

Charles Simpson, Pioneer in Charismatic Renewal Movement, Dies at 86

Pastor and author Charles Simpson, founder of Charles Simpson Ministries and pioneer in the charismatic renewal movement, died on Feb. 14 at age 86 after an extended illness. His son, Stephen Simpson, who now leads CSM, announced his father's death on social media:

The elder Simpson had a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit in the 1960s and, as he shared this experience, he became a part of the worldwide charismatic renewal, serving in leadership with icons such as Don Basham, Bob Mumford and Derek Prince. He co-founded Covenant Life Church in Mobile, Alabama; helped launch "New Wine," a charismatic Bible-teaching magazine, in 1969; served on the board of Integrity Media and wrote numerous books.

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In 2013, Chosen Books released his "Straight Answers to 21 Honest Questions About Prayer," which became his bestselling book. Simpson also contributed commentary for the Spirit-Filled Life Bible.

Born in New Orleans in 1937, he graduated from William Carey College and attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife, Carolyn Dix Simpson, whom he married in 1960, preceded him in death in 2008.

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