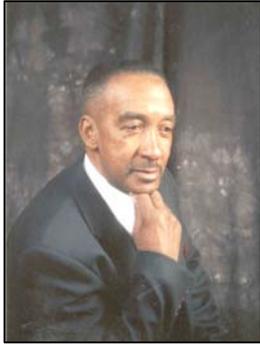


Biography of Pastor Gerald L. Graves



Gerald L. Graves, founder and senior pastor of New Vision Ministries, Inc. d/b/a **New Vision**, and former pastor of Calvary Family Church serving a 6-year tenure.

At the age of 10 years old, Pastor Graves knew he had a call on his life to preach the gospel, but ran from that call and became a *menace* instead of a *minister*. He had spent over 30 years of his life addicted to drugs, alcohol and Methadone. He had spent several years in different penitentiaries – including a brief stay on death row.

No longer a menace to society, and walking in the call that God had foreordained for his life, he now gives back by going back into the same “pits” that God delivered him from; proclaiming to men, women, boys and girls everywhere that there is hope through Jesus Christ.

Pastor Graves is a walking testimony of God’s miraculous deliverance power! His life is likened to that of Apostle Paul, who once sought to persecute the church – but was converted on a road going to Damascus and became a powerful witness for God.

Pastor Graves received his ministerial training and ordination under the tutelage of **Bishop J. Laverne Tyson**, pastor of New Beginning Ministries, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Also founder of the renowned outreach ministry, “**Something Good From the Hood**,” a ministry that has its origin as a *one-man-crusade* on the parking lot of Hoots Liquor Store. To date, along with his pastoral duties, *Something Good From the Hood* continues to minister at the Marion County Jail and other institutions.

Pastor Graves is married to Evangelist Kim Graves (author and teacher) who works with him in ministry. Together they have 6 adult children, 12 grandchildren, 2 great-grand children, and a host of spiritual children, and one dog.

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