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Biography in Support of Pastoral Ministries

Alonzo A. Ford is a native of Tallahassee, Florida, and was born to Reverend Rath Wesley and Josephine Louise Ford on August 15, 1953.

Alonzo Ford accepted Christ as personal Savior and Lord in July 1965 and was baptized in August 1965. He accepted the call and was licensed to Preach in March 1970. He was ordained into the Gospel Ministry by the Greater Little Rock Missionary Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida in August 1981. He served in several capacities of the Church: Pastor, Youth Minister, Minister of Christian Education, Teacher for Sunday School and Bible Studies, events planner, and organizer. Alonzo Ford served as founding pastor at the Schwaebisch Gmuend Gospel Service in Germany from October 1981 to August 1983; pastor, Olive Branch Baptist Church, Haymarket, Virginia from June 1989 to February 1991, founding pastor Fort Belvoir Gospel Service from April 1993 to October 1994. He served as Senior Pastor of Schofield Barracks Gospel Service from June 1995 to October 1997 and at Dragon Valley Protestant Chapel from January 2000 to May 2001; founding pastor, Nineveh Community Protestant Service, Mosul (Nineveh) Iraq from May 2003 to January 2004. Pastor Ford served as founding pastor of Cornerstone Christian Church, Clarksville, Tennessee from November 2005 to March 2008.

Alonzo completed studies at Leon High School in 1972 and entered military service with the US Army. While in the military he earned an *Associate Degree in Technology Management* from University of Maryland; he graduated from University of Maryland in December 1986 with a Bachelor *Degree in Business and Management*. In July 1987 he accepted a Department of the Army Career Internship with U.S. Army Fort Belvoir. In August 1987 he entered Howard University's School of Divinity. In July 1989 he completed the Department of the Army *Career Intern Program for Manpower Management* and in May 1991 he completed studies and graduated from Howard University with a *Master of Divinity degree in Religion*. Alonzo Ford is listed in Fort Belvoir Historical Summary as a significant contributor for Equal Employment Opportunity; in the 1987-88 National Dean's List, and the 1992/93 Edition of Marquis Who's Who in Religion.

Alonzo Ford entered the Military Service in 1972 as an enlisted soldier in the Administrative Specialties. He served for twelve years, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant, before returning to civilian life in 1984. Upon leaving military service he began his Civil Service career. Alonzo returned to military service as an Army Chaplain in October 1994. Chaplain Ford served in the 25th Infantry Division (Hawaii), 36th Engineer Group (FT Benning), 2nd Infantry Division (Korea) and 101st Airborne Division (FT Campbell, Pakistan, Iraq). Chaplain Ford was selected for promotion to Major in the April 2001 Promotion board and was promoted to Major on 1 September 2003. After serving in Operation Uphold Democracy, Operation Enduring Freedom (Pakistan/Qatar), and Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq) Chaplain Ford retired from military service in 31 December 2004. Major Ford was awarded various Army Service Medals including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medals, National Defense Service Medals with Star Device, Army Accommodation Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, Humanitarian Service Medals, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korea Defense Medal, and various others.

Mr. Ford returned to civil service duties in March 2008 with U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir Resource Management Office, as a Lead Management Analyst with responsibility for Support Agreements.

Alonzo is married to Chancey, and they have one daughter, Amanda.