

Bethlehem Baptist Church
Deacon Ordination Service
Sunday, July 19, 2026 ~ 3:00 PM



**“Equipping Forgiving Disciples Courageously
RECONCILING our Calling,
RE-IMAGINING the Church, and
RECLAIMING our Advocacy in the community.”
(Hebrews 10:22-25 MSG)**

**Season: Pentecost
May 24 - August 29, 2026**

**Rev. Dr. Dylon T. Young, Interim Pastor
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Celebrating 163 Years of Ministry 1863-2026

Order of Worship

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Dylon T. Young

Invocation

Deacon Rita Haley

***Congregational Hymn #404 Hold to God's Unchanging Hand**

Congregation

***Scriptures**

**Acts 6:1-4
I Timothy 3:8-13**

**Deacon Ike Grigsby
Deacon Connie Royal**

Prayer

Deacon Clifton Johnson

Welcome and Statement of Purpose

Deacon Sonja Green

Selection

Star Bethlehem M.B. Church Choir

Introduction of Guest Preacher

Pastor Young

Pre-Sermonic Selection

Star Bethlehem M.B. Church Choir

Proclamation

**Rev. Dr. Henry P. During, Jr.
Pastor, Star Bethlehem M.B. Church
Triangle, Virginia**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Pastor During

Preparation for the Act of Ordination

Pastor Young and the Deacon Ministry

Report from the Deacon Ministry

Deacon Sidney Locks

The candidate before you today has completed an extensive study inclusive but not limited to hands on training, biblical and doctrinal examination, and the importance of the ministry of presence in the life of a congregation. The ordinant has been found worthy to serve in the office of Deacon at Bethlehem Baptist Church. As such, the candidate was recommended to the church and approved for ordination in a business meeting on April 28, 2026. In this meeting, the disciples of Bethlehem Baptist Church by majority vote received and gave their blessings for this Ceremony of Ordination so that the aforementioned servant might become fully equipped for the work of ministry within and beyond the sanctuary.

Presentation of Candidate

Deacon Benjamin Warren

On behalf of our Interim Pastor Young and the Deacon Ministry of Bethlehem, I am delighted as Chair of the Ministry of Deacons to present to you Bethlehem and guests, the servant to be ordained as a Deacon of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Seating of Ordinant

Deacon Don Green

Charge to the Congregation

Pastor Young

We recognize today that the office of Deacon was instituted at a time when the early church was pressing her way in the world and at the same time pressured and persecuted by worldliness. With the threat of discrimination within the body and persecution without, a pastoral assignment was given to the early believers to choose among themselves disciples who would provide leadership and congregational care. Over 2000 years later, the demonic continues to threaten the church of Jesus Christ and the need for disciples with gifts, skills, and a willing heart for the

people of God is yet before us. Today, disciples of Bethlehem do you pledge to follow, support, pray for, and labor with these servant leaders whom you are bringing before God so that He will, through the Holy Spirit's anointing, work through them to fulfill His eternal perfect will?

Congregation

We do, as God as our helper.

Charge to the Ordinant

Pastor Young

Deacon-elect Young, you have been examined by the Deacons Ministry and upon their recommendations and the vote of the disciples of Bethlehem, we do hereby acknowledge your spiritual gifts and the offering of your lives as servant leader to assist me in shepharding this flock in the Office of Deacon. Do you pledge your faithfulness in carrying out the responsibilities and duties of this office?

Ordinant

I do, the Lord being my helper.

Charge to the Ordinant

Pastor Young

Ordinant, will you faithfully commit to assist the Pastor in carrying the mission and vision of Bethlehem Baptist Church?

Ordinant

I will, the Lord as my helper.

Charge to the Ordinant

Pastor Young

Ordinant, do you faithfully pledge to commit to the level of time and presence necessary to effectively carry out the work of the ministry.

Ordinant

I do, the Lord being my helper.

Charge to the Ordinant

Pastor Young

Ordinant, do you pledge to keep information discussed in leadership meetings and such of a sensitive nature which also include personal matters involving each disciple confidential between you, the ministry, and the Lord Jesus Christ?

Ordinant

I do.

Charge to the Ordinant

Pastor Young

Ordinant, will you with an objective mind endeavor to serve harmoniously with your Pastor who according to the Word of God has charge over you.

Ordinant

I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

Charge to the Ordinant

Pastor Young

I charge you to be Servant Leaders for the House of God and Church of Jesus Christ.

Ordination Prayer and laying on of hands

Pastor Young

(Ordained Ministers and Deacons are invited to participate)

Presentation of Ordinant

Pastor Young

Presentation of Ministry Tools

Deacon Curtis Foxx and Deacon Michael McCormick

Remarks

Deacon Earl Young

Closing Remarks

Pastor Young

Benediction

Pastor During

(*Congregation please stand.)

Biography of Deacon-Elect Earl A. Young, III



I was born on December 28 in Louisville, Kentucky to Earl A. and Ruth E. Young. I was the second of four children. My father was a postal employee and my mother worked in a dry cleaners. She was the daughter of a Pentecostal (holiness) preacher. Unfortunately, the marriage didn't last and we moved to the projects. While there, my mother attended Simmons University Seminary. She graduated top of her class and later became an associate minister at a local Baptist Church.

One of the benefits of attending Simmons was that my mother made a lot of friends who became church leaders and pastors. We got to know them and they got to know us. My mother kept us in church. We attended first Virginia Avenue Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. R. J. Shelton. That it is where I was baptized in the mid-to late 1950s. My mother and I attended every event and activity to include out-of-town conferences and conventions. I participated in various church services, activities and attended a lot of meetings. I served on the Usher Board and sang in the youth choir.

In May of 1968, I married my first and only girlfriend, Velinda...and in July of 1968, I was deployed to Quang Tri, Viet Nam. She has been with me on overseas tours in Okinawa, two in Iran and several stateside assignments during my 20 year military career.

When we started our family we knew we had to think of more than ourselves. We now had children that we were responsible for and would be held accountable for. We visited several churches, but when we got to Bethlehem it was reminiscent of the churches we grew up with. We became more active in church functions. Our children were engaged in church activities. They enjoyed getting involved in Sunday School and competing in the spelling bees and activities at Lott Carey. We enjoyed helping them prepare for the spelling bees. And they enjoyed winning. I had a van and enjoyed driving kids to Lott Carey.

It is indeed an honor to stand before the Bethlehem congregation in the capacity of Deacon-elect. To be voted into this position has been an honor and comes with certain requirements and expectations. My goal is to be the best Deacon that I can be...to be bold in executing my responsibilities in obedience to God's direction and to serve as biblically directed.

While in the military, my scripture was: Psalm 27:1 "*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*"

...It is still my scripture.

We reside in Dale City, Virginia and are the parents of three children; Nicole Young (Evans), Shareen Young (Chavez), and Earl Young, IV. We also have five grandchildren. God is good!

Biography of Reverend Dr. Henry P. During, Jr.

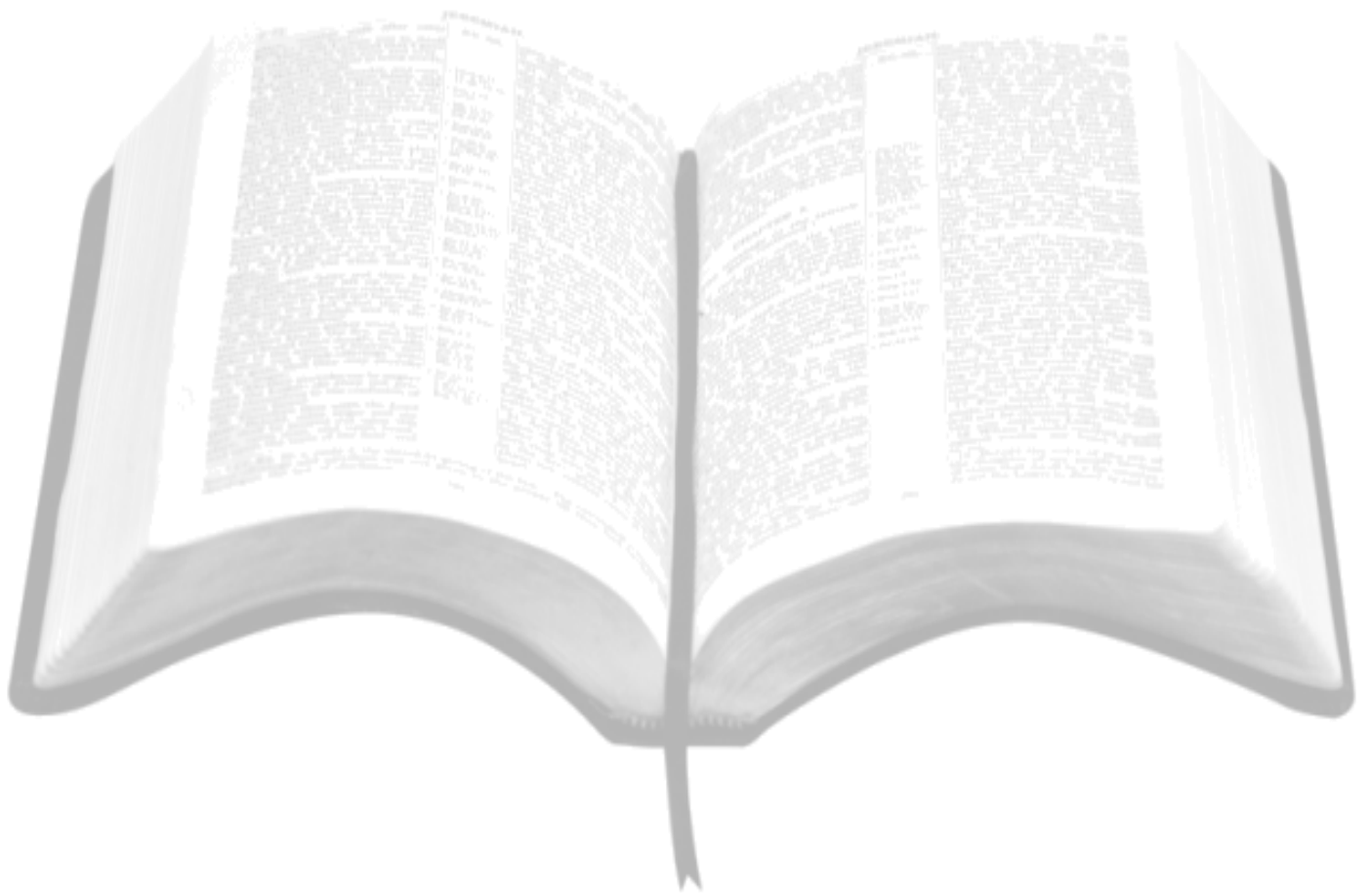


Reverend Dr. Henry P. During, Jr., is one of eleven grandchildren reared by his grandmother, Lucinda During. He is married to the former Juanita Michelle Queen. They are the proud parents of four children: Shunteal (deceased), Devon (deceased), Myeesha, and Zariah. They are also grandparents of D'Anderi, Reagan, Bryleigh, Nasir, and Ajani. Dr. During graduated from Garfield Senior High School in Prince William County, Virginia. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hampton University, a Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Triangle Bible Institute, a Master of Education Degree from Regent University, and a Doctorate in Christian Education from the Southwest Bible College & Seminary. He also earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree at the Virginia University of Lynchburg as a Leonard N. Smith Fellow.

Dr. During served as Assistant Pastor and Administrator for 12 years under the dynamic leadership of Rev. Dr. Frederick S. Jones and became the 8th Pastor of Star Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church on June 1, 2008. Under his dynamic leadership, the church is experiencing tremendous growth numerically and spiritually. He also serves as Principal of the Star Bethlehem Christian Academy and President and faculty member for Triangle Bible Institute.

Dr. During's spiritual and natural gifting has allowed him to minister throughout various parts of the country and the world as revivalist, conference speaker, and Lecturer. He was honored to deliver the invocation for the Virginia House of Delegates 2008 session, the 2009 Virginia State Republican Convention, and the Virginia State Senate 2018 session. Most recently, he was invited to serve as presenter at the historic Hampton University Ministers' Conference Leadership Development Academy 2017 and 2018 sessions. His weekly "Beyond the Walls" television broadcasts aired for years on local Comcast (Channel 2) at 8:00 pm on Fridays. Dr. During's affiliations and memberships include, but are not limited to: The Kingdom Association of Covenant Pastors, Bishop Walter S. Thomas, Presiding Prelate, Hampton University Ministers' Conference, Prince William County Community Leadership Institute, Southwest Bible College and Seminary Advisory Board, the Northern Virginia Clergy Council for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS, and the Commission on Christian Education, Baptist General Convention of VA. He also served as 2nd Vice President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Virginia Fellowship and 3rd Vice Moderator of the Northern Virginia Baptist Association. Pastor During was recently inducted into the Golden Key International Honor Society. During his leisure time, he enjoys spending time with his family, studying God's Word, reading, golfing, and fellowshiping with the people of God.

Dr. During's life's verse is Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of