

## Dr. Carl Clifton Baccus- Biography

Dr. Carl C. Baccus is the minister of the Southside Church of Christ in Los Angeles, California a position in which he has served for 55 years.

Dr. Baccus began preaching at an early age at the Lawrence and Marder Church of Christ in his hometown of Dallas, Texas. He obeyed the gospel, in 1948, under the teachings of Evangelist R. N. Hogan, minister of the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles. In 1956, it was Bro. Hogan and the leadership at Figueroa, who asked nineteen-year-old Baccus to work with a small group of recently converted Christians in Watts. That small congregation was the beginning of what is now known as the Southside Church of Christ.

Under Dr. Baccus' constant leadership, Southside has grown and developed into a dynamic and hard working congregation in its community. The church's present location was completed in 1980, after many years of careful planning and constant prayer. This two-story facility houses an 800-seat auditorium, library, fellowship hall, nursery, media center and numerous classrooms.

Reminiscent of the churches' pioneer preachers, Dr. Baccus is well known for his energetic style of preaching the word of God. Dr. Baccus is a true evangelist, committed to spreading the gospel around the world. Dr. Baccus sermons can be heard daily on cable, the radio, and even the web. He has also orchestrated many outreach programs to address the social needs of the community. Feeding the poor, aiding senior citizens and educating children are a few accomplishments Dr. Baccus had received recognition for by city officials in Los Angeles. He is the founder and president of the Concerned Citizens Community Involvement an organization dedicated to serving all people regardless of their background.

Dr. Baccus attended Pepperdine University in Los Angeles. He obtained his bachelors, masters, and doctorate degree from California Graduate School of Theology in Glendale, California.

Dr. Baccus' accomplishments are vast, but he has not been alone in his work. This man of God has had the support of his now deceased wife, Geraldine for almost 40 years. The members of his congregation have also stood with him over the years as he has endeavored to do the work of the Lord. His children Valerie, Sonia and Chris are all strong in the faith and committed to seeing the Church of Christ prosper. He is also a proud grandfather to twin girls, Sydney and Courtney.