

Rev. Dr. Dwight L. Fontenot

The Rev. Dr. Dwight L. Fontenot is an amazing teacher, an authentic worshipper, and a true preacher of the Word of God. He currently serves as the Senior Pastor of the Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia, MI. This is a multigenerational and multicultural congregation connecting people to Christ.

Dr. Fontenot was born in Oak Grove Louisiana as the third of five sons to the late Mr. Herman and Rev. Mrs. Olita B. Fontenot. He represents 3 generations of pastoral leadership in the Church of God. His parents modeled Christian servanthood and valued church, family, and education. Dr. Fontenot holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, *cum laude*, from the Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA. He came to the University of Michigan and completed 2 Master's Degrees (Psychological Methods and Industrial and Operations Engineering) and a Ph. D. in Cognitive Psychology. For more than 30 years, Dr. Fontenot led the student success and retention initiatives of the University of Michigan through the Comprehensive Studies Program.

Service to God and His people has been a constant in his life. He taught adult Christian Education classes for more than 20 years. He served as Minister of Music at the Community Church of God, Ypsilanti, MI under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Fred L. Davis, Sr. He also served as Executive Pastor under the leadership of the late Theron W. Kersey, III. He was the Co-Chapter Representative for the Washtenaw County Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America and worked to bring the music community together in worship to the One True God. God continued to call him higher. In 2012, he announced his call to the ministry, was licensed to preach in 2017, and ordained by the General Assembly of the Church of God in Michigan in 2019. He currently serves as a member of the Program Committee for the Churches of God in Michigan.

In 2013, Dr. Fontenot married Dr. Argenis R. Conner, and the Amazing Love ministry was born. Together they have ministered to churches, conferences, relationships, marriages, those seeking marriage, and other critical causes in the family. They are the parents of 2 adult sons and 3 grandchildren.