

Rev. Samuel L. Whitlow, Jr, D.D.

Rev. Whitlow was born in Junction City, Kansas to Samuel and Betty Hammond Whitlow.

He graduated from Stratford High School in Nashville, Tennessee followed by attendance at the American Baptist College, Nashville Technology College and Simmons Bible College. Rev. Whitlow graduated from Simmons with honors and served as Student Body President. He received an Associate Degree in Christian Education, Bachelor of Arts, and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree.

He further matriculated at Taylor University, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Wheaton College (Billy Graham Center) in Wheaton, Illinois.

Rev. Whitlow acknowledged and accepted the call to the Gospel Ministry on March 3, 1981. He was licensed to preach the gospel at First Baptist Church South Inglewood under the Pastorate of the Late Dr. T. E. Sweeny, Sr.

He was ordained November 7, 1987 by the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana under the Pastorate of the late Dr. Wayne T. Harris, Sr. where he served as the Assistant to the Pastor. While at Mount Olive, he gave leadership to the Singles Ministry, Pastoral Care Ministry, Mount Olive Crisis Center and everyday operations of the church.

In 1995, Rev. Whitlow organized the Simmons Bible College Indianapolis Extension Program under the direction of Simmons' President, Dr. W. J. Hodge and Chairman of Trustee, Dr. Thomas Peoples.

In January 1999, Dr. Thomas Peoples, Jr., President of Simmons Bible College hired Rev. Whitlow as Director of Communications. Rev. Whitlow later became Treasurer of Simmons.

Rev. Whitlow is the former Pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Horse Cave, Kentucky. He served as its thirteenth Pastor from October 4, 2000 until January 2005.

On September 20, 2004, while pastoring Friendship, he accepted the Chaplain's position of the Louisville Metropolitan Department of Corrections. In November 2006, Rev. Whitlow was elected as the first African-American, Louisville-Metro Justice of the Peace "C" District Magistrate.

In November 2010, he was re-elected for his second four-year term.

Rev. Whitlow, a son of Calvary for 20 years, served as Christian Education Director and Associate Minister under the pastorate of the late Dr. Larry D. Poyntz, Sr. After the sudden passing of Calvary's beloved pastor, Rev. Whitlow was voted as Interim Pastor at the church's Special Call Meeting.

In November 2009, the Deacons made a recommendation to the Church that Rev. Whitlow become its 7th Pastor. Dr. Charles Duncan, Sr., Pastor of First Virginia Avenue Baptist Church was called to moderate the meeting.

Rev. Whitlow was voted as the 7th Pastor of the 180 year-old church, and was installed on Sunday March 21, 2010.