

Dr. Kevin W. Cosby



PROFILE

FAMILY:	Married, two children
EDUCATION:	Bachelors, Eastern Kentucky University; Masters, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Doctorate, United Theological Seminary
Occupation:	Sr. Pastor of St. Stephen Church, President of Simmons College of KY, Author, and Lecturer
RESIDENCE:	Louisville, Kentucky

Since 1979, **Rev. Dr. Kevin W. Cosby** has served as Senior Pastor of St. Stephen Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Due greatly to his practical and dynamic Bible teachings, the church has grown from 500 to approximately 10,000 members, and is recognized by Outreach Magazine as one of the top 100 largest churches in America and Emerge Magazine as one of the six super churches of the south. 1

During his tenure, the church has grown from the "little church on the corner" to a multi-faceted institution that includes a 1,700-seat worship center, a cutting-edge \$4 million inner-city family life center, and a recently built 1,000-seat satellite church in Jeffersonville, Indiana. In 1998, Cosby encouraged the church to purchase and convert the original 4-acre campus of Simmons University, once home to the oldest African-American educational institution in the state of Kentucky, to be used as a lifestyle enrichment campus.

In 2005, Dr. Cosby was named the 13th President of Simmons Bible College (now Simmons College of KY) – an appointment befitting his credentials. Cosby, a staunch proponent of education, earned a Bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, KY, a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

He subsequently, assumed administrative and teaching assignments at Kentucky State University, the University of Louisville, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and United Theological Seminary. Additionally, his exceptional oratory skills have produced lecturing engagements at universities and institutions around the world including Harvard University.

Dr. Cosby is the author of three highly-acclaimed books: (1) *Get off Your But!: Messages, Musings & Ministries to Empower the African-American Church*, (2) *As They Went*, and (3) *Treasure Worth Seeking* and has been the subject of many national articles and documentaries, which consistently list him among the most powerful and influential leaders in the state of Kentucky.

Although Rev. Cosby has achieved many notable accomplishments, the thing most notable about him is his intense devotion to serving the Lord, through improving the lives of others.

Dr. Cosby is married to the former Barnetta Turner, and they are the proud parents of two children, Christine and Kevin Christopher.