

Author Biography for **STEVEN FURTICK**



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Pastor Steven Furtick is the founder and lead pastor of Elevation Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, named by *Outreach* magazine as one of the fastest growing churches in the nation. He and his wife, Holly, have two sons and a daughter. They make their home in the Charlotte area.

Steven grew up in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, where at age 16 he felt God's call on him to start a life-changing church in a metropolitan city.

This vision became a tangible reality when Elevation was founded on the faith of eight families who risked everything. Selling their houses and quitting their jobs, they moved to Charlotte believing that God would turn this city upside down for His glory through the local church.

In just over six years, Elevation Church grew to more than 10,000 in attendance each week meeting at six locations. Elevation Church has consistently been named

one of the "10 fastest growing churches in America" by *Outreach Magazine*.

The heart of Steven's message is audacious faith and how to approach every experience from a visionary perspective. As a young voice in the Church with wisdom beyond his years, his passion for seeing God's purposes fulfilled is igniting a fire here in our city and beyond.

Steven attended North Greenville University, received a B.A. in communications and went on to complete a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Steven is the author of *Sun Stand Still* (Multnomah Books, 2010), a book that calls Christians to activate their faith and be inspired to ask God for the impossible. His second book, *Greater* (Multnomah Books, 2012), calls believers to stop settling for good-enough mediocrity or wishing for personal greatness, but to allow Christ in them to do "greater" things in and through their lives.