



Reverend O. Christopher Buckner was born in Albany, Georgia and raised in Decatur, Georgia. Committed to both vocational and educational advancement, he earned his Bachelor of Arts in communications from Howard University and his Master of Divinity from Palmer Theological Seminary at Eastern University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree from the United Lutheran Seminary as a Croft Fellow.

After being licensed and ordained in 2013 and 2015, respectively, his journey into full-time church ministry began while serving as the Associate Pastor of Worship and Arts at the Sharon Baptist Church in Philadelphia, PA under the pastorate of Bishop Keith Reed, where he provided oversight of over ten ministries including music, media, and dance ministries comprised of both paid and non-paid staff. Later, he served as Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Youth at the Peaceful Rest Baptist Church at the Shreveport, Louisiana, where he provided oversight for church-wide discipleship programming and programming for the Children and Youth ministries. He currently serves as the Associate Pastor of Discipleship at the Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, where he provides oversight to ministries catered to specific age groups such as Seniors and Young Adults, assimilation into church life and membership, intercessory prayer, provides training for associate ministers and other ministry volunteers. Additionally, he provides oversight for the church-wide discipleship opportunities while handling teaching responsibilities for Noonday Bible Study, as well as handling frequent preaching responsibilities.

He is also committed to ministry work outside of the church, having earned one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education while providing Pastoral Care as a chaplain at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 2013. He has also served as a Campus Minister for the Georgia Tech branch of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a para-church ministry dedicated to strengthening the relationship of college students and building Christian communities on college campuses.

Above all, he is grateful for the greatest spiritual lessons that he learned at an early age, first from his grandfather, the late Reverend Otis Buckner, and later while actively serving in various capacities throughout his childhood at the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia under the pastorate of the Reverend Jerry D. Black.

He is civically minded and active, serving as a member of the Faith Leaders of Color Coalition and the NAACP. Outside of ministry, he is a lover of The Lord, life, laughter, good music, and God's people.

