

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

5th Pastoral ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Timothy L.
ADKINS-JONES, PhD
SENIOR PASTOR

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Our Pastor

Rev. Timothy L. Adkins-Jones, Ph.D.

Rev. Dr. Timothy Levi Adkins-Jones is the Pastor of the historic Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. A son of the church, Rev. Dr. Adkins-Jones was led to faith in Christ at an early age by his grandfather, the Rev. Leroy Jones, at Pilgrim Journey Baptist Church in his hometown of Richmond, Virginia. Before being called to Bethany, Rev. Dr. Adkins-Jones faithfully led congregations in Massachusetts and Connecticut, building a young legacy of community activism and Christian service. He gladly serves as part of the Clergy Caucus for Faith in New Jersey, a non-partisan, multi-faith organization seeking social and economic change through policy and relationships.

Embodying the best of the Black preacher-scholar tradition, Rev. Dr. Adkins-Jones holds the PhD in Practical Theology with a Homiletics concentration from Boston University. He also holds a BA in Psychology from Amherst College, and an MDiv from the Boston University School of Theology. A sought-out lecturer and speaker across the nation, Rev. Dr. Adkins-Jones has taught courses in Homiletics and Polity as an Adjunct Professor at Yale Divinity School. He currently serves as Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. He has been featured on the "For Your Soul Sunday" Broadcast on SiriusXM UrbanView.

Rev. Dr. Adkins-Jones is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He is also the proud husband of Dr. Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones and the father of four loving and amusing souls - Sofia, Ezekiel, Isabella, and Judah Nwa' - who keep him young and busy.



Our Guest Preacher

Rev. Dionne Boissière, M.Div.

Chaplain, The Church Center for The United Nations

Rev. Dionne P. Boissière is the Chaplain of the Church Center for the United Nations (CCUN). Rev. Boissière is the first woman of African Descent to hold this position in the history of this New York ecumenical and inter-faith landmark. CCUN, owned by the United Methodist Women, exists to expand the ecumenical community's capacity and access to the United Nations, to bring greater voice to the broad moral and ethical concerns of the church in international affairs, peacemaking, and advocacy. As the chief spiritual steward of the CCUN, Rev. Boissière ensures that the Church Center provides sacred space, worship, hospitality, community advocacy, and a forum for partners and civil society to engage in transformative education that seeks to empower and build the things that make for peace.

Rev. Boissière received her Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in NY and served the seminary community for over a decade as Associate Director of Development and Alumni/ae Relations, staff/student facilitator, and guest lecturer. Rev. Boissière also serves as an Associate Minister on staff at the Mt. Aery Baptist Church in Bridgeport, CT. She uses her gifts of preaching, teaching & facilitation, conducting workshops for various churches, faith based and civil society institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Her vocational experience includes corporate, organizational leadership development & training, non-profit fundraising, socio-economic, religious & community improvement programming; women's religious studies; church stewardship, worship, and liturgy. She continues to provide leadership and support for several ecumenical and multi-faith institutions as well as academic and non-profit organizations. Rev. Boissière has been listed among those called the 'next generation' of black women ministers and has one of her sermons and prayer devotionals featured in two publications; Those Preaching Women: A Multicultural Collection (Judson Press) and Soul Sisters: Devotions for and from African American, Latina, and Asian Women (TarcherPerigee)

Rev. Boissière is the Chair of Ecumenical Women at the United Nations and serves on several international and community boards such as: The Bureau of the Committee of Religious NGO's at the United Nations, the International Humanitarian Outreach Ministries, Inc., the W.A.N.T.E.D. Project (community program for urban male youth), The Black Religious Scholars Group (BRSG), and Board Chair of WomanPreach! Inc.,-the premiere non-profit organization that brings preachers into full prophetic voice around issues of equity and justice.

She is the recipient of several awards including the Robert Wood Lynn Fellowship for exhibiting excellence in teaching and the ministry of education; The Caribbean Life Impact Award; The Women in Ministry State of NY, Rev. Dr. Renita J. Weems Trailblazers Award, the World Yoga Community Interfaith Leadership Award, and has been inducted into the Class of 2021 Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers.

Rev. Boissière continues to use her God given gifts and talents in every area of life and is called and committed to the ministry of relevant, wholistic, integrated teaching and preaching, global advocacy and activism. She is also a humble psalmist for God and uses the ministry of song as well as speech to proclaim of the life and liberty available to the world through the love of God in Christ Jesus.

THE LITANY OF CELEBRATION

Celebrating 5 Years of Service

Leader: God, down through the ages You have called forth leaders for Your people.

People: And for these gifts, we give You all glory, honor and praise.

Leader: In the Old Testament You called Moses, David, Deborah, Isaiah and so many others.

People: For their faithfulness, we give You all glory, honor and praise.

Leader: In the New Testament You called the twelve disciples, Paul, Thecla, Timothy, Aquila Priscilla, and so many others.

People: For their service, we give You all glory, honor and praise.

Leader: Still today You call people, young and old, to serve Your Church as pastors and leaders. Names like Rev. Leroy Jones, Dr. Prathia Hall, Dr. Jeremiah Wright and Rev. Dionne Boissiere.

All: As we worship You today, we give You all glory, honor and praise for all those who have served this church and especially for our current pastor, Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Adkins-Jones. Amen. Asé.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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8:00AM

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CHAPLAIN, THE CHURCH CENTER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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We've Come This Far by Faith*Now the just shall live by faith — Hebrews 10:38 KJV*

We've come this far by faith Lean-ing on the

Lord; Trust-ing in His Ho-ly Word,

He's nev-er failed me yet. Oh,

- Can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith. *Fine*

Stanza
Don't be dis-cour-aged with
*Just the other day I heard a man say he didn't believe in God's Word;

trou-ble in your life. He'll bear your
I can say God has made a way, He's never failed me yet,

(sing both times)
bur-dens And move all mis-er-y and strife, That's why we've
Thank God, We've

WORDS: Albert A. Goodson

MUSIC: Albert A. Goodson; arr. by Thurston G. Frazier

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*"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"
~ Romans 10:15*

Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Adkins- Jones,

On behalf of the Diaconate of Bethany Baptist Church and in commemoration of your Fifth Anniversary as the Senior Pastor at Bethany Baptist Church, we celebrate you, Reverend Timothy L. Adkins-Jones, Ph.D., Senior Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church-Newark.

You are a true example of a man who earnestly seeks to serve the Lord with all of his heart and with a spirit of excellence. We appreciate you for your countless hours of labor in love for this ministry, and your encouragement to grow in our faith and imagine new ways to minister to God's people with love, kindness and compassion.

Your achievements in our church and our community carry on Bethany's great tradition of service, civic engagement, and social justice. In the midst of a global pandemic, your steady leadership has guided and anchored us, as we have learned new ways to worship and fellowship and care for one another. Your witness helps us to see our last five years together as steppingstones to our future, to reimagine and rebuild in a post pandemic world, to new horizons with limitless possibilities.

We honor you for all you do each day, for the last five years that you have poured into Bethany and the things you have sacrificed for ministry. You are a difference-maker and a life-changer and we are grateful for your beautiful expression of faith. We, the diaconate of Bethany Baptist Church, church members, their families and friends, love you and thank you for your leadership, your faithfulness, and your heart.

May God continue to bless you and your family,

The Deacons of Bethany Baptist Church-Newark
Harold W. Fullilove, Chair

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Rev. Timothy L. Adkins-Jones, Ph.D., Senior Pastor



Dear Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Adkins-Jones,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my honor and privilege to congratulate you on your 5th Anniversary as Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church. We are thankful that God has blessed Bethany with a spiritual shepherd, preacher, and teacher who is accessible, compassionate, and thoughtful. We admire your ability to be inclusive with your ministry with respect to one's race, gender, ethnicity, and/or social economic status.

You have touched the lives of our church family and the community at large with your profound ability to keep us connected throughout a Pandemic; and a myriad of other social crises in the United States and globally. Through your savvy media awareness, you have further expanded Bethany's ability to spread the gospel internationally.

Thank you for streaming our worship services every Sunday, Special Events, Bible Study (with Story Time) on Wednesdays, the Daily Prayer Call (Mathew 6:9), and encouraging our many ministries to meet via Zoom and or by Phone Conferences, to keep us all connected during these challenging times. You have displayed a domestic consciousness of love, respect, and dedication to the Bethany family.

We look forward to many more accomplishments under your leadership.
Congratulations and best wishes Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Adkins-Jones on your 5th Anniversary as Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church.

In Christ,
Arromica Cook, Board of Trustees, Chair



Reverend Timothy L. Adkins-Jones, Ph.D.
Senior Pastor
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Pastor,

On behalf of the Ministers, we are encouraged because of your strong determination to persevere. Without putting too much focus on the negative, we mention only for the sake of emphasizing what the Lord is doing through you, that we have been indeed challenged and have learned to overcome the circumstances of the times. Nevertheless, you have embodied a more excellent way of how pastoring during a pandemic ought to be; for this we are grateful to learn from you and serve alongside you.

Of course, our highest praise goes to our God for looking in favor upon us and for illuminating the way that leads to a high time of worship, praise, adoration and thanksgiving on this day. We, also, thank our God for smiling upon this congregation 5 years ago when He planted you here. We are even more certain that our God will continue to unfold before us what He has in store for us; allowing us to join in with the psalmist who once wrote, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes (Psalm 118:23 KJV)."

On this day, we celebrate you. On this day, we thank God for you. On this day, we join in with the whole cloud of witnesses who are cheering you as you continue to journey on. Our hearts are overjoyed because of what God is doing between Pastor and People. You have stayed the course; you have kept the faith; and you have given us a glorious example of what to follow. Thank you for hanging in there with us, for weathering the storms for us, and for rendering an unwavering commitment to God, and for contributing to the effort of Kingdom Enterprise.

Because of Christ,

The Associate Ministers of Bethany Baptist Church-Newark

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Dear Tim and People of Bethany Baptist Church,

I have received word that this coming weekend is the 5th anniversary of your relationship as pastor and congregation. On this high and holy day, please allow me to extend my congratulations to you, Tim, and to all the people of Bethany. As Tim's one-time doctoral supervisor, I feel pride and gratitude for his many accomplishments. He is that rare combination of an excellent scholar *and* a high profile, accomplished preacher. In my occasional visits to Bethany over the last few years, I could not help but notice how you, people of Bethany, have been supportive of Rev. Dr. Jones' work to get where he is: an engaged pastor of a renowned church and a rising star in the field of homiletics. Thank you, people of Bethany, for supporting Tim through his work at BU. But above all, I congratulate you all for this special anniversary of your relationship together and wish you all the best in your shared ministry and faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

David Schnasa Jacobsen, Ph.D.
Bishops Scholar in Homiletics and Preaching
Director, the Homiletical Theology Project
Boston University School of Theology

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Rev. Timothy Adkins-Jones, PhD
Bethany Baptist Church-Newark
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Dear Tim,

I am delighted to congratulate you on this joyous occasion! It is a great honor to celebrate you and your pastoral leadership for the last five years at the historic Bethany Baptist Church-Newark. I can only imagine that the congregants of Bethany feel as lucky as our students here at Union to be able to hear your voice, your preaching, and your theological approach.

You exhibit the best qualities of what we hold dear here at Union Theological Seminary – a commitment to social justice, a broad understanding of the realities of our time, and a deep grounding in the Christian tradition. Your ministry reaches beyond the congregants at Bethany, beyond the classrooms here at Union, and into the virtual sphere, allowing more and more to hear the call of your message, to join in the community – in the intentional space being created – in fellowship, love, and engagement.

So, on behalf of the Union Theological Seminary community, we celebrate this day with you and with the Bethany Baptist Church-Newark community. Happy anniversary to a wonderful pastor and spiritual mentor. May you continue to walk in the light of justice and love and lead with the compassion and spiritual understanding we honor you for.

Peace,
Serene



Rev. Dr. Serene Jones
President of the Faculty,
Johnston Family Professor for Religion and Democracy





Fish Sandwich Heaven Podcast
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Dearest Rev. Dr. Timothy Adkins-Jones,

What a delight it is to celebrate the occasion of your pastoral anniversary! God is glorified when Pastor and People come together to witness freedom together.

I appreciate the mark you have left on my life. Serving as your Teaching Assistant was a true honor. Watching you teach *was* watching you pastor. And watching you pastor *is* watching you teach. You have a passion for people that comes from a very deep place. My greatest prayer for you is that you never let go of God's hand. God will never let go of you, so long as you want to be held. And even then...

Today's celebration is about God's people. And yes, you are one of God's people! May the wisdom of the ancestors who gathered in a Newark house in 1870 never be lost on us now. I pray that their sacred blueprints make themselves clear to you. I hope that you continue to be a student of history, of people and of God's word. We all benefit.

It's Always Love,
Minister Candace Simpson
Lead Writer and Voice of the *Fish Sandwich Heaven* podcast

“Social justice should be the underlying goal of all humanity.”

-Alan V. Lowenstein, Institute Founder



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Rev. Adkins-Jones,

Congratulations on this milestone of five years of service to Bethany Baptist. I recall when you first came to lead this church and cannot believe that half a decade of your inspirational leadership has passed.

Our tenures at the helm of two Newark institutions have run in tandem, and it has been a privilege to partner in serving our community together. Your activism and Christian service are a shining light here.

As the shepherd of this congregation, you so ably lead with your words and by example. You inspire each person you touch to be their best self. Your passion and compassion are manifest in sermons and deeds.

I thank you for being such an integral and valuable member of the Newark Community. Our might city is made stronger for your presence. The Institute is better for having you as a Trustee, and I am honored to count you as a friend.

I look forward to the great things you will do as you continue your important and impactful ministry in the historic Bethany Baptist.

May the next five years be even more glorious than this half decade that we mark today.

Onward!

Ryan P. Haygood, Esq.

President and CEO

Congratulations Rev. Dr. Timothy Levi Adkins-Jones

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It is a great pleasure and honor to write this letter of congratulations to the Reverend Dr. Timothy Levi Adkins-Jones. He has been a great partner with Salvation and Social Justice, as well as a major prophetic voice for the youth, drug policy, and justice issues in the state of New Jersey. He is a critical and authentic voice that hails from a great tradition of leadership at Bethany.

I am blessed and privileged to be in ministry with Reverend Dr. Adkins-Jones. He is a true example of Christ like liberation ministry whose goal is to preach the good news to the poor and bind up the broken. He is a true community pastor.

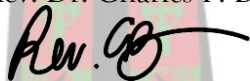
I wish him all the best in continuing to grow with Bethany Baptist Church.

May God bless you in all you do.

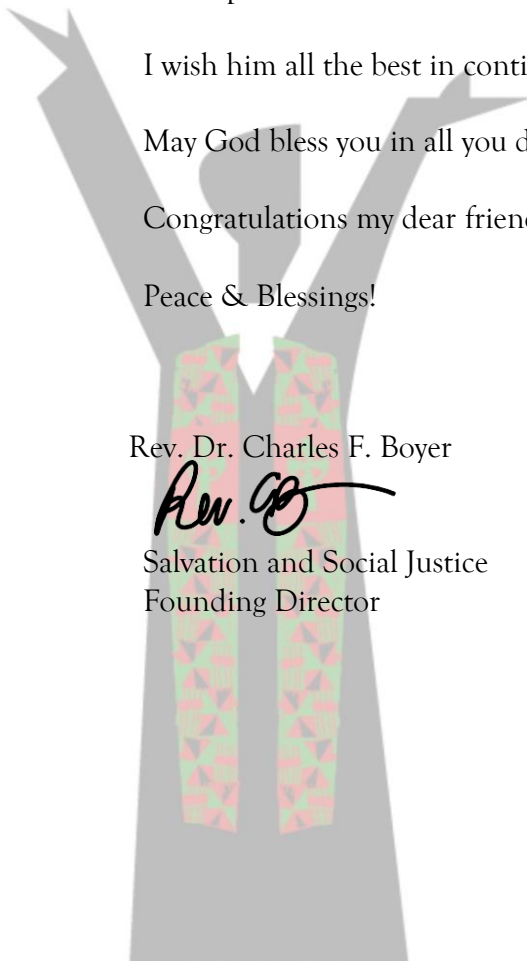
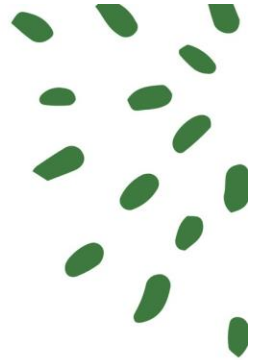
Congratulations my dear friend!

Peace & Blessings!

Rev. Dr. Charles F. Boyer



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