

## **Bishop Teddy Lee Fortenberry**



### **Brief Biography**

Bishop Teddy Lee Fortenberry was born on October 9th 1953 in Los Angeles, CA. He moved to Denver, CO in 1968 and stayed there four years. He moved to Virginia in 1972 and made Virginia his home. He was first called into the ministry at age 21 while on a trip to Israel in March of 1975 with a tour group from Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle in Ashland, VA.

Rev. Wallace Heflin was a great influence in his life. When his father left his family when he was two years of age, Bishop Fortenberry lacked a spiritual male role model in his life. Rev. Heflin helped to fill that void. One thing he told Bishop Fortenberry while in Israel was "Ted, before God can make you, He has to break you." Bishop Fortenberry has never forgotten those influential words.

He was licensed as a Lay Minister in 1976 while being educated for the ministry. In 1978 he served as an Associate Pastor of the Church of God of Prophecy in Kenbridge, VA. In the next few years, he was appointed as a State Evangelist and Evangelized Virginia and much of the East Coast. In 1983, he was appointed Pastor of the Church of God of Prophecy in Farmville, VA. In 1986, he was appointed Pastor of the Church of God of Prophecy in Norfolk, VA.

In 1990, he was given the duty to plant a new church in Chesapeake, VA. A beautiful 3 phase structure was built over the span of 22 years. Pastor Ted & Darleen enjoyed 22 years of church growth, new converts, and great friendships. This beautiful church structure is located in the Greenbrier area of Chesapeake.

In 2008 Bishop Fortenberry felt the call to plant another church in Suffolk VA. Again, starting with just him and his family, the first service (March 2nd) had 4

others in attendance. The following Sunday, 17 more came. Then on Palm Sunday, 75 were in attendance and it grew from there.

During the first year of this new plant the State Overseer asked him to start up a church in Virginia Beach that was dormant for 11 years. He accepted that task and after contacting leaders from the Virginia Beach area and after months of training, the Virginia Beach Church was established. These three churches are thriving churches today.

Ted Fortenberry was ordained a Bishop (by the Church of God of Prophecy with its headquarters in Cleveland, TN) in 1998.

Pastor Ted has ministered on Television (FOX 33; WSKY 4) and is a Worship Leader playing Keyboard/Rhythm Guitar/Bass Guitar. He also has preached at several State Church Conventions, Key Note Speaker at State Pastor's Conventions, Special Guest Speaker at Goodwill in Los Angeles, CA, and has conducted Church Growth Seminars across the state.

Pastor Ted is currently the Senior Pastor at the Church of God of Prophecy in High Point, NC. Passionate as ever, he is looking forward to pouring 40 years of ministry into the High Point community.

Pastor Ted stresses "We are interdenominational in ministry!" Which means, no matter what religious background or affiliation you're from...whether or not you've attended church at all, you will enjoy this ministry. It is designed to meet your needs!

Bishop Fortenberry's heart is to minister to the: Underprivileged, Handicapped, Orphaned, Widowed, Abused, Neglected, Indigent, Imprisoned, Infirm, etc... Taken from James 1:27 and Matthew 25:35-40. These are "God's Treasure".

"Our heart is to touch lives, no matter who you are or where you came from, God cares about "YOU", and so do I." - Pastor Ted

## Ted & Darleen



Pastor Ted & Darleen met in a church in Kenbridge, VA where her father was pastor and district overseer. They were engaged in 1976 and were married Thanksgiving Day November 24th, 1977.

They have three beautiful children: Lauren Renee born Jan. 5th 1979; Kristin Lee born Oct. 29th 1982; Brent Wade born Feb. 18th 1988.

Pastor Ted experienced Christ as a child and began his journey in life in pursuit of God. He loves God first and foremost. As he keeps God in the center of his life, he has an undying love for his immediate family, his church family, and the lost. He has a love for music: the keyboard, bass guitar, rhythm guitar, percussion, and singing. He loves sports: basketball, weight lifting, bike riding, golf, tennis, picnics, camping, just loves life!

Darleen was raised in church since an infant. Her father and brother are in the ministry. She once stated "I'll never get married to a minister". Never say never! She has a deep love for God and family. She loves music. She started enjoying sports when all three of her children were gifted in athletics from elementary through high school varsity.

Together, Ted and Darleen traveled the country sharing the "Good News" of Jesus Christ. Still very youthful, they are enjoying new opportunities, new relationships, encouraging and building up people to reach their full potential. They know they are placed on this earth to "touch lives"...one at a time.

