

## REVEREND DR. CHARLES B. JACKSON, SR.



Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr., a native of West Columbia, South Carolina, attended the public schools of Lexington County School District#2, the former Lakeview Elementary School, and Brookland Cayce High School, where he graduated in 1970 with honors. He continued his academic career at Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. While at Benedict, he received the Distinguished Mathematics and Physics Award for the highest academic average in those respective areas. After graduating from Benedict, he pursued seminary studies at the Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and in 1977 he graduated with honors receiving his Master of Divinity Degree (M. Div.). He was presented the Distinguished Board of Directors Award from the Morehouse School of Religion for High Academic Achievement. In August 1978, he completed one year of certification of residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at the South Carolina Academy for Pastoral Education. On May 12, 1985, Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina conferred upon him the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree. On May 12, 2007, Benedict College conferred upon him an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Dr. Jackson acknowledged the call and began preaching at the age of nine (9); was licensed at age ten (10); ordained at twelve (12); and at eighteen (18) was installed as Pastor of his home church, Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia, South Carolina, where he has humbly served for forty-eight (48) years. The church has over sixty ministries, a full service Federal Credit Union, the Brookland Foundation, the Brookland Center for Community Economic Change, the Brookland-West Columbia Community Housing Development Corporation, and the Brookland Community Pediatric Center which is a collaborative effort with the Eau Claire Cooperative.

In May 1999, Dr. Jackson led Brookland into a new sanctuary that seats 2,300 and in September 2005, led the completion of a 68,000 square foot Community Resource Center consisting of an Academy Child Development Center, a Health and Wellness Center and a Banquet and Conference Center. On March 28, 2008 the Lexington District II School Board awarded Brookland the former Lakeview/Northside School, to be converted into the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center. On October 5, 2008 Brookland became one church in two locations, adding a Brookland Baptist Church Northeast location. Reverend Dr. Christopher Leevy Johnson is the Northeast Campus Pastor. Dr. Jackson has a partnership in ministry with the Providence Baptist Church, Dr. Samuel Reeves, Pastor, and a weekly radio broadcast in Liberia, West Africa. As a result of the Church's Economic Empowerment Initiative, over 190 persons are employed in Brookland's ministry. Dr. Jackson has trained and mentored 16 sons and 1 daughter who currently pastor in the Midlands of South Carolina. A total of 77 ministers have sat under his leadership during his 48 years of his pastorate.

Dr. Jackson has held and still holds membership in a number of denominational, civic and community organizations. A few of them include former president of the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education and the Gethsemane Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Past Moderator of the Gethsemane Baptist Association, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Golden Square Lodge #283, NAACP, 100 Black Men of Greater Columbia, and the Cayce-West Columbia Rotary Club. He serves or has served on the Boards of the Capital City Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Morehouse School of Religion, Lexington Medical Center and Board of Visitors for the University of South Carolina. He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Morris College in Sumter, SC. In 2011, he was inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame.

December 14, 2018, he received a Doctor of Divinity from Columbia International University and on December 17, 2018, he received a Doctor of Public Service from the University of South Carolina.

He holds numerous local and national awards, has preached throughout the United States and has delivered lectures at more than fifteen (15) colleges and universities. On March 31, 2011 he gave the opening prayer as guest chaplain for the U. S. House of Representatives. In 2001, Governor Jim Hodges awarded him the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor that the State of South Carolina confers upon its citizens. In January 2018, he was awarded the Jefferson Award from WACH Fox 57.

Dr. Jackson is married to the former Robin Hoefer, and the father of two children, Rev. Charles B. Jackson Jr., Pastor of the New Laurel Street Baptist Church, Columbia, SC and Attorney Candace Shiver (Rodrick), CEO and Managing Partner of Shiver & Associates, LLC and five grandchildren Kayla, Charles III, Caleb, Carter, Rodrick II.