



## 2016 NORTH CAROLINA STATE LECTURESHIP SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr. – Carver Road Church of Christ, Winston Salem



Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr. is a native of Anaheim, California. He is the son of a gospel preacher. Jefferson R. Caruthers, Sr. Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr. is a graduate of Southwestern Christian College (A.A. 1980, David Lipscomb College (B.A. 1982), Harding University Graduate School of Religion (M. Th., 1987), and Cleveland State University (M. Ed., 2004). In addition, has worked in doctoral studies in Southern Religious History at the University of Mississippi. In 1983, Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr., married Felecia Sandrelli Spinks of Auburn, Alabama. They are the parents of seven children, one son in law, two grandchildren: Chava (Mike Mash, little Mikey and Cecilia), Jefferson, III, Carmen, Joshua, Haley, Joel and Jones (the last two are twins).

Brother Caruthers has been preaching for over 30 years. He has ministered to the Central Avenue Church of Christ in Coldwater, Mississippi (1983-1993), and to the Adams Avenue Church of Christ in Cleveland, Ohio (1994-2005). Brother Caruthers began his work as a preacher for the Carver Road Church of Christ in July of 2005.

Jefferson Caruthers, Jr. chairs the board of the North Carolina Brotherhood and State Lectureship, is on the board of directors for the National Teachers' Workshop, the Youth Division of the Southeastern Lectureship, chairs the board of Quality Education Academy (K-12 Charter School that began at Carver Road), and is on the board of Quality Independent Living (an apartment facility of 42 units built by the church). Brother Caruthers also serves as area board representative for the Ministers' Institute Conference held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, annually. He was recently added to the executive board of the National Lectureship of the church of Christ. Brother Caruthers serves as an instructor for Southeastern School of Biblical Studies, continuing in the pursuit of instructing others in the ministry and faith.



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### **Chris Covington – Church of Christ at Country Club Drive, Fayetteville**



Chris Covington has been a member of the Lord's church since August 1992. He obeyed the gospel under the teaching and guidance of Brother Jesse Tolliver, Minister of the Coliseum Blvd Church of Christ. Bro. Covington is married to Felicia Covington and they have two children Jasmine and Jequita Covington; and one grandson Jullian (AKA "lil man").

He served as the Minister of the McConnell Road COC from (2004-2008). He also served as the Minister at the Olga Street Church of Christ from (2008 - 2015). Bro. Covington is a graduate of the Triad school of preaching under the direction of Brother Cloys Cecil, Minister of the Sanford Church of Christ. He is currently the Minister of the Church of Christ at 651 Country Club Drive in Fayetteville, NC.



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### Michael L. Dublin, Sr. – South Central church of Christ, Raleigh



Michael L. Dublin has provided pastoral leadership for Christ Jesus at Rochester Heights/South Central church of Christ for over 30 years.

The church has over 180 members with several thriving ministries, Proverbs 23, Woman's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Greeters Ministry, Marriage Ministry, Building & Grounds, Life through Photography, Technology, Worship, Health Blast and others.

The focus of this ministry is on the healing of the individual and family through Jesus Christ. The teaching is from the Word of God and very practical.

**A relevant application of the Word of God through transformation, information, inspiration that leads to love and life in marriage, family, friends and all relationships is front and center of the reality of salvation.**

Faith Works Together-Coordinator/Consultant

Bro Dublin is a Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist for the past 30 years serving in various capacities statewide including a three year Federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Fellowship.

Bro Dublin has a B.A. in Liberal Studies from Shaw University in Raleigh and a M. A. in Liberal Studies from Duke University, Durham, NC.

Bro Dublin has been married to Cecelia Crim Dublin for over 31 years. They have a blended family of four adult daughters, and two adult sons, 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.



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### **John Foster – Deep River Church of Christ, High Point**

Brother John Foster is the full-time evangelist with the Deep River church of Christ in High Point, NC. He and his wife, Joy, have worked with the congregation for the last 12 years. Brother John is a graduate of the East Tennessee School of Preaching & Missions. He also received his B.S. degree in Psychology from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee Florida. Brother Foster worked for over 10 years prior to preaching in the area of Child & Family Services in Mecklenburg and Henry County. Sister Foster is a licensed counselor that contributes greatly to their ministry.

God has blessed the work at Deep River and the congregation has grown numerically and spiritually during the time Brother and Sister Foster have labored there. With an emphasis on evangelism and a focus on reaching out into all segments of the community Deep River has been blessed to be a very loving and culturally diverse congregation. Brother and Sister Foster consider it a privilege to just be a part of what **God** has done, and will continue to do with the church in High Point.



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### Nicholas A. Glenn – Sharpe Road Church of Christ, Greensboro



Nicholas A. Glenn is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was baptized into Christ in January 1987 at the age of 8 at the Redland Church of Christ in Advance, North Carolina. He later began preaching the gospel at age 14.

In November of 2002, he became the Associate Minister at the South English Street (Now Sharpe Road) Church of Christ in Greensboro, North Carolina and presently serves in that capacity.

He is the son-in-law of Bro. Julius S. Greene, current minister of the Sharpe Road Church of Christ, and the son of Larry A. Glenn, current minister of the Redland Church of Christ. He has been privileged to preach at several congregations throughout the

brotherhood and has conducted various workshops, fellowship, lectureships and gospel meetings.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, as well as a Masters of Arts in Theological Studies and a concentration in Pastoral Counseling from Liberty University. Nicholas is nearing completion of his Doctorate in Ministry degree with a concentration in Expository Preaching from Tennessee Temple University.

He has been married to the former Nikki Greene of Winston-Salem, North Carolina since July of 2003. They have one daughter, Nia Symone Glenn.



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### Leslie James – Sugar Creek Church of Christ, Charlotte



Leslie James is a native from the West Indian Island of Dominica. He obeyed the Gospel at age twelve while attending the New Golden Heights Church of Christ in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. In 1998 his family moved to Charlotte, NC and began attending the Sugar Creek congregation. His desire is to contend earnestly for the faith and serve faithfully as one of God's gospel preachers. His first love in ministry is disciple-making—the simple biblical model of teaching God's Word, and mentoring others to maturity in Christ.

“My role as the Evangelist is to serve the church as an ambassador of the mission and message of Christ. I spend most of my time in prayer, studying, writing and developing leaders to do the work of the ministry. Relevant exposition of the Word of God is my passion. It is my purpose to be biblical, interesting, exciting, and practical through this medium.”



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### **Dr. Clyde D. Mayberry – Northside Church of Christ, Charlotte**



Dr. Clyde Mayberry is a psychotherapist, an accomplished musician and vocalist, an evangelist, an author and family man. He completed his doctorate and Masters at Amridge University in Montgomery, AL and his undergraduate work at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI. Mayberry has built successful businesses in counseling, journalism, marketing and health care and has held executive-level positions in each field. He is a national speaker and is coveted for his ability to "make things plain". Volume 2 of the Sincere milk of the Word will be released on Nov. 22, 2016. This is his third book published by Clydestyle Services Group. He is currently working on his fourth book titled My Current Situation which will be released in the summer of 2017. He has been married to his wife Kimberly for 21 years and they have three children and reside in the Carolinas.



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### **Dr. Lonnie Smith. Ph.D. – Eastside Church of Christ, Winston-Salem**



Dr. Lonnie Smith is the Minister and Elder of Eastside Church of Christ in Winston Salem, NC where he has served for 9 years. He has preached the gospel for 33 years. He is a graduate of The East Tennessee School of Preaching (The Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies). He was also the Minister of Scarboro Church of Christ in Tennessee for 17 years. He served as the Dean of Students for 12 years at The Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies. He holds a Ph.D. from The International Bible College and Seminary and from The Union Institute and University. He was an Associate Professor at Amridge University in Montgomery, Alabama for 5 years. He is also an online Adjunct Professor at Liberty University and an Adjunct Professor for South University. He is a Licensed

Professional Counselor in the state of North Carolina. He is married to Katonya Eccles Smith and has two daughters, Britney Tapley (Sean) and Brooke.



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### Orlander R. Thomas – Southside Church of Christ, Durham



Orlander R. Thomas is originally from Durham, North Carolina where he answered the call of God to the ministry at the age of 17. Currently serves the Southside Church of Christ in Durham, North Carolina as Assistant Minister. Married to the beautiful Britney Thomas of Los Angeles, California and they have three wonderful children, Omri, Orlander II, and Brightlee Rose Thomas. Min. Thomas has more than 15 years of academic training and experience in the fields of Ministry, Christian Education, and Church Administration & Development. He also has Department of Education credentials and has held a number of positions with Los Angeles Unified School District and Miami-Dade Public Schools. He has acquired a unique level of knowledge in the

areas of secular and spiritual leadership, and considers himself as a student of exposition in the craft of preaching.



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### Jesse Tolliver, III – Coliseum Church of Christ, Greensboro



Evangelist Jesse Tolliver III is well-known throughout the Brotherhood for his passionate delivery of God's word. He loves studying and sharing his in-depth knowledge of biblical truths. He brings lots of enthusiasm and energy with each message. He cares deeply about the doctrine of Jesus Christ and articulates the word of Salvation in a practical, simplistic manner in which hearers of all ages can comprehend. Brother Tolliver has been preaching for forty years. He extends great honor to his Mentor, Brother Robert Woods whom he considers his spiritual father. "Daddy Bob" as he is affectionately called, and wife Sara Marie, share a special bond with Brother and Sister Tolliver; and continue to provide encouragement and inspiration in their ministry.

Brother Tolliver was born in Los Angeles, California and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1971, he placed membership at the Hallandale Beach Church of Christ in Hallandale Beach Florida. While at Hallandale, he was one of the Song Leaders, and Sunday School Teacher and Administrators. In 1975, he was hired as the interim Evangelist and later became the full-time Evangelist of the congregation until 1981. Brother Tolliver has been the full-time Evangelist of congregations in Wisconsin, Alabama, Texas, and Tallahassee, Florida.

Brother Tolliver moved to North Carolina in 1989 and to become the Pulpit Preacher for the Olga Avenue Church of Christ in High Point. In 1994, he and several brothers planted the Triad Church Christ in Greensboro. This congregation merged with Central Church of Christ, of Greensboro in 2001. The name of the congregation changed to Tri-Central Church of Christ and later to the Coliseum Boulevard Church of Christ. He has labored with this congregation for twenty-one years.

Jesse Tolliver III is married to the former Debra Washington and they have a blended family of five children, Jesse, Robert, Jessica, Tiffany, Alex and son-in law, Jesse. They have two precious grandchildren, Jayden and Lillie Naomi.



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### Kendra Dublin – South Central church of Christ, Raleigh



Kendra Dublin is a native of North Carolina. She grew up in Raleigh, where she was baptized on April 11, 1998, at South Central church of Christ, formerly Rochester Heights. Kendra graduated from William G. Enloe High school in 2004, and continued her education at North Carolina Central University. She currently works as an Assistant Manager at a boutique, invigorating women every day. Kendra is on several ministries at South Central. She works on the Praise Team, In-Touch Ministry, Woman's Day, Homecoming Committee, and host of the Spoken Word Night. Kendra is currently working on her first book, *God's Perspective for Me*, a collection on inspirational poems and devotionals. It will be the first of three volumes. Kendra hopes to inspire and motivate people all over the world, through her God given purpose of encouraging.



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### Nikki Glenn – Sharpe Road Church of Christ, Greensboro



Nikki Glenn is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She is an adopted daughter of the King, the beloved wife of Nicholas Glenn, the PROUD mother of Nia Symone, the only daughter of Julius S. and Donna Greene, the baby sister of Julius A. Greene, and the adored aunt to Evan Chase. Nikki is a graduate of Hampton University and North Carolina A&T and she is currently a 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher at High School Ahead Academy in Greensboro, NC.

Nikki is a lover of the Lord and strives daily to allow Him to work through her. She enjoys working with ministries at her congregation, Sharpe Road church of Christ, including being the Chair of the Women's Ministry, a member of the Evangelism Ministry, and a Sunday School Teacher for the Little Jewels class. She is also a member of the acapella group, Soul Purposed. Nikki's hobbies include spending time with her family, shopping with her mom and daughter, serving and helping others, and worshipping and praising the Lord...oh, and sleeping!

Although Nikki refers to several scriptures which help to get her through the highs and lows of life, a constant reference is II Corinthians 4:16-17: "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." Therefore Nikki is not swayed by the seen, because her eyes are fixed on the unseen.



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### **Tonya A. Pointer – Southern Hills Church of Christ, Charlotte**



Tonya A. Pointer is married to Jeffrey Pointer, Minister of the Southern Hills Church of Christ in Charlotte, North Carolina. They have two sons, Terrence and Derek, and one daughter, Morgan. Added to their family is her daughter-in-law, Chandy and her grandchild, Terrence Pointer II.

Tonya Pointer received a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Oklahoma Christian University and attended the University of North Carolina in Charlotte to obtain her North Carolina teaching licensure. She earned her Master's degree in Elementary Education and is recognized as a National Board Certified Teacher. She's employed with the Charlotte Mecklenburg school system.

Tonya's spare time is filled with various passions. She has toured and performed Bible-based theatrical productions with Principal Performance. She has co-directed the North Carolina Mass Chorus and the Charlotte Mass Chorus. She has presented at various ladies' programs and lectureships that promote spiritual growth and emotional empowerment. She coordinates the Southern Hills' annual Sisters Social that encourages fellowship and unity among the ladies in the Southeast region. Tonya teaches the Ladies' class and leads the ladies' ministry at her home congregation. She is an avid reader and truly enjoys the company of her fellow women on a mission.

In her daily devotion, she thanks God continually for giving her a man of God who genuinely loves the Lord and values her companionship as they together spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.