

Reverend Marvin R. Wamble



Rev. Marvin R. Wamble is a product of a mixed household. Growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area, his mother was Pentecostal while his father was United Methodist. Rev. Wamble attended both churches. He was Methodist during football season because the services were only an hour, giving him plenty of time to watch his beloved Oakland Raiders. The rest of the year absorbed the high energy and soaring praise of Ephesians Church of God In Christ with his mother.

Growing up in the two denominations gave Rev. Wamble a strong foundation in the Lord. He accepted Christ while in high school as a member of Campus Crusade for Christ, but spent the next quarter century running and hiding from his calling. He finally stopped running, answering his call to the ministry 18 years ago. His preaching and teaching has been influenced by the many Pentecostal ministers experienced during his youth and the six years he spent at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, TX, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Dr. Tony Evans. His knowledge and understanding of the Lord and the administrative workings of the church matured during the 12 years he spent under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Conrad Parker and Rev. Dr. Diana Parker, retired pastors of Grace United Methodist Church in Fort Washington, MD.

Before accepting his first pastoral appointment, Rev. Wamble was the District Lay Leader for the Washington-East District of the Baltimore-Washington Conference for six years. He served on a variety of district and conference committees and served as the chairperson of the Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associates for four years. The graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, was named pastor of The South County Charge – Sollers UMC in Lothian, MD and St Matthews UMC in Shady Side, MD -- in July 2016. He is entering his 10th year of pastoral ministry. His areas of ministerial emphasis are storytelling, church administration, communications, outreach and making the dynamic connection between God's word and God's people. Prior to becoming a pastor, Rev. Wamble was an award-winning sportswriter and radio talk show host for more than a decade and served as a public relations executive for several Fortune 500 companies – learning the details of event planning, execution and assessment from his work with the U.S. Army.

The avid golfer and bicyclist is a playwright and award-winning author. His first book, *“From Tee to Green: Seeing God in the Middle of the Fairway”* received the Outstanding Leaders in Golf award from the African American Golfers Digest in 2011. He is putting the finishing touches on his second book and first novel, *“The Box: Finding God's Destiny in the Great Escape,”* which will be published in 2016. Rev. Wamble is the proud father of three – Alicia, Julian and Jenise and grandfather of two. He has been happily married to his partner in ministry, the former Anita Patterson (CLM) for 30 years. They met decades ago at Ephesians Church when she was 4-years old

Rev. Wamble preaches from the inspiration of **Galatians 1:11-12**:

“I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any human source, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.”