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Bio for Dayton Birt

Growing up in a Pentecostal Holiness church, Dayton Birt preached his first sermon when he was sixteen years old. However, soon after that, he encountered a time of rebellion, becoming addicted to drugs and alcohol. After a period of running from God and searching his soul, he finally came back to the Lord and was radically saved at the age of 18. Returning to his roots, he completed his BA in Religion from Emmanuel College (1980) and later received an MA in Christian Ministry from Regent University, graduating Magna Cum Laude (1988). He has now been in full time ministry for over 29 years. He served Liberty Christian Church, in Greensburg, PA, as an elder and Associate Pastor, starting a Christian School and a Bible Institute. In 1986 he became Senior Pastor at Living Word Church in Norfolk, VA serving for 12 years. From 1998 until 2007 he served on the Conference Executive Board and as the Executive Director of Church Education Ministries for Redemption Ministries. From 1997 until 2005, he also served on the General Church Education Ministries Board.

In June 2007, he was elected to serve as Bishop of Redemption Ministries, a network within the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC), of 71 churches and over 200 ministers. As Bishop he also serves on the Board of Trustees for Emmanuel College, on the Executive Board of Falcon Children's Home and a member of the Council of Bishops for the IPHC. He is the founder of Redemption School of Ministry, which equips students and ministers for ministerial credentials and leadership development. He has been privileged to preach, teach and evangelize in Canada, Romania, Hungary, England, Russia, Rwanda, Togo, and in Guyana & Trinidad, where a School of Ministry/Leadership Institute has been established. He also serves as a Leadership Consultant and a Mobile Advanced Trainer (MAT) with **Leadership Training International**. His passion is mentoring and coaching, as well as, consulting churches in church health and revitalization.

Dayton and his wife Lynn celebrated their 29th anniversary in September 2009 and currently reside in Chester, Virginia. They have three children, Carrie, Kristin and Katy and two granddaughters.