

# **SENIOR PASTOR MARK A. DUPREE, SR.**

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Mark Anthony Dupree, Sr. is a native of Kansas City, Kansas. He was saved at the early age of 8 years old and began preaching the Word of God at 12 years old. He was licensed as a Minister at 17 and an ordained Elder at the age of 21.

Elder Dupree served for many years as an Associate Pastor of Grace Tabernacle, Director of Music, President of Evangelism, and created Grace's Homeless Outreach Ministry in 2011. Over 6,000 meals have been served through this ministry.

Pastor Mark A. Dupree is the Senior Pastor of Grace Tabernacle Family Life Outreach Center. Pastor Mark was installed as Pastor of Grace in 2018 after the passing of his parents and pastors, Co-Pastor Linda Dupree and Pastor Alvin Dupree, Sr.

Pastor Mark Dupree's entire life is ministry. He is an active community member, serving as the first elected African-American District Attorney in the state of Kansas, where he leads an office of over 60 employees and manages a significant budget. D.A. Dupree and his team of excellent employees are implementing strategic and visionary policies to expand the function of the Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office. His personal motto is Micah 6:8 "He hath shown thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Mr. Dupree is a graduate of the University of Kansas earning a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science with a minor in Leadership Studies, and a graduate of Washburn University School of Law earning a Juris Doctorate Degree.

Since taking office, Mr. Dupree's administration has increased the felony trial conviction rate by 27%. The office is focused on equitably charging and prosecuting crime, being proactive, attacking violent crimes and crimes that affect the standard of living in the community.

Mr. Dupree was successful in creating the first ever "Conviction Integrity Unit" in the state of Kansas. This unit is responsible for ensuring that convictions obtained previously still hold integrity today. District Attorney Dupree's efforts for transforming the traditional manner in which District Attorney's Offices have operated has been recognized nationally, with articles featured twice in the New York Times, USA Today, featured in the prosecutorial reform book "Charged", worked with WNBA and NBA players on criminal justice reform, and interviewed on the nationally syndicated Roland Martin Show.

Wyandotte community involvement is the bedrock of the Dupree Administration. Mr. Dupree leads the way in speaking at schools, neighborhood watch meetings, church gatherings, and civic organizations. The Assistant District Attorneys in the office, as well as staff members are actively involved in reaching out to the community as well.

The B.O.L.D.D initiative- which stands for Brilliant Outstanding Leaders Determined to the Difference is a program created by Mr. Dupree's office. Wyandotte County Assistant District Attorneys are going into the schools and working with select high school students educating and exposing them to the legal process in a positive manner.

Pastor Dupree is a Governor on the Kansas Bar Association Board of Governors, a Board member of the Sunflower House, is the immediate past President of the Earl E. O'Connor American Inn of Courts, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Mark is married to his law school sweetheart Lady Shanelle Dupree who serves as the Kansas City Regional Director of the Department for Children and Families, and they have four beautiful and active children, Layla (10), Mark II (9), Lilly (7), and Micah (6).