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-ABOUT THE AUTHORS-

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Drs. Joseph and Cathy Banks are visionary leaders, educators, entrepreneurs, and global ministers dedicated to faith, education, and community empowerment. Together, they founded Living Word Christian Center in Lake Charles, Louisiana, along with multiple churches, Christian schools, and outreach centers across the United States, Liberia, Nigeria, Ghana, and Mexico.

Bishop Joseph L. Banks, a former educator and UPS professional, was called to ministry in 1995 and consecrated as Bishop in 2019. He holds degrees in Secondary Education, Theology, and Divinity, and is the founder of The Word Ministerial Alliance and a Life Christian University extension campus. His leadership extends beyond the pulpit—serving on the Mayor's Advisory Board, the Executive Board of the Alliance for Positive Growth, and overseeing international missions and development projects.

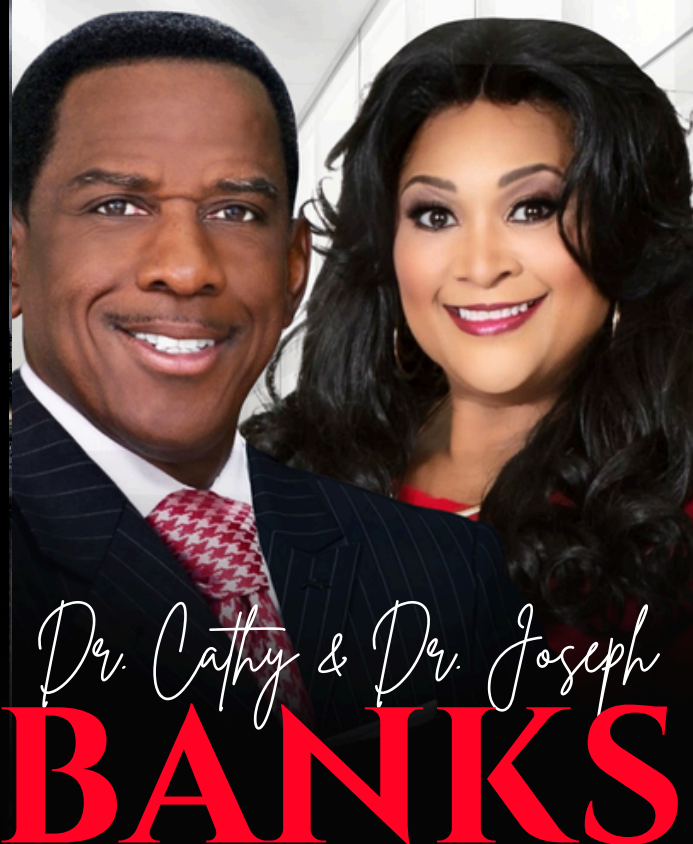
Dr. Cathy S. Banks is an author, recording artist, life coach, and CEO of Liberty Plaza Properties. She holds advanced degrees in Theology, Pastoral Studies, and Counseling, and has founded several 501(c)(3) organizations focused on women's empowerment and community advancement. Her leadership was honored by the Vice President of Liberia with a school named in her honor.

United in purpose for over 30 years, Drs. Joseph and Cathy Banks are passionate about transforming lives through faith, education, and entrepreneurship. They are proud parents of their son, Kirkland Joseph Banks, who is a professional baseball Player.



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DR. *Joseph L.*



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Bishop Joseph L. Banks was called into the ministry in 1995 and appointed as Bishop in August 2019. He was ordained and licensed the following year. After working with youth groups, prison ministries, cell groups, and inner-city street ministries, Bishop Banks was led to quit his job of over 13 years at United Parcel Service (UPS), to pursue his heavenly vision and carry out the call which God had placed on his life. As an educator he has taught many years in the public and charter school sectors; and is currently still teaching/coaching/mentoring students in the Calcasieu Parish School System. Banks' years of dedication to community development led him to run for Mayor of Lake Charles, LA in the fall of 2017.

Due to the integrity of the race, he ran and his deep ties in the community, Bishop Banks currently serves on the Mayor's Advisory Board. Where he helps to bridge the gap between the faith community and government. A Southern University (Baton Rouge, LA) graduate in Secondary Education, and then a second bachelor's degree in Christian theology, as well as a master's degree in theology. In 2019 both he and his wife completed their Doctoral degrees in Divinity & Theology from Life Christian University in Lutz, FL (minutes from Tampa).

In 2001, he made a leap of faith by moving back to Lake Charles, LA, from Baton Rouge to found Living Word Christian Center. This ministry is a strong supporter of foreign missions as well as inner-city community development & enhancement. Then, in 2004, Bishop Banks led to make major strides in multiple arenas. He opened a fully accredited extension of Life Christian University in Lake Charles. The Word Ministerial Alliance (WMA) was launched shortly after his consecration to the office of Bishop to provide mentorship and covering to men and women of God who have discovered their calling to five-fold ministry with evidence of the power and gifts of God supporting their ministries.

Bishop Banks is overseeing churches in South Africa, Mexico, Ghana, Liberia (West Africa) and in the United States. He regularly travels throughout America and internationally to preach and teach the gospel, as a visionary who wants to bring about a positive change in and out of the local church. In addition to following the gospel's instructions on preaching and teaching.

Dr. Banks also believes in being an example of leaving an inheritance for one's children's children. He is a successful entrepreneur and owner of several self-sustaining businesses in the fields of commercial real estate leasing and multiple non-profits. He serves as an Executive Board member for the Alliance for Positive Growth. His most recent endeavor is establishing a church, an elementary through high school campus, and a business incubator in Monrovia, Liberia.

Bishop Banks has been married to the love of his life, Dr. Cathy S. Banks, for over 30 years. They have one son, Kirkland Joseph Banks, who received full athletic scholarships for both his bachelor's degrees and is currently a professional Baseball player.

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Dr. Cathy S. Banks is an Entrepreneur, CEO, Educator, Author, Recording Artist and Philanthropist with a passion for leading others into living their fullest lives. She is driven by purpose to fulfill her role as a strong bridge builder of authentic spiritual, economic and social relationships via a national platform. As a public speaker, life coach and certified counselor, Banks have a knack for providing people with tangible insights and tools for attaining financial freedom, personal independence, and career elevation across multiple fields.

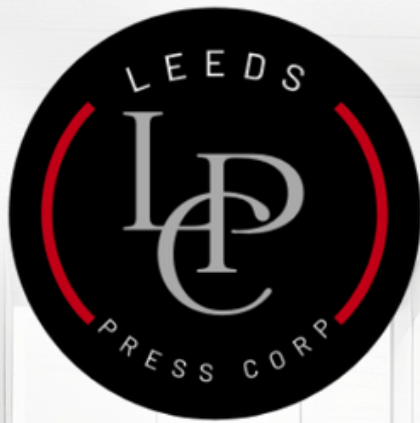
Cathy Banks and her husband of 30 plus years, have founded churches and Charter and Private schools in the United States, Liberia, Nigeria and abroad. All her endeavors are centered around women's empowerment, leadership/community development, education and political advocate. Dr. Banks has her Doctorate degree in Divinity and Christian Theology from Life Christian University Lutz, FL. She also earned a Master's in Pastoral Studies from the same institute. In addition to a second bachelor's in Christian counseling and Certified Licensed Counselor.

While reaching her educational achievements Dr. Cathy has been serving as the CEO of Liberty Plaza Properties, a commercial leasing company, since 2005. She is the founder of multiple non- profits that have all received state/federal approvals as qualified 501c3 charitable organizations. 2019, she was selected by Thomas Nelson Publishing, a leader in Christian Publications, to contribute to its first Daily Devotional for Women.

In 2020, she became a certified John Maxwell Life Coach. 2022, she and her husband founded a new church and a business center in Monrovia Liberia- West Africa. During a July economic relief visit the Vice President of Liberia revealed that a new Elementary through Middle School was to be named in her honor of Dr. Cathy Banks.

Dr. Cathy is simply a servant of Christ first, a devoted wife to Dr. Joseph Banks & mother to son Kirkland, her pride and joy.





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