
Pastor Xavier L. Thompson

Reverend Xavier L. Thompson is the third Pastor of the Southern Missionary Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California. An anointed man with a servant's heart, Xavier has a call to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His love for God's church and desire to see people live a life of purpose and influence, in right relationship with God, fuels everything that he does.

Born in Los Angeles, Xavier was appointed while still in his mother's womb. He committed his life to Jesus Christ at the age of four years and answered the call to preach His Gospel in 1982. At the age of sixteen, Pastor Thompson was ordained as a minister of the Baptist faith. In May 1996, he was called to lead. God placed him at the Saint Paul Baptist Church in Pacoima, California. He served this congregation faithfully for eleven years as Senior Pastor. Countless souls were won to the Kingdom through his ability to articulate the Word of God with clarity, conviction, and courage.

In May 2007, Xavier Thompson was appointed Pastor of the Southern Missionary Baptist Church, a historical beacon in Los Angeles. Having received his mandate from God, Pastor Thompson obediently fulfills his calling. God has abundantly blessed Southern Baptist and her surrounding community under Xavier's leadership. Reverend Thompson's unfailing dedication and steadfast commitment to strengthening families and enriching lives through the spread of the Gospel and fervent prayer emanates through all facets of ministry. Since his time at Southern Baptist, conversions, congregational ministries and community outreach endeavors have increased. Pastor Thompson has gained the love and admiration of his members, the local community and religious communities across the country due to his dedication and commitment to preaching the whole word of God without compromise.

Xavier is recognized as a visionary, innovator and organizer with superior and uncommon leadership qualities. A "pastor's pastor", his unique giftings transcend denominational, cultural, and generational boundaries. His down-to-earth teaching style, compelling, dynamic and relevant biblical-focus continues to inspire and impact generations. Reverend Thompson's approachable authority makes him one of the most ardent, impassioned and sought after preachers of this time. He is zealous about championing the cause of the local church and committed to building a legacy of purpose into the current and next generation of leaders.

History was made at the Baptist Ministers Conference of Los Angeles and Vicinity in January 2013. Reverend Thompson was resoundingly elected as the youngest President ever of this historic organization. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from The Master's College in Santa Clarita, California. Recognizing the importance of continuing his education, Pastor Thompson is pursuing his Master of Divinity degree. His focus is on three areas of special emphasis: biblical understanding, personal growth, and professional preparation.

Married to the former Rinnita Martin, they are the parents of two daughters, Jor'Dynn Simone and Emani Noel. Xavier continues to believe that the BEST is yet to come!