

Rev. Lincoln Bingham is a man respected for his love for Christ and his love for people! His life's ministry has been helping people of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds to improve communication and to build trusting relationships. Diversity, equality, equity, and inclusion have been his vision for the churches in Kentucky and beyond during his entire ministry.

He was born February 23rd, 1932 (now 91 years of age). God saved him at the age of nine during a revival service in Cerulean, Kentucky. He and his special helpmate, Lillian Thomas Bingham were joined in holy matrimony in 1951. He was called to preach in 1959. He was ordained at Elim Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. on September 30th, 1960.

They were commissioned as home missionaries by the North American Mission Board in 1976. Rev. Bingham has been the pastor of 4 churches, Unity Baptist in Mercer County, West End Baptist Church (26 years), St. Paul Baptist Church (16 years), and St. Paul Baptist Church @ Shively Heights (10 years) in Louisville, KY. He also served as an interim pastor at Massie Zion Baptist Church.

As Superintendent of Missions for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky he worked to strengthen the educational and missions' arms of the association and worked to build bridges between the General Association of Baptists (Black) and the Kentucky Baptist Convention (White). He served for 16 years as Superintendent of Missions for the Central District Baptist Association in Louisville Kentucky. He faithfully served the Kentucky Baptist Association for 35 years, first as Director of the Baptist Fellowship Center then as Cooperative Ministries Consultant. During Rev. Bingham's tenure in both the Association and Convention he has led both programs of social and spiritual growth development. He chaired a Tony Evans Crusade and provided leadership with the Billy Graham Crusade in Louisville and Cincinnati. Additionally, he has co-chaired the Greater Louisville Christian Reconciliation Ministries, Inc. and served as a steering Committee Member of Reconciliation Networks of our World.

On August 23, 2009, Rev. Bingham led St. Paul Baptist Church (predominantly black congregation) and Shively Heights Baptist Church (white congregation) to merge as one congregation, which made local and national news CBS, NBC, ABC, and WDRB, Good Morning America, 700 Club, CBN and others. Rev. Bingham has been awarded honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degrees from Simmons Bible College (Simmons College of Kentucky) Georgetown College, and Mid-Continent College. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including The Clarence Jordan Award, Lyman T. Johnson Award, The Presidential Reconciliation Award, The Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Reconciliation Award, The Kentucky Baptist Reconciliation Award, The President of the Southern Baptist Convention Reconciliation Award.

Rev. & Mrs. Lincoln N. Bingham have lived on Jefferson Street, in the West End of Louisville, Kentucky for 55 years.