

Biography



Rev. Dr. Mark Wesley Bass was born January 27, 1961, to parents Riley and Jeannette Bass, in Norfolk, Virginia. He is a 1979 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. After graduating from high school, he furthered his education by attending Norfolk State University, and later transferred to Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina on a full scholarship, majoring in Music Education. Upon graduating from Saint Augustine's College with a BA in Music Education, Dr. Bass continued to further his education by earning a Master of Divinity Degree from Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia in May 2001. He has received an earned Doctorate of Ministry Degree from Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, North Carolina in May of 2013.

Dr. Bass is married to the lovely First Lady Patsy Webster Bass. The Lord blessed them with two wonderful children, Markee (Pamela) and Jasmin Bass. They have four grandchildren (Matthew, Sederick, Keemarion and Kennidi).

Dr. Bass was called into the ministry in June of 1994 and preached his initial sermon in June of 1995. He was ordained an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He served as pastor of Mt. Zion and Shorter's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Churches April 1999 until May 2002.

In July 2002, Dr. Bass relocated to Montgomery, Alabama. He joined the Shiloh African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Hope Hull, Alabama and was transferred into the South Alabama Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. In October 2002, under the leadership of Bishop Richard Keith Thompson, Presiding Prelate of the Alabama-Florida Episcopal District, Dr. Bass was appointed Pastor of Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Hayneville, Alabama in August of 2002. In April 2004, he was appointed Pastor of New Pleasant Valley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Hope Hull, Alabama where he currently serve.

Under his tenure, he led the congregation of New Pleasant Valley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church through an enormous building project and dedicated a brand new facility, equipped for the 22nd Century on Sunday, December 11, 2011. New ministries have been birth and the membership continues to flourish.

Dr. Bass is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He serves as a Trustee for the Alabama/Florida Episcopal District, Central Alabama Conference Holy Order's Committee, the Board of Christian Education the Director of the Credential's Committee and he is a member of the Central Alabama Conference Ministerial Alliance.

Since August of 2002, he has been employed as a school teacher with the Montgomery County Public School System, Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. Bass attributes all of his achievements and successes to the honor and glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.