## Reverend Johnnie Green

Rev. Johnnie Green is a native Texan, with a strong allegiance to the state and its progress. It was Texas that gave him his start and he has spent his lifetime giving back to his Texas community. Rev. Green was born in Floydada, Texas and relocated to Giddings, Texas, the place he has called home since the age of five. Rev. Green describes his early life as humble, born to parents who understood the importance of education and the value of hard work. They instilled in him the drive to excel at everything he undertook, from academic excellence to sports performance to community service. He began his example of excellence as an early scholar and athlete, making his mark in the Giddings' history books as one of the youngest champions in tennis. By high school, his academic performance began to show prominence and after high school, he enrolled in Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College, majoring in business administration. Through parent-inspired perseverance and determination, he has continued his academic pursuits and is currently one semester away from obtaining his Master's degree in divinity.

Two scriptures have been his hallmark of goal attainment, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. "(1 Corinthians 15:58 ASV) and "being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6 NIV). Rev. Green also showed inclinations toward ministry at an early age. His discipleship began at Bethel St. Paul Baptist Church, where he served as a member of the youth choir, member of the Baptist Training Union, and youth director. His unique, Godordained mindset challenged youth to think "outside the box" and to view life from a broadened perspective. Later in his spiritual journey, Rev. Green became a member of Morning Star Baptist Church in Lincoln, Texas, where he served as Sunday School teacher for youth and adults, Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Director, Drill Team Master, Deacon, and Chairman of the Deacon Board. It was at Morning Star Baptist Church that Rev. Green came face to face with his true passion for helping teens and young adult men pursue their divinely-inspired calling in life. It was also at Morning Star Baptist Church that Rev. Johnnie Green accepted his calling to preach in 2003 and in 2006, Rev. Green was called to pastor the Globe Hill Baptist Church in Giddings, Texas. During his 14-year pastoral leadership at Globe Hill, he believes his greatest accomplishment has been Church growth: in knowledge and numbers.

Four additional factors helped shape the life of the dynamic man of God and servant leader in the person of Pastor Johnnie Green. The first was being a foster parent to more than 50 children over a period of 25 years. The second was his enlistment and six years of active duty military service as a member of the Air Defense Unit, where he learned confidence, mental toughness, and leadership. The third was his work with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (Giddings State School), where he served for till retirement after 30 years, honing his skills as a trusted advisor and mentor to young men. He believes he learned an equal amount from the young men in his care, particularly in the area of mutual respect, open and effective communication, and active listening. The fourth was his life-changing experience as 39-year husband to the love of his life, Brenda Adam Green, and father to four beautiful children, Jermaine, Christopher, Tameka, and Nicole. He can think of no greater calling on his life and no greater blessing to his life than his family. He believes if he can impart (through his life) the example of how to be a Godly husband and father to young men, his purpose for living will be achieved.

Pastor Green supports the mission of Kingdom Men and is fully committed to take his place among these men of faith and conviction. He believes if an individual is provided the right tools and support, the person can succeed in life. However, that individual must be willing to put in the work in order to become a successful person in society. Pastor Green sees himself as a man's man, willing and able to share his wisdom and lend a helping hand to men as they reach toward their God-inspired potential.