



Biography

Bishop John D. Ogletree, Jr.

Bishop John D. Ogletree, Jr., fondly called Bishop O, is a native of Dallas, Texas. He obtained a Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1973 and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas in 1979. Bishop O accepted the call into the gospel ministry in 1982, while he was a member of the Bethel Institutional Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. He became the founding pastor of *First Metropolitan Baptist Church* in 1986. Bishop O provided leadership in the purchase of 25.2 acres of land along Beltway 8 in Northwest Houston. He has pastored the congregation for 35 years and was consecrated as Bishop November 2021.

Bishop O served as a board trustee for Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District (CFISD). He served as board President, Vice President and Secretary. Other leadership roles have been Chair and Vice-Chair of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT); 2nd Vice President of the BGCT; President of African American Fellowship of the BGCT; Chair of the Christian Life Commission of BGCT; Moderator of the Union Baptist Association. He has recently been recognized as one of 75 individuals/groups who have contributed significantly to the shaping of CFISD in its 75th year anniversary celebration. Bishop O is currently serving with the NAACP of Houston.

He is the author of *What's in Your Hand* and has co-authored two books with his wife, Dr. Evelyn Ogletree: *Making Your Home the Green Zone* and *Transforming Words for the Home*. Bishop Ogletree has been married to his wife Dr. Evelyn L. Ogletree for 49 years. They are the proud parents of four children all married and college graduates (two with master's degrees). They are also proud to have 14 grandchildren.