



Bishop Melvin Tyrone Lee

August 24, 1963 - October 10, 2025

MELVIN TYRONE LEE, son of the late Thomas Garfield Lee and Bobbie Lee Ford, was born on August 24, 1963 in Baltimore, Maryland.

He attended Baltimore City Public Schools, graduating from Edmondson Senior High School and Family Bible Institute, College & Seminary.

Salvaged by the Lord at the tender age of 13, he was chosen for a well-rounded faith journey via Friendship Baptist Church, St. Bernardine's Catholic Church, 1st Apostolic Faith Church, Family Bible Church, The Lord's Church of Baltimore on to Because HE Lives Ministries – where these experiences would bond together and form the foundation and fill the fabric of MELVIN – CHIEF WITH THE SWORD!

With destiny forging his spiritual pathway, he would find himself deployed with VSP Janitorial Services and later the Department of Human Resources, where his innate thirst to see beyond the outer man and minister to the inner man would be further sharpened by his thirst for the Word of God and desire to walk in the pathway chosen for him. His gift truly made room for him in ministry to the homeless and those he encountered along the way who needed hope and to hear that Jesus is the answer.

Melvin T. Lee would wed his beautiful bride, Tonya Renee Bowden, in

February 1991, and from that precious union, one child would be present with the Lord before birth, and two sons – Joshua Nathaniel and Josiah Emmanuel would be given to them to train up in the way they should go.

Because HE Lives Ministries was birthed in November 1999, and through Pastor Melvin T. Lee began the ministry which would manifest, M.T. Lee Consultants LLC, O Taste & See Catering, A Place For Grace Daycare, Stages of Life Classes for Pastors & Leaders, and the Leadership Academy. Pastor Lee was elevated to the office of Bishop in October 2023, where the Treasure Chest of Tools was prepared for tracing and represents a lifelong example of godly principles to be passed on, preserving God's exceeding and abundant grace toward us all.

A living testimony was demonstrated before us in that even at the height of the affliction, Bishop Lee's joy in the Lord never wavered or ceased. The Word of God was so deeply ingrained in his heart and mind that he continued to teach, preach, and praise through it all. AMEND TO THAT, as Bishop Lee would say! Bishop Melvin T. Lee was preceded in death by his brothers Ronald Martin, Anthony Lee, and Thomas Lee.

He leaves to cherish the memory of his life, love and laughter: devoted wife, Tonya R. Lee; two sons, Joshua Lee and Josiah Lee (fiancée, Kayla); godson, Joe McClendon Jr. (Kim); twin brother, Marvin Lee; sisters, Wilhelmina Martin, Janet Horne (Milton Horne), Linda Robinson (David Robinson), Patricia Ann Lee,

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **24**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

OCT **25**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

The Lord's Church of Baltimore Inc.
5010 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Funeral Service

OCT **25**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Bishop Melvin Tyrone Lee*



March Funeral Homes - October 25, 2025 at 08:30 AM

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“ *I can still hear him singing
“Jesus you’re the center of my joy.” Melvin was an avid member of the Family Bible Ministry Praise team. Also Brother Melvin was employed at Family Bible Ministries Administration working closely with Dr. Alberta and Bishop Montgomery. My sentiments and prayers to Elders Linda and David Robinson, Dr. Pat Lee, Brother Marvin and Sis. Janet. May he rest in peace.*

Kathryn Lewis - October 25, 2025 at 07:32 PM

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“ *In Loving Memory of My Pastor and Spiritual Father*

Today, I honor the life and legacy of a man whose presence was a divine gift to all who knew him. Bishop Melvin T. Lee , you were more than a shepherd—you were a spiritual father, a mentor, and a vessel of God’s love. Your words carried wisdom, your prayers brought healing, and your life reflected the heart of Christ.

You taught us to walk by faith, to love without condition, and to serve with humility. In moments of joy and seasons of trial, your voice was a steady guide, reminding us of God’s promises. You believed in us when we doubted ourselves, and you stood in the gap when we couldn’t stand on our own.

Though your earthly journey has ended, your impact lives on—in every soul you touched, every seed you planted, and every life you helped transform. We carry your teachings in our hearts and your spirit in our service.

Rest well, faithful servant. Your legacy is eternal.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” — Matthew 25:23

Your Daughter - Shetia Lynae Lee

Shetia Lee - October 23, 2025 at 01:51 PM

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“ *To the family of Pastor/Bishop Melvin Lee: His legacy lives on in the hearts he touched, the souls he led to faith, and the community he built with compassion and grace. May the Lord comfort your heart in this time of loss here in the physical but rejoice him being in the presence of the Lord.*

Yvonne Riley - October 22, 2025 at 09:15 PM

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“ *To a Gentle Giant
Bishop you will be missed
Love You Sir
Darlene*

DARLENE WASHINGTON - October 21, 2025 at 03:42 PM

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“ *Cassie Creek & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bishop Melvin Tyrone Lee.*

Cassie Creek & Family - October 20, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bishop Melvin Tyrone Lee.*



October 20, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - October 17, 2025 at 04:29 PM