

## **Minister James Thigpen**

Minister James Thigpen is a native of Bay Springs, Mississippi, where he graduated from Bay Springs High School. He was also an active member of Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church until his

departure for the United States Air Force. Minister Thigpen was baptized at ten years old and began service in the Lord's army at an early age. He served the local church body as assistant Sunday school superintendent, assistant teacher, head musician for the choir as a bassist and drummer, member of the men's ministry, coach of the church youth softball team, and in various positions on the church youth board. While serving as a member of the church youth department Minister Thigpen was an active member of local areas Baptist Training Union (BTU) where he attended numerous biblical training classes and he often participated in the bible drill competition. Through the love the Lord placed in him for music, Minister Thigpen, his younger brother, and cousins formed a gospel singing group known in the local area as the Gospel consulters. Their music ministry was called upon to minister through song at local churches around Bay Springs and the central Mississippi area.

Minister Thigpen served in the United States Air Force Chaplaincy. While serving our country as an active duty member, he performed various ministry duties in support of the spiritual needs of service members and their families and served the spiritual needs and growth of tech training students as the head of the Sheppard Air Force Base student center. Minister Thigpen and the members of the base chapel conducted various outreach ministry programs to the local community and bible studies geared toward active duty student life. He also served as bassist for the base chapel and program coordinator for three base chapel facilities and a religious education building.

Upon accepting the call as a licensed minister of the gospel, Minister Thigpen served as youth minister, praise team musician, and men's minister at ALL Things Are Possible Ministries and the Crossing Ministry (Macon Evangelical), both of Macon, GA.

In addition to serving as an associated minister at Oak Level Missionary Baptist Church, Minister Thigpen is also the youth minister, and the spiritual advisor for the youth department and bassist for the music ministry. Minister Thigpen has attended Jones Junior College, Ellisville MS, Vernon Regional College, Vernon TX, Macon State College, Macon GA, and currently he is studying Christian Ministry at the Warner Robins Regional Bible Institute.

Minister Thigpen and his lovely wife Tomoko have two children, Dominique and Jamye, and one daughter-in-law, Rachel Ann. The Thigpen family has called Middle Georgia home for the past thirteen years. Along with being a son, husband, and father, Minister Thigpen enjoys preaching, teaching, and living a life that's reflective of the word of God.

My Favorite Scripture: For the wages which sin pays is death, but the (bountiful) free gift of God is eternal life through (in union with) Jesus Christ our Lord... Romans 6:23 (AMP)

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