

# REV. MATTHEW E. SMYZER, JR.

## Biographical Brief

### Offices Currently Held:

**PASTOR** – BEARGRASS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, LOUISVILLE, KY.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP CENTER, LOUISVILLE. KY.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS** – CENTRAL DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**3RD VICE MODERATOR** - GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST IN KENTUCKY

Rev. Matthew E. Smyzer, Jr. is a native of Pee Wee Valley, KY. Born March 16, and is the third of seven children. He is married to the former Joann E. Carter. They are the parents of two children. Felicia A. Smyzer and Machika J. Smyzer-Stewart

Rev. M. E. Smyzer, Jr. served as pastor of the Zion Hill Baptist Church of Park City, KY. From 1991 to 2004. Under the leadership of Pastor Smyzer the Zion Hill Church witnessed many souls won to Christ, completed a \$600,000 Community Housing Project and a total renovation of the church's facility and grounds.



In November 2004 God move Rev. Smyzer to answer the call to serve as the senior pastor of the Beargrass Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville, KY. Under Pastor Smyzer' administration, a record number of people have joined the church with 33% of that number joining by baptism. Ministries have been added, the church has purchased 5 acres of land to build a new worship center. The Beargrass church is witnessing a move of God like never before. Pastor Smyzer believes that the church must minister to the whole person; holistic ministries are now taking place at Beargrass. Pastor Smyzer leads by example and his motto is

***“WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS US.”***

He is truly a man of God and he is dedicated to the cause of Christ. It Has Been Noted That, Pastor Smyzer Brings A Vision, A Vision That Turns Into A Plan, A Plan That Turns Into A Reality. TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

Pastor Smyzer served from 2014 to 2018 as CEO of Metro Leadership Foundation. A ministry designed to transform the city for God, one person, one family, one community at a time thru the design and implementation of Education, Housing and Job incubation programs.

From 2001 to present, Pastor Smyzer serves as Executive Director of the Baptist Fellowship Center, a 109 year old Missions Center that is noted as a National model for co-operative ministries between all races of people, with a major focus on Angelo and African American relationships. He also served as Superintendent of Missions for The Central District Baptist Association. An association made up of 145 Baptist churches.

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Pastor Smyzer earned a Master of Theology (M.Th) degree from Campbellsville University and is a sought after preacher, teacher and college lecturer. He has preached across the United States and on two continents.

***Pastor Smyzer is widely sought after for his professional, leadership and business acumen serving as:***

Trustee – Campbellsville University

Member - State Mission Board, General Association of Baptist in Kentucky.

Board of Director's – West End Boys School

Board of Director's - Commonwealth Compassion Bridge Alliance.

Board of Director's – West Louisville Performing Arts Academy

Board of Director's - Dare To Care Food Bank

### **AWARDS RECEIVED:**

- National Certification of Special Olympic Sports
- Who's Who World of Global Business Leaders
- Honorable Kentucky Colonel
- Kentuckiana Manager of the Year
- Kentucky Baptist Pastor of Distinction

### **COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP:**

- Past President of Student Body - Simmons Bible College
- Past President of Student Government - Louisville College
- Past Chairman of Publishing Board, American Baptist Newspaper  
(An Objective of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky)
- State and Local Government Faith Based Community Director
- Chaplain, Louisville Metro Police Department