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### **JUNIUS DOTSON TO BE APPOINTED AT SAINT MARK**

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WICHITA — The Rev. Junius B. Dotson will be appointed July 1 to Saint Mark United Methodist Church in Wichita. Dotson's first Sunday at Saint Mark will be Aug. 18.

Dotson, born and raised in Houston, Texas, was ordained in 1992. In 1996, he was presented with the challenge of beginning a new and innovative church in the Silicon Valley in the California-Nevada Annual (Regional) Conference. Genesis United Methodist Church, Milpitas, Calif., had its first worship service on Easter Sunday in 1997. Today, the church has more than 370 members and has been featured in newspaper articles, on radio programs, religious journals and in *NextChurch.now* for its innovative approaches to marketing, evangelism and disciple making.

"We are very excited to have Pastor Dotson appointed to take over the leadership at Saint Mark," said John Rolfe, chairman of the staff-parish relations committee. "We believe and are confident that God has sent us who He would want to take Saint Mark to the next level."

Saint Mark United Methodist Church, 1525 N. Lorraine, has 2,500 members and an average worship attendance of more than 1,300.

"We're very excited about the opportunity to extend the ministry of Saint Mark," Dotson said. "Saint Mark is a good fit for [my family] in terms of our vision for ministry and the gifts and graces I bring to ministry. My passions align with their goals for small group ministry and expansion of multi-media."

Dotson has a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and attended seminary at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas before he was recruited to serve in the California-Nevada Annual (Regional) Conference as a student pastor. Dotson completed his master of divinity degree at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., in 1993.

Dotson and his wife, Christina, have two children, Wesley, age 6, and Janelle, age 3.