



Author Biography of Dr. Jeremy W. Odom

Two-Line Biography

Internationally renowned speaker, author and poet extraordinaire are just a few titles that describe Dr. Jeremy W. Odom of Natchitoches, LA. A modern day Jeremiah, Odom has a heart for God's people.

Short Biography

Dr. Jeremy W. Odom is the General President of the Louisiana Ministerial Association, Inc. He is a Professor of Christian Ministry at the Southern Christian Bible College and Seminary where he also serves as Dean. He also serves as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the National Pastors and Ministers Conference.

Dr. Odom acknowledges being called to the Gospel Ministry when he was six years of age although he did not begin his ministry until he was 15. He has served the Christian ministry as a Youth Pastor, Assistant Pastor, Elder, Prison Chaplain and Senior Pastor. His preaching ministry has reached countless souls around the globe, including Iraq, Ireland, Africa and Germany.

Dr. Odom has authored a number of books which are currently utilized in seminaries around the world. His awards include the President's Eagle Award, Army Commendation Medal, Who's Who and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity.

Dr. Odom is a native of Natchitoches, LA where he currently resides and preaches at the First Baptist Church North under the leadership of Dr. Mitchell C. Herndon, Sr. He studied Criminal Justice, Forensics, Religious Education, Ministry and Theology in a number of institutions of higher learning.

Long Biography

Rev. Dr. J. W. Odom was introduced into this earthly realm on August 18, 1986 to Bro. Early Odom, Jr. and Sis. Carolyn Essex. A native of Natchitoches, LA, Dr. Odom is a humble and knowledgeable minister of God's word.

A modern day Jeremiah, it was no secret to his parents and older siblings that Dr. Odom was destined for greatness at a young age. The Bible records God telling Jeremiah "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born, I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."

Surrounded by great pastors and preachers, he confessed Christ at the young age of six and was baptized by his Godfather, Reverend William Batts, Pastor of Damascus Missionary Baptist Church in Lena, Louisiana. He would later begin attending services around the street from his home at the First Baptist Church (Amulet) in Natchitoches under the divine leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Dupree. When he saw his pastors graze the pulpit, his attention was affixed on how and what would be delivered that morning to the waiting congregation. In all of this, God was grooming him for the work ahead.

At the age of fifteen, on June 26, 2002, he delivered his Apprenticeship Message entitled “Take Up Your Cross & Follow Me” at the First Baptist Church (Amulet) where he would gain his ministerial credentials. That fall, he enrolled in the United Theological Seminary & Bible College while concurrently starting his junior year at Natchitoches Central High School. It was there that he gained an understanding of both balance and leadership.

He served as Associate Minister of the Youths at the church, JROTC Drill Team and Honor Guard Commander, Chaplain for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization and a full-time seminary student studying Theology. Eager to spread his wings and see the world, he enlisted in the United States Army as a Chaplain’s Assistant after graduating from High School.

He utilized his brief military career to further his ministry strengths by teaching Bible study groups to his fellow soldiers and providing religious counseling. He also actively participated in the Gospel serves on post in addition to while being deployed to Iraq.

In 2006, Dr. Odom published his first anthology of poetry “Words from the Soul” which he had been writing since second grade. His humble spirit and superior writing abilities caused many accolades and recognition to be bestowed upon him. He has been presented with the Mayor’s Award, Army Commendation Medal, Presidential Eagle’s Award, International Poet of Merit, an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree and many other awards.

In 2007, he answered the call to serve as the 8th Pastor of the Bright Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church of Marco, LA. At the age of 22, he baptized an 84 year old man who accepted Christ during a home prayer meeting that the ministers conducted at his home. He currently serves as the General President of the Louisiana Ministerial Association, Inc. and Secretary of the Pastors and Ministers Conference of the Louisiana Home & Foreign Missions Baptist State Convention, Inc.

Dr. Odom also went on to further his education in Criminal Justice (Kaplan University), Forensics (American Military University), Religious Education (The Sure Foundation Theological Institute), Theology (United Theological Seminary & Bible College) and Divinity (American Bible University). He is a humble child of God who strives to do his Master’s will by doing the best job that he can do.

An internationally renowned writer, Dr. Odom has published several books that are sold in Christian Bookstores around.

- *Preaching that Empowers God’s People: Expository Preaching in the 21st Century, 2d Edition*
- *Conducting Church Audits: A Guide for Internal Auditors, 2d Edition*
- *A Pastor’s Introduction to Church Administration: Administering the 21st Century Church Effectively*
- *The Minister’s Handbook: A Guide for Leadership, Revised Edition*