

EVANGELIST SHIRLEY GARDNER

Associate Pastor, The Chosen Vessel Cathedral, Fort Worth, TX

Pastor Shirley Gardner was born in Detroit, Michigan. The mother of 3 children and happily married to Jerry Gardner for over 26 years. Through this union she's blessed with 7 children, 17 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. As a child growing up Shirley was greatly influenced by her great grandmother, "Mama H", who was a prayer warrior at Bethlehem Temple Clinton Street Church. It was witnessing her love for the lord and the power of prayer within her grandmother, a seed was planted towards God.

Pastor Gardner graduated from Eastern High School in Detroit, Michigan. She attended Shaw College and later Wayne County Community College. She retired from IBM, after 24 years of service, as a Customer Fulfillment Professional.

In 1971, Pastor Gardner joined Bethel Apostolic Church where she was baptized in Jesus Name and filled with the Holy Ghost. It was there she acknowledged her calling to the ministry and was affirmed by her Pastor Elder Tommie Wood. There the Lord began to develop her through much prayer, teaching Sunday school, and graduating from Aeon Bible College. She later attended Bethel East under Bishop Donald Burwell where she was blessed to serve in ministry in various capacities; President of Missions, Deaconess, minister of Baptism, overseer of the prayer room and sat on the Pastors Board.

In 1999, she was ordained as Pastor under Bishop Jack Barnett of the Bibleway Outreach Ministries and there she established, The Evangelist Training Academy. The Lord opened a door for her to broadcast live, every Saturday at 7:00pm on WMUZ Radio 1440 under her own ministry, (Agape Outreach Ministries). Her motto was to "reach the lost at any cost".

Pastor Gardner moved to Texas in the year of 2000, where she joined The Chosen Vessel Cathedral under the leadership of the Honorable Bishop Richard E. Young. She was appointed to serve as Director, over Tuesday, noon day prayer. In 2011, she was appointed Pastor and now humbly serves as Pastor over the Women's Ministry, Sunday School and TCVC Bible School.