

Presbyter Profile

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Westminster Stated Supply Has Two Sacred Callings



Jerome Bell has two sacred callings. On weekdays, he visits the prisoners (Matthew 25), teaching English to convicted juvenile offenders. On Sundays, he leads worship (John 20) at Westminster PC in Titusville, an historic section of the City of Birmingham.

Jerome brings to the Presbytery a strong Baptist background. After graduation from Alabama A&M University in Huntsville (1994), Jerome served for two years as a Baptist missionary apprentice in Albuquerque, NM, working with the homeless by day and with children and youth in afternoon and evening programs. After this two-year mission assignment, Jerome began pastoring the Baptist Neighborhood Fellowship. He remained in NM for eight more years. While teaching vulnerable students, Jerome earned a master's degree in secondary education and teaching in the Albuquerque Public School System, working with at-risk youth in a new charter school.

Jerome then returned home to Alabama and enrolled at Samford's Beeson Divinity School to further his training as a minister. While at Beeson, Jerome did a year-long internship at Sixth Avenue Baptist Church. In addition, he did multi-cultural ministry at Huffman Baptist and Roebuck Baptist churches. After seminary, he taught students in Tuscaloosa City and Midfield City schools before accepting a new position at the McNeel School in Roebuck, on the Vacca Campus of the Alabama Department of Youth Services.

At the McNeel School, Jerome teaches English to students varying in age from 13-17, from barely literate to gifted in ability, with convictions ranging from aggravated assault to murder. "I couldn't do it," says Jerome, "if I didn't feel God's leading and direction."

Through Rev. Cedric Brown and by God's providence, Jerome was invited to preach one Sunday in 2018 at Westminster. The faithful there liked what they heard in Jerome's preaching of the Word. They invited him to apply for the vacant stated supply pastor position. After a several months of seeking God's guidance, Westminster extended a call to Jerome and he accepted the position. Jerome completed Dubuque Seminary's Christian Leadership online course work for Commissioned Ruling Elders to qualify him to moderate Westminster's session and officiate at the Lord's Table.

On March 23, 2019, he married his lovely bride, Toneka Armstrong. She works in Student Affairs at Jefferson State Community College. The couple lives in Pinson, AL. Jerome has "one amazing daughter," Iman, who is 20 years old and is a rising sophomore at Stillman College, studying History and Pre-law.

In his free time, Jerome enjoys spending time with his family, reading, cycling, and serving in his community.