

The Reverend Dr. Melvin T. Blackwell

Dr. Blackwell, is the Senior Pastor of the Little Zion Baptist Church, Smithfield, Virginia, whose ministry focus is “Kingdom Living”. He currently resides in Chesapeake, Virginia with his lovely wife Jackie. They have four children: Alexandria, Melvin II, Marcus, and Nijeria.

Pastor Blackwell holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Virginia University of Lynchburg. His doctoral dissertation was entitled, “Body Shift: A Model to Shift Church Members into Lifetime Kingdom Disciples”.

Pastor Blackwell is a member of the following organizations: The Tidewater Board of Directors for the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, formerly the Virginia Conference of Christians and Jews, where he serves as Vice Chair, The Board of Trustees for the Richmond Virginia Seminary, The Historical Tidewater Metro Baptist Ministers’ Conference of Virginia, where he serves as the 1st Vice President, The Executive Board of the Hampton University Ministers' Conference, The General Board of the Baptist General Convention, and The Lebanon Virginia Baptist Association, where he serves as the President of the Clergy Division. A former member of The Executive Board of the Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc., where he also served as the Director of the Young Pastors and Ministers Department, the Director of the Christian Education Department, and as Assistant Dean of the Congress of Christian Education. He’s also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Dr. Blackwell is the founder of Back Home Ministries, where the focus is kingdom teaching, training, technology, and publishing. He is the executor of the Pastor’s U(niversity) Lectures and Forward Leadership Conferences for Pastors and Church Leaders. He is a sought-after lecturer and workshop facilitator. He is the author and developer of SermonDex; Sermon Indexing Computer Software for Preachers. Pastor Blackwell fulfills his missionary calling through his support and periodic trips to the people and nation of Kenya, Africa.

Dr. Blackwell hearts’ desire is to be obedient to what God commanded unto him one early September morning in 1998; “Walk in My ways, Follow My commandments, Feed the Flock”.