

Mark Louis Johnson Sr.

Pastor | Educator | Author | Speaker | Administrator

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. Candidate** (*Major: Evangelism, Minor: Church Leadership*)
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA (Current)
 - Dissertation Title: *"A Case Study of the Evangelistic Strategies of Fred Luter"*
 - Focuses on innovative evangelistic practices and leadership strategies in urban church contexts.
 - **Doctor of Ministry (Leadership)**
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA (2018)
 - Project Title: *"Examining Racial Reconciliation in the Southern Baptist Convention Using the Resolutions of the Southern Baptist Convention"*
 - Provided actionable strategies for fostering reconciliation across racial divides within denominational leadership.
 - **Master of Theology**
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ (2005)
 - Specialized in Christian Education and theological research, equipping pastors for dynamic, biblically grounded ministry.
 - **Master of Divinity**
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ (2004)
 - Comprehensive ministerial training with emphasis on preaching, pastoral care, and Christian ethics.
 - **Bachelor of Arts (English/Communications)**
Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA (1994)
 - Distinguished as the first African American Senior Class Commencement Speaker.
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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Director of Doctor of Ministry Program**
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (2023–Present)
 - Responsible for overseeing the program's academic quality, accreditation alignment, and student retention.
 - Recruited and trained over 85 alumni ambassadors to promote degree programs at conventions and workshops.
 - **College Trustee**
Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA (2019–Present)
 - Chairs the Student Success Committee, enhancing academic and personal outcomes for students.
 - Former Chair of the Development and Alumni Engagement Committee, contributing to secured funding and Alumni Relations.
 - Served on the Campaign Steering Committee, shaping a \$200 million fundraising initiative.
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FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

- **The Drs. Charles and Rhonda Kelley Fellowship** (2019)
 - Awarded for academic excellence and leadership potential in theological education.
 - **Honorary Doctorate**, Washington and Jefferson College (2019)
 - Recognized for contributions to ministry and education.
 - **Washington and Jefferson Sports Hall of Fame** (2019)
 - Inducted for athletic and leadership excellence as a student-athlete.
 - **Mayor Frank G. Jackson Educational Award** (2011)
 - Honored for impactful community work in Cleveland Public Schools (OH).
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

- *Assistant Professor of Evangelism and Pastoral Ministries* (2020–Present)
 - Designed and delivered courses such as Church Leadership and Administration, Church Revitalization, Interpersonal Skills, Postmodern, Dechurched, and Uninterested, The History of Evangelism, Multicultural Church Leadership, and African American Christianity.

- Innovated online and hybrid teaching formats to meet the needs of diverse learners.
 - *Adjunct Faculty Member* (2018)
 - Specialized in teaching Church Leadership and Administration with an emphasis on practical ministry applications.
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PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Black Church White Convention*, B&H Academics (Spring 2025)
 - Chronicles the integration of an African American church into the Southern Baptist Convention, offering insights into faith and reconciliation.
- *The Heart of a Chaplain: Exploring Essentials for Ministry*, B.H. Carroll (2022)
 - Co-authored practical tools for effective chaplaincy.
- *Engage: Tools for Contemporary Evangelism*, Iron Stream Media (2019)
 - Offers strategies and techniques for modern evangelistic outreach.

Articles

- “The Cost of Racial Reconciliation,” *Other Voices* (2021)
 - Explores the challenges and theological implications of racial reconciliation within the church.
 - “Billy Graham and the Removal of the Segregation Rope” (2021)
 - Examines historical moments of racial unity in evangelical ministry.
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RESEARCH & ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- **Research Assistant**, Dr. Charles S. Kelley (2019)
 - Assisted in research on theological education and church growth strategies.
 - **Evangelical Theological Society**, Presenter (2021)
 - Delivered a paper on the cost and necessity of racial reconciliation within evangelical institutions.
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **Lifeway Black Church Leadership Conference** (2021)

- Lecturer: *“The Church and the Racial Divide”*—analyzed systemic issues and provided solutions for unity.
 - **The Gospel and the City Conference**, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (2019)
 - Topic: *“God and Sports: Using Athletics to Reach the City”*—highlighted sports as a platform for evangelism.
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KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

- *University Medical Center of New Orleans MLK Celebration* (2021)
 - Reflected on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy and its application to contemporary justice.
 - *Washington and Jefferson College Baccalaureate Ceremony* (2019)
 - Encouraged graduates with the theme, *“Class of 2019, Go Face Your Giant.”*
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education
 - Evangelical Theological Society
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VOCATIONAL MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- **Interim Pastor**, First Baptist Church, Kenner, LA (2022–2024)
 - Provided transitional leadership and strategic guidance during period of change.
 - **Senior Pastor**, Edgewater Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA (2019–2021)
 - Led the church through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, implementing creative solutions for worship and discipleship.
 - **Chaplain**, Major League Baseball (Miami Marlins, Cleveland Indians) (2017–2019)
 - Provided spiritual guidance and pastoral care for professional athletes and staff.
 - **Senior Pastor**, Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland, OH (2009–2019)
 - Oversaw significant church growth and forged partnerships with organizations like Paramount Pictures to revitalize the community.
 - **Youth Pastor**, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark, NJ (2002–2009)
 - Mentored at-risk youth and young adults, recognized as one of the *100 Positive Men of New Jersey*.
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