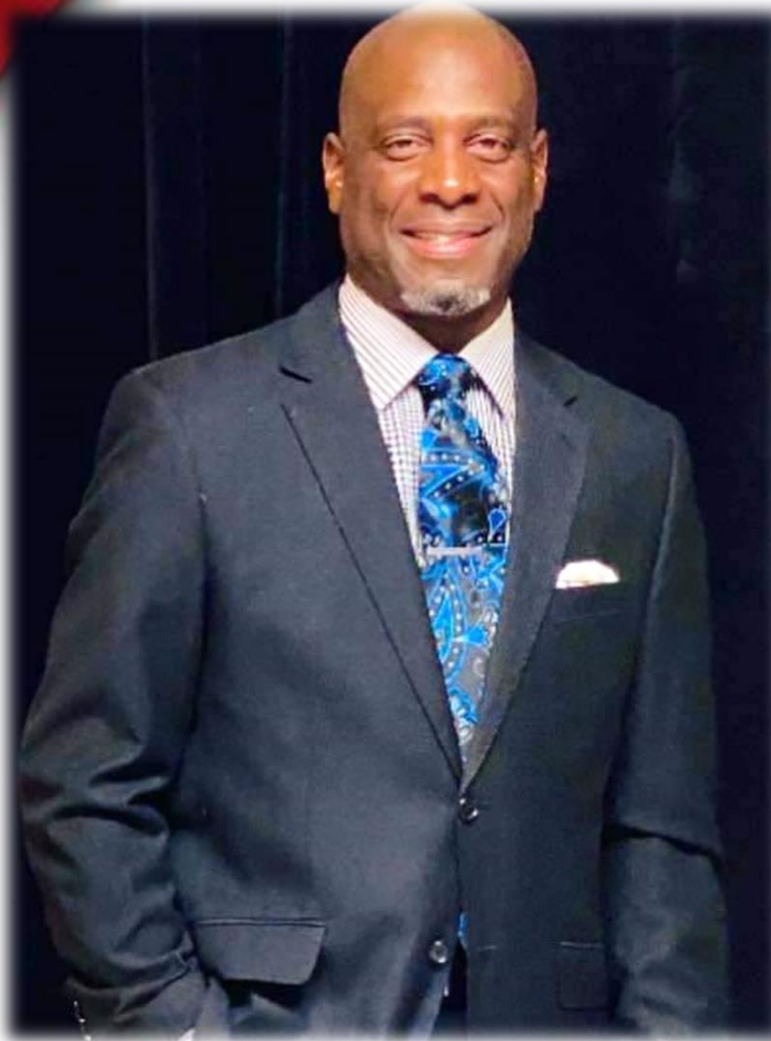


*The Pastoral Installation of
Rev. Vester Thompson, Jr.*



*Sunday, July 17, 2022, 11:30 a.m.
Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church
548 15th street
Port Arthur, TX 77640*

(Psalm 133:1)

“Oh, how good and how pleasant it is when God’s people live and work together in unity!”

We, the Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church Family, welcome you to this glorious day – the installation service of our

Senior Pastor, Rev. Vester Thompson, Jr.

We glorify God for the great things He has done!

At the recommendation of the former Pastor, Rev. Scott Sr. and under the Lord’s guidance, Rev. Thompson was presented to the Church for a vote. As a committee, we believed that who we needed was already in the midst of us. No further candidates were submitted to the church AND.....

Rev. Thompson received an overwhelming majority of the vote.

Thank you for joining this celebration, a major milestone in the life of our church.

In His service,

Pulpit Committee





Encouraging Words from the Family

Not many words can express how honored and delighted we are for you to lead “US” now in a new capacity as our Pastor. We have watched you devote your time and efforts to God, your service in our church, and as a husband and father. Your commitment and dedication to push past boundaries and achieve more is one of the attributes we admire most about you. Matthew 20:26 says “But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant (NLT Matt 20:26).” When it is not in God’s timing, you can not force it, but when it is in God’s timing, you can not stop it! Continue to stand firm in your faith and remember we are here standing boldly in your corner with all confidence that God will continue to cover you and this church.

We love you & we are so proud of you!

Team Thompson



"Formed by God's Power, Perfected by God's Grace."

Pastor Vester Thompson, Jr.

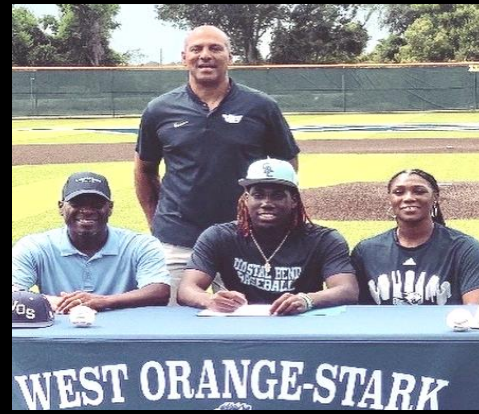
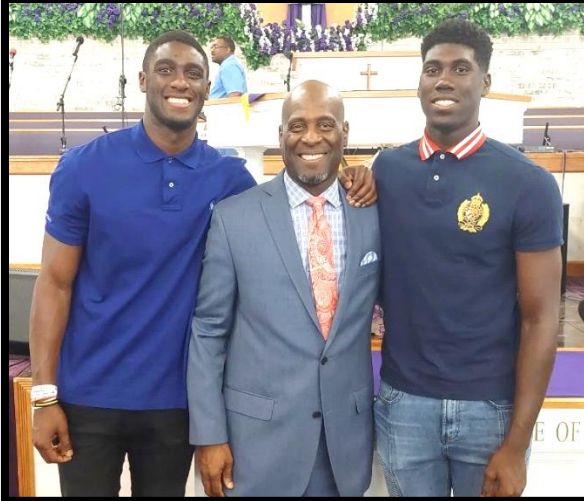


Rev. Vester Thompson, Jr. is a native of Dallas, Texas. He is a 1989 graduate of Franklin D. Roosevelt High School. He graduated from Wiley College in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. While attending Wiley, he was a part of a preaching staff that traveled the country to recruit students to attend Wiley. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He received a certification for expository preaching from the E.K. Bailey Conference of Expository Preaching in Dallas, Texas in 2007.

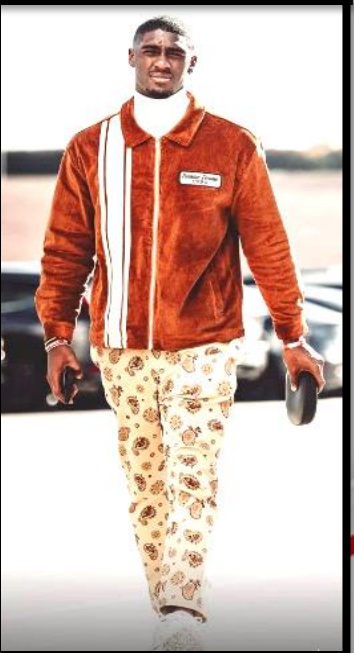
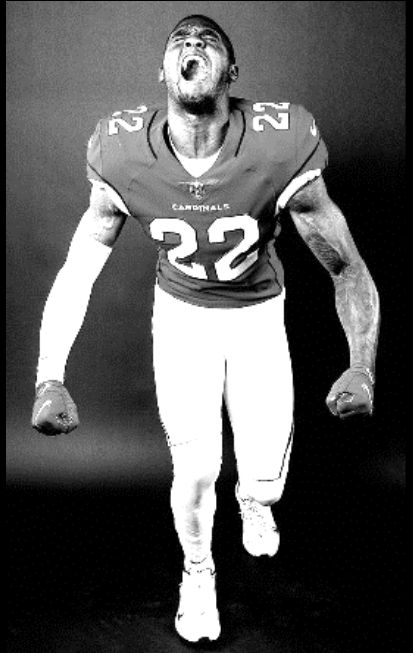
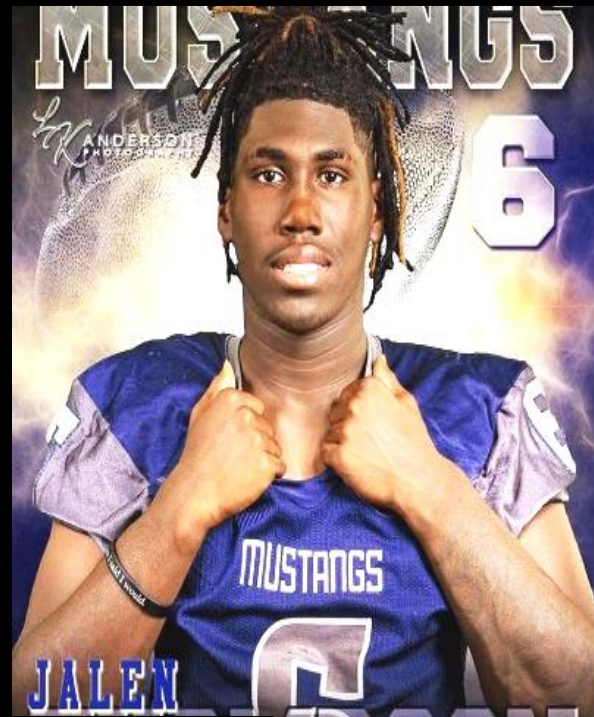
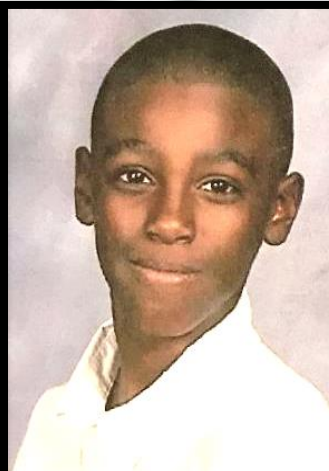
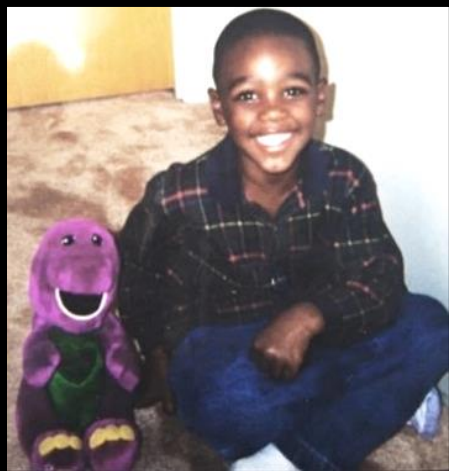
He served as the Youth Pastor at the Eastern Star Baptist Church from 2006 until 2021. He was later assigned the position of Assistant Pastor of Eastern Star in 2021 where he also served as Instructor for the Young Adult Ministry and the Single's Ministry. He also served as the teacher/facilitator for Wednesday night Bible Study. Under his leadership, Eastern Star has a worship service entitled W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday), every last Wednesday of each month.

He is employed with the U.S. Postal Service as Postmaster for the Kountze Post Office in Kountze, Texas. He is happily married to Pamela K. Thompson, and they have two sons (Deionte, and Jalen). His favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

Pastor and Family



Pastor's Family





Rev. Ronnie A. E. Crockett, Sr.

Reverend Ronnie A.E. Crockett, Sr., was born in Houston and raised in Tallulah, Louisiana by the late Clarence and Malisser Crockett. Reverend Crockett graduated third in his class at Rueben McCall Senior High School in 1978, and then attended Louisiana College in Pineville where he majored in religion with a history minor.

In 1991 he accepted the call to pastor the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Orange where he currently serves. Under his leadership the church has sustained growth in both its membership and its physical facilities.

Reverend Crockett has not only made an impact on the citizens of Orange through his ministry, he is involved with the city's civic matters. He has served on the Orange County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the West Orange Stark Intermediate School Cite-Based Management Team, the West Orange-Cove CISD Action Team and the City of Orange Master Plan Focus Group. He is actively involved with the National Baptist Convention USA, Vice-President at Large of the Congress at BM&E of Texas and is President of the Congress of Christian Education at Trinity Valley District Association.

For his achievement, Reverend Crockett has been recognized by the National Register of Commended Scholars, has been awarded the Tom Thumb Child Development Center's Outstanding Service Award and was honored by the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Beaumont Alumni Chapter for outstanding community service.

Reverend Crockett is married to Dr. Suzonne Holmes Crockett and they have four children: Susan, Millicent, Ronnie Jr. and Clarence. They have 12 grandchildren: Willie, Amari, Terran, Malissa, Prince, Macayla, Alexander, Jon Ashton, Alaynna, Maliah, Andree and Amir.

The Crockett's reside in Orange.

Celebrating
Order of Installation Service
Master of Ceremony – Darrell Anderson
July 17, 2022 @ 11:30 a.m.

PreludeMass Choir

ProcessionalPastor & Wife

DevotionDeacons

Celebration of PraiseMass Choir

Welcome Sheila Dumes

AcceptanceMt. Olive Baptist Church

Celebration of GivingDeacons/Visiting Deacons

Litany Pastor Aarons Reynolds

Charge to Church Pastor Kurt Washington

Charge to PastorPastor Belwin Benton

Prayer & Laying on HandsRev. Lloyd W. Scott Sr.

Celebration of PraiseMt. Olive Baptist Church

Proclamation of the WordPastor Ronnie A. E. Crockett, Sr.

Call to Discipleship

Words of AppreciationPastor Vester Thompson

Benediction



Litany of Welcome

For The Beginning of Our Journey

A church family is constantly changing. Individuals come and go in our church life. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share the time of welcome with Pastor Vester Thompson, Jr. whose time as our Pastor begins.

***Leader:** Pastor Vester Thompson, Jr. in the presence of this congregation will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the good order of the church?*

***Pastor:** I will, and I ask God to help me.*

***Leader:** Will you love, serve and pray for these people of God, nourishing them with the Word and the sacraments and lead them forward during this important time of change?*

***Pastor:** I will, and I ask God to help me.*

***Leader:** Will you lead these people of God in giving faithful witness to the Word and making known the love of God through loving service both in the congregation and in this community?*

***Pastor:** I will, and I ask God to Help me.*

***Leader:** May Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the power of his Spirit so that you may perform them with strength and compassion.*

Litany

Congregation: AMEN.

Leader: *I ask all of you, now, people of this Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church, will you receive this messenger of Christ, Pastor Vester Thompson, Jr. who continues the work of bringing the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a fellow servant of Christ and work with him in the ministry of this congregation?*

Congregation: WE WILL

Leader: *Will you pray for him and honor him for his work's sake and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?*

Congregation: WE WILL

Leader: *By your statements of commitment and the affirmation of this congregation, we welcome you Pastor Vester Thompson, Jr. as Pastor of Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church congregation in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Congregation: AMEN



1 Timothy 2:1-4 (KJV)

I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings and all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

We have elected Rev. Thompson to be our Pastor/Teacher at Eastern Star Baptist Church. (See Ephesians 4:11) He is not a hireling who will flee at the sign of trouble. (See John 10:12-13) He is not a doormat for you to wipe your feet on when you disagree with him. Neither is he the main course or "pot-roast" for Sunday lunch after church. He has been called by God and recognized by us the congregation, to be our under-shepherd. Let us make it a wonderful journey of joy and not sorrow in his being our pastor. (See Hebrews 13:17) After all, he has a high calling from God to lead and love us; and an even greater accountability for his service here to our Savior in the day he stands before Christ.

So, then, what are our responsibilities? What will we do in making it a joyful time here for Rev. Thompson and his family? We have a three-fold purpose in supporting our new Pastor.

First, the most important task we have as a church body is to PRAY daily, for Rev. Thompson, his family, and our church staff. Satan is having a field day destroying the lives and ministry of Pastors and their families. Our Pastor and his family live in a glass house. They need our prayers.

Let's pray for Rev. Thompson and Pam on a daily basis asking God to give him wisdom and to protect them both as they faithfully serve our Savior.

Second, we must be PATIENT with Rev. Thompson. The church is made up of sick and defective people who seek the Great Physician. Let us believe that he will faithfully preach God's Word and love us as God's under-shepherd. It may take time for us to appreciate his leadership, his humor and his faithfulness to God.

Let's pray for Rev. Thompson and Pam and be patient as he leads lost and broken people to our risen Savior.

And finally, we must PARTICIPATE alongside our pastor. He cannot do it alone. We did not call him to do our job. We did not call him to do our ministry. We called him to pray for us, to equip us and to lead us in carrying out the Great Commission given to all believers. Our faithful participation does two things. First, it reveals our support of the Pastor, the Pulpit Committee and the direction God is leading Eastern Star. Second, it's both an affirmation and encouragement to our new pastor that we recognize that God is in this calling.

Let us trust God that Pastor Thompson will seek God's direction for Eastern Star Baptist Church and that he will be faithful in his responsibilities. It may not be what is best for us or him but it will be what is best for the Kingdom of God; and it will glorify God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. It will be God Who, through Pastor Thompson, will inspire and instill a new vision for Eastern Star Baptist Church to follow. As he leads us toward even greater days than its past glory, let's be active participants in following Christ. We were not created to be spectators but contestants in running the race to obtain the prize, which is an imperishable crown. (See 1 Corinthians 9:24-25)

So, a challenge is set before us! Are we ready to act upon this challenge? Let's promise to pray for, be patient and participate with Pastor Thompson by following his example for the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank You



It's through people like you that Jesus show His love for us, you are God's greatest blessing. We thank Pastor Aarons Reynolds, Pastor Kurt Washington, Pastor Delwin Benton and Rev. Ronnie Crockett and Mt. Olive B.C. for participating in this special day where we are celebrating Pastor Vester Thompson's Installation service. To our visitors and our church family, thank you for praising and worshipping. "To God be the Glory, for the great things he has done."