

## Pastor Dr. Gregory J. Foster



Pastor Gregory J. Foster received his call into the ministry, November 1979. At that time he began serving under his father, the late Dr. J. Lee Foster, who organized The First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park, along with his mother, Annie Pearl. Pastor Foster and seven other members He served as the Sr. Assistant Pastor under his father until January 8, 1994, when he was called to serve as Sr. Pastor at the First Independent Baptist Church, Corsicana, TX.

He became the 22nd pastor of this historical African-American church. First Independent was organized in 1868 by former slaves to worship God independently. The term “independent” was used to differentiate from an already existing Baptist movement and to show that it was organized by African-Americans. Pastor Gregg, as he is known by many members, served until 1995 when he returned to First Baptist Hamilton Park to under gird his father’s ministry due to his deteriorating health. Since his father’s death in February 2003, Pastor Gregg now serves as the Senior Pastor under the “father-son” tradition, which is woven into the fabric of the African-American church.