

Pastor Tyrone P. Jones IV



Pastor Tyrone P. Jones IV was born in Augusta, GA to the late Reverend Dr. Tyrone P. Jones III and Carolyn Jones, both of Augusta, Ga. He was educated in the Richmond County Public School System of Augusta. In June 1990, he graduated with honors from Atherton High School in Louisville, Kentucky. Upon graduating from high school, Pastor Jones attended the prestigious Howard University in Washington, DC where he received a Bachelor of Administration degree in Criminal Justice in 1994. He was employed at the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) as a Federal Police Officer and rose to the rank of sergeant. Pastor Jones also sang background and lead vocals with gospel recording artist, Sam Kendrick's Nation of Holiness of Washington, DC, whose first album debut in December 1998.

In 1998, Pastor Jones also received a Master of Divinity Degree from the Howard University School of Divinity, where he was awarded the W.O. Carrington Award for "Most Gifted Preacher." Pastor Jones later earned a Master of Theology degree from Princeton (NJ) Theological Seminary in May 2010. In January 2008, Pastor Jones was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Minister degree from the New Freedom Bible College in Belleville, IL. Pastor Jones recently received his Doctorate of Ministry degree in African American Preaching/Homiletics from Colgate Rochester (NY) Crozer Divinity School. Pastor Jones is also a proud member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Pastor Jones was licensed to preach the gospel in October 1995 at Isle of Patmos Baptist Church, Washington, DC; and he was ordained there on August 4, 2001. While at Isle of Patmos, Pastor Jones served as an Associate Minister, Assistant to the Pastor, Sunday School teacher, Director of the Sunday School Incentive Program and Facilitator of Youth Affairs. On June 28, 2002, Pastor Jones was elected the fifth Pastor of Messiah Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He accepted the task with great joy and humility.

His affiliations in community, religious and civic organizations were many in Bridgeport and the surrounding areas. In September 2011, Pastor Jones tendered his resignation after 9 1/2 years of faithful service to Messiah Baptist Church and the Bridgeport Community.

Pastor Jones has written and published essays, articles, chapters and blog posts. He contributed a chapter entitled "How to Eradicate the Condition of Men-Who-Pause" in the book, *Sound the Trumpet Again: Messages to Empower African American Men*, edited by Darryl Sims (Judson Press, 2005). His sermon titled "Who Are You" was published in the summer 2005 issue of *The African American Pulpit*. (Martha Simmons, President and Publisher). Pastor Jones recently contributed to a book entitled "Mr. President: Interfaith Prospective on the Historic Presidency of Barack H. Obama," (Sims Publishing Group, 2017) which debuted at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on January 12th, 2017.

Pastor Jones is the fifth pastor of the historic First Baptist Church of Guilford (FBCOG) in Columbia, Maryland. Since Pastor Jones' arrival to FBCOG in October 2011, the church has experienced tremendous growth, spiritually and numerically. Pastor Jones and his family have been embraced by the FBCOG church family and surrounding community. Pastor Jones is married to the Reverend Dr. Elizabeth Regina Sapp Jones, of Morristown, New Jersey. They are blessed to have two children, Tyrone Phillip Jones and Emani Regina Sierra Jones. Pastor Jones looks forward to building on the legacy of First Baptist Church of Guilford, and witnessing the great things that are to come.

To God be the Glory!