor of the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Youth On Fire Ministries. What an awesome God we serve! Pastor Kirkwood declares that "God will never use your past to determine your future"; Thank God for second chances! Pastor Kirkwood understands the importance of being faithful over the few, for God will make you ruler over the many. Pastor Kirkwood is known to be a dynamic speaker and an anointed man of God. He is forever thankful for what God has done, for what God is doing, and for where God is taking him in his life and ministry. "My family and I love God with all our heart, and the declaration over our house is "For God we live and for God we die; we will serve the Lord all the days of our LIFE." Youth Pastor Wesley B. Triplett Pastor Wesley Triplett was born to Mr. & Mrs. Willie (Lillie) L. Triplett Sr. on September the 29th 1979. Pastor Wesley was raised in the church and was covered by a praying mother that always knew that God had a special anointing on her son's life. As Pastor Triplett grew and developed God blessed him with many talents that allowed him to attend Longfellow Elementary School, Kansas City Middle School of the Arts, and finally graduate from Paseo High School of the Performing Arts where he majored in music and minored in art.

Pastor Triplett has always been active in local ministry even as a child singing in youth choirs, playing percussion, and as he got older writing, arranging, and directing for many talented groups all over the USA. Pastor Triplett is a classically trained trombonist and is proficient on 20 plus other instruments.

God's hand continued to be on Pastor Triplett's life as he attended De Paul University in Chicago IL and toured with the Count Basie Orchestra. But feeling the press in his spirit Pastor Triplett returned to the Kansas City area to continue school and seek the well of God.

While in school Pastor Triplett was blessed with a special gift in the person of Min. Shonda L. Triplett. This angel of God would not only turn out to be his wife and partner in life, but his partner in ministry as well. This rare gem (Min. Shonda) has been instrumental in supporting the gifting and anointing on Pastor Triplett's life, and brings to the table the ability to minister under the leading of the Holy Ghost. He is proud to have been married for over 11 years! They were blessed with two beautiful children; Zion Javon (10 years old) and Zaria Ja'el (4 years old).

Pastor Triplett accepted his call to ministry in July 2001, and under the tutelage of Bishop Larry B. & Pastor Olivia C.Q. Aiken, Pastor Triplett was trained, groomed and released to preach his first sermon in September of 2004. Pastor Triplett used his talents and experience of working with youth in schools to help the youth ministry, and that background allowed him to flourish there. Pastor Triplett was blessed to be ordained as Elder and assigned as Youth Pastor on October 2008.

Pastor Triplett is a dedicated member of Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, and believes in the vision of the house. He believes that the work of youth is most important to the sustaining of the Body of Christ, and the engaging of the next generation for God. Pastor Triplett believes in creative, fun, and age appropriate ministry that sets the stage for a life long relationship with Christ. Pastor Triplett strives to live a life that will be an example to others so that they might see the Glory of God. His passion is seeing life's change whether they are young or just young at heart, and giving praise to God for the marvelous things that He has done!

