Church of the Messiah

The Rev. Dr. Jim Brown
Interim Rector

I was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, raised and taught about the love of Jesus by faith-filled, church attending, hard working parents. In 1970 the Lord blessed me with Sandra, a Jesus-loving wife. Over the next fifteen years we would have three children, build a house, and be active in our church. I enjoyed success as an insurance underwriter and agency marketing manager.

Then, in November, 1985, I sensed the Lord's call to pursue full-time ministry. A year later we moved to Virginia Beach so I could attend the School of Biblical Studies at Regent University. I graduated in 1990 with an MDiv and accepted a call to pastor a Covenant Church in Norfolk. In 1997 I joined the staff of Church of the Messiah and was ordained to the Anglican Priesthood in 2008. I retired from active ministry in 2018 having served as an Associate Pastor, Pastoral Counselor and Executive Pastor.

On Easter morning, 2026, the Lord reminded me of His November, 1985, call on my life – He has more work for me to do. On September 1, 2026, I assumed responsibilities as the Interim Rector of Church of the Messiah. Sandra, my wife of fifty-five years, is now with Jesus. Our three children, their spouses, and our nine grandchildren all live in the area, love Jesus, and are active in their churches. I am, indeed, blessed, far beyond measure.