Rev. James Arthur Davis, Jr. was born in Philadelphia, PA, to James & Dorthea Elaine Davis. He accepted the Lord as his personal savior at the age of eight. James was educated in the Christian school systems of Philadelphia, PA and Grand Rapids, MI.

He matriculated at Howard University and then graduated from Towson University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Digital Art & Design. James furthered his studies at Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University, in St. David’s, PA., completing his *Master of Theological Studies*, in January 2017. He is also a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated.

Accepting God’s call to ministry in early 2005, James preached his initial sermon on April 5, 2007, at Mt. Calvary AME Church, in Towson, MD., where he served as a Bible Study leader; Christian Education Teacher; Men’s ministry co-chair; and co-leader of the Married & Engaged Couples ministry, with his wife. James was ordained an Itinerate Deacon on April 5, 2013, and Itinerate Elder, on May 11, 2018.

James was employed as a Distribution Designer in the Utilities industry for 17 years, before accepting a CTE teaching position in the Baltimore City Public School System. Additionally, he is the Head Coach for the Boys Cross Country and Track teams at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. He also teaches two accelerated courses at Peace Multi-Cultural Theological Seminary.

In June 2017, James received his first Pastoral appointment from Bishop James L. Davis; with the mind to serve, love and grow alongside the people of Bethel A.M.E. in Church Hill, MD.

On April 6, 2024, at the 208th session of the Baltimore Annual Conference, James was assigned his 2nd pastoral charge, to shepherd the great people of Chestnut Grove A.M.E. Church in Street, MD.

James has been married to his best friend, Rev. D’Otta Davis, since August 1999. Together, they have four children: James III, D’Amaie, Jadon and Josiah.

Rev. James’ life verse is ***James 1:4*** **“Perseverance must finish its work, so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”** (NIV)