



**Dr. Fred L. Crouther, Pastor  
New Covenant Baptist Church  
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**Dr. Fred L. Crouther, a native of Carthage, Mississippi is one of nine children. At the early age of 12, he professed a hope in Christ and was baptized and united with the Mary Bethel Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Matthew T. Anthony. As the years progressed, so did Fred in his Christian enlightenment. He was called to the ministry to preach his first sermon at the church in which he was baptized. On July 5, 1959 Fred was licensed to preach the gospel and was ordained a minister on December 30, 1962.**

**Pastor Crouther received his elementary and secondary education as a student of the O. E. Jordan School in Carthage. He continued his education as an undergraduate student at the Alcorn A & M College in Lorman, Mississippi and from 1960 through 1964, he studied Theology at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree. In 1967 he enrolled as a Graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. In November 2003, he was presented with an Honorary Doctorate Degree from St. Thomas Christian College in Jacksonville, Florida. In October 2004, he earned his Masters Degree from Faith Seminary, Tacoma, Washington and in October 2006 he received his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Faith Seminary, acknowledging his lifelong dedication to the Lord.**

**In 1964 Pastor Crouther relocated to Milwaukee, WI where he established residency. On June 11, 1966, he was united in matrimony to Mary Louise Minor of Fort Wayne, Indiana and they were blessed with two children, David (Stacy) and Tamara. They are the proud grandparents of twins, David II and Trinity.**

**Pastor Crouther united with the Greater Galilee Baptist Church under the leadership of the Reverend Dr. E. B. Phillips and served on his administrative staff for one year. In May 1971 he was elected to serve as Interim Pastor of Greater Galilee Baptist Church and was subsequently called to Pastor in December 1971. He served as Pastor for seven and one-half years.**

**On June 10, 1979, he was led by the Holy Spirit to organize the New Covenant Baptist Church. Under his leadership we have grown from 156 active members to over 400 today. He and the New Covenant congregation have been blessed and through the grace of God, are moving forward and growing stronger with a number of church ministries which include Mission programs: Evangelism, Tithing, and Housing. Educational Programs: Academy of Excellence Christian Based Education Charter School, Scholarship Program and Tutorial Program.**

**Pastor Crouther is the coordinator and overseer of several Corporations under the umbrella of the church which serve to address some of the needs of the community. These include The New Covenant Corporation, New Covenant Housing Corporation, New Covenant Development Corporation and the New Covenant Holistic Corporation. He led the congregation in the construction of apartment buildings and was the driving force to restructure our Education Building that is used by the Academy of Excellence for grades K-5 through 8<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Crouther has recently put a program in place for the building of our new Church edifice.**

**Pastor Crouther is qualified and sincere in his efforts to handle the enormous needs of the community by enhancing the quality of life for the poor, disadvantaged and disabled. His total**

commitment to the community and the individuals of our community is evident in his long hours of personal counseling and guidance which encourages adults and children to do what is correct and proper in the community as well as in their personal lives. He has made a difference in the lives of many people by the mere fact that he is always available and will stop at nothing to make their lives a little bit more comfortable and safe.

Along with giving spiritual guidance to "His Flock", our Pastor always finds time to give his time and energy to other church affiliations and community organizations. He currently serves as:

- Board of Directors, Y.M.C.A., Emeritus
- Life Member, NAACP
- Member, Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH)

Additionally, Dr. Crouther has served as: President of the Wisconsin General Baptist State Convention, Inc.; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc; Chairman, Finance, Budget and Registration of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; Member of the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.; Coordinator for the Chaplaincy Program for the Federal Government; Vice President of the Wisconsin Judicial Commission; Chaplain, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department and member of the Minister's Steering Committee for the Milwaukee Public School Board.

Pastor Crouther has also received numerous awards including, but not limited to, the: Excellency and Faith Based Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Award, White House Faith Based Initiative; Leadership Award from the Common Council & County Board, Milwaukee; Leadership Award from the Huebschman Urban Ministry; Outstanding Leadership Award from the Wisconsin State Senate and the Wisconsin State Congress; Minister of the Year from the National Laymen, Mid-West Region; Merit Award from the American Baptist College, Nashville, TN; Leadership Award from Governor Tommy Thompson, State of Wisconsin; Leadership Award from County Executive Thomas Ament, Milwaukee County; Recognition Award from the Y.M.C.A.; Service Award from the National O. I. C; Lifetime Service Award from the Milwaukee Community Journal; Black Caucus Award from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the Black Excellence Award.

Our Pastor is well respected and loved by all that come in contact with him. He has many accomplishments that he can be proud of and will be remembered by all who know him. He is kind, considerate, thoughtful, and intelligent as well as being a great leader, teacher, father and husband.

We are very proud of our Pastor and blessed by his leadership, for he is truly one of God's humble ministers of the Gospel.

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