



Richard Allen Farmer

Pianist, Concert Artist, Bible Expositor,
Author and Pastor

Richard Allen Farmer was born in New York City, where he began piano studies at age 11 and became a Christian at age 12. As his faith and musicianship grew, they were blended, and today he uses his musical gifts as a vehicle for inspiring, motivating, challenging and entertaining the people of God.

Farmer graduated from Nyack College with a Bachelor of Music degree in 1975 and from Princeton Theological Seminary where he earned the Master of Divinity degree (1980). Farmer received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Gordon College in 1986 and the Doctor of Sacred Theology degree from Houghton College in 1999.

Prior to his present ministry Farmer served as senior pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Pittsburgh (1980-1988) and as dean of the chapel at both Gordon College (1988-1992) and Taylor University (1999-2002).

Very much committed to being a global Christian, Farmer has ministered in dozens of countries, including England, Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, Japan, Thailand, Australia, Guinea, Peru, Kenya, Canada, the Philippines and throughout the United States.

On the lighter side, Farmer is an animal lover. He has owned six monkeys, a chimpanzee, a ferret, and a colony of 26 hamsters. He is also a certified scuba diver, a motorcyclist and a licensed pilot. These days he flies his own airplane to most ministry engagements.

Farmer resides in Dallas, Texas, with his wife, Rosemary, and son, Timothy. Visit www.RichardAllenFarmer.com for more information.

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