

John F. Payne, Sr., D.Min.



Pastor/Chaplain John Fitzgerald Payne, Sr., a native of Houma, Louisiana, is the son of the late Reverend Richard Payne, the late Bessie Payne. Pastor Payne answered the call of God on his life and preached his initial sermon on March 31, 1985. Later that year on August 4, 1985, he was licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ordained on October 28, 1988, his ministry as a Pastor began at the Beautiful Zion Baptist Church of Houma, Louisiana in December 1988 and lasted until May 1992. In June 1992, Pastor Payne followed the direction of God and accepted the call to the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama. Under his leadership, the Lord blessed the membership to increase 200 to approximately 1400 plus members. God allowed him to build a 900-seat sanctuary, a Christian school and Family Life Center valuing well over 16 million dollars. On the first Sunday in October 2004, Pastor Payne enlarged Friendship's territory by establishing a second location in Moss Point, Mississippi. After an Abrahamic shift on November 5, 2017, Pastor Payne was led to become the Organizer and Founder of New Day Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor Payne is a retired Military Chaplain with rank of Major. He served in several tours and deployments including Middle East countries in the support of Dessert Storm, Dessert Shield and Enduring Freedom. He has ministered unto all branches of the military Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. Pastor Payne holds a Bachelor of Science Degree (1989) from Nicholls State University of Thibodeaux, Louisiana, a Master of Divinity (1997) from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary of New Orleans, Louisiana and a Doctor of Ministry (2004) from Trinity Bible College of Liverpool, England. He is indeed a humble servant with a passion for people. Because of his commitment and dedication for the Cause of Christ, in 2012, Pastor Payne was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr.

College of Ministers at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. He currently serves as the full time Chaplain at Ochsner Medical Center, West Bank Campus.

Pastor Payne is also a dynamic, highly sort after, itinerant preacher/teacher who has shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Since becoming the Pastor and Founder of New Day MBC, he has established numerous ministries to *Exalt* the Savior, *Equip* the Saints and *Evangelize* the Sinner! His leadership style allows each member to discover and utilized their God-given gifts and abilities to expand God's Kingdom. His motto is *Forget about your yesterday, because today is a New Day!*