

Profile
KIRBYJON H. CALDWELL
WINDSOR VILLAGE - ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

Kirbyjon H. Caldwell, is the Senior Pastor of Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. A native Houstonian, Pastor Caldwell was educated in the Houston public schools; earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Carleton College in May 1975; a Masters Degree in Business Administration in Finance from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business in May 1977; a Masters Degree in Theology from Southern Methodist University-Perkins School of Theology in December of 1981; and two honorary Doctor of Law Degrees, one from Huston-Tillotson College in October 1994 and another from Carleton College in May, 1999.

While completing his Masters Degree in June 1981, Pastor Caldwell was appointed Associate Pastor of St. Mary's United Methodist Church in Houston. In June 1982 he was appointed Senior Pastor of Windsor Village United Methodist Church. Under his pastorate, the Windsor Village membership has grown from 25 to over 14,000, and the average worship attendance has increased from 12 to 6,450. The Church includes over 120 ministries, which serve the community seven days a week.

Under Pastor Caldwell's leadership, the Windsor Village Church Family and the Pyramid Community Development Corporation developed the 104,000 square foot Power Center, a comprehensive multi-purpose complex designed to address the needs of the Southwest Houston Community. The Power Center houses numerous services and entities, including The Imani School; J.P. Morgan Chase Bank; Houston Community College System's Business Technology Center; The University of Texas-Hermann Hospital Clinic; W.A.M. Inc.; 27 business suites; 7,000 square feet of commercial lease space; The WIC Program; support groups; and The Jesse H. Jones Ballroom, the fourth largest banquet facility in Houston.

Pastor Caldwell and The Pyramid Community Residential Corporation along with the Kingdom Builders' Prayer Institute recently broke ground for a 234 acre master-planned community. This master-planned community will consist of Corinthian Pointe, a 452 single family home residential community; an eight-acre commercial tract; catfish ponds; a 12 acre community park; The Prayer Center; an independent living facility; a YMCA; a comprehensive wellness center; The Family Life Center; the Zina Garrison Tennis Center; and two museums.

Additionally, Pastor Caldwell is author of the best seller *The Gospel of Good Success*, published by Simon and Schuster in January, 1999. He is also the co-author of *Entrepreneurial Faith*, published by Water Brook Press.

Pastor Caldwell, Windsor Village Church, and the non-profit organizations have been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Fortune*, *Texas Monthly*, *The Dallas Morning News*, *The Houston Chronicle*, *EMERGE*, *British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) News*, *the Smithsonian Institute*, *the NBC Weekend Today Show*, and on *NBC Nightly News*. Moreover, *NEWSWEEK* identified Pastor Caldwell as a member of The Century Club, *NEWSWEEK*'s list of 100 people to watch as America prepares to pass through the gate to the next millennium.

Pastor Caldwell is currently involved in civic and business organizations that impact the community, including:

- Limited Partner, NFL Franchise, Houston Texans
- Board of Directors, Continental Airlines Inc.
- Board of Directors, Reliant Energy
- Board of Directors, Bridgeway Capital Management
- Board of Directors, National Children's Defense Fund
- Board of Directors, American Church Mortgage Company

- Board of Directors, National Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
- Board of Trustees, Meharry Medical School
- Board of Trustees, Southern Methodist University
- Board of Trustees, The Music Hall Foundation
- Board of Trustees, Baylor College of Medicine
- Board of Visitors, M.D. Anderson, The University Cancer Foundation
- Executive Committee, The Greater Houston Partnership
- Council of Overseers, Rice University's Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management
- Founder, The Patrice House, Inc.
- Founder, The Imani School
- Founder, The Pyramid Community Development Corporation
- Founder, W.A.M., Inc.
- Founder, Kingdom Builders' Prayer Institute
- Founder, Village of Hope, Inc.
- Chairman, Community Relations and Community Reinvestment Advisory Committee, Chase Bank of Texas-Houston
- Delegate, 1988, 1992, and 1996 General Conferences, The United Methodist Church

His recognitions include:

- The Century Club, *NEWSWEEK's* 100 People to Watch in the 21st Century
- Father of the Year, Community Partners, 2000
- Southern Methodist University Distinguished Alumni Award, 1999
- Twenty Most Influential Texans, *Texas Monthly*, 1996
- Federal Bureau of Investigation Director's Community Leadership Award, 1994
- Copeland Evangelism Award of The Texas Annual Conference, 1986
- Circuit Rider Award, The United Methodist Publishing House, 1987
- The Bishop's Award for Outstanding Leadership in Evangelism, 1990 & 1993
- Fellow, Fifth Annual British-American Conference for the Successor Generation
- Fellow, American Leadership Forum, Class VI
- Fellow, The Saguaro Seminar
- Recipient, Legends of Texas, Del Webb's Sun City, Georgetown, Texas

Pastor Caldwell is married to Suzette Turner Caldwell. They are the proud parents of Turner, Nia and Alexander.