

Rev. John Lane Jordan

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts

Psalm 139:23 (NW)

Rev. John Jordan felt the call to ministry in the late 1960s. He was not aware, then, that he would heed the Lord's call almost 60 years later, well into his 86th year of life—but there is still work to be done.

Rev. Jordan attended Maryland State College (an HBCU now known as the University of Maryland Eastern Shore) after high school, earning a B.S. in Biological Sciences in 1960. In 1962, he completed an intense, two-year medical technology apprenticeship at the Howard Rhode Island School of Technological Sciences, joining the United States Army immediately thereafter. He was stationed in Germany for the next three years and received an honorable discharge in 1965. In 1966, he passed the national registry examination to become a Registered Medical Technologist and member of the National Association of Clinical Microbiologists. He returned to the United States Army, this time as reservist and commissioned 1st Lieutenant, where he served as a clinical laboratory medical microbiologist for the 348th General Hospital, retiring from the Army at the rank of Lt. Colonel after 23 years. He retired from employment with the Veterans Administration Hospital of Philadelphia in 1997.

Rev. Jordan was married to Ann R. Jordan for 50 years, until her death in June 2017. They traveled the world together in retirement until her prolonged illness made travel impossible. They raised one daughter, Lisa, and a son born from Ann's prior marriage, Randy.

In 2011, he received a diploma in Biblical Theological Studies from Palmer Theological Seminary. Under the tutelage of Rev. Dr. J. Henry Buck, Jr., Senior Pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Germantown, he became a licensed minister on March 14, 2020. Rev. Jordan was ordained on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at the Grace Baptist Church of Germantown. Rev. Jordan stands here today, 60 years after hearing God's call, and right on time. To God be the glory!