

Richard L. Barclay

Senior Minister of the Stonecrest Church of Christ

Richard Barclay was born February 16, 1952 in Woodville, Texas. In 1970, he graduated from High School, with honors, from Woodville Public School. In 1975, he graduated from East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, TX with a Bachelor of Arts degree (major- sociology and minor- religion). In 1976 he studied at Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX and continued this graduate work in 1980 at Boston University, Boston

Massachusetts. Richard graduated in 1983 with a Master of Arts degree from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts. Continuing his educational pursuit, he did graduate work in 1986 at George Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA. He received his Master's of Theology in 1990 from the California Graduate School of Theology in Anaheim, California.

Barclay has been the evangelist to the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Corpus Christi, Texas (1977-1979), the Roxbury Church of Christ in Boston, Massachusetts (1979-1984), The Compton Avenue Church of Christ in Los Angeles, California (1984-1991) and the East Cotton Street Church of Christ in Longview, Texas (1991-1995). He has been the evangelist for the Kashmere Gardens Church of Christ in Houston, Texas since 1995 to this present time.

Richard is a nationally known expositor of God's word and has preached and conducted meetings in over 40 states. He conducted a very popular radio ministry, *"Let The Bible Speak"*, in Boston, Massachusetts and conducted a T.V. program *"Sonshine From Heaven"* for the Kashmere Gardens Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. Barclay served as the publicity chairman for the Los Angeles Campaign for Christ which was an annual cooperative effort held during the month of August. He was privileged to preach in South Africa and Ethiopia in 1989 and 1994. Richard has spoken at several lectureships and seminars including: Texas State Lectureship, Northeastern Lectureship (Keynote Address), Florida Evangelism Seminar (Keynote Address), Southwestern Christian College Lectureship, Abilene Christian University, Pepperdine University in Malibu, Ca., Houston City-wide Lectureship, Northeastern Youth Conference (Keynote Address), New England Evangelism Seminar and the National Church Lectureship (Keynotes). Also, Richard serves as a staff writer for



the following publications: *“Restoration Pulpit”*, *“Watts Times”*, *“Christian Echo”*, *“Gospel Advocate”* and *“20th Century Christian”*. He is the founding editor of two new magazines: *“Manna”*, a family oriented magazine published bi-monthly and *“Kerusso”*, a quarterly publication designed for serious bible students. He has just published his first book entitled *“Where Your Treasure Is...”*

Community involvement has been important to Barclay. He served on the Longview Branch NAACP Religious Affairs Committee as the chairman, the Gregg County Airport Board, the Board of Directors for the East Texas Literacy Council and the Longview Independent School District Public Information Advisory Committee. He served as the chaplain for the Longview Police Department and worked with the City of Longview Drug Task Force. Additionally, Richard worked with the Texas Adolescent and Family Substance Abuse Academy and served as chairman for the Gregg County Association of Education and Legal Defense as well as, the South Longview Economic Development Council.

In Houston, he was honored to be the commencement speaker for Kashmere Gardens High School. He has developed a number of ministries at the Kashmere Gardens congregation to include the Sunshine, Singles, F.L.O.C.K.S., Couples, Men’s, African American, Youth, Founder’s Day, Seasoned Saints Ministry, Prison Ministry, and the Family Night Program. He is on the Board of Trustees for The Miracle Corporation, The Urban League, Julia C. Hester House and is a consultant for Continuum Healthcare. Barclay was instrumental in bridging the racial divide longstanding in religious academia as he serves on the Racial Reconciliation Committee at Abilene Christian University. Richard teaches Hermeneutics at the Houston Christian Institute.

Richard has recently accepted the position of Senior Minister at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Atlanta, Ga.

Richard is married to Shirley Brooks Barclay, who is an educator and counselor, and together they have two young adult sons, Christopher and Reginald Barclay.