



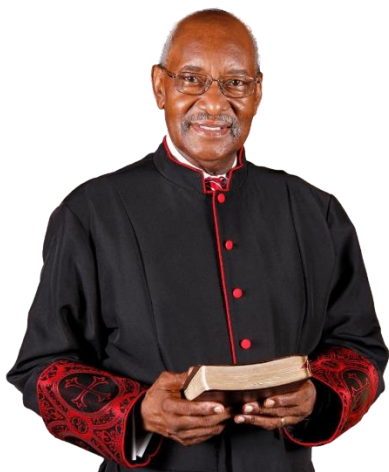
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PRESS RELEASE

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It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that both the Daniels family and the United Baptist Church announce the passing of our beloved Pastor-Emeritus, Reverend Dr. Wilson Daniels. Pastor Daniels, affectionately known to many as the "Legend of Lawndale", was welcomed into Heaven's embrace on November 4, 2024, at the age of 81.

The Daniels family and United Baptist Church family are deeply saddened by this loss but are comforted in the knowledge that he is at peace. Pastor Daniels lived his life for Christ and encouraged others to do the same with every word he spoke and action he took. He finished his course and ran his race well.



Pastor Daniels was never the person to seek out positions or titles. Although he served as Moderator of the Union District Baptist Association of Chicago and Vicinity, was a Past Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of Illinois and was recognized as one of the prominent Pastors and Preachers of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, service to others was always his driving purpose. Pastor Daniels much preferred to act as background support for his colleagues, allowing others to shine while being uplifted by his hard work. His true prominence is reflected in how well-regarded, and sought after, his counsel and advice was to his colleagues, even until his passing.

Throughout his 44 years of stewardship over the United Baptist Church family and the Lawndale community at large, Pastor Daniels built a legacy of "Serving God through Serving Humanity." Through his efforts, United began hosting a weekly food pantry which continues to serve over 10,000 people annually as it has done since its inception in the late 1970s. He also established a weekly clothing giveaway, a substance abuse program, and a prison ministry, all of which still serve the community today. In 2003, spurred by his passion for people and the community, Pastor Daniels partnered with the city of Chicago to purchase many of the lots surrounding the church and assisted in building over 75 homes for low income and first-time homeowners in the Lawndale community.

Pastor Daniels' legacy now continues through the Wilson Daniels Scholarship Fund, which is aimed at creating educational opportunities for the youth of United, as well as through the ministries of the many men he mentored through their journeys to become pastors. Well done indeed, thou good and faithful servant.

The homegoing celebration for Pastor Daniels will be held on November 22-23, 2024 at United Baptist Church, 4242 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60624. For more details, please visit www.unitedchi.org

Please keep the Daniels family in prayer during this time of bereavement. At this time, you may direct all flowers, memorial gifts and messages of condolences to: The Daniels Family, in care of United Baptist Church, 4242 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60624.

"Do all the good you can while you can, because the time is going to come, when you'll want to, and you can't"

Rev. Dr. Wilson Daniels
(1943 – 2024)