

**Dr. Michael W. Langston, D. Min.**  
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Dr. Langston was born in Birmingham, Alabama on 11 November 1954. He attended the University of Louisiana in Lafayette, Louisiana on an athletic scholarship in Football and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1977. He was subsequently commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the United States Marine Corps. He completed The Basic School (TBS) in June 78 as a 0302, Infantry Officer and completed the USMC Infantry Officers Course in July 1978. His first assignment was with 3d Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Marines, 3d Marine Division as a Platoon Commander in India Company. His next assignment was to HQBN, The Basic School, Quantico, VA. as an instructor teaching Land Navigation, Patrolling, Physical Fitness, and Techniques of Military Instruction.

In December of 1983, then Capt. Langston resigned his regular active duty commission and accepted a reserve commission serving Marine Corps Reserve units in Raleigh, NC and Greenville, SC. Dr. Langston is a 1986 graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree (M.Div.) in Theology and Pastoral Care. Upon completion of a year residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at Baptist Hospital in Columbia, SC, Dr. Langston pastored Cherryfield Baptist Church and was the Sheriff's Chaplain for Transylvania County Sheriff's Dept. in Brevard, NC.

Dr. Langston was recalled to active duty from the Navy Reserve as a United States Navy Chaplain in June of 1988. His service as a U.S. Navy Chaplain includes tours with Marine Aircraft Group-29, MCAS New River, NC; Marine Wing Support Group-27, MCAS Cherry Point, NC; Air Combat Element Chaplain, Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm on board USS Guam (LPH 9); USS CHOSIN (CG 65), Pearl Harbor, HI; Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Yorktown, VA; Naval Air Station Keflavik, Keflavik, Iceland; Deputy Division Chaplain, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC; student, The Naval War College, Newport, RI.; Advanced Course Officer, Naval Chaplains School, Newport, RI.; Director, Operational Ministry Center, Norfolk, VA; Theater Chaplain, Combined Forces Command–Afghanistan (CFC-A), Kabul, Afghanistan; Division Chaplain, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC; the Force Chaplain for II MEF (Fwd) in Al Anbar Province, Iraq and Commanding Officer, Naval Chaplaincy School and Center, Columbia, SC; Executive Director of the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center, Ft Jackson, Columbia, SC. Retired June, 2011 after 36 yrs. In a civic capacity, Dr. Langston served as the Chairman of the Blythewood City Council, Board of Architectural Review (BAR) from 2010-2016.

He has an earned Doctorate (D. Min.) from Bethel Theological Seminary (1996), Saint Paul, MN with a concentration in Military Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care. In 2003 he graduated from

the Naval War College, Newport, RI, earning a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Dr. Langston earned the Navy Designator Master Training Specialist and completed the Marine Corps Command and Staff JPME at Camp Lejeune, NC. Dr. Langston was recently selected as the Outstanding Alumni for 2016 at the University of Louisiana, his alma mater. He is presently in the Dissertation phase of a PhD program at the University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen Scotland.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), Combat Action Ribbon, and various unit citations and campaign ribbons. Chaplain Langston is ordained and endorsed through the Southern Baptist Convention. He is married to the former Kathy Lee Jones, PhD of Greenville, SC. Chaplain and Dr. Langston have been married for 32 years and have three children; Michael, Jr. and daughter-in-law Kristin, with 3 grandchildren, son, Jefferson, and daughter, Elizabeth. They reside in Blythewood, SC.