



Reverend Dr. Raymond Davis Jr.

December 18, 1938 - January 14, 2026

Pastor Raymond Davis, Jr. was born on December 18, 1938, in Summit, Oklahoma, to Raymond and Irma Davis. He spent his early years in Oklahoma before relocating with his family to Kansas City, Missouri, where he would later answer his calling and establish a lifelong ministry of faith and service.

In May 1962, Pastor Davis began active duty in the United States Army, serving until May 1964 and continuing as a reservist through May 1968. While serving his country, he felt a divine call to the ministry and preached his first sermon in March 1964 at St. John Baptist Church in Tacoma, Washington. He later received his license to preach and returned to Kansas City, where he served in leadership roles at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. In July 1966, he was ordained through the General Baptist Convention.

In August 1967, Pastor Raymond Davis, Jr. founded and organized Greater Corinthian Church at its present location. The first official worship service was held on the second Sunday of that month, with the sermon text taken from 1 Corinthians 13, known as the Love Chapter. The church began with a small but faithful congregation united by love, vision, and commitment to God's word.

In May 1972, Greater Corinthian Church became an independent, non-

denominational body. On July 10, 1972, the church officially transitioned from Baptist denomination to Non-Denominational status under Pastor Davis's leadership and with the support of the congregation.

Throughout his ministry, Pastor Davis remained dedicated to education and spiritual growth. He earned his GED, a Bachelor of Arts in Religion, and a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Biblical Theology. He was also the author of *Non-Denominationalism: An Endeavor Toward Christian Church Unity*, reflecting his lifelong commitment to unity within the Christian faith.

In December 1979, Pastor Davis established the Greater Corinthian Church radio ministry, emphasizing faith, encouragement, and Christian unity. Through decades of faithful leadership, he shepherded the congregation with perseverance, wisdom, and unwavering devotion to God's word.

Pastor Raymond Davis, Jr. entered eternal rest on January 14, 2026. He was preceded in death by his parents, Irma and Raymond Davis, Sr.; his sisters, Vivian Cole and Helen Williams; and his brother, Humphrey Norvell Davis.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his daughters, Courtney Danielle Archie and LaShonda Michelle Davis; his four grandchildren, Christian Michelle Archie, Camryn Michelle Archie, Caleb Matthew Archie, and Jordyn Daniel Hudgens; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins other relatives.

Pastor Raymond Davis, Jr.'s legacy as a servant leader, teacher, and founder will continue to live on through the lives he touched and the ministry he faithfully built.

Funeral services Saturday, January 24, at 11:00am at Greater Corinthian Church of Christ Non-Denominational. Interment Forest Hill Cemetery. No

Visitation. Family hour 10:30am-11:00am, at the church. Services conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

6901 Troost Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64131

Previous Events

Family Hour

JAN 24. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Corinthian COC Non-Denominational
4800 East 27th Street
Kansas City, MO 64127

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Bryant Family lit a candle in memory of Reverend Dr. Raymond Davis Jr.*



The Bryant Family - January 30 at 08:14 PM

BS

“ *I think God for Pastor Davis great teacher of the Gospel God bless this Family Bishop Arnold Shelby Sr*

Bishop Arnold Shelby Sr - January 25 at 07:42 PM

LC

“ *My sincere condolences to Pastor Davis family. I thank Pastor Davis for the many years of teaching the Word of God. Rest well Man of God*

Linda Carter - January 23 at 06:34 PM

DW

“ *I'm so saddened by the lost of our beloved pastor Raymond Davis Jr. I will always cherish the memories of being one of the first children of the church, to the Davis family, you were always family!*

Donna Wash - January 23 at 04:32 PM

PR

“ *Im confused on who made this and why my name wasn't mentioned in here?*

Phillip Roberson - January 22 at 07:49 PM

LT

“ Love JoLene and David Taylor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Reverend Dr. Raymond Davis Jr..



Love JoLene and David Taylor - January 22 at 09:49 AM

LT

“ Love JoLene and David Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Reverend Raymond Davis Jr..

Love JoLene and David Taylor - January 22 at 09:49 AM

TF

“ The Powell Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Reverend Dr. Raymond Davis Jr..



The Powell Family - January 19 at 08:31 PM

CC

“ Carmen Canady lit a candle in memory of Reverend Dr. Raymond Davis Jr.



Carmen Canady - January 19 at 06:45 PM

WJ

“ Warfus Powell Jr lit a candle in memory of Reverend Dr. Raymond Davis Jr.



Warfus Powell jr - January 17 at 04:33 PM

WJ

The real Deal 🤝

Warfus Powell jr - January 17 at 04:34 PM

JP

A lot of pastors have or had a congregation, but not all pastors led their congregation in the spirit of god .your Heavenly Father will say well done a man among men!

Jearld powell - January 17 at 10:06 PM

LC

A Pastor that wanted his members to know the Word of God for themselves. He was a serious teacher and Preacher of the Word of God. Rest well Pastor Davis.

Linda Carter - January 18 at 06:05 PM

DW

I'm going to miss my Spiritual Father, we have had some private conversations and lots of laughter, he was very protective of me, I m going to miss him dearly, from day one!

Donna Wash - January 23 at 04:16 PM