



Dr. Olu. J. Shabazz
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Biographical

Dr. Olu J. Shabazz was born in Pontiac, Michigan, and is married to Ronnie (Hampton) Shabazz. They have seven children: four boys and three girls; they also have nine grandchildren. (Two of their children have preceded them in death.)

Dr. Shabazz is currently the evangelist to the Harlem Church of Christ in New York City, New York, where he has served for the past eighteen years. During his tenure he has baptized over 950 people in New York and the congregation presently holds two morning worship services each Sunday. In April of 2012 he ordained the first eldership in the 76 year history of the Harlem Church of Christ (Dr. R.C. Wells Minister Emeritus, was a historical part of that ordination becoming one of its first elders).

He is recognized as an International Evangelist to the Churches of Christ, having preached the gospel in over thirty-eight states and several foreign nations. Over the years, he has become widely known in our brotherhood as a church builder, sharp administrator and a biblical exegete. His ministerial contemporaries affectionately refer to him as "the preaching machine". To date, he has served three congregations of the Churches of Christ. For twelve years he served as minister to the Boulevard Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee, where the Church grew from 125 active members to 750 active members in eight years. As minister to the Eastside Church of Christ, Pontiac Michigan (where he served for six years), the congregation grew from 80 active members to 230 active members in five years. For the first time in the history of the church in Pontiac, Dr. Shabazz ordained its first eldership.

Dr. Shabazz holds several academic degrees from a number of various schools across the Nation, which includes an associate's degree in Music Performance (1975), two Bachelor degrees, one in Biblical Studies (1980) one in Christian Education (1998), a Masters in Theology (1985) and a Doctorate in Divinity (2000). Dr. Shabazz began serving in 2013, as one of the instructors at the Southeastern School of Biblical Studies.