

Joshua Harper was born and raised in the rural town of Hartsville, TN, located right outside of Nashville, TN, which also happens to be the smallest county in the state of Tennessee. Joshua is also the first Black to receive the key to the city. In this rural town, he cut his teeth in the Black church, singing and eventually began preaching at 21 years old.

He has served as Senior Pastor of two local churches, one being his own ministry a few years later - a radical, social-justice, millennial driven, open and affirming community. Josh has had the opportunity to spend time in Lagos Nigeria where a seed was planted that began his revolutionary quest for social justice and Black liberation. Inspired by the works of Malcolm X, Zora Neale Hurston and James Baldwin, he now devotes his life on what he says as being "all things black, all things justice, and all things liberation."

He holds a B.S. from Bethel University, a Master of Divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary, and a Master in Higher Education Administration from Mississippi College. He is a member of The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He currently serves as the Associate Pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church, affectionately known as The Blackest Church in Memphis and Shelby County, and U.S. Government teacher at George Washington Carver College & Career Academy.

At the end of the day, Joshua is Jesus loving revolutionary Black man who ain't explaining himself as to why.