

*Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church*

*9 Church 8*

*Anniversary*

*"Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Future with Faith & Purpose" Matthew 16:13-19*



*Sunday - October 16, 2022*

*548 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street @ Austin Ave Port Arthur,  
Texas 77640*

*Rev. Vester Thompson Senior Pastor*

# *Happy Anniversary*

## *Eastern Star*



*Pastor Vester Thompson & Sis. Pamela*

*To give God the glory, give Him Praise and Worship, Proclaiming that He is worthy of these things, He is to be glorified, and I understand for those who don't know why - they would wonder why are we supposed to worship and Praise God. It's when they come to realize Who God Is, experience His Presence, How Amazing His Presence is, they would automatically want to Praise Him, when to Praise Him, when you Praise and Worship God, there is this Joy and fulfillment too you feel, You feel more alive than ever. To know God and continually be in communion with Him is the best thing anyone could experience, in fact that is why we were created, To Love God and He in turn Loves us, in fact; He first Loved us when He created us. God is Love, no words can describe how amazing God is, it has to be an experience, and so we worship and Praise Him, it isn't in pride that God desires worship as some may think.....so anyway that is what it is.....to do all things for the glory of God, only then those things are given meaning and purpose... no person can find fulfillment in this world until they find God, whether they know it or not, they will always feel empty inside, only the Love of God can fill that void, we can say that with confidence because that is what we've found in life. We feel for those who haven't come to that realization yet and even more for those who never will because they have already rejected God from the very beginning. God is not an intruder, He comes to those who truly want to find Him. God looks at the heart, even when we Praise and Worship, our lips could be moving, you could have the best voice singing, but it's the heart that God sees, that's what matters.*

# Reverend Delwin E. Benton,

## Senior Pastor



### LIFE

Reverend Delwin E. Benton is the Senior Pastor of Lyons Unity Missionary Baptist Church. He was born to Mr. Dalton E. Benton and the late Ms. Robin G. Curtis. He was reared and led by his maternal grandparents the late Rev. Franklin LaVergne and Mrs. Annie LaVergne.

### EDUCATION

Pastor Benton is a proud Vanguard graduate of Jesse H. Jones High School and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from Texas Southern University.

### MINISTRY

Pastor Benton acknowledged his call to the ministry on October 21, 1999. He received his license to preach God's Word on November 21, 1999, under the leadership of Pastor D.L. O'Neal and was ordained on August 19, 2006, by Pastor W.A. Jordan of the Lyons Unity Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor Benton has served in many capacities in ministry most notably as Youth Minister and Assistant Pastor at the Lyons Unity Missionary Baptist Church. In June 2009, Reverend Delwin E. Benton was called and given the awesome privilege to serve as the Senior Pastor of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

The thread of God's hand is interwoven into the tapestry of Pastor Benton's life and ministry. Although Pastor Benton has achieved many notable accomplishments, he is most known for his fervent preaching, undying diligence to the word of God and his intense commitment to serving the Lord through improving the lives of others.

As a result of Pastor Benton's continued yielding to the power of the Holy Spirit Canaan Missionary Baptist Church experienced miraculous growth both physically and spiritually through his leadership. Pastor Benton's ministry has experienced its picturesque days, but God has also led Him through his share of storms. One of the most memorable moments of his ministry was in August 2017, when God opened the floodgates of heaven, during Hurricane Harvey. God was faithful even through the storm.

Pastor Benton led this storm-scarred congregation through the trying time of remodeling, restructuring, and regrouping. God has continued to show Himself faithful in the life and ministry of His servant.

God continued to show Himself faithful during the Worldwide Pandemic called COVID-19. The universal body of Christ and the world were shaken when it experienced a stoppage of work and shortage of resources. It was against this dark backdrop and tumultuous time that Pastor Benton made sure that the Work of the Church did not go undone. There were many physical and technological amendments and service changes including upgrading of video and Social Media ministry. Even though the Church was limited in meeting, the church was not limited in Ministry!

God is a God who knows and changes the seasons of our lives. The winds of change are always favorable for the child of God no matter how unnerving. God had a plan and God was preparing to change the season of Ministry in the life of His servant Pastor Benton.

After 12 years of Faithful and Fruitful ministry at the Canaan Missionary Baptist Church and after much Prayer, Fasting, and trusting in God, Pastor Benton was led by Faith to Follow God!! God had done so much in the Land of Canaan, but God was not finished with His servant. Pastor Benton, through much fear and trembling and with a steady faith in an unchanging God, answered the Heavenly call and Accepted the Earthly call to come back Home to Pastor the Historic Lyons Missionary Baptist Church on April 23, 2022!

There is one Personal principle that has guided Pastor Benton's life and that is through it all God has been faithful!

### FAMILY

Pastor Benton is the proud husband of Mrs. Richarria Jessalyn Garrette Benton, M. Ed. They were wed on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005. They have been blessed with a wonderful son Dylan Garrette Benton, and beautiful daughter, Delaney Robin Ann Benton.

*Celebrating  
Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church  
98<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary*

*Master Of Ceremony*

*Toney Jones*

*October 16, 2022*

*11:30 a.m.*

*Prelude .....Music Ministry*

*Devotion .....Deacons*

*Remarks/Acknowledgement/Visitors*

*Celebration of Praise .....Mass Choir*

*Welcome .....Alisha Benjamin*

*Acceptance ..... Lyons Unity Baptist Church*

*Memorial... .....Pastor Vester Thompson*

*Prayer .....Rev. Lloyd W. Scott Sr.*

*Celebration in Giving .....Deacons/Visiting Deacons*

*(Benevolent, Tithes, Public Offering, Taxation)*

*Introduction of Speaker .....Pastor Vester Thompson*

*Proclamation of the Word .....Pastor Delwin Benton*

*Call to Discipleship*

*Benediction*

# *Pastor and First Lady*



*Pastor Vester & Sis. Pamela Thompson*

# *Ministers/Wives*



*Rev. Lloyd W. Scott & Sis. Hope Scott*



*Rev. Randy Martin*



*Minister Shelvin & Sis. Ada Jackson*



*Deacons & Deaconess Ministry*



*Trustees*



*Secretary*



*Sunday School  
Superintendent*



*Program Chairperson*



*Orientation Ministry    Decoration Ministry*

*Media Ministry*



*Greeter's Ministry*

*Directress*



*Women of the Star*



*Sanctuary Choir*



# *Male Chorus*



# *Parking Lot Ministry*

# *Music Ministry*



# *Ushers*



# *Youth Family*





# Mission Statement

*We, the members of the Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church, 548 E. 15th St.  
@ Austin Ave., Port Arthur, Texas,*

*As we seek to share in its entirety the good news of Jesus Christ.*

*We will Exalt The Savior with truthful and meaningful worship that is  
structured and spontaneous;*

*We will Equip The Saints by preparing believers in the Word of God, to do  
the work of God, by helping them to discover their God given gifts and talents;*

*We will Edify The Soul by ministering to the inner man by meeting emotional  
needs through Bible study, Prayer Service, Seminars, Revivals, Retreats and  
Bible School;*

*We will Enhance The Spirit's effectiveness by being obedient to leadership of the  
Holy Spirit as He leads us in the ways of God;*

*We will Encourage The Sufferer by providing a place where the lonely can find  
love, the helpless can find hope, the lost can find leadership and the guilty can  
find grace;*

*We will Enjoy The Society of people gathered together by way of fellowship  
that is filled with love, laughter, and living together in harmony;*

*We will Evangelize The Sinner by sharing the Gospel with the unsaved with  
every opportunity that is given, whether those contacts are family, friends,  
acquaintances, co-workers or neighbors.*



# Thank You

*It's through people like you that Jesus show His love for us, you are God's greatest blessing. We thank Pastor Benton and Lyons Unity Missionary Baptist Church for participating in this special day where we are celebrating ninety-eight years of service to God. To our visitors and our church family, thank you for praising and worshipping.*

*"To God be the Glory, great things he has done."*

