

Reverend James Taylor II



Rev. James Taylor II is an ordained Baptist minister from Florence, AL. He holds a diverse educational background and a wealth of experience in ministry. Rev. Taylor obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Congregational Studies from Samford University in Birmingham, AL. At Samford, he assumed various leadership roles, including President of the Black Student Union and Samford's spiritual life, and was a Sunday student preacher, delivering sermons across different Baptist associations in Alabama. He has served in various capacities throughout his ministry, including the Senior Pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Merced, CA. Rev. Taylor has also taught, preached, and facilitated lectures at Baptist denominational conventions on the state level.

Furthering his education, Rev. Taylor received a Master of Divinity Degree in Biblical Studies & Theology at George W. Truett Seminary, Baylor University. He demonstrated a profound dedication to his studies and school community, serving as a Student Recruiter, editorial board member of the Truett Journal of Church and Mission, and member of the Black Student Association. Notably, he was recognized as the Robert Jackson Robertson Outstanding Preaching Student upon graduation.

In addition to his theological pursuits, Rev. Taylor expanded his academic horizons, earning a Master of Science in General Psychology from Regent University. He is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Counseling, focusing on spirituality, addiction, and mental health challenges.

Rev. Taylor's interests extend beyond the church walls, encompassing many activities such as reading, writing, exercising, playing racquetball, and Alabama Crimson Tide football. He also enjoys traveling, visiting museums, exploring art, savoring culture, and actively participating in efforts against injustices, reflecting his commitment to social justice and community activism. Rev. Taylor's greatest joy is sharing life with his wife, Jasmine, and their three girls, Journee, Janissa, and Justice.

