

## **Reverend, Dr. Rueben Yisrael Dockery, Sr. Professional Biography**

Reverend Rueben Yisrael Dockery, Sr., M.Ed., Ph.D., currently serves as the pastor of Beythel Family Church and is the founder and executive director of Building Families & Communities (BFC) Missions Incorporated - a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization in Nashville, Tennessee. He's a Thirty-two-year resident of Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee. He has been happily married for twenty-four years. Together he and his wife (Mrs. Shanita Coleman-Dockery) have two grown children, a daughter and a son. While both of his children started in Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, his daughter (Kayla) is a 2015 graduate of Hillsboro International Baccalaureate High School and is currently working as a professional Nanny in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His son (Rueben Jr.) is a 2016 graduate of Montgomery Bell Academy and is a 2020 graduating, Mechanical Engineering Major of Case Western Reserve University. His wife is a Family Nurse Practitioner and faculty member with Vanderbilt University. Reverend Dockery's academic studies includes,

- *Doctor of Philosophy* - K-12 Educational Leadership  
(Walden University, Minneapolis, MN)
- *Master of Education* - Leadership/Supervision  
(Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN)
- *Bachelor Arts* - History  
(Fisk University, Nashville, TN)
- *Associate* - Divinity Studies  
(National College, Chicago, IL)

Additional relevant experiences are as follow:

- In keeping with his determination to bring about proactive and transformational change in education, Reverend Dockery formally organized and founded DOCKERY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY on February 18, 2020, dedicating the institution to the memory of his late parents, Prophet Robert Lee Dockery and Mother Ethel Lee Dockery
- Reverend Dockery has run for public office as a 2019 Candidate for Metropolitan Council At-Large and a 2018 Candidate for Tennessee Senate District 19
- In 2008 he was appointed a member of an educational task force, by the Honorable, Mayor Karl F. Dean
- In 2005, his organization was approved by the Tennessee Department of Education as a Supplemental Education Service Provider, where he designed the programmatic model for tutorial services
- Reverend Dockery previously served as a teacher in the Metropolitan Nashville Public School System (2001 -2004, grades -9-12, Special Education Resource)
- Acting as an educational reform advocate, he proposed one of the first Charter School Applications in the State of Tennessee 2003/2004 partly while operating under a \$10,000 Tennessee Department of Education – Charter School Planning Grant
- Formally he worked as a treatment counselor for male youth sex offenders (Comprehensive Children Services, INC from 2001 – 2003)
- He was certified by the Tennessee Correction Academy as a youth development center supervisor 1997 and served in that role for a number of years