

Popular Megachurch Pastor Dies From Cancer at 54

Megachurch pastor Rodney J. Washington Sr. died Tuesday after a battle with cancer. He was 54.

"Apostle R.J. Washington has been a voice for humanity and an oracle of faith. He steadily sought to compel people to be drawn to the love of a forgiving God. His example of stewardship and love will forever be held close to all of whom he and his wife touched. His contagious laughter and winsome smile will be remembered through the annals of time and his legacy will never fade," according to a statement on his Facebook page.

"With the heart of a servant leader, apostle Washington has fought the good fight, he has finished the race and he has kept the faith. We are certain that he has now heard, 'This is my son in whom I am well pleased,'" the statement continued.

Washington founded Titus Harvest Dome Spectrum Church in 1985.

According to his website, Washington became a Christian at age 16 and felt God's calling to go into ministry.

He soon met his wife, April, and married her in 1982. They have three children, Rodney Jr., Glorie and Titus.

Washington founded THDSC in his apartment before it grew into a storefront and eventually onto a campus.

"It is our desire in this moment that each of you will lift apostle Washington's wife, prophetess April Washington, his family and the Titus Harvest Dome Spectrum Church family in prayer. We kindly request that the family be given time to grieve this enormous loss and honor the great man of God apostle Washington has been to so many," the statement

continued.

“We will make the community aware of our plans for the celebration of his life in the days to come. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love, kindness and understanding.”