



## Rev. Ivory Jones III

Pastor Ivory Jones III was born on September 10, 1967 in the city of Cleveland Ohio. He is the youngest of six children and only son. He is affectionately known as “Kip”, his nickname amongst his relatives and close friends. Pastor Jones grew up a talented and unique individual. He attended the Cleveland and East Cleveland public schools and is a 1986 graduate of “the mighty cardinals” Shaw High of East Cleveland. He graduated with a High School Diploma as well as a Commercial Arts Diploma Certificate.

Pastor Jones aspired to become a graphic designer and in 1986 through 1989 he studied commercial arts at the Tri-C eastern campus as well as the Cleveland Institute of Art. During this time Pastor Jones felt that overwhelming pulling and calling to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. He immediately heeded the call into the Gospel Ministry and professed his conviction to preach. He preached his first sermon from (St. Matthew 6:33) entitled “God’s will for my life”, on the second Sunday of June 1991 at the Starlight M. B. C. on youth day. Pastor Ivory Jones III has been a member of the Starlight M. B. C. in East Cleveland, Ohio since September of 1983 where he received Christ as Savior.

Pastor Ivory Jones III served as pastor of the Shepherd Inspirational M. B. C. of Cleveland Ohio from May of 1994 until his call to the Grace M. B. C. in May of 2003. As a pastor, teacher, friend and brother he has never changed in his conviction or commitment to be a blessing to all God’s people. He is a visionary leader, always aiming at enhancing and advancing God’s Kingdom. He is an excellent expositor and teacher of God’s word.

Pastor Ivory Jones III has prepared himself for the various challenges of ministry through the study of God’s word. He has attended many biblical schools, workshops, seminars, retreats, conventions and conferences in order to sharpen his skills. He is a 1996 graduate of the Baptist Bible Institute. He attended the American Baptist College, Cleveland Extension, the Temple Bible College, Cleveland Extension from 1998 till 2001. He’s a 2007 graduate of the National Baptist Convention Christian Education Division as an Instructor. He is a certified HIV & AIDS family counselor. He is a member of many National, State and Regional Baptist affiliations and fellowships. He is a leader amongst his peers. He is **President of The Baptist Pastors Council of Cleveland & Vicinity** as well as past First Vice President of the Minister’s Conference of Cleveland. He is former First Vice Moderator and current **Second Vice Moderator of the Union Missionary Baptist District Association**. He is media chairman for the United Missionary Baptist State Convention of Ohio and is also Recording Secretary for the Greater Cleveland Faith Based Initiatives Organization. **He is the current Chairman of the Pastors and Ministers Division within the United Missionary Baptist State Convention of Ohio. He is currently a Trustee and Instructor at the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland.** On June 8, 2011 he was awarded a Doctor of Divinity for the Liberty Baptist District Association and Moderator Dr. A. E. Williams. On October 23, 2011 in Nassau Bahamas he was awarded a Presidential Leadership Citation Award at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Holy Convocation of the Mission Consortium Baptist Church and the Atlantic Bible College by Dr. R. E. Cooper Jr., President. Pastor Jones has preached in many settings on shore and abroad.

Pastor Jones is a loving husband and father. He believes in the power and preservation of the family. He and His lovely wife, Michelle Katherine Jones makes not just a handsome couple, but a dynamic dual in the ministry. They were joined in Holy Matrimony on Sunday, January 27, 1991. They both love serving Jesus Christ and God’s people. They have been blessed by God with three special children; Camelle LaChelle (21years old), Charee Angel (18 years old) & Ivory IV “Buddy” (16 years old). All three children love and serve the Lord. Michelle has served as President of the minister’s wives & widows ministry of the union district association for the past five years. She serves in many capacities along side Pastor Jones.

Grace M. B. C. is blessed to have such a man of God who is humble enough to be loving, yet strong enough to be wise. Grace has many ministry opportunities for spiritual growth and service. Many new members have joined the church family and continue to join. Many new converts have been baptized. Over 30 ministries are up and operating strong. Under Pastor Jones’ leadership many improvements have been made such as; a New Elevator lift for the handicap, a New Ramp for the handicap, a New Power Point System and Screen, New Media Ministry System and Equipment, Renovation of all three rental properties, a New Roof on the church, New Tables and Chairs for dinner fellowships, New Choir Robes for mass choir, Remodeled & Enhanced Library, a New Commercial Stove & Commercial Refrigerator in kitchen, a New Church Van, New Church Steeple, Purchase of Storefront Property across from Church for ministry expansion and Many painting and repairs throughout and around the church. Grace is definitely on the move for Christ! Pastor and Family simply love God’s church and God’s people. They serve Jesus Christ daily knowing that their labor is not in vain in The Lord! Pastor Ivory Jones III is a man on the mission for God’s Kingdom Business. His Vision is to continue to “focus on God’s Glory” (I Corinthians 10:31). God Bless!