



Dr. Micah R.

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Biography

The Reverend Dr. Micah R. Gaines was born on November 9 in Louisville, KY and he is the only child born to Sarah and Rev. Richard Gaines. A proponent of education, he holds a Bachelor of Science in Community and Leadership Development from the University of Kentucky and a Master of Divinity from The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. He also earned a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary with a focus on Engaging & Growing Congregations Through Creative Pastoral Preaching and Leadership Models. As a proud Pointer-Brown-Goodman Fellow, his emphasis in study was “The Church Has Left The Building: A Model for Virtual Ministry in the 21st Century.”

In 2013, Dr. Gaines acknowledged his call into the gospel ministry and was subsequently licensed and later ordained at Consolidated Baptist Church in Lexington, KY, where he served for six years as the Pastoral Assistant to his father, Rev. Richard Gaines. In addition, he also served at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, TX under the pastoral leadership of Dr. Marcus D. Cosby, New Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL under the pastoral leadership of Dr. F. Thomas Beavers and Union Branch Baptist Church in Chesterfield, VA under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Kenneth E. Rioland Jr. In May 2019, he returned to Consolidated where he served as the Pastor of Worship, overseeing their weekly worship experiences, aiding with congregational care and sharing in the preaching and teaching responsibilities. On October 29, 2022, he was called to serve as the 4th Senior Pastor of the Greater Christ Baptist Church in Detroit, MI, following the retirement of Dr. James C. Perkins.

In recent years, Dr. Gaines has been appointed to serve in many different leadership capacities both in the local church and in the community, including the Lexington Leadership Foundation, Lifeway and the NAACP. He is an increasingly sought-after preacher and teacher who has shared across the country and in England in various settings including conferences, conventions, seminars, revivals and other experiences. He serves as an active member of the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit and Vicinity and the Progressive National Baptist Convention. He is also a legacy member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and an avid fan of the Los Angeles Lakers.

In his spare time, Dr. Gaines enjoys reading, traveling and spending time with friends. Additionally, he is also a gifted musician who has shared in ministry with several notable artists such as John P. Kee, Jonathan Nelson, Joe Pace, Malcolm Williams, LaShun Pace and others. Above all else, he is humbled to be called by God to preach His Word and he consistently strives to share that good news with passion and precision in expectation of lives being transformed by the Word of God.

Dr. Gaines is married to the former Adrienne Marie Cosby. She is a native of Houston, TX and holds degrees from Fisk University and the Syracuse University Newhouse School of Public Communications. They are the proud parents of one son, Micah Richard, II.

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