

This is the biography of the Rev. Dr. Anthony D. Dunham I. He has been married to his loving wife, Monica for 36 years. They have been blessed with a total of four (4) wonderful children. Natalie, Anthony II, Monte' and Antoine. The two girls are Choir directors in the Church, Anthony is serving as sound engineer for one of his brother's Church located in Stockton, while Antoine is a preaching minister in the Friendship Baptist Church where he serves as Pastor.

Rev. Dr. Anthony D. Dunham feels that he has been endowed with a vision that he feels empowers him to tell God's people what "thus saith the Lord" without fear of losing popularity. He has demonstrated a burning passion to be committed to the call and to the cause of the Christ. His passion for God is evidenced by his desire to minister to the Body of Christ, admonishing the Body to draw nearer to the Master by personally dedicating their lives to our Lord Jesus.

Dr. Dunham was reared in the Church by his Baptist parents, and baptized at the age of eleven (11). His late father, the Rev. Dr. Zacchaeus Dunham, Sr., had been a Pastor for nearly 60 years at the God's Throne Missionary Baptist Church, Stockton, CA, which obviously has been a very strong and positive influence in his spiritual walk with the Lord. He was further blessed with six (6) brothers with no sisters, five (5) of the brothers are Preachers, of which four (3) are Pastors while one of his brothers is a Pastor Emeritus, which is Rev. Dr. Zacchaeus Dunham Jr., who, due to Agent Orange, has been over taken by Dementia which left him with no option but to give his Pastorate up in 2016. The other two (2) brothers are struggling with the pressures of life, yet they are fighting their way back this way. *(In August 2009 the Dunham Brothers released a Christian CD entitled "Love one Another" this project has made his ministry even that much more a blessing.)*

Working in the Ministry has always been a great part of his life. He served in the capacity of Deacon for six (6) years prior to being called into the ministry, Assistant to the Chairman of

Deacons, Sunday School Teacher, Teacher for B.T.U., Teacher for Vacation Bible School and the Choir Director.

Dr. Dunham received his calling into the ministry by the Lord in 1965 at the tender age of ten (10) years old in his parent's home on 1562 Julian Street in Stockton, California. He often speaks about his call, as he was asleep on the bottom bunk of our two (2) bunk bedroom in their said small family home. Says he that he can recall how often he heard the voice of the Lord in his heart, impressing upon him the urgency to declare the Gospel. It was then and there that he felt the urge to prepare himself for the work of the ministry. It wasn't until November 1, 1986 he publicly professed his call and obeyed the Master's bidding. Licensed to preach the Gospel in 1986 at the God's Throne Missionary Baptist Church, Stockton, CA, and then ordained in 1988 by the Stockton Baptist Ministerial Alliance.

He publicly considers himself to be unworthy of this assignment, but he honestly feels God has so wonderfully favored him and blessed him to be sent to Pastor the Friendship Baptist Church, Seaside, CA in November 1993. For the past twenty-eight (28) years God has moved in mighty ways. The Friendship Baptist Church Seaside has been spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ for seventy-six (76) years on the Monterey Peninsula. They are a small but faithful group that demonstrates the love of Jesus in every area of Ministry. Their stated goal is to save the lost, strengthen the saved and restore the backslider. He recognizes and truly believes in his heart that he could not have been sent and assigned to a better Ministry this side of glory, and for that he thanks God.

He presently has a Bachelor's Degree which he received after three (3) years from Conroe Normal and Industrial Institute of Texas, in a Satellite School in Merced, California under the tutelage of the late great Doctor E.W. Roland at Second Baptist Church in said Merced.

He is extremely proud and grateful to the Lord for the Master of Theology and for the Doctor of Theology Degree which he received from the Andersonville Seminary of Camilla, Georgia by way of correspondence classes.

Evidence of his dedication to Biblical education demonstrates he is one who believes in constantly growing in the study of the Word of God such as: attending such educational platforms as the Expository Preaching sponsored by, E.K. Bailey Ministries, Dallas, TX, for two (2) years 1997 to 1999. As well as the renowned W.H.W. ministry for the past twenty-one (21) years.

In his quest to further his education and to better prepare himself for the task ahead, in 2017 he was again blessed to obtain another honor, his Master of Divinity Degree from the renowned Faith Seminary School of Tacoma, WS.

Currently he is working on another Doctorate, that being the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) from the said Faith Seminary School of Tacoma, WS.

Affiliations

- National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., Chicago, IL, 1988, Boys Scouts Director
- National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., Evangelical Board member
- National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., Foreign Mission Board member
- California Baptist State Convention, Los Angeles, CA, 1998 to 2007, Third Vice-President of Congress
- California Baptist State Convention, Los Angeles, CA, 2007 to 2009, First Vice-President of Congress
- Mid-Valley Baptist Association, Stockton, CA, 1998 to 2007, First Vice-President of Congress
- St. John Baptist Association, 2009-2014, Vice-Moderator Southern District

In June of 2017, he was honored and blessed by the Lord to be chosen to be the Moderator of the Monterey Bay Baptist District Association, CA. This Association began in 1968 and revived in 2010, and presently serves twelve (12) Churches.

By the Preachment of the Word, Pastor Dunham causes others to examine their lives and begin to live by God's Holy Word. He tries with all of his heart to unashamedly and unapologetically preach Biblically based sermons that will prick the hearts of hearers.

He qualifies his desire to learn as much as he can, to better equip himself for this enlightened assault of our day. He understands the challenges of our times of that as remaining Biblical while at the same time relevant. He is determined to resist the current trend of today, which involves mocking the accuracy of the Bible, the legitimacy of the Saviour and even challenging the existence of God, all of which confront and confuse the Sunday worshippers. He firmly believes the power of God is needed to communicate the Word, as well as be remain true to the fact that it is our responsibility to equip ourselves for the task at hand.

Saved, sanctified and unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, serious and sincere about the things of God, lover of God and of God's people, motivator of ministry, promoter of forgiveness and reconciliation for the body of Christ are all terms and phrases that may be used to describe his personal ministry.