



Biography of Reverend Clyde L. Turner Pastor, Oak Level Baptist Church Kathleen, Georgia

Reverend Clyde L. Turner was born September 16, 1953 -in DeRidder, Louisiana. He was reared by his great aunt and uncle, Francis and Ruben Jackson, in Columbia, Mississippi. They later became his adoptive parents. During his formidable years, Reverend Turner was very active in his church, **Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Columbia, Mississippi**, where he served as a Junior Superintendent of Sunday school, director of the Baptist Training Union, sang in the choir, and was also an usher. As a young man he was enrolled in the **Mississippi Baptist Seminary Extension of Columbia, Mississippi**, where he humbly studied the Word of God. Reverend Turner attained close to 500 actual hours in Religious Education and Church Music. He has an overwhelming love for church music and is an accomplished vocalist.

After graduating from high school in 1971, Reverend Turner enrolled in **United Electronic Institute** in Louisville, Kentucky. He later enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after the death of his adoptive parents. He not only served his country, but he also continued in serving the Lord. In 1986, Reverend Turner was nationally recognized as one our country's Most Outstanding Young Men of America. While at **Minot Air Force Base**, North Dakota, he organized the **Northern Lights Chapel Gospel Choir**. While serving at **Pope Air Force Base**, North Carolina, Reverend Turner accepted his call in the Ministry in the middle of a Permanent Change of Station move. He was license at **Antioch Progressive Baptist Church**, Sacramento, California, where Dr. Curtis J. Mitchell still serves as pastor. Reverend Turner traveled all over the world during his enlistment in the US Air Force of 24 years. Reverend Turner served in **Operation Desert Shield/Storm** with special recognition at **Royal Air Force Station Mildenhall**, United Kingdom as **3rd Air Force Occupational Safety Manager of the Year**. He retired from the US Air Force in 1996 after 24 years of outstanding service. He held three career fields Security Police Specialist, Structural Repair Specialist and Occupational Safety and Health Manager, a position that he presently holds at **Robins Air Force Base, Georgia**. In 2000 he was ordained at **New Hope Baptist Church** Perry, Georgia. Where Reverend Dennis Harden is currently pastor.

He and his wife, Sherry Ann Echols-Turner, have two beautiful children, Stacey Michelle Graves of Live Oaks, FL, and Travis Tremaine Turner of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Reverend Turner has attended **Parks College, University of Maryland, University of Washington, Trinity College and Theological Seminary, Newburg, IN and Mercer University**. Reverend Turner's beliefs are: "There is no experience in life more exciting and spiritually rewarding than helping men and women to Christ and seeing the change Christ brings in their lives."

He presently serves as Pastor of **Oak Level Missionary Baptist Church, Kathleen, Georgia**. Reverend Turner unquestionably has a heart for God, an unconditional love for God's people, and demonstrates a specific burden entangled with a selfless commitment to encourage souls to Christ.

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