

# Reverend Jay K. Jackson

Reverend Jay K. Jackson is the Senior Pastor at Holy Covenant. He has served as a minister in the United Methodist Church since 1995 and, prior to his appointment to Holy Covenant, was the senior pastor at First United Methodist Church and Liberty United Methodist Church in Quitman, TX. Prior to serving in Quitman, Jay was assigned for two years as the Associate Pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in College Station. Jay entered the ministry serving the Colfax Circuit between Canton and Van, Texas, from 1995-1999, while attending seminary at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. While serving the Colfax Circuit, he was named the Small Membership Church Pastor of the Year by the Texas Annual Conference in 1998. That same year, two of Jay's churches, Colfax and Holly Springs, received special recognition by the Conference Commission on the Small Membership Church. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1997 and as an Elder in 2001. Reverend Jackson presently serves as Chairman of the Conference Commission on Equitable Compensation. He has been active in Lakeview Church Camps, UMArmy, and missions projects, including a two-week Partners in Mission trip to Nome, Alaska, in 2005.

Jay received his Master of Divinity from Perkins in 1999, graduating cum laude. He received the Promise in Ministry Scholarship to attend Perkins, and received a Homiletics Award for his sermon "Soeey Pig" at Perkins in 1999. Jay received his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from West Virginia University in 1983, graduating summa cum laude.

Prior to entering the ministry, Jay worked for Exxon, where he served in various positions during his 12 year career. Among those positions, Jay served as Plant Manager in Joliet, Illinois, and Customer Service Manager for Specialty Products in Houston. He entered into the ministry from Atascocita United Methodist Church, where he served in a number of leadership positions, including Lay Leader, Council on Ministries Chair, United Methodist Men's President, and Sunday School teacher.

Jay is the proud parent of three children, Joshua, Zachary, and Kari. In June 2008, he married LeAnn Burton, and Kyle and Cody joined the family as well. Jay's father was a United Methodist Minister in the West Virginia Annual Conference until his death in 1985. His mother is retired and lives in Nutter Fort, West Virginia, where Jay was raised. His two brothers and their families also live in that area. He enjoys all sports, camping, movies, reading, cooking, and (unfortunately) eating.