



## ***The Rappin' Reverend***

Dr. C. Dexter Wise III

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What do you get when you mix a bundle of bubbling, rare and enviable gifts of communication with a burning zeal to reach the world for Christ? You get the soulful, insightful and powerful pastor of Columbus, Ohio's Faith Ministries Interdenominational Church - Dr. C. Dexter Wise III.

***As a communicator***, who has gone from the "hood" of Baltimore, Md. to the top of his class at Harvard in Cambridge, Ma. Dr. Wise is prepared to speak effectively and authentically to virtually any occasion.

***As a preacher and pastor***, Dr. Wise was called to preach at 12; licensed to preach at 16; ordained to the gospel ministry at 19 by Central Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD; served as pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Providence, RI 1977-1982; served as pastor of Columbus, Ohio's historic Shiloh Baptist Church, 1982-1991. In November of 1991, Dr. Wise was led to organize Faith Ministries Interdenominational Church in Columbus, Ohio. This church grew from six members to more than 500 members in less than one month! (See [www.FMCTV.com](http://www.FMCTV.com)) Faith Ministries has broadcasted on radio and television for many years, currently a hosts more than 75 ministries for men, women, youth and children locally; sponsors an international missions outreach with chapters and partners in more than 20 countries around the world (see [www.IFFMUS.com](http://www.IFFMUS.com)); and has built a brand new multimillion dollar church on a 29 acre plot of land in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Wise has preached the gospel from coast to coast in the US and abroad in such countries as: Bermuda, Cuba, Democratic Republic of Congo, The Gambia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Sierra Leone and South Africa.

***As a scholar***, Dr. Wise received a BA from the University of Pennsylvania, Cum Laude in 1975; received a M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School, Magna Cum Laude, 1978; received a MA from Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 1982; received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Virginia College and Seminary, in Lynchburg, VA 1980; and earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, May 1997. Dr. Wise also has a school of ministry which can be accessed online, on video tape or through live classes. (See [www.thewiseschool.com](http://www.thewiseschool.com))

***As the "Rappin' Reverend"***, Dr. Wise recorded his first rap album "*I Ain't Into That!*" which was the number one song on the number one rhythm and blues station in Detroit, Michigan. The song soared to number fourteen on the dance charts in London, England in the summer of 1987. Other Rappin' Reverend publications are his book "*I Ain't Into That!*" (The Book) and his rap album, "*Crack Attack.*" In connection with this, *The Rappin' Reverend* went on a fifty school tour and in ninety days got more than 18,000 Columbus, Ohio school children to make public commitments to live drug free, crime free and alcohol free lives.

***As an author and publisher***, Dr. Wise has written several books which include: *The ABC's of Effective Parenting*; *Stand: Seven Sermons for Saints in a Red Sea Situation*; *No Place for A Prophet: An Unconventional Preacher Trapped in A Traditional Church*; *Faith That Works, Too Much Drama*; *Divine Babies* and *Everything You Need to Know to Preach Like a Pro!*

***As a husband and father***, Dr. Wise and his wife Rev. Shirley D. Wise (since 1973), have three daughters, one son and nine grandchildren.