
In Mayor Young’s own words he believes “that Philadelphia has made a huge step forward in our relationships, in our politics, and in our effort to bring change in our community.”

Mayor Young pledges to move Philadelphia forward by any means necessary. “We are going to work hard and we are going to pray hard. We are going to fuss and yes, we may fight, but the job is going to get done in Philadelphia.”

Young, 53, was born in rural Neshoba County and moved to Philadelphia as a small child in the early 1960s with his parents and three brothers and three sisters.

As a young man, he was laid off at U.S. Motors in 1975 and after about two weeks his father told him it was time to start looking for a job. “Back then my parents didn’t let us stay at the house,” Young said. “We had to go to work.

He landed a job as a housekeeper at Neshoba County General Hospital where then-hospital administrator Robert Turcotte Sr. saw his potential and sent him to school to become an emergency medical technician. Turcotte continued to put his confidence in Young, who went on to become the county’s first EMT and later an EMT-Paramedic, leading the county ambulance service for nearly two decades. Under Young’s leadership, the ambulance service rose to become one of the top five in the state and the first rural service to provide paramedic care.

Young is married to his beautiful wife Sheryl Young and they have one daughter, Shanda.

Young served nearly four terms as a District 5 supervisor before he was defeated in 2007.

Young is also pastor of a Pentecostal church in Louisville for the past 18 years.

Young speaks passionately about his love for Philadelphia and pledges to remain active and involved with a special emphasis on economic development, job creation, and constituent services.