

Elder Marlon T. Baylor was born and reared in St. Louis, Missouri to Mother Mattie and Pastor Willie G. Baylor, Sr. During his early childhood years, it was prophesied that God would use him in a special calling. One of the things that stand out about Elder Marlon Baylor is that he believes in the teachings of the gospel the old-time way taught by his father. He has always known that God would use him in a special way to assist in building the Kingdom of God. He gives credit to his parents for his Christian upbringing and especially to his mother for her dedication to the education of her children.

Elder Baylor was reared in the public-school system of St. Louis, Missouri where he received his primary, secondary, and high school education. He attended Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in 1981. He received his major in sales and his minor in marketing. **On April 21, 2018 he received a Doctor of Divinity degree from St. Thomas Christian University in Jacksonville, Florida.**

While home on Christmas break from college in December 1979, God made a call on his life. On January 6, 1980 he was baptized in Jesus Name and two days later baptized with the Holy Ghost. After graduating from Columbia College, he moved back to St. Louis to assist his father, the late Pastor Willie G. Baylor, Sr. in ministry. Little did he know that 13 years later, he would become the Assistant Pastor of the church his father started in the basement of their home.

Elder Marlon T. Baylor served as Assistant Pastor of the Faith Miracle Temple Church of God Apostolic from 1993 until 2011. He has been a member of the body of Christ since 1980. He was called to the ministry in the summer of 1981. He received his ministerial license from the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (PAW) on July 23, 1984. On July 16, 1993, he was ordained as a minister in the P.A.W.

Elder Baylor's preaches and teaches with such strong authoritative conviction and force, that he has been called by many "Hammer". He is responsible for Administrative and Budget leadership to the Faith Miracle Temple Church body and is the Assistant Director of FMT's Higher Ground Academic Academy. Since 1992, he has taught a two-year curriculum to all new members of Faith Miracle Temple. The class is currently entitled "Foundations of Faith". In addition, he teaches a yearly class on stewardship to the members and oversees the FMT Shepherds (consisting of twenty-seven Associate Pastors) in their procedures and responsibilities. His insights to the realms of the oneness doctrine, discipleship commitment, and the responsibility of all believers to walk circumspectly have allowed him to speak though out the body of Christ.

He resigned from Southwestern Bell Corporation as a Business Manager in Information Technology in May 2003. He was employed by SBC for 21 years. In May 2003 he became a full-time employee for Faith Miracle Temple as the Assistant Pastor.

Elder Baylor has served on the Credentials and Ordination Committee in the Midwestern District Council of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. He is currently the Vice President of the Faith Miracle Temple Board of Directors and is also a Board member of FMT's Higher Ground Ministry Development Institute.

In 2009, then Pastor of Faith Miracle Temple, Bishop Larry J. Baylor left the PAW organization and formed Higher Ground International Ministries (HGIM). On May 29, 2011, Elder Marlon Baylor was elevated and consecrated as the Pastor of Faith Miracle Temple by Senior Pastor and HGIM General Overseer, Bishop Larry J. Baylor. On October 5, 2014 Pastor Marlon Baylor was also elevated and consecrated to Jurisdictional Overseer in Higher Ground International Ministries. In March 2017, he was appointed Director of Credentials for HGIM.

Pastor Marlon and his wife Ida have been happily married for thirty-seven years and with their two daughters Marla (Darion) Watson and Miranda, serve the Lord together with compassion for God's people and a deep commitment to working for the Kingdom of God.