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BCNN1's 2012 Man of the Year

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The BCNN1 Man of the Year selection recognizes people of faith who impact culture and society with their Christian worldview. In Matthew 5, Jesus Christ calls His followers to be salt and light in the world. He states clearly, *"Ye are the salt of the earth...Ye are the light of the world."* This recognition highlights the men who have been salt and light in an increasingly dark society.

One of the most effective ways to challenge and influence culture is through the written word published on the largest communication medium in history -- the internet. These men have used the internet as a tool to speak out on important and controversial issues that shaped the news in 2012. This recognition highlights that contribution.



Why Dwight McKissic, Sr. was Chosen as BCNN1's 2012 Man of the Year

In 2012, Dwight McKissic demonstrated that he is a prophet in his own time. He spoke out on important issues in the areas of religion, politics, and culture. During an especially contentious election season, he provided a balanced view on key questions that many Christian voters struggled with. He was not afraid to go against his race at times, and he was not afraid to go against his denomination at times. He is a man who stands for God based on Biblical convictions.

BIO

William Dwight McKissic, Sr. is a prominent African-American Southern Baptist minister from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He is the founder and current senior pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas.

McKissic planted Cornerstone Baptist Church in 1983 in his garage. Today, Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas averages about 1,800 parishioners each Sunday. McKissic's vision is to continue developing a multi-cultural ministry that will eventually house a K-12 school, retreat and communications center, and also ministries to reach and mentor fatherless children. In addition to mentoring church planters, he is the author of several books including "Beyond Roots: In Search of Blacks In The Bible", "Beyond Roots II: If Anybody Asks You Who I Am", and "Moving From Fear to Faith". McKissic has served as a guest lecturer for schools such as Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he serves as a trustee, Criswell College,

University of Minnesota, Emory University, Southern Illinois University, Wheaton College, and Harvard University.

- [Read articles by and about Dwight McKissic on BCNN1](#)
- [Dwight McKissic's blog](#)

Samuel Rodriguez

In his own words, Samuel Rodriguez's purpose is to "reconcile Billy Graham's message with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s march." As the leader of the nation's largest organization of Hispanic Christians, he has wisely mixed evangelism and Biblical truth with social justice and concern for the culture. As America grows increasingly diverse, he is one of this nation's important voices and will continue to be so in the future.

BIO

CNN named Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, "The leader of the Hispanic Evangelical movement". The Wall St. Journal has identified him as one of America's 7 most influential Hispanic Leaders, and the only religious leader on the list. Meanwhile the San Francisco Chronicle described Samuel as one of the 6 Leaders of the New Evangelical Leadership. By God's Grace, Rev. Samuel Rodriguez stands today as America's voice for Hispanic Christianity.

As one of Newsweek Magazine's Top 12 People to Look For in 2008, and as the President of America's Preeminent Latino Christian Organization, Samuel is regarded as one of the most prominent voices in the Kingdom of God and as the lead spokesperson for the 16 million strong Hispanic American Born Again Christian Community. [Read Full Biography..](#)

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- [Visit the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference online](#)

Tony Evans

Dr. Tony Evans is a theologian and biblical preacher/pastor who saw the need to rise to the occasion and address key issues that affect Christians and the culture in one of the most tumultuous years in America's history. By providing a Biblical perspective on the election in his book and sermon series, titled *How Should Christians Vote?*, he helped many believers balance their Christian faith with their political views. His focus on getting Christians to live according to the "Kingdom Agenda" has helped many believers gain an understanding of their role in their families, in their church, and in their communities.

BIO

Dr. Tony Evans is one of the country's most respected leaders in evangelical circles. As a pastor, teacher, author and speaker, he serves the body of Christ through his unique ability to communicate complex theological truths through simple, yet profound, illustrations. While addressing the practical issues of today, Dr. Evans is known as a relevant expositor. New and veteran pastors alike regard him as a pastor of pastors and a father in the faith.

The first African-American to graduate with a doctoral degree from Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS), he served as an associate professor in DTS' Pastoral Ministries Department in the areas of evangelism, homiletics and black church studies. He continues to serve DTS on the Board of Incorporate Members. Dr. Evans holds the rare honor of serving as chaplain for the NBA's Dallas Mavericks over the last three decades, the longest standing NBA chaplaincy on record. He is also the former chaplain of the Dallas Cowboys.

Through his local church and national ministry Dr. Evans promotes a Kingdom agenda philosophy that teaches God's comprehensive rule over every sphere of life as demonstrated through the individual, family, church and society. [Read Full Biography..](#)

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Anthony Evans

As the president of the National Black Church Initiative, Anthony Evans has provided wise leadership on key issues such as promoting strong, biblical marriages in the Black community, helping Black families get out of debt, and getting more Black men in the church. After President Obama announced his support of homosexual marriage, he was not afraid to speak out for Biblical truth even though many of the churches that he represents supported Obama for president. His leadership among Black churches in America is a valuable asset to the Kingdom of God.

BIO

Rev. Anthony Evans has fought tirelessly to reduce health disparities, foreclosure, homelessness and black on black crime as well as promote financial literacy and help to preserve environmental justice across the country.

While still a college student, Rev. Evans mobilized local colleges in Vermont to donate \$15,000 to the investigation of the Atlanta child killings in the early eighties.

A native of Savannah, Ga., Rev. Evans earned a Bachelor's degree in Religion in 1981 from Middlebury College, Vermont. Rev. Evans was ordained in 1982 and went on to earn a Master's in Divinity in 1988 from Howard University School of Divinity.

He became NBCI's president in 1992 and continues to work on behalf of social and economic justice issues. He leads a coalition of 34,000 churches across the country fighting against health disparities, promoting financial literacy, protecting babies from abuse and neglect, and helping to preserve the environment. [Read Full Biography..](#)

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Russell D Moore

Through his books and his "Moore to the Point" blog, Russell D. Moore has been an important voice on theology, culture, and Christian living throughout the year. Even though he disagreed with President Obama on key issues, after the 2012 election he had the wisdom to help many conservative Christians put things in perspective in his article on [how Christians should respond to our "once and future president."](#)

BIO

Russell D. Moore is Dean of the School of Theology and Senior Vice President for Academic Administration at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he also serves as Professor of Christian Theology and Ethics.

Dr. Moore earned a B.S. in history and political science from the University of Southern Mississippi. He also received the M.Div. in biblical studies from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Ph.D. in systematic theology from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A widely-sought cultural commentator, Dr. Moore speaks frequently to issues of theology, culture, and public policy, having been quoted or published by many of the nation's leading news agencies and periodicals--including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, USA Today, and the Associated Press. [Read Full Biography...](#)

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