

Reverend Cynthia T. Turner Wood, D.Min.



Pastor | Dayspring Community Church | Lanham, Maryland

Reverend Dr. Cynthia T. Turner Wood is the second Pastor of the Dayspring Community Church in Lanham, Maryland, a position she has proudly held since 2005.

Dr. Turner Wood graduated from the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, as a Curtis-Watson Fellow. There she received the Doctor of Ministry degree, with an emphasis on prophetic preaching. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, and a Bachelor of Science degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Prior to entering ministry full-time, Reverend Turner Wood served in both the Clinton and Bush Administrations as Deputy Director of Public Affairs and Speechwriter to Assistant Secretary for Health and US Surgeon General David Satcher. She brings to ministry more than 25 years' experience in publishing, health communications, and public health.

After completing her Master of Divinity degree, Dr. Turner Wood spent a year on staff with the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington, DC, where she promoted the art of contemplative living. She has served on the Governing Council of the Global United Fellowship and is an instructor with WomanPreach!, Inc. (Jarena Lee Preaching Academy). She served as a missionary with the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention's Pastoral Excellence Program (Team 8) and is currently a Pilgrim Mentor for the Thriving in Ministry Program for Female Pastors. She also serves on the board of the Mary Elizabeth House (Washington, DC), an organization that houses and supports young mothers transitioning out of the foster care system.

A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, Dr. Turner Wood enjoys traveling to new places, contemplation, writing reflectively and gardening. She is married to Rev. Dr. Jesse L. Wood, Executive Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Largo, MD. They reside in Silver Spring, Maryland, with their daughter-niece Amani and their 75-pound Airedale Terrier named Blue. Dr. Turner's favorite scripture is centered in Luke 1:38: "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me, according to Thy Word."