

## Biography of Jason Bird

Jason Bird holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from William Carey University, a Masters of Religious Education degree, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Additionally, he is a graduate of the United States Army's Command and General Staff College.

Jason has served as the senior pastor of McLaurin Heights Methodist Church, a Global Methodist congregation in Pearl, Mississippi, since 2019. Additionally, he is a citizen-soldier, serving as the command chaplain for the 66<sup>th</sup> Troop Command of the Mississippi Army National Guard.

In his role as a chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Bird has deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield. In 2020, he was the supervisory chaplain for the MSARNG Covid Task Force for the State of Mississippi. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Army Commendation Medal (6) and numerous other awards. He also earned a Combat Action Badge. He has written a book about his experiences in combat in Afghanistan, entitled "Knight Shepherd."

Dr. Bird joined the Sons of the American Revolution in 2015. An avid history buff, in recent years he has been asked to give many presentations to historic societies, to include the SAR, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the War of 1812, the Jamestowne Society, and others.

He and his wife Teresa reside in Madison, MS.