



In 2018, at age 36, Dr. John J. Cox answered God's call to become the 7<sup>th</sup> Senior Pastor of the Historic Vermont Avenue Baptist Church of 152 years in Washington, DC.

Pastor Cox is married to the adoring Lakisha Cox. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Zaquria and Ka'rah.

Pastor Cox earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy & Religion with a minor in Biology from Morehouse College, Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt University School of Divinity and successfully defended his dissertation on helping millennials apply sermons to their lives earning his Doctorate from Baylor University George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

Before coming to Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Pastor John Cox served as Associate Pastor at New Rising Star Primitive Baptist Church in Birmingham under the leadership of his Father John R. Cox and as Minister of Pastoral Care at The Church Without Walls in Houston.

He studied Worship and Spirituality in the Wesleyan Tradition at Sarum College in Salisbury England. His studies took him to Bristol, Oxford, and London where he participated in a variety of worship experiences. Pastor Cox is actively engaged in both local and foreign missions. Pastor Cox has lead a team in providing clean water in Nicaragua with Living Water. He travels studying faith and culture around the world. Pastor Cox has a tremendous passion for God's word and God's people.