

# David D. Bryant '64

Dr. David D. Bryant was born in 1946 and graduated from Northridge High School in 1964—a member of the last class to graduate from what is now Esther Dennis Middle School. In 1966, the U. S. Army requested his services, and he spent two years as a helicopter mechanic. David became a Christian in 1967 while serving in the Army and was soon called to the ministry. He enrolled in Arlington Baptist College in Arlington, Texas, and graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree and as Salutatorian of the Class of '72. While attending college he served as an associate pastor in Weatherford, Texas.

After graduation, David served as the Pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Crane, Texas, until 1977. From there he moved on to Wichita Falls, Texas, where he was both Pastor of the Bible Baptist Church and Administrator of the Bible Baptist Christian School (K-12) until 1993.

From 1980 to 1993 he served on the Board of Directors of his alma mater, and in 1993 was named its President, which position he still holds. In 1995, he earned a Master of Theological Studies Degree from Louisiana Baptist Theological Seminary in Shreveport. He earned a Doctor of Divinity Degree in 2000 from Baptist Christian College in Shreveport.

Besides serving as President of Arlington Baptist College (ABC), David currently travels on weekends and five weeks each summer with their ensemble to thank the supporting churches and to recruit students and workers for the cause of Christ. Over the years he has made numerous missionary trips to Mexico, Central and South America, and Hawaii.

In 1967, David married Vickie Henry, NHS class of '67. Their oldest daughter, Valarie, has given them three grandchildren. The youngest daughter, Amber, recently graduated from high school. Unfortunately, the middle daughter, Vanessa, died in 1990 at the age of 14.

David remarked about his Northridge days, "Though many years ago, I have never forgotten my experiences or friends as a student at Northridge High School. Northridge is forever in my heart."