

## BIOGRAPHY – PASTOR ALLEN R. RANDLE, SR.



Pastor Allen R. Randle, Sr., is a native of Baldwin, LA, and is the son of the Late Mr. Nathaniel Randle, Sr., and Mrs. Albertha S. Randle of Franklin, LA. Born to this union on January 25, 1966, in Lafayette, LA, he is the second child of five children. He is happily married to Pamela Denise Randle, and they have two God-Sent children, Dr. Kaitlin Janay Odubona of Dallas, TX, and Allen Ray Randle, Jr., of Houma, LA. They have five precious grandchildren.

Allen Ray Randle, along with his wife, Pamela, experienced a new birth by Jesus Christ on Mother's Day of 1993. On the very same day, he and his wife became members of the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Galveston, Texas, under the leadership of Pastor A. W. Colbert, and in March 1994 he encountered Christ in a powerful way in the waters of baptism. He and his wife became committed, obedient, and faithful members of Macedonia and served the body of Christ in various capacities.

Allen announced his call to preach the gospel on September 25, 1995, was licensed to preach the gospel in December 1996, and ordained in February 1997 at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, also under the leadership of Pastor A. W. Colbert.

Prior to becoming the founding and organizing pastor and overseer of the Lighthouse Missionary Baptist Church of Franklin, New Iberia, Abbeville, Lafayette, Baldwin, st. Martinville, Louisiana. (One Church in Six Locations) Pastor Randle was an English teacher in the public school system for 17 years in Texas and Louisiana having taught grades 7th - 12th. He was the 1993 Secondary Teacher of the Year at Ball High School in Galveston, TX, and the 1998 Teacher of the Year at Lamarque Middle School as well as the 1998 Secondary and District Teacher of the year in the Lamarque Independent School District.

Pastor Randle was a coach of many sports, a private baseball instructor in South Houston and the entire Galveston County, an English teacher at Galveston College in Galveston, TX, and the Youth Pastor of the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in 1999.

Pastor Randle is a former college baseball player and a 1989 graduate of Northeast Louisiana University receiving his B.S. Degree in Physical Education and English and continued his studies in English/Language Arts at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA, and the University of Houston-Clear Lake in Houston, TX. As a young minister of the gospel not long after accepting and announcing his call into the ministry in 1995, he attended the College of Biblical Studies also in Houston, TX.

On June 10, 2007, Pastor Randle received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology, and on June 1, 2008, Pastor Randle also received his Master of Arts Degree in Theology, receiving both degrees from Life Christian University of Tampa, Florida. On November 9, 2019, Pastor Randle received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from St. Thomas Christian University in Jacksonville, Florida.

There have been scores of great men in the life of Pastor Randle. Besides his earthly father,

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there's been Pastor A.W. Colbert (Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Galveston, TX), Pastor William L. Randall (Greater Saint Matthews Baptist Church of Hitchcock, TX), the late Pastor Charles E. Wheat (St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church of Galveston, TX), and Pastor Walter August, Jr. (Bethel's Family Baptist Church of Houston, TX). Each of these men has been of the greatest influence in his life as both pastors and mentors.

Pastor Randle has been pastoring for the last 24 years after being commissioned by God to leave Galveston, TX, and move to Franklin, LA, in March of 2000. In July 2001 Pastor Randle founded and organized the Lighthouse Franklin location, followed by the New Iberia Location in January 2009, the Abbeville location in August 2016, the Lafayette location in March 2023, the Baldwin location in April of 2024, and the St. Martinville location in June of 2025. Since returning to Louisiana, he has not only watched God add great numbers to the church, but he has also seen the hand of God in other aspects of his life. In September 2016, Pastor Randle received a United States patent for his invention called the Baseball Training Aid, b.k.a. "The Swing Thing." Then in the summer of 2017, he published a book entitled, *Pastoring From a Shepherding Point of View: A Message for the Pastor and the Pew*. Pastor Walter August, Jr. gave this book its first major public exposure in 2018 by allowing Pastor Randle to conduct a leadership conference at Bethel's Family in Houston, TX. Hundreds of books were distributed. In November of 2019, Pastor Randle had the privilege afforded him by Pastor Walter August, Jr., and Bethel's Global Reach, to share his book in a Leadership Conference in Kenya, Africa, where hundreds of his books were distributed, changing the lives and ministries of many Bishops, Pastors, and Church leaders. In addition to this book, in 2020, Pastor Randle authored two books simultaneously: *Becoming the Best Me* and *Fishing for Souls: The Responsibility of Every Believer*, co-authored by his wife, Pamela D. Randle. Not long after this book was published, Pastor August again opened the door for Pastor Randle to share his book in a conference setting at Bethel's Family where again hundreds of books were distributed. In 2022, He and his wife were again privileged by B.G.R. to teach this book in Nakuru, Africa, in a Pastoral Leadership Conference where hundreds of church leaders were served. In October 2023, Pastor Randle and wife, had the privilege of sharing both *Pastoring from a Shepherding Point of View* and *Fishing for Souls* in a leadership conference in Angola Africa in the provinces of Uige and Luanda.

In June of 2024, Pastor Randle and wife along with Bethel's Global Reach served the medical needs of thousands of people in Luanda, Africa, as well as instituted the English language as a second language on all levels of education including the collegiate level to promote economic development.

For well over a decade, Pastor Randle has also served as the co-founder, organizer, and director of the Men After God's Own Heart Men's Conference of South Louisiana. Presently and on a weekly basis, Pastor Randle trains pastors, ministers, and laymen for the work of the ministry through biblical teaching.

Pastor Randle also served as a board member of Franklin Foundation Hospital from 2019

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until the end of 2022. He served as the Board Chairman during the transition of the name change from FFH to Bayou Bend Health Systems and the construction of the new Wellness Center completed in 2023.

Pastor Randle recently became a member of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and the Evangeline Baptist Association and has also been accepted, supported, and commissioned by the North American Missions Board to plant more churches locally and abroad. He is on a tireless and relentless mission to educate, train, and equip leaders and pastors in the work of the ministry in efforts to help spread the gospel near and far through church planting.

In the fall of 2025 Pastor Randle simultaneously authored three additional books entitled, *What Every Woman Needs in a Man*, *What Every Man Needs a Woman*, and *What Every Child Needs in a Parent*, in a series entitled, “REKINDLING THE FAMILY.”