



Pastor Jerry Hatter

Christian Experience Biography

Born in Haynesville, La., July 17, 1945.

Married to the late Evangelist Mary Louise Hatter for over 40 years

Married to Reverend Gwendolyn Hatter, September 2010

Father of five children (four daughters and one son)

Raised by Aunt and Uncle, Lou Ella and Lannie Robinson after mother passed away when he was one year old

Education

1964 Graduate of Woodson High School, Haynesville, LA with Honors

1968 Graduate of Grambling State University, B.S. Degree in Accounting with Honors

1976 Graduate of University of Detroit, MBA Degree in Management

1982 Real Estate Broker until 2000

1984 Passed C.P.A. Examination and received Certificate of Examination (not practicing)

1992 Graduate of Ashland Theological Seminary, M.A. Degree in Biblical Studies

Christian and Community Services

Pastor of **Brown Chapel AME Church**, Ypsilanti, since August 1991 (29 years) and has led the church to greater spiritual heights while building a new edifice in 1999

Memberships/ Involvements in various organizations and Boards, past and present including the following: Ypsilanti-Willow Run Branch of the NAACP; Washtenaw County Sheriff's Ministerial Advisory Team; Southeastern Michigan A.M.E. Minister's Alliance; MI Conference Board of Examiners; President, Michigan Conference Minister's Protective League, Friends in Deed Community Outreach, Citizen's for Racial Equity in Washtenaw

- Sunday School Superintendent, South District, Michigan Conference
- Co-Director, Fourth District Evangelism Ministry

Christian Preparation and Experiences

- **1954** Received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and baptized at Mt. Obie C. M. E. Church, Homer, LA. Serving as assistant Financial Secretary and Youth Sunday School Teacher
- **1972** Upon moving to Detroit, later joined Oak Grove A.M.E. Church, Detroit; served there for over 19 years as a Trustee, member of Male Chorus and Minister of Business & Finance
- **1986** (December), accepted the call to Christian Ministry under the Pastoral Ministry of Rev. David E. Mitcham
- **1989** Ordained as an itinerant Deacon in the A.M.E. Church, served until 1991 at Oak Grove A.M.E. Church in Detroit, MI as an Associate Minister and Minister of Finance and Men's Ministry under the then pastor now Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram.
- **1991** Ordained as an Itinerant Elder in the A.M.E. Church.

Key Pastoral Highlights

- **1991** (May) Entered full time into the Christian Ministry after a 23-year career at Ford Motor Company in Finance and Accounting, highlighted by serving on Finance Team that financed the building of the Renaissance Center in Detroit from 1971-82
- **1991** Appointed in August as the 43rd Pastor of Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church Ypsilanti, MI by Bishop James Haskell Mayo
- **1991** Established Daniel Payne Scholarship Fund, ministry, and the transportation ministries
- **1992** Purchased first church computer
- **1992-2019** Hosted Community Brotherhood Banquet each year with various Bishops, Pastors and Community Leaders as Keynote Speakers
- **1993** Celebrated Brown Chapel's 150th Church Anniversary
- **1994** Began 8:00 a.m. Service; First Pastor's Appreciation celebrated
- **1995** Began Child Care Ministry; Selected Michigan Conference – Pastor of the Year by the Lay Organization
- **1996** Formed Brown Chapel Foundation, Inc.
- **1997** Partial Sponsored of Habitat House; 12-fold Ministry Unveiled
- **1998** "Seven Women at the Cross" Good Friday Service initiated established
- **1999** Completed the building of the new Church edifice and moved to 1043 W. Michigan Ave. on Sunday, November 28th. Building was dedicated by Bishop Robert Thomas Jr.
- **2004-2016** Delegate to the General Conference
- **2007** Preached the Holy Communion Sermon at Michigan Annual Conference
- **2012** Hosted the 4th District Planning Meeting at the Ypsilanti, Marriott
- **2013** **Went** on a Mission trip to India and started the 10:10 Worship Services on Fridays. Offered Opening Prayer for State of Michigan House of Representatives
- **2014** Preached the Annual Sermon at the Michigan Annual Conference in Saginaw, MI. Unity at the Cross Good Friday Service established. Hosted the 4th District Mid-Year Convocation at the Ypsilanti, Marriott
- **2016** Celebrated 25th Pastoral Anniversary
- **2018** Celebrated the 175th Church Anniversary of Brown Chapel, Bishop John F. White, Guest Preacher
- **2019** **Included** in the Encyclopedia of African Methodism Bicentennial Edition (2016). Offered opening Prayer for State of Michigan Senate
- **2020** **Pastoral** Retirement Celebration. To God be the Glory!