

REVEREND DR. DYLON T. YOUNG

Reverend Dr. Dylan T. Young (pronounced Dee-lon), a native of Chicago, Illinois, is a retired U.S. Air Force veteran and a devoted servant-leader in ministry. In January 2025, he was selected as Interim Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Gum Springs, Virginia, officially beginning his tenure in February.

Dr. Young accepted his call to ministry in October 2000, was licensed to preach in June 2003, and ordained in December 2008 with national recognition by the American Baptist Churches USA. His ministry journey has been marked by faithful leadership, innovation, and a heart for community transformation.

From 2020 to 2023, Dr. Young served as Pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Omaha, Nebraska, during the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Guided by the Holy Spirit and the conviction to “not waste a good crisis,” he expanded the church’s digital presence, launched its first website in over 60 years, and implemented virtual business meetings. He also led impactful outreach initiatives, hosting community events that strengthened local engagement.

Prior to this, Dr. Young served as Director of Christian Education at King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church (2015–2020), contributing to both teaching and preaching ministries. From 2011 to 2015, he pastored Miracle Hills Community Baptist Church, where membership grew by 110% under his leadership. He forged partnerships with local apartment complexes for outreach and revitalized the men’s ministry and the youth ministry through “Youth Sundays,” “Teen Nights,” and “Youth Lock-ins.”

Serving as a member of the New Era Churches of Nebraska Christian Education committee, Pastor Young helped shape Christ-centered curriculum and intergenerational faith formation.

Dr. Young’s leadership extends beyond the pulpit. In 2023, he chaired the Omaha metro area Holy Week Services for the Baptist Pastors & Ministers Conference of Nebraska, organizing nightly worship across the Omaha and Lincoln metro areas, culminating in a powerful Good Friday service. He also served on the Finance Ministry for American Baptist Churches of Nebraska, overseeing regional budgets, investments, and special initiative funds.

His civic engagement includes serving as a founding member on the Board of Directors for the North Omaha Business Improvement District (BID), where he championed economic development, infrastructure, and safety. In recognition of his service, he was awarded the North 24th Street BID Founders Award for exceptional leadership and community collaboration.

Dr. Young holds a Bachelor of Science in Management from Bellevue University (NE), a Master of Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma, and a Master’s in Biblical Studies from Grace University (NE). He earned his Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care from Sioux Falls Seminary in South Dakota.

Passionate about ministry and people, Dr. Young lives out the words of Jesus: “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). He actively seeks opportunities to engage the local community and share the transformative power of the Gospel.

He is married to the former Kim Shadell, and together they reside in Alexandria, Virginia. They are the proud parents of three adult children.

