

Bishop T.D. Jakes

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Bishop T.D. Jakes is founder and senior pastor of the legendary 30,000-member Dallas-based church The Potter's House. Through The Potter's Touch, Bishop Jakes' weekly television outreach, countless people are served by his teachings throughout America, Africa, Australia, Europe and the Caribbean.

Bishop Jakes is the visionary behind several entities: the Metroplex Economic Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization created to bridge the socioeconomic gaps that exist in urban America; Clay Academy, a state-of-the-art charter school; MegaCARE, the global outreach missions and local outreach organization affiliated with the church; the Texas Offenders Reentry Initiative, a program that provides intensive case management to former inmates; The Potter's House Center for Counseling and Behavioral Health; and TDJ Enterprises, which produces and distributes Bishop Jakes' books, plays, movies, music projects, syndicated radio, TV and economic conferences.

Bishop Jakes has written more than 30 books, 15 of them best sellers, including *Before You Do: Making Great Decisions That You Won't Regret* (Atria) and *Reposition Yourself* (Atria). Both reached No. 3 on The New York Times Best Sellers list. In January 2009, Sony Pictures released "Not Easily Broken," Bishop Jakes' second novel to be made into a motion picture; and in May 2011, will release the romantic comedy "Jumping the Broom."



Bishop Jakes was named by *Time* magazine "America's Best Preacher." He received a Quill Award and Grammy® Award; several NAACP Image Awards, including the President's Award; and the Best Independent or Foreign Film Award. In 2010, *Ebony* magazine named him to its annual Power 150 list. He was a speaker at many prestigious events and ceremonies, including the historic 2009 presidential inauguration.

Bishop Jakes and his wife, Serita Jakes, live in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, area. They have five children and two grandchildren.