

Rev. Dr. James E. McJunkin, Jr.

Associate Minister

Grace Baptist Church of Germantown



The Rev. Dr. James E. McJunkin, Jr. has served as Executive Minister of the PBA since 2002. Dr. McJunkin provides administrative leadership to PBA's 124 congregations with more than 60,000 members from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. He assists the PBA Board of Directors in visioning, goal-setting and building healthy and productive relationships among its congregations and the American Baptist Churches. He is committed to envisioning and promoting PBA regional goals and objectives and designing and implementing educational strategies for discipleship, evangelism, congregational transformation, and mission interpretation.

Passionate about missions, Rev. McJunkin actively participates in co-creating opportunities for PBA churches to live out their American Baptist call to missions. Together with PBA staff, he provides meaningful support to local pastors and congregations. His leadership in building and maintaining positive and productive relationships are viewed positively within PBA and across the country.

This is the second time that he has served in executive leadership of PBA. From 1986 to 1995 he was PBA's Associate Executive Minister for Community Outreach and Area Ministry. As Associate Executive Director, he helped minister to several social concerns and community ministries such as the homeless, environmental justice, immigration policies, cross-cultural communication, and clergy training for pastors helping people with AIDS.

Dr. McJunkin came to PBA in 2001 to serve as Executive Minister after providing executive leadership to African-American Interdenominational Ministries (1993 to 2001). There he led a coalition of 400 African-American pastors across several Protestant denominations in Philadelphia. He also developed and secured funding for programs that addressed issues such as Christian education, evangelism, clergy training, mentoring programs for high-risk youth, health care-initiatives, and HIV Aids prevention.

Rev. Dr. McJunkin was ordained in 1983. He has a Doctorate of Ministry degree from the New York Theological Seminary, a M.Div. from Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, OH, and a Bachelor of Arts from Livingston College, in Salisbury, NC.