

REV. DR. JOHN ED MATHISON

Leading A Local Church to 21st Century Ministry

Dr. John Ed Mathison retired in June 2008 after 36 years as senior minister of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. He has been elected to serve at six General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church. He currently is the chair of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.



The son of a United Methodist minister, Dr. Mathison graduated from Opelika High School and Young Harris Junior College. He holds a bachelor's degree from Huntingdon College, a bachelor of divinity degree from Candler School of Theology, a master's de-

gree from Princeton University, and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Candler. He also has received honorary doctorate degrees from Asbury Seminary, Huntingdon College and Birmingham Southern College.

Under his leadership, Frazer UMC grew from 400 members to more than 8,800 and had the largest Sunday School attendance for United Methodist Churches in America. At the time of Dr. Mathison's retirement Frazer had eight Sunday morning worship services at the Atlanta Highway campus – three traditional, three contemporary, one Hispanic and one Chinese. The worship services were televised nationwide each week reaching about 40 million homes. In 1994 Dr. Mathison was selected as the National Clergyman of the Year by the Religious Heritage of America, joining the ranks of nationally known figures such as Billy Graham who have received the honor.

Dr. Mathison and a board of directors have established the John Ed Mathison Leadership Ministries which will involve preaching, teaching, conferences and seminars. The purpose of the ministry is to train pastors and lay persons to be leaders impacting the world for Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God. The website www.johnedmathison.org, gives a full description of the ministry.

Dr. Mathison has written five books. *Tried and True* lists eleven church-growth principles utilized by Frazer for designing and implementing its ministry. *Every Member in Ministry* tells Frazer's story of how to get lay people involved in meaningful ministry. *Fishing for Birds* and *Extra Effort* are collections of 129 bulletin-front messages from Dr. Mathison to the Frazer congregation. *Treasures of the Transformed Life* is a 40-day spiritual growth study. He has also written articles for *Decision Magazine*, *The Circuit Rider*, and other religious periodicals.

He and his wife, Lynn, have three daughters, Vicki, Lauren, and Clay, and one son, Si. They are also the proud grandparents of eight grandsons and two granddaughters.

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