



*Our Guest Preacher*

## Rev. Dr. Marcus D. Cosby

Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church  
Houston, Texas

The Reverend Dr. Marcus D. Cosby, the third child born to the late Mr. Rogers Cosby and Mrs. Bobbie J. Cosby, serves as the Senior Pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. A proud native of Chicago, Illinois and a product of Emmanuel Baptist Church where Dr. L.K. Curry served as pastor, Cosby received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and English from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, the Master of Divinity Degree in Homiletics and Christian Education from the Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, Georgia and the Doctor of Ministry Degree in Homiletics from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Illinois.

Dr. Cosby is married to his high school sweetheart, Mrs. Audrey Marie Cosby, and they have been blessed with three beautiful daughters, Adrienne Marie, Ashley Marie and Aliyah Marie and two sons, Marcus D., II and Matthew D. Cosby.

Pastor Cosby has been blessed to continue the ministry of this intentionally intergenerational congregation in the inner city of Houston, Texas since 2004, having served as Associate Pastor since 1998. With four Sunday worship services and a membership of more than 15,000, he has led the congregation to ensure its impact beyond the church campus with the inception of the Wheeler Avenue Christian Academy, serving children from 6 weeks old through the second grade; by opening a transitional housing facility for homeless single mothers in the Third Ward community of Houston; through cultivating a missional outreach in multiple villages in South Africa.

As a consequence of his passion for qualitative preaching, Dr. Cosby has committed himself to equipping preachers for the work of the ministry. In addition to training the more than 100 ministers who comprise the Clergy Team of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, he serves as Adjunct Professor of Homiletics at Houston Graduate School of Theology and has taught the same at the Houston extension program of the ITC. In 2008, he was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2013, he became the Founder and CEO of Preaching with Power and Authority Ministries, a corporation committed to the pedagogy and promotion of relevant biblical preaching for the 21st Century.

Additionally, Dr. Cosby is a member of the Board of Trustees of his beloved Alma Mater, Fisk University, where he serves as the Chair of the Academic Excellence and Student Engagement Committee; as well as a member of the General Alumni Association of the University. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, the Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, the African American Pulpit, the Houston Area Urban League, Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, the Texas Commission for Community Service and Volunteerism, and as an Advisory Board Member of The Gardner C. Taylor Preaching Archives and Listening Room in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and a Life Member of the NAACP. Finally, Dr. Cosby seeks to encourage and empower all humanity through the timeless and transformative truths found in the Word of God.

## CHRISTIAN LIFE MINISTRY Christian, Education & Spiritual Enrichment

Saturday, October 7 (9AM-12PM)

Room 211/212

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP

featuring

### MINISTER ROSALIND BROOKS

God has uniquely gifted each of us as believers to do something special to help build His kingdom on earth. Come & discover your spiritual gift & the role God has called you to play in the body of Christ.

**REGISTER online!**

EVANGELISM MINISTRY

## EVANGELISM

Training Session

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

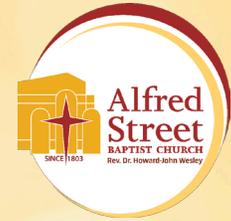
10AM-12PM ROOM, 314

This training will focus on the biblical foundations for evangelism and witnessing and practical guidelines for sharing your faith without reservation.

No registration is required.

**CONTACT: [evangelism@alfredstreet.org](mailto:evangelism@alfredstreet.org)**

"Shaping Lives through Prayer,  
Wisdom and Good Leadership"



# 9<sup>TH</sup> PASTOR'S Anniversary



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REV. DR. HOWARD-JOHN WESLEY  
SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 2017

## Alfred Street Baptist Church Staff Thoughts and Prayers for Pastor Wesley

❖ Pastor, Thank you for your dedication to serving God and our congregation with humor, scholarship, and vision. Best wishes and continued prayers for you as you celebrate 9 years at ASBC!

❖ Congratulation on 9 years of service to God's kingdom and His flock at Alfred Street Baptist Church. It is truly an honor to serve with you and to assist in casting your visions. The Best is yet to come.

❖ I am sending my congratulations for nine years of outstanding service to the Alfred Street Church congregation. Your stellar inspirational preaching and teaching have led to a more knowledgeable laity of disciples who understand the Scriptures more, and who know more how to apply these same Scriptures to our daily lives. We are more aware of our responsibility to care for the "least of these," and are very pleased with your strong and continued advocacy of local, national, and international mission activities and projects. We also appreciate your continue embrace and support for all genres of sacred instrumental and choral music. Please be encouraged to keep up the great work that you have begun!

❖ Nine years... time moves so quickly, the ministries and the members have blossomed at the rate of a time-lapsed photograph viewed at high speed. It's been exciting to watch and to be part of the staff that serves the ASBC disciples who have dedicated themselves to serving one another and the community. The vision that you brought to ASBC has inspired and motivated old and new generations to get involved and to become "Disciples who are Winning the World for Christ". May God continue to bless you and "Alfred Street".

❖ Pastor Wesley, you've broken many ceilings that test of everyone's religion spiritually, personally, and professionally whether anyone realizes it or not. I both respect and admire you for this. It's the main reason for ASBC's continued success. Hold tight to your vision. It will happen. Why not? It's time.

❖ Pastor Wesley, Congratulations on nine years of bringing the word of God to all of us here at Alfred Street Baptist Church. My faith personally and professionally have truly been tested over the last year. But through God's grace I am still standing. From personal experience I can tell you that my prayer and spiritual life have been enriched by the word that God has imparted through you. I pray that you continue to let God use you in His way and that your success continues because of your commitment of service to Him.

❖ Ohhhhh Pastor you been here 9 wonderful years. Now let's PUSH IT for 9 more years. Ohhhh Pastor you are such a anointing person with so many many gifts. God will continue to Bless you. Congratulations My Ohhhhhh Pastor.

❖ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. - Psalm 119:105 (ESV) And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts... - 2 Peter 1:19 Thank you for 9 years of sharing the Word and brightly shining your light for all Alfred Street to see.

## Pastor 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shout-Outs From Social Media

Happy 9th Pastoral Anniversary to our beloved, spiritual advisor & friend - Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley from "the People" & ASBC Social Media Ministry. It is truly an honor to serve, support, and follow your anointed leadership, discipleship and ministry of excellence to God.

### "And Let The People Say"

..."I enjoy the transparency of Dr. Wesley. I believe people are more accepting when preachers are able to share about their past experiences. If I lived in the Alexandria area, Alfred Street would be a church I would visit regularly. It is obvious that Pastor Wesley really studies and he has phenomenal delivery."

..."Pastor Wesley - You are my YouTube pastor for sure. I only wish I lived closer to the Alexandria area. You are the ABSOLUTE TRUTH. God Bless you always."

..."Pastor Wesley - Reclaiming My Time was truly an incredible message for me. God has, time and again, spoken to me through your amazing sermons. Today was a confirmation that has allowed my spirit to be at peace. Thank you and May God continue His anointing & blessings upon you."

..."An on-time word from one of this country's most gifted preachers in Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley...Reclaiming My Time is an excellent & progressive word from the Lord."

..."Rev. Wesley your gift to the world is amazement. Thankful to be apart of a fabulous community of builders! Every time I leave ASBC, I leave much better than I came! Be blessed!"

..."Rev. Howard-John is more than a pastor to me. A Mighty WORD is delivered each week through him! I have to Thank God for the encouragement, correction & teaching here at Alfred Street.

..."With great joy, I am ecstatic to make Alfred Street Baptist Church my new church family...with the covering of another great preacher & teacher...A man of GOD, who preaches the true & unadulterated word, the incomparable, Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley. His academia is phenomenal!"

..."Every Saturday or Sunday, I leave filled with a charge to be better, do more, and educated on true Christianity. My soul is satisfied from the knowledge gained and the presence of the Lord in this place. Pastor Wesley is truly phenomenal. Not many convicted and dedicated to doing what is right rather than what is popular ministers of God out there!! I bless God for sending me to this church. A Huge thank you to Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley. God Bless you Sir!"

..."Dr. Wesley is that of a preacher's preacher! Beautiful church...Quick, simple and to the point with an awesome word! AMEN"

..."I look at your church videos everyday. One day, I came across your message Rev. Wesley on "limping". I just want to say that sermon explained so much to me. Who I am is for a reason & a purpose. I would like to thank you REV for being so awesome. I hope to find a church home as powerful as Alfred Street! May GOD continue to bless you all and your ministry richly."

..."Thank you Pastor Wesley for all of your visions that are coming to pass. You lead with the mighty spirit of God and it is a pleasure to be a witness of his grace & merciful blessings."

..."The word being preached by the Shepard/Pastor Howard-John Wesley is awesome. Pastor always makes sure he explains it plain so everyone could understand the scripture. The best part about attending church...You don't have to be afraid to learn."

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH WIDE EVENTS

#### NEW MEMBER TOWN HALL AND LUNCHEON WITH PASTOR WESLEY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Registration will begin at 10:30AM | Town Hall at 11:00AM |  
Immediately following the Town Hall

#### MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE (12PM-2:30PM) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

12:00 Ministry Open House follows the town hall  
1:00. Luncheon begins  
2:30 Closing

#### COME AS YOU ARE (CAYA) MINISTRY

WHO: October CAYA Experience WHEN: Wed., Oct. 4. WHAT: Join Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley & Pastor Steven Carter of the Mount Ararat Church as they present: "Rising from Feelings of Rejection: I am Worth the Work". Contact [caya@alfredstreet.org](mailto:caya@alfredstreet.org).

#### HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY

WHO: ASBC's Health & Wellness Ministry presents our Annual Community Health Fair - Heal the Mind. Heal the Body. Be Born Again. WHEN: Sat., Oct. 21 (10AM-2PM). WHAT: Free Flu shots, Blood Drive, Health Screenings, Fitness Demos.

#### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

WHO: Christmas Tree of Lights & DG#24 WHAT: Christmas Tree of Lights registration begins WHEN: Every Sunday in Oct.; Oct. 1 (2PM), Oct. 29 (4PM) WHERE: Church Building - RM 213. Church members may register to receive Christmas gifts for their children. Please bring photo ID. Contact [DG24@alfredstreet.org](mailto:DG24@alfredstreet.org) for more info.

#### LEGAL RESOURCES MINISTRY

WHO: Legal Resources Ministry WHAT: Legal Clinic: Wills, Trusts & Estates WHEN: Sat., Oct 7 (1-5PM) WHERE: MPR/Church Building. Come learn how to protect, preserve your assets & property for future generations? FREE & Open to ALL ASBC members & the community. Schedule a FREE 15-minute consultation with a licensed attorney.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

WHO: Social Justice Ministry WHAT: Social Justice Candidates Forum WHEN: Thurs., Oct. 12. WHERE: MPR/Sanctuary - Meet & Greet (6:30P); Forum (7:30-9PM). Join local area candidates invited to share their platforms & discuss important issues for our community in advance of the Nov 7 elections in VA. Details to follow. Email: [Socialjustice@alfredstreet.org](mailto:Socialjustice@alfredstreet.org).

#### J&P MINISTRY

**Introduction to the Jail & Prison Ministry** - will provide an overview of the J&P ministry while addressing our biblical mandate to help inmates released from jail & their families as well as the impact of incarceration on our community. WHEN: Sat., Oct. 21, TIME: 4-5:30pm. Room 313. Register online. EMAIL: [jailandprison@alfredstreet.org](mailto:jailandprison@alfredstreet.org).

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**LET'S RIDE**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30AM  
**8th Annual ASBC  
Christian Bike Ride**  
[www.alfredstreet.org](http://www.alfredstreet.org) Register ONLINE