



### New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Elects Its Third Pastor

The members of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church have chosen Rev. Steven L. Floyd, Sr as their third pastor, ensuring a seamless continuation of our church's long-standing history of service to God and the community. With his deep understanding of our church's values, Rev. Floyd is committed to furthering our legacy of service and faith.

Rev. Floyd's arrival at New Hope is marked by anticipation and enthusiasm. He is eager to build upon the foundations laid by Pastors Richmond and Allison, envisioning a church that equips the people of God for the advancement of God's kingdom through edification, education, and engagement. This vision hopes to instill hope and optimism, promising a bright future for the congregation and the community.

Reverend Floyd grew up in rural Franklin County, where he attributes much of his ministry grooming and mentorship to the Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Paige. Rev. Floyd mentions that every week, he and Dr. Paige would spend hours together visiting people, having deep conversations, and being shown what service and pastoral leadership should look like. This left a lasting impression on Rev. Floyd, and Rev. Floyd hopes to follow in Dr. Paige's footsteps.

Rev. Floyd is married to the former Alison Brown, and together they have four children (Justice, Isaiah, Nia, and Steven, Jr.).

Rev. Floyd's journey in ministry began in the 1990s as a church musician, a role that he continued into adulthood. He served as the Minister of Music at Greenwood Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Eddie W. Lawrence. It was during this time, in 2017, that he received his ministerial license, and in 2019, he was ordained a Baptist minister.

Rev. Floyd has served as a music educator for the Warren and Granville County School Systems, Associate Pastor/Minister of Music for Greenwood Baptist Church (Warrenton, NC), Associate Pastor of Temple Memorial Baptist Church (High Point, NC), and Sr. Pastor of Buncombe Baptist Church (Lexington, NC). Rev. Floyd is also the Special Victims Unit sergeant for the Burlington Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division. This rich professional journey, marked by his dedication and commitment, is a testament to his qualifications and experience to lead New Hope into the future.

Rev. Floyd believes in the power of community and that God can heal, deliver, and set people free. Reverend Floyd's favorite scripture is Proverbs 18:21, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church is located at 306 S English St., Greensboro. For more information about worship opportunities, please visit the website at [www.newhopembc-gso.org](http://www.newhopembc-gso.org) or call the church office at (336) 274-1022.