

## **SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

The Rev. Marvin A. McMickle, Ph.D.

Marvin A. McMickle has been serving the church of Jesus Christ as a pastor, professor and widely published author for more than 35 years.

Born in Chicago, Illinois in 1948, Dr. McMickle is a 1970 graduate of Aurora University in Illinois with a B.A. in Philosophy. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1973 and did two additional years of graduate study at Columbia University in New York. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey in 1983. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio in 1998. He was also awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Aurora University in 1990.

He was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1973 at Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York City where he served as an assistant minister and later as the associate pastor from 1972-1976. He served as the pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church of Montclair, New Jersey from 1976-1986. During that time he served as President of the New Jersey Council of Churches (1984-1986) and as a member of the Montclair Board of Education (1982-1986). He also served two terms as president of the Montclair Branch of the NAACP. During those years Dr. McMickle served on the adjunct faculty at Princeton Theological Seminary, New Brunswick Theological Seminary and New York Theological Seminary

Dr. McMickle has served as the Senior Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio since 1987. During that time he led the church in establishing a ministry for people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS. This ministry was the first of its kind in the entire country. The church also offers ministries in the areas of job training, a hunger center, three AA units, a credit union with over \$2 million in assets and a tithing program in which the congregation tithes out to the community 10% of its annual income every year. He has also served as president of both the NAACP and the Urban League in Cleveland, as well as serving as president of the Shaker Heights Board of Education and as president of the Karamu House Performing Arts Center. He is presently a member of the Board of Trustees of Cleveland State University in Cleveland, OH.

Dr. McMickle is the Professor of Homiletics at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio where he has served on the full-time faculty since 1996. He is the author of 12 books. He has also authored dozens of articles that regularly appear in professional journals and magazines. He is a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. In the winter semester of 2009 he served as a Visiting Professor of Preaching at Yale University Divinity School.

Dr. McMickle has been married to Peggy Lorraine Noble since 1975 and they have one son, Aaron who resides in New York City.

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- Personal: Born: December 16, 1948 in Chicago, Illinois  
Married to Peggy N. McMickle June 7, 1975  
One Son, Aaron James Middle School teacher in The Bronx, NY
- Education: B.A. Aurora College, Illinois, 1970 (D.D. in 1991)  
Master of Divinity, Union Theological Seminary NYC, 1973  
Doctor of Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1983  
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Case Western Reserve University, 1998  
*Dissertation: The Film Portrayal of the Black Preacher  
Since 1925*
- Pastoral: Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio  
1987 to the present  
Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church of Montclair, NJ  
1976-1986  
Associate Pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, NY, 1972-  
1976 (Ordained at Abyssinian in 1973).
- Academic: Professor of Homiletics, Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, OH  
2001-  
Associate Professor of Homiletics, Ashland Theological Seminary  
Ashland, OH 1996-2000,  
Visiting Instructor in History (African American Studies), Case Western  
Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, 1993-1996  
Visiting Instructor in Religion, Cleveland State University, Cleveland,  
OH, 1990-1994  
Visiting Instructor in Preaching, New Brunswick Theological Seminary,  
New Brunswick, NJ, 1980-1986  
Visiting Instructor in Preaching, Princeton Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, NJ, 1983-1986  
Visiting Instructor in Old Testament Studies, New York Theological  
Seminary, New York, NY, 1980-1984  
Visiting Instructor in History, (African American Studies), Fordham  
University, Bronx, NY, 1980-1982.
- Professional Memberships:  
The Society for the Study of Black Religion  
A paper was delivered at the 2004 annual session in

Louisville, KY on *The Film Portrayal of the Black Preacher*  
The Academy of Homiletics

Delivered five papers before the Academy:

1. *The Black Preacher and Issues of Social Justice* in Oakland, California in 1997
2. *Who Do Men Say That I Am?: The Film Portrayal of the Black Preacher* in St. Louis, Missouri in 2001.
3. *Spiritual Formation in the Life of the Preacher* in Boston, MA, 2002.
4. *Where Have All the Prophets Gone?* In Memphis, TN, 2004
5. *Woe To Those That Are At Ease in Zion: Preaching on The black church response to HIV/AIDS*, West Palm Beach, FL, 2006

### **BOOKS**

1. **From Pulpit to Politics: Reflections on the Separation of Church and State**, Williams Custom Printing, Euclid, OH, December 1998.
2. **Preaching to the Black Middle Class: Words of Comfort/Words of Challenge**, Judson Press: Valley Forge, PA, 2000.
3. **Living Water for Thirsty Souls: Unleashing the Power of Exegetical Preaching**, Judson Press: Valley Forge, PA, 2001.
4. **Encyclopedia of African American Christian Heritage**, Judson Press: Valley Forge, PA, 2002,
5. **Before We Say I Do: Seven Steps to a Healthy Marriage**, Judson Press, 2003
6. **Battling Prostate Cancer: From Why Me to What Next**, Judson Press, Valley Forge, PA, 2004
7. **Star Book for Preachers**, Judson Press: Valley Forge, PA, 2006
8. **Where Have All the Prophets Gone? The Decline of Prophetic Preaching in the American Church**, Pilgrim Press: Cleveland, OH.
9. **A Time to Speak: How Black Pastors Can Respond to the HIV/AIDS Pandemic**, Pilgrim Press: Cleveland, OH, 2008
10. **Shaping the Claim of the Sermon**, Augsburg/Fortress Press, 2008
11. **Phat Facts for Kids: Profiles in Black, An Encyclopedia of African American History for Young Christians**, Judson Press: Valley Forge, PA, 2008
12. **The Audacity of Faith of Faith: Christian Leaders Reflect on the Election of Barack Obama**, editor, Judson Press, 2009

*Sermons and articles in print*

- The Promise of Peace on Earth*, **Preaching**, Nov/Dec 2008
- Prophetic Preaching*, **The New Interpreter's Bible Handbook on Preaching**, Abingdon Press, 2008
- Prophetic Preaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: It is not just about the words*, **The African American Pulpit**, Fall 2008
- When an Insurance Policy Is Not Enough*, **Preaching**, July/August 2008
- Directions for Disciples*, **Preaching**, January/February 2008
- Where Have All the Prophets Gone?*, **The Christian Citizen**, Volume 3, 2007; reprinted in EthicsDaily.com, October 29, 2007
- Sharing the Faith With Jerry Falwell*, **Preaching-On-Line**, June 2007
- There Is No Greater Love*, **Preaching**, May/June 2007
- The Power and Purpose of Pentecost*, **Preaching-On-Line**, May 2007
- Preaching on Issues of Poverty and Justice*, **The Clergy Journal**, April 2007
- What Is Your Life?* **Preaching**, January/February 2007
- Rich Man/Poor Man*, **The National Baptist Voice**, Winter 2007
- Examining Relationships: Lectionary Readings for November*, **The Living Pulpit**, October – December 2006.
- Living Single in a "Marriage Culture"*, **Preaching**, September-October 2006
- What is the Strength of Your Life?*, **Preaching**, July/August 2006
- Here Comes the Sun*, **Preaching**, March/April 2006
- Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne*, **The African American Pulpit**, Spring 2006
- Under God Is A Good Place To Be*, **The National Baptist Voice**, Mid-Winter 2006
- A Gift the World Cannot Give*, **Preaching**, November/December, 2005
- The Reasons Why We Worship God*, **The National Baptist Voice**, Winter 2005.
- A Litany on Hurricane Katrina*, **The National Baptist Voice**, Fall 2005
- Reflections on Psalm 91 and the Issue of Terrorism*, **The National Baptist Voice**, Summer 2005.
- Spirituals: An African American Musical Genre*, **The African American Pulpit**, Spring 2005.
- Promise and Foretaste: Reflections on the Lectionary Readings for April 2005 on the Resurrection*, **The Living Pulpit** April-June 2005.
- Religion or Rebirth: Which One Do You Have?* **The National Baptist Voice**, Spring 2005.
- War: What Is It Good For?* **The Living Pulpit**, October-December 2005.
- The Reasons Why We Worship God*, **The National Baptist Voice**, Winter 2005.
- Where Have All the Prophets Gone?* **The African American Pulpit** Summer 2005
- Barbara Harris: First Female Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Church*,

- The African American Pulpit**, Winter 2004-2005.
- The Greatest Gift Ever Given*, **Preaching**, November/December, 2004
- The Valley of Dry Bones*, Sermon Seedlings in **The National Baptist Voice**, Fall 2004.
- Teach Us How to Pray*, **Preaching**, September/October, 2004
- Reflections on a Revival*, **Preaching-on-Line**, September 2004.
- Words of Wisdom from One Administration to the Next*, **The Christian Citizen**, National Ministries of ABC, Volume 1, 2004.
- Lott Carey, **The African American Pulpit**, Summer, 2004
- Reflections on the Lord's Prayer*, Sermon Seedlings in **The National Baptist Voice**, Summer 2004.
- Take Time to be Holy*, **Preaching**, May/June 2004.
- The Rise of Pentecostalism in Black America*, **The Living Pulpit**, April/June 2004.
- The Confrontation Caused By a Cushite Wife*, **Preaching-on-Line**, April 2004.
- From Doubt to Declaration*, **Preaching**, March/April, 2004
- Who Is This?* **Preaching-on-Line**, March 2004.
- Preaching During Advent*, **The National Baptist Voice**, Fall 2003
- Going Through By God's Grace: Living with prostate cancer*, **Preaching-on-Line**, August 2003.
- Preaching in the Face of Economic Injustice*, in **Just Preaching**, Chalice Press: St. Louis, MO, 2003, pp. 3-10.
- Acts 1: 6-8: Eight Sermon Seeds From One Text*, **The National Baptist Voice**, July/September 2003.
- Romans 10: 9-17: Eight Sermon Seeds From One Text*, **The National Baptist Voice**, April/June 2003
- "Father James Augustine Healy", **The African American Pulpit**, Summer, 2003.
- Nannie Helen Burroughs, **The African American Pulpit**, Spring 2003.
- Tolerance: An Elusive Goal That is Worth Pursuing*, **The Living Pulpit**, January/March 2003
- It's Never Too Late to Follow Your Dreams and A Transformed Life*, in **From One Brother To Another, Volume 2**, edited by Jeremiah Wright, Jr., Judson Press, 2003.
- Preaching from the Pentateuch*, in **The Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch**, Inter Varsity Press, edited by David Baker, 2002
- "The Path That Leads to Contentment", **Preaching**, September/October 2002
- "Preaching for Life Application," **Preaching**, January-February 2002.
- "Mary: The Bible's Most Remarkable Story of Motherhood", **The Living Pulpit**, October-December 2001.
- "Confronting HIV and AIDS: What Older Adults Need to Know", **Aging and Spirituality**, Fall 2001.
- "The Prophet Amos as a Model for Preaching on Issues of Social

- Justice*”, **The African American Pulpit**, Spring 2001.
- “*Preaching that Challenges Our Understanding of the Church*”, **The Living Pulpit**, October/December 2000.
- “*Preaching on Themes in the Creation Story*”, **The Living Pulpit** April-June 2000.
- “*How Much of Your Life Does God Control?*”, **The African American Pulpit**, Fall 1999.
- “*The Family: Many Forms and Many Functions*”, **The Living Pulpit**, July/September 1999.
- “*Disciplines for Disciples*”, **Pulpit Digest**, July/August 1999.
- “*Conversations on Calvary: Father Forgive Them*”, **The African American Pulpit**, Spring 1999.
- “*Peace: An Elusive Possession*”, **The Living Pulpit**, October-December, 1998, pp. 38-39.
- “*The Lord is Come! The Song of Simeon*”, **Preaching**, November-December, 1998.
- “*The Black Preacher and Issues of Justice*”, **The African American Pulpit**, Winter 1998.
- “*The Song of Zacharias*”, **Preaching-On-Line**, The Internet service of **Preaching**, November, 1998
- “*The Song of the Angels*”, **Preaching-On-Line** The Internet Service of **Preaching**, October 1998.
- “*The Story of Mary and Martha*”, **The African American Pulpit**, Summer 1998
- “*Testimony of the Tortured*”, **Messages for Modern Times**, Larry L. Macon, Sr. ed., Kendall Hunt Publishers, 1998.
- “*The Art of Preaching*”, **Messages for Modern Times**, pp. 69-70.
- “*No Room in the Inn: Reflections on Advent*”, **The Living Pulpit**, October – December, 1997
- “*The Many Members and the One Body of Christ*”, **Preaching** September-October, 1997
- “*Foreword*”, **Responsible Preaching**, by William A. Jones, Jr., Aaron Press, 1991.
- “*Preaching to the Black Middle Class*”, **The Journal of Preaching**, December, 1985
- “*And He Called Them His Disciples*”, **Princeton Seminary Bulletin** February, 1984

#### **Preaching On-Line Sermons**

- Having the Faith to Endure (II Timothy 4: 1-8)*
- Many Members and One Body of Christ (Romans 12; 1-8)*
- Sharing the Faith with Jerry Falwell*
- A Place with a Purpose (II Chronicles 6: 24 and 7: 12-14)*

**College/University and Convention Speaker**

Albright College, American Baptist Biennial, American Baptist College and Seminary in Nashville, TN, Ashland University, Ashland Theological Seminary, Aurora University, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berkshire Christian College, Bethel College and Seminary (MN), Bethel Seminary San Diego, Brethren Church Annual Convention, Campbellsville University of Kentucky, Capitol University, Case Western Reserve University, Chautauqua Institution, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, College of Wooster, Cuyahoga Community College, Depauw University, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Erskine Seminary in South Carolina, Franklin College of Indiana, John Carroll University, Kent State University, Kenyon College, Lake County Community College, Lake Erie College, Lakeside (Ohio), Lorain County Community College, Middlebury College, Moravian College and Seminary, Mount Union College, NAACP National Convention, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, North East Ohio University College of Medicine, Oberlin College, Ohio State University, Payne Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton University, Rutgers University, Sojourners Magazine Conference on Transforming Our Politics, Union Theological Seminary, United Theological Seminary, University of Akron, Ursuline College of Ohio, Virginia Union University, Winston-Salem State University, Yale Divinity School

Lectureships                    Touhy Lectures at John Carroll University, 2000  
    James A. Gray Lectures at Winston Salem State University 2001  
    Swartley Lectures at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary 2002

Community Activities:

Member	Board of Trustees of Cleveland State University 2008-
Member	Shaker Heights Board of Education 1994-2001
Founder	AGAPE Project, an HIV/AIDS testing and support ministry
Chairman,	United Pastors in Mission (Ecumenical Clergy Group)
Alumnus	Leadership Cleveland, 1990
President	Cleveland NAACP 1989-1992
President	Greater Cleveland Urban League 2000
President	Karamu House Performing Arts Center 1992-1996

Travel: Israel, Greece, Austria, Senegal, and West Indies

Fraternal Affiliations:

Kappa Alpha Psi (Life Member – Founder of Montclair Alumni Chapter)  
 Sigma Pi Phi    Tau Boule  
 Phi Alpha Theta Honorary Society for History, Case Western Reserve University  
 Prince Hall Masons and Shriners

Honors

Visiting Professor at Yale University Divinity School, Winter of 2009  
 Delegate for Barack Obama to the 2008 Democratic National Convention in  
 Denver, CO

“The 50 Influentials of Northeast Ohio” as named by Cleveland Magazine 2008  
Unitas Award to Outstanding Alumni for Lifetime Achievement, Union  
Theological Seminary, New York City in 2007  
Ralph Garfield Schell Presidential Award for Excellence in Ministry  
By the American Baptist Churches USA in 2007.  
African American Male Achiever’s Award, 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland  
2007  
Visiting Instructor at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Co in Summer 2005  
Black Professional of the Year by the Black Professional Association of  
Cleveland, 2001  
Distinguished Alumnus Award of Aurora University, 2000  
Doctor of Divinity degree (Honorary) from Aurora University in 1991  
Visiting Scholar at Franklin University of Indiana, 1990

Feature stories in such local magazines as Cleveland Magazine, Kaleidoscope, The Plain Dealer, The Plain Dealer Sunday Magazine , Case Western Reserve University Alumni Magazine and The Call and Post.

Featured in local newspapers such as The Plain Dealer, The Call and Post, The Free Times, The City News and Cleveland Life.