

## Minister Davitra Y. Smith

Min. Davitra Smith, a native of Philadelphia, was born and raised in the church. She accepted Christ at the age of six. Minister Smith loves to spend time with young people. She has a love for scholars to see them nurtured and growing beyond their potential. Smith has a heart for children with special needs, whether physical, mental or emotional. She believes that we are all special gems created to contribute to a better society and culture.

Smith grew up in Philadelphia and Montgomery County schools and went on to study at Temple University. While attending Temple she was a part of the Temple Gospel Choir and the Temple Chapter of the NAACP, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and a Christian performing arts group. Along with these activities she also served as Resident Assistant during her junior and senior years.

Minister Smith preached her initial sermon during her junior year in November of 2002, becoming a licensed minister. In 2004, Smith graduated from Temple University earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and certification in Business Administration. She worked at Temple University for four years serving students as a Resident Director receiving numerous awards.

In 2006, she married her best friend Dr. Aaron X. Smith, who was known as "Fearless" on Philadelphia's Radio One Stations. Currently, Dr. Smith (The Rapping Professor) serves as an Assistant Professor at Temple University in the African American Studies Department.

In 2010, Minister Smith completed her studies at Palmer Theological Seminary, earning her Masters of Divinity degree. Minister Smith also enjoyed the rewarding experience of helping students as a Teaching Assistant for Systematic Theology and through the Black Seminarian Fellowship. She was also highlighted as a premier, up and coming preacher in the 2009 Dr. Ella P. Mitchell Daughters of Thunder Preaching Conference.

Minister and Dr. Smith are blessed to with two children, their daughter Jeniece Yvette Marie & their son Bakari Ade Xavier Smith.

Minister Smith is also a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Among reading, enjoying nature, and spending time with family and friends, Minister Smith loves to preach and spread the Good News!