

Born in Austin, Texas and raised in Port Arthur, Texas, Dr. Jamison Douglas Hytche Hunter brings both education and experience to the occasion of ministry and the preaching assignment. Since a teenager, he has championed the gospel message with great joy and passion and distinguished himself as one who is truly committed to the rigors of continuing education and academic excellence.

Dr. Hunter studied at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD, to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Master of Divinity from Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC, and; completed a Doctorate of Ministry from United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH.

Dr. Hunter is an inductee of the distinguished Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers of Morehouse College and author of “Beyond the Walls: Transforming Worshippers to Witnesses”. He served as the youngest doctoral mentor from January 2013-August 2019, to the Gardner C. Taylor Scholars—a confab of doctoral candidates whose focus centered on Prophetic Leadership, Social Justice, and Political Action. With a love for academia, Dr. Hunter currently co-leads another cohort of doctoral students who focus on Preaching and Leadership for Small to Mid-Size Congregations.

With an overwhelming call to serve and lead, Dr. Hunter began his pastoral ministry at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, as their 6<sup>th</sup> Pastor in November 2009. Under the power of God, he was used to effect fresh energy, trail-blazing initiatives and ministry implementations and notable growth into this traditional church context. Dr. Hunter’s leadership led the church in an internal campaign to liquidate \$600,000 balance owed on the multi-purpose facility. Most notably, a 2.2-million-dollar project was completed of a newly constructed worship and youth center and total renovation of the original sanctuary into administrative offices—all for the Glory of God. Doctor Hunter served Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church until his resignation in August 30, 2020.

Dr. Hunter furthered served as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Moderator, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Moderator and President of Congress of Christian Education of the Northwestern Ohio Missionary Baptist Association. He is a financial and active member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (The Boulé), and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

On July 11, 2020, Dr. Hunter was called to be the 8<sup>th</sup> Pastor of the Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church of Silver Spring, Maryland. With excitement in the air amongst pew and pastor, the half has yet to be told of what great things God has in store...

Having been nurtured in a distinguished tradition of Christian servant leaders, Dr. Hunter’s father (Dr. Jimmy D. Hunter) serves as pastor of the Toliver Chapel Baptist Church in Waco, Texas. His maternal grandfather (the late Dr. William P. Hytche) served with the distinction (28 years) as President of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Dr. Hunter and his lovely wife, Dr. Patrice, are the devoted parents of three children.