

*Reverend Dr. Marcus D. Allen, Sr.*

Reverend Dr. Marcus D. Allen, Sr. is the Senior Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Madison, Wisconsin.

Pastor Allen served honorably in the United States Army for over 10 years as a Petroleum Supply Specialist. He completed three combat tours: 2003-2004 Iraq, 2005-2006 Iraq, and 2008-2009 Afghanistan. Pastor Allen has been awarded the Army Achievement Medal, Army Accommodation Medal, Bronze Star Medal, as well as numerous other awards.

Pastor Allen has preached and taught at churches in Afghanistan and Iraq, assisting Soldiers with motivation and spiritual guidance to help endure the hardships of being in a War Zone. Under the preaching power of the Holy Spirit, due to his obedience to God, many lives were changed, and souls were saved.

Pastor Allen is a graduate of the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia, earning a Master of Divinity degree. Pastor Allen has also earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. Pastor Allen also has a certificate in Pastoral Leadership in a Cultural Context from Marquette University.

Pastor Allen is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. In 2019 Pastor Allen was selected as one of the Most Influential Black Leaders in the State of Wisconsin by Madison 365. In 2019 he was given the Distinguished Community Service Award by the Madison Metropolitan Chapter of The Links.

Pastor Marcus Allen is also the author of his book entitled “I Got Next: Ten Essential Lessons for an Effective Pastoral Transition.”

Pastor Allen is married to the former Terra Cook of Cordova, Alabama. God has blessed them with three beautiful children, Alexandria, MeKiyah, and Marcus, Jr.