

Biography of Rev. Dr. Orville B. Jones, Jr



Rev. Dr. Orville & Lena Jones

Rev. Dr. Orville B. Jones, Jr. is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana. Our pastor was led to Christ by his mother, Sister Sarah L. Jones, and was baptized under the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. C. Henry Bell of Mt. Paran Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis. He acknowledged his call to the ministry in August of 1976.

After college and a short time in the AME Church, Dr. Jones united with the Light of the World Christian Church under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. T. Garrott Benjamin Jr. He studied under the tutelage of Dr. Benjamin for 8 years.

Dr. Jones served the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, under leadership of Rev. Alfred F. Barber where he was ordained to the gospel and became the Interim Pastor before moving to Illinois.

In 1986, Dr. Jones was called to Pastor First Baptist Church of Quincy, IL. Under his leadership, the church has undergone several renovations including the rebuilding of the front entrance, the installation of an elevator and the acquisition of several properties near the church. Several ministries were birthed through his leadership, among them, Parish Nurse Ministry, Family Church Night and our largest outreach, the Back-to-School Help Fair.

Dr. Jones past served as the Assistant General Secretary of Baptist General State Convention of Illinois. Dr. Jones also past served a four-year tenure as Moderator of the Historic Wood River Baptist District Association 2008-2012. Wood River Baptist District Association is the oldest continuing Association in the Nation. He presently serves as volunteer Chaplain at Blessing Hospital, Chaplain for the Police and Sheriff's Department.

Our pastor's educational pursuits began in the Indianapolis Public schools. He majored in Music and R.O.T.C. at Arsenal Technical High School graduating at the rank of Lt. Col. He matriculated at Kentucky State University where he majored in music. On Sunday February 21st, 2010, Dr. Jones was honored to receive the Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Isaiah College of Ministry and Seminary.

Through God's blessing he was chosen to lead the ministry aspect of several mission trips with some of our area physicians to Nicaragua where he taught and preached in the city of Managua and the villages of Tipitapa, and Tecumane. At the medical clinics, Dr. J shared as Pharmacist for the mission team. Under BGSC he participated in a mission trip to Antigua where he taught and preached the Word of God.

Dr. Jones is the proud father of five children, Cherrie (Dr. Terrance) Holder, Cherie (Deacon Joe) Jones, Orville B. Jones, III (Graduate of Vatterott College of Quincy), Christian Jones (Graduate of both John Wood Community College and Quincy University), and Christina Jones.

On May 12th of 2012 Dr. Jones united in Holy Matrimony to the former Sister Lena Renee Head of Macon, Mo. From that union came two daughters, Estalita Allen and Lindsey Logan.

On June 27th of 2021, we were blessed to celebrate Dr. Jones 35th Pastoral Anniversary with First Baptist Church.