



# Pastor Eugene Roberson

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Pastor Eugene Roberson was born in Tutwiler, Mississippi, to the late John and Lula Roberson. He is the fourth of ten children. He was educated in the Clarksdale, Mississippi, school system and received a B.A. in Social Studies from Jackson State University.

Heading the call of the Master, Pastor Roberson entered into the ministry in 1979. He later elevated to Deacon, Assistant to the late Pastor Peter Goudeaux, Jr., and was ultimately named Shepherd of First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church in May of 1994. Since that time, Corinthian has experienced tremendous growth, both in number and spirituality. Pastor Roberson is a leader, preacher, teacher, mentor, and advisor. His rapport with young people and African American males has created a new generation of members at Corinthian.

Pastor Roberson's accomplishments include, but are not limited to the following significant works:

*Honors & Awards:* First African American in Lake County to open a Session of Congress, Most Influential African American of Lake County, House of Representatives Resolution(s), College of Lake County Harambee Award of Excellence, National Association of University Women Award, Angel Drill Team Award, Key to the City of North Chicago, Key to the City of Florence, Alabama, and Community Achievement Award.

*Community Involvement Include:* Pastor Roberson has recently been appointed to the Lake County Commission on Government Accountability and Reform. Former People's Voice Chairman of the Board, Former Lake County Housing Authority Board Member, North Shore Baptist Minister's Alliance Past Vice President, New Era District Moderator Serving North Chicago, Waukegan, Zion; New Era District First Vice Chair, Chicago; Invited speaker at various North Chicago Schools, North Chicago School Board, North Chicago City Council Meetings. Under his pastorate, First Corinthian has been able to reach out to North Chicago residents through the annual Christmas holiday food basket give-a-way distributed to needy families throughout Lake County, as well as assisting families in crisis situations. First Corinthian also runs a Soup Kitchen on Saturdays, which provides nourishment for the body and the soul.

*Key Accomplishment:* Oversaw the \$2.2 million dollar church renovation construction project including formation of Building Committee, architect selection, securing loan from NorStates Bank, and coordinated the relocation and continued Sunday services of the First Corinthian Church Family during the renovation process. The \$2.2 million dollar loan was paid in full within ten years and celebrated with a Deed Burning Ceremony held Sunday, April 10, 2011.

*Dedication:* On May 20, 2012, Elizabeth Avenue was dedicated and renamed Pastor Eugene Roberson Drive in honor Pastor Eugene Roberson's contributions to First Corinthian, the City of North Chicago and Lake County.

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