

Ambassador **BLANGO ROSS, JR**

graciously serves as pastor of the **Strawbridge United Methodist Church** on the Frederick District of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Strawbridge is located in the rural hills of Carroll County, Maryland, on the outskirts of the New Windsor township. Blango's preparation for ministry began in the early 70's when he joined and regularly worshiped at the Timothy Baptist Church in west Baltimore, where the unique preaching, teaching, and full host of ministries inspired Blango and countless others— many of whom now function as leaders in families of faith across several denominations. Blango continues in the learned tradition of letting the Bible speak for itself and centering every function of church and community life on the infallible word of Almighty God!

Blango's guiding and favorite scripture is:

*The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are instructed
to know how to sustain the weary with a word. He awakens me
each morning; He awakens my ear to listen like those being instructed.*

[Isaiah 50:4]

Blango is married, has three children, and the family resides in Owings Mills, MD. Prior to Strawbridge, the family regularly worshipped at the West Liberty United Methodist Church in *Marriottsville*, and he also served 3 years as *ministerial assistant* at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in *Beltsville*.

According to Blango, people should know where they are in their *spiritual* development and openly acknowledge areas that need improvement. In every opportunity he attempts to call listeners to accept, rededicate, or revive the God-willing purpose for their lives. Having himself accepted God's 'call' to deliver the timeless offer of love and salvation, Blango now favors the words of the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians— chapter 9, where he writes:

²² *I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.*

²³ *Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you...*

²⁷ *But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.*

Blango Ross, Jr. is truly a 21st Century Ambassador of Jesus Christ!