

# Megachurch Pastors Joel Osteen, TD Jakes Partner on MegaFest Dallas

Thousands of attendees from some 40 countries are expected in Dallas for Bishop T.D. Jakes' MegaFest Aug. 29-31.

The three-day festival is returning to the United States for the first time since 2006 and will be held at the Dallas Convention Center, American Airlines Center and other venues throughout the city. MegaFest marries four of Jakes' most popular conferences: ManPower, Woman Thou Art Loosed, Mega-Youth and Mega Kidz, with plenty of faith, entertainment and business features for the entire family.

Pastor Joel Osteen and his wife, Victoria, will headline the event along with Jakes. Other nationally known guests include Bishop I.V. Hilliard, Jasmin Sculark, Marvin Sapp, Pastor Sheryl Brady, E. Dewey Smith and Pastor Chris Durso.

MegaFest seeks to guide attendees in finding God's true purpose for their lives. Jakes encourages men, women and youth looking for answers and encouragement to join him at the festival for a chance to recommit their faith and heal from life's struggles.

"It doesn't matter who you are or where you are in life, everyone is looking for answers, and MegaFest is the place to find them," says Jakes, who started MegaFest in 2004. "Whether you come on your own or with family and friends, one thing is for sure: People attending MegaFest will find joy, fun, great music, encouraging community and powerful messages of inspiration, hope and purpose."

MegaFest's four signature events include:

- **ManPower:** A high-energy experience of powerful biblical teaching, worship and personal reflection, ManPower is an event for men of all backgrounds to hear from major sports figures, entertainers and world leaders about building a purpose-filled life.
- **Woman Thou Art Loosed:** Focused on women seeking answers and spiritual guidance, this event features appearances by nationally recognized entertainers and is comprised of talk sessions, powerful preaching, biblical teaching and worship to encourage and inspire.
- **Mega-Youth:** Featuring popular youth-focused entertainers and speakers, Mega-Youth provides a forum for young people to find answers and encouragement and a chance to enjoy an energized experience of faith, purpose and community.
- **Mega Kidz:** Mega Kidz is an adventure crafted just for children to give them a memorable MegaFest experience in a secure environment.

Tickets for the three-day men's and women's conferences are \$50 per person, while three-day admission to the youth and children's conferences are \$20 per person; discount family and group packages are available. Participants can register online.

MegaFest has welcomed more than 700,000 attendees since its inception in 2004. Past speakers and performers have included Aretha Franklin, Steve Harvey, Dave Ramsey and Cirque du Soleil. This is the first time MegaFest is hosted in Dallas.