

Southern Baptist Pastor Wins the Prestigious William Seymour Award

Apostle Fred Berry, CEO of the Azusa Street Mission, announced that Pastor William. Dwight McKissic Sr. was the standout nominee for the prestigious William Seymour award. This award recognizes a pastor or leader in the Christian community who carries the spirit of unity like Pastor William Seymour, founder and leader of the Azusa Street Mission. The Azusa Street Revival burst on the scene of history in April 1906 during a time of rampant racism in America. *Life* magazine said the Azusa Street revival, led by Seymour, was one of the 100 most significant events of the past millennium. Honoring Pastor William Seymour, the award is given to national and international leaders. William Seymour Award recipients are recognized for years of dedicated service in ministry, integrity and leadership.

Fred and Wilma Berry, founders of the Azusa Street Mission & Historical Society, have been awarding pastors and leaders the William Seymour Award since 2006. Prior recipients of the W.J. Seymour award have been: Bishop Charles E. Blake, the COGIC presiding bishop; Pastor Sunday Adelaja from Kiev, Ukraine; Dr. Patricia Bailey-Jones, USA; Apostle John Eckhardt, USA; Dr. Myles Munroe from Nassau, Bahamas; and Apostle Sam Korankye Ankrah from Accra, Ghana; Pastor Jabes de Alencar, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Lou Engle of The Call ministry; CEO Al & Hattie Hollingsworth, founders of Boss the Movement; Bishop TD. Jakes, Pastor of the Potter's House in Dallas, Texas and Pastor Bonnie Chavda of Chavda Ministries International in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The William Seymour award will be presented during the annual Azusafest celebration on April 6, 7 and 8 2018 at 312 Azusa

Street downtown Los Angeles. This year's festival will include a prophetic conference and special worship with Apostle Ron and Tyda Harvey, founders of Gathering of Tribal Nations and many other First Nations Navajo ministries. Azusafest will feature a prophetic school, the "Awakened" movie *Premiere* and many other speakers.

Fred and Wilma Berry carry on the history of Azusa Street as international representatives through the Azusa Street Mission. The organization's mission is to carry the flame of Azusa Street to the next generation throughout the nations of the world.

"There is an expectation of the fulfillment of William J. Seymour's prophesy of a greater revival spreading all over the world like unto the Azusa Street Revival," said Apostle Berry, "It is an appointed time—God has chosen this nation for this hour—our theme this year is 'All in one accord and in one place' (Acts 2:1). We are praying for leaders to come together in unity at Azusa Street to unlock a catalytic and synergistic wave of God's spirit for the last day's harvest and revival."