

The Benefits of Traditional Churches

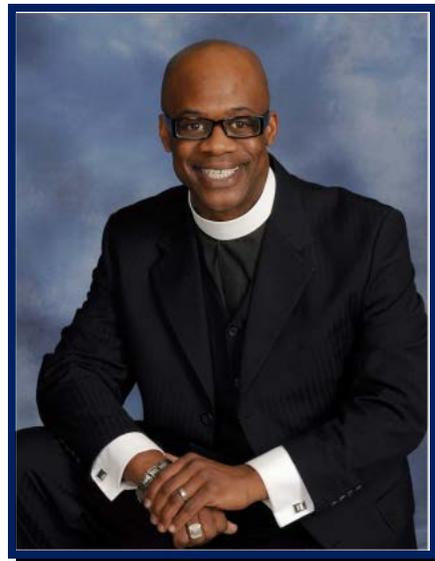
On the first Sunday I took the pulpit as their pastor the choir came marching and swaying down the middle aisle singing, "I shall not be moved". They meant that!

There is nothing quite like pastoring a traditional church. Here are some insights that may help you hold on and press your way through.

Benefits To Pastoring A Traditional Church

1. You can go and grow slowly. Urgency is not a strategy or a priority in a traditional church. No one rushes or hurries the pastor or the vision.
2. You have a core that will always be supportive of the Church's history, even if they are not committed to its future. Legacy and homestead members are ever committed to the ideals of the institution. They are waiting on the next "hey day".
3. The church can grow through their generations. Traditional churches have families that expect to be dedicated, married and buried in the "home church". Many generations are not members any longer, but when they go to church that's where they attend.
4. The people will be more patient with the pastor. Traditional churches have seen it all. The older members are less sensitized and place less scrutiny on the humanity and carnality of spiritual leaders.
5. The church members will have expendable and dependable finances. People who have been giving in the life of the church over time want that money to maintain their earlier investments. Traditional churches have saved their money and will work hard to keep it.
6. The best cooks and cooking await you at a traditional church. There are Southern specific and specialty dishes that will be cooked excellently by some members. Most godly and elderly churched people have great culinary and hospitality skills.
7. You have people deeply committed to their own slice of the vision. Traditional churches have service and volunteer networks that are highly guarded and usually very territorial. People are rooted in their roles and responsibilities.

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