



THE MINISTRY  
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# Blessed Are the Tentmakers

A TWO-YEAR TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY  
TO DIVE DEEPLY INTO THEOLOGIES & PRACTICES THAT  
SUSTAIN THOSE GIVEN TO MULTI-VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

## COHORT DETAILS: BEGINNING JUNE 2023, CONCLUDING SUMMER 2025.

This is 24-month Cohort that will assemble multi-vocational pastors and clergy from across the Southeast who are seeking community, spiritual and vocational growth, renewal, and resources that will enhance personal well-being as well as ministry impact. Pastors will also engage with nationally renowned scholars and ministry leaders who have wide experience in multi-vocational ministry. We will learn to share with and support each other as we increase capacity to engage in life and ministry.

**\*Participants "skin in the game" contribution will be 1% of their annual salary.**

*\*scholarships available*

### FAQ'S:

[WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE COHORT EXPERIENCE.](#)

[WHO & WHAT IS A COHORT?](#)

*Click the links above to read more about our cohorts.*

The model for vocational ministry is changing. Many of us are already living with the challenges of our changing contexts. The multi-vocational model is quickly becoming the preferred and most common model for all pastoral leadership positions. This cohort is designed to empower and inspire multi-vocational pastors who serve congregations of any size. Members of this cohort will develop deep, rich, and generative relationships that foster resiliency, creativity, and trust. This will be accomplished through peer learnings, professional development, retreats, and immersion experiences, as well as regular check-ins. The multi-vocational minister's cohort will aim not just at doing the work of congregational and community ministry, but sustaining the whole person.

This cohort will meet in person every other month and virtually in between to sustain relationships and accountability. This pace is deliberate in order to honor existing family and ministry obligations. It will not be a burden but will likely become a time-multiplier because it will sow into the life and well-being of both pastor and person.



Facilitated by [Tyshawn Gardner & Adam Mixon](#)

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*\*Space is Limited to 15 Participants*

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## Meet Your Facilitators!



**Tyshawn Gradner**

Reverend Tyshawn Gardner currently serves as Associate Professor in the Biblical and Religious Studies Department and Director of the Pre-Ministerial Scholars Program at Samford University. Rev. Gardner served as the pastor of Plum Grove Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama for 19 years prior to joining the faculty at Samford University. Rev. Gardner received the Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Stillman College in Tuscaloosa and the Master of Divinity degree (MDiv) from Beeson Divinity School at Samford University, in Birmingham, where the Dean and faculty selected him as the Most Distinguished Student in 2014. He earned the PhD in Christian Preaching from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY., where his research interest was social crisis preaching and prophetic preaching and rhetoric in the African American preaching tradition. Rev. Gardner has a heart for social justice and racial reconciliation and works tirelessly to see unity and love in the community.



**Adam Mixon**

Adam Mixon has been preaching and pastoring for over 25 years, serving the Zion Spring Baptist Church, Birmingham Alabama for almost 18 years. He was educated at the University of Cincinnati, Samford University, and Beeson Divinity School. Adam has served several years as the President of the Pastors and Minister's Conference and as Dean of the Educational Congress within the New Era Progressive Baptist State Convention of Alabama, as well as a member of the official staff in the local district association. He has been a preaching peer-group facilitator for the Lilly Group in association with Beeson Divinity School, and currently serves on the faculty. In addition, Adam is a Facilitator for Macedonian Ministry's Birmingham, AL 2 cohort. Adam enjoys serving as a mentor for several programs and doing the work of a community activist.

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COHORT?**

For questions about this cohort you may contact:

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