



**Dr. Charles Herbert Thompson**  
“COACH”

Charles Herbert Thompson was born on May 24, 1945 in Kimball, West Virginia to Fisk University Coach Herbert “Bus” Thompson and Ardella Richardson Thompson, both of whom influenced and guided him along the paths of his academic, athletic, artistic, and entrepreneurship spirit. At Fisk University, Charlie played football and tennis while earning SIAC All Conference Team Honors in Football and pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He received his B.S. degree in Physical Education, before receiving his Master in Education degree from Tennessee State University, and his Ph.D. from LSU in Baton Rouge, LA. His resume included coaching and teaching swimming at Southern University in Baton Rouge, and at Dillard University in New Orleans.

In 1975, Charlie and his family moved to Tuskegee where he became the Head Basketball Coach and instructor in the Department of Physical Education. Special memories at Tuskegee include his basketball teams winning the 1979 SIAC Tournament, a regular season championship, and one of his players, Carl “Too Tall” Bailey, getting drafted by the Portland Trailblazers. He especially treasures the friendships he has continued with his former players.

While at Dillard, Charlie’s team needed tee shirts and he learned how to make them. When he came to Tuskegee, he duplicated this feat. Thus, Charlie Tee’s Silk Screen and Embroidery was established.

Special Recognitions/Honors include: The John W. Work, III Memorial Foundation Championship Award; Business Man of the Year by The Lay Council of Butler Chapel Church; The Exemplary Service Award by the Tuskegee Area Chamber of Commerce; SIAC Division 2 Coach of the Year; Macon County NAACP Freedom Fund Luncheon Honoree 2012; SIAC Sports Information Director; President of the Tuskegee Area Chamber of Commerce; President, Main Street Association; VP of Friends of the Tuskegee Airmen; Memberships at Clark Memorial United Methodist, Nashville, TN, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, and Bowen United Methodist Church, Tuskegee, AL.

Charles is married to Harriet (“Lyn”) Thompson. Their children are Charles Thompson, Jr., Eric L. Fowler (Tammi), Kellye E. Thompson, and Leslyn N. Poitier (Sean). Grandchildren are Ethan and Gabriel Poitier.