

Ambassador **BLANGO E. ROSS, JR**



serves as pastor of the **Strawbridge United Methodist Church** on the Frederick District of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Strawbridge is located in the rural hills of Carroll County on the outskirts of the township of New Windsor, Maryland. Unbeknown to Blango, God had been grooming him for this very position since the early 70's when he joined and regularly worshiped at the Timothy Baptist Church in west Baltimore, where the unique and diligent preaching, teaching, and vibrant ministries enabled Blango and countless others to grow with zeal in knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Many from the golden era of Timothy now function in families of faith and across denominations as church leaders, Bible teachers, seminarians, ministers, evangelists, chaplains, pastors and bishops. Blango continues in the learned tradition of letting the Bible speak for itself and centering every function of Church life on the infallible word of Almighty God! Two of the many scriptures that the Timothy Church instilled in its members and Blango committed to memory are:

Let no one despise your youth but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. [1Timothy 4:12-13]

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Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. [2 Timothy 2:15]

Seventeen years ago at the Timothy Church, Blango married his Morgan State University *sweetheart*, Precious Diane Morrison. Blango and Precious have three children, Precious Blaire (*age 14*), Sabrina Elizabeth (*age 12*), and Wynton Nehemiah (*age 10*), and they reside in Owings Mills, MD. Prior to Strawbridge, the family worshipped at West Liberty UMC, *Marriottsville*. Blango also served 3 years as a *ministerial assistant* at Emmanuel UMC, *Beltsville*, and he currently studies at the Duke Divinity School in the Weekend Course of Study.

Blango feels people should know where they are in their *Spiritual* development and openly acknowledge areas that need improvement through faith, with action, via prayer. In every opportunity he enthusiastically calls listeners to accept, rededicate, or revive the God-willing purpose for their lives. Having accepted the “call” to deliver God's timeless offer of love and salvation, Blango favors the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians— Chapter 9 where he writes:

²² *I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some.*

²³ *Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you...*

²⁷ *But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.*

Blango Ross, Jr. is truly a 21st Century Ambassador of Jesus Christ!