

Rev. Joseph Bryant – Interim Pastor

Rev. Joseph Bryant was born on March 10, 1990, the youngest of three sons, and was raised primarily by his mother, Alma Bryant, in Oakland, California. He has been a lifelong member of Shiloh Baptist Church, where his spiritual foundation was nurtured from an early age.

Rev. Bryant graduated from Oakland Military Institute in 2008 with aspirations of joining the United States Army after college. He attended California State University, Northridge, for one year before returning home—unknowingly stepping into the path God had already prepared for him.

Though he sensed God’s calling on his life during his high school and college years, Rev. Bryant admits that he ran from that calling for a season. In 2010, a life-altering decision led to a six-month period of incarceration. During that time, with nowhere to run and nowhere to hide, he leaned fully into the Word of God and began to listen for His voice. It was there that he surrendered to God’s will and accepted his call to preach the Gospel.

While incarcerated, Rev. Bryant wrote letters to the late Rev. Dr. Jesse L. Davis Sr., sharing what he believed the Lord was calling him to do. On January 9, 2011, he preached his first sermon from II Timothy 3:1–7, titled “*What is Being God-Like?*” This marked the beginning of his public ministry.

Rev. Bryant has been blessed to be mentored by faithful and impactful leaders. Under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Jesse L. Davis Sr., he learned to “preach Jesus,” and under Pastor David Hill, he was taught to preach through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Before accepting the call to serve as Interim Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Rev. Bryant faithfully served in numerous ministries, including the Usher Board, choir, praise dance ministry, junior deacon ministry, Vacation Bible School Director, Children’s Church Director, and as a licensed Minister. He later answered the call to serve as Youth Minister at the request of Pastor Davis, a role that became a tremendous blessing both to him and to the young people he served.

Rev. Bryant believes that the Church today is called to reach all nations and boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. He emphasizes the importance of leaving past limitations behind in order to move forward in purpose. With a heart for both generations, he is passionate about reaching those who have been overlooked—especially young people—and equipping the Church to go beyond its walls into neighborhoods, schools, and communities.

His ministry vision is clear: the work is in the vineyard. The Church must actively engage the world, meeting people where they are, sharing the love of Christ, and building bridges across generations.

Rev. Bryant leaves this encouragement to all:

“Give the Lord a try. His love for us is infinite and cannot be diminished. Let the Word of God prick our ears, pierce our souls, and fill our hearts—so that we may truly understand that if God is for us, who can stand against us.”