

Our Pastor



The Rev. Shawn L. Buckhanan I

Personal: Shawn L. Buckhanan is the son of George K. (deceased) and C. Jacquelyn Buckhanan, both New Mexico natives. He was born on February 22, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Education: Master of Theological Studies, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, December 2009; Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, University of Phoenix, March 1996; and General Studies Diploma, Albuquerque High, June 1979

Background: I consider myself to be an advocate for people of all religions, races, creeds, and colors. I consider myself to be interested in plight of all human life to be respected, honored, and given respect. As a result, it is my desire to be engaged for a lifetime in helping people by presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a method of lifestyle. I've found the Bible to be the only consistent thing in my life without error. I will continue to engage myself in worthwhile projects and challenges that lift people up from as close as my next door neighbor, and as far away as God will allow me to go. My lifelong passion is to continue to minister in every possible way to disadvantaged people in the U.S. and abroad through Home and Foreign Missions. Pray my strength in the Lord.

Personal:

Married: Rosalind G. (Chelf) Buckhanan, August 1, 1981 – Until Death Do Us Part

Father: Shawn LaDon II, December 1984 and Solomon LaMar, December 1987

Ministry/Professional/Civic:

- 2014 – Present – Vice-Chair, First Things First Children's Care Initiative, AZ
- 2014 – Present – House Manager, Turning Point Youth Facility, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2012 – Present – Council Member, First Things First Children's Care Initiative, AZ
- 2011 – Missionary, Kampala, Uganda – Discovery Forum Alliance, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2010 – 2013 – Administrative Team Member, Cochise Baptist Association, Tombstone, AZ
- 2010 – Present – Treasurer, NBC, USA, Inc., Home Mission Board, Nashville, TN
- 2009 – Present – Executive Assistant to the President – Paradise Baptist State Convention, AZ
- 2009 – 2011 – Cochise Baptist Bible Institute (accredited), Professor, Dallas, TX
- 2008 – 2010 – Financial Secretary, NBC, USA, Inc., Home Mission Board, Nashville, TN
- 1993 – Present – Senior Pastor/Equipper – St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2004 – 2008 – Paradise Missionary Baptist State Convention, Youth Camp Director, Heber, AZ
- 1999 – 2006 – Vice-Moderator/Moderator, SDA, Tucson, AZ
- 1993 – 1997 – VP/President, SDA Minister's Conference, Tucson, AZ
- 1990 – Present – NBC, USA, Inc., Congress of Christian Education, Instructor, Nashville, TN
- 1984 – 1993 – Associate Minister – Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ
- 1984 – Ordained, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Albuquerque, NM
- 1983 – 1984 – Associate Minister – New Home Missionary Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ
- 1981 – 1983 – Associate Minister, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Albuquerque, NM
- 1981 – Licensed to Preach, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Albuquerque, NM

Mentors:

- "My Moses" - Leadership by the late Dr. Walter Constello Trotter 1970-1981;
- "My 20th Century Paul" - accepted my call and served under Dr. Del T. Phillips, Sr., 1981-1983;
- Dr. J. Robert Cunningham, 1983-1984;
- Pastoral Care by Rev. Walter F. Thomas, Sr., 1984-1993, Pastor of the Faith Missionary Baptist Church of Phoenix; and
- "My 21st Century Paul & Pastor" - Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr. (1977-Present), Senior Pastor of the First Institutional Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ

Other Affiliations: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Rotary International; Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; State of Black Arizona Committee; Arizona African American Legislative Day Committee Member, State of Arizona African American Commissioner, Arizona Town Hall, First Things First, Discovery Forum Alliance, Churches Together, and First Friday Men's Prayer and Fellowship of Sierra Vista & Vicinity.