



DR. ROBERT JEFFRESS

Dr. Robert Jeffress' connection with First Baptist Church of Dallas began long before he became Pastor in 2007 at the age of 51.

"I grew up here, I was saved here, baptized here, ordained here, married here, preached my first sermon here, after which I served as the youth pastor here for seven years," he told Church Executive magazine in a June 2009 article.

Dr. Jeffress remembers making a commitment to Christ in the office of legendary First Baptist pastor Dr. W.A. Criswell when he was seven years old. Then, at 16, he told Dr. Criswell that he felt called to the ministry, and Dr. Criswell began preparing him for the day he would eventually lead First Baptist.

"I believe he had a prophetic sense that at some point I would be a Pastor here, so it was a great privilege to learn and train under him and to have him as a father in the ministry here," Dr. Jeffress said.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Baylor University, Dr. Jeffress returned to the Metroplex to begin work on his masters at Dallas Theological Seminary. It was at that time Dr. Criswell hired him as youth pastor.

Dr. Jeffress served at First Baptist from 1978 to 1985 while also completing work on his doctorate at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He then became pastor of First Baptist Church of Eastland, Texas, and stayed there until 1992, when he was called to pastor First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls.

Dr. Jeffress began his weekly television and daily radio program, "Pathway to Victory," while he served in Wichita Falls. The show now airs on 1,200 television stations and dozens of radio stations around the world. The television broadcast is rated number one among top-ranked Christian programs.

In addition, Dr. Jeffress regularly appears on major mainstream media outlets, including CNN "Money;" Fox News Channel's "Fox and Friends," "The O'Reilly Factor," "Cavuto on Business;" and "The Early Show." He has written 17 books, including "Second Chance, Second Act," "Hell? Yes!" and "The Solomon Secrets," a 2002 finalist for a Gold Medallion award from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association. His newest release is "Clutter-Free Christianity."

In 2006, Vision America honored Dr. Jeffress with the Daniel Award for his steadfast commitment and boldness in proclaiming the uncompromising Word of God.

Dr. Jeffress and his wife, Amy are residents of Dallas, and have two daughters, Julia and Dorothy.