

## **The Reverend Harvey Clemons Jr.**

At the helm of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Houston since 1983, Pastor Clemons is instrumental in the comprehensive neighborhood revitalization movement of the Fifth Ward community and founded the Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation in 1989 and later the Pleasant Hill Community Development Corporation (1998). Under his leadership, the Fifth Ward and the City of Houston has improved by the construction of over 200+ single-family homes, construction and acquisition of over 2,300 multi-family housing units, and thousands of square feet of commercial space.

Reverend Clemons is a recipient of countless awards and honors including the NAACP Mickey Leland Humanitarian Award and the College of Biblical Studies Neighborhood Builders Award. A continuing student and expositor of God's Word, Reverend Clemons studied in England at Oxford University, Regents Park College. He is a contributing author of *The African American Devotional Bible* and contributing author of the publication, *Oxford Sermons 2007*. He serves on various other Boards and Advisory Councils including Buffalo Bayou Partnership, Chairman of the Board for the Center for Urban Transformation, BioLogos Advisory Council, Faith Leaders for Ending Gun Violence, Rice University's Religion and Public Life Program and the Racial, Justice and Religion Collective for the Aspen Institute.

He is married to Dianne Clemons and the father of three sons (Keitrick, Harvey III and Jonathan) and two daughters (Kristy and Harvetta) and grandfather to nine.