

REV. JOEL L. KING, JR.

CHAPLAIN, GAHANNA POLICE DEPARTMENT



Rev. Joel L. King, Jr. was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina where he received his formal education. He graduated from the Public School System in Spartanburg and received the Associate Degree in Accounting from Cecils Business College in the same city. He is a part-time matriculated student at the Ohio Dominican College in Columbus, Ohio and has been employed with United Parcel Service of Columbus, Ohio for more than 23 years. He has been a driver, supervisor and manager with UPS.

Rev. King was ordained by his father, the late Rev. Joel L. King, Sr., (who is the brother of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr.) and has been in the Christian Ministry for more than 34 years. He is married to Mrs. Nancy R. Hayes-King of Columbus, Ohio and they have a son, Marcus Isaiah.

In 1992, Rev. King was called to Pastor the Jerusalem Second Baptist Church of Urbana, Ohio and has served that congregation for the past (13) years. He has served as an Associate Minister of the Mount Hermon Baptist Church of Mansfield, Ohio; Union Grove Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. He is serving his eighth term on the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission; second term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Crittenton Family Services now known as Directions for Youth and Family Services; a member of the Columbus Baptist Pastors Conference; Treasurer and presently second Vice-President of the Columbus Baptist Ministerial Alliance; member of the Urbana Ministerial Alliance; Columbus NAACP; former First-Vice Moderator of the Western Union Baptist District Association; Former Executive Secretary of the Ohio Baptist General Convention, Inc.; member of the National Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Advisory Committee in Atlanta representing the State of Ohio; member of the board of advisor's of the Black Church Website. In October, 2007, elected to the Columbus Community Action Board.

In December of 2000, was appointed Chaplain of the Columbus Fire and Police Departments by Mayor Michael B. Coleman. In February of 2001, Rev. King had the opportunity to travel to Hyderabad, India, in support of the missionary organization, Global Gospel Ministries. The group is sponsored by 61 Pastors from America, whose goal is to build 1000 Christian Churches in India by the year 2020. Jerusalem Second Baptist has four churches named in their honor for their support.

In March 2001, Rev. King was appointed Chaplain of the Gahanna Police Department. He and his family reside in Gahanna.