

Obituary: Marvin C. Delaney

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Marvin C. Delaney of Houston, a Texas Baptist pastor, died Oct. 6. He was 72. Delaney was born Oct. 12, 1947, in Le Compte, La., to Rogers Delaney and Marion Thompson Delaney. He graduated from LaMarque High School in 1966 and went to work for Shell Oil Company in 1968, where he met his future wife Georgia Gary. They had three children—Christopher, Demetra and Michara. He was licensed to the gospel ministry in 1989 and became associate pastor of South Park Baptist Church in 1990. After he left Shell



Oil in a voluntary restructure program, he was named interim pastor of South Park Baptist Church in July 1992 when Pastor George May retired. Delaney was ordained the following year and was installed as pastor of South Park Baptist Church on March 27, 1993. His educational background included studies at Alvin College, Texas Southern University, the University of Houston and the Houston Graduate School of Theology. He served on the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board and was a past moderator of Union Baptist Association and officer of Texas Baptists' African American Fellowship. He was involved in mission teams to Jamaica, Dutch Antilles, Colombia and Haiti. He was chair of the board of directors for the South Central Houston Community Health Center, in addition to other community involvement.