

First Baptist Church

"Equipping God's People for His Purpose"



**A Celebration of the
8th Pastoral Anniversary
for
Pastor Anthony E. Neal and Lady Christie Neal**

**March 13, 2022 11am Service
First Baptist Church
201 Wayne Street | Badin, North Carolina 28009
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Celebrating 105 Years 1917 - 2022**



Pastor Anthony E. Neal

Reverend Dr. Anthony Eugene Neal was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and raised in Montgomery County, Maryland. He is the oldest of three sons born to Jessie Claggett and B. Eugene Neal. He received his early education from the Montgomery County Public School System and is a graduate of Seneca Valley High School. Reverend Neal participated in organized sports to include football, baseball, basketball, wrestling and track, throughout his youth and in college.

He proudly served in the United States Army for three years and received several awards during his military service. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications from Bowie State University, Bowie, MD. He received his Master of Divinity degree with a

concentration in Pastoral Care and Counseling from the M. Christopher White Divinity School at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. Pastor Neal received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Hood Theological Seminary, with a concentration in Leadership. He is also a member of the illustrious Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Reverend Neal has excelled in a career in Information Technology (Management, Network and Desktop Support) since 1997. He answered his calling to preach and teach the gospel in 2008.

He served as an Associate Minister at Greater Galilee Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Robert L. McGowens, Sr. prior to being called to the pastorate of First Baptist Church. At Greater Galilee Baptist Church, he served on the Pastor's Aide, Family Ministry, Male Mentoring and Men's Choir, as Assistant Servant Leader of the Outreach/Evangelism Ministry and Servant Leader of the Couples Ministry. Reverend Neal was licensed by Greater Galilee Baptist Church in January 2010 and ordained by the United Missionary Baptist Association in April 2012.

In February 2014, Reverend Neal was elected as Pastor of First Baptist Church in Badin, NC. This union between Pastor Neal, Lady Neal and First Baptist Church has been a blessing. The Lord has given Pastor Neal a vision to lead the church and serve the community through various forms of outreach and community involvement. Equipping God's people for His Purpose is what Pastor Neal strives to do in this ministry.

Pastor Neal is a devoted family man and is married to his best friend and the love of his life, Lady Christie Neal, an Outpatient Therapist. Together they have three beautiful children Arielle, Simone and Anthony. He is also 'Papa' to his grandsons Jayden and Raheem and Quadir and granddaughter Faith. He has a heart for winning souls for Christ and lives by the scripture Matthew 17:20, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

**Eighth Pastoral Anniversary Service for
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*And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding
Jeremiah 3:15*

Praise and Worship

Processional

Pastor Anthony and Lady Christie Neal

Escorted by Deacon Garry Lewis and Deaconess Linda Lewis

Call to Worship Reverend Keri Durrah

Invocation

Scripture Reading Luke 13:31-35

Musical Selection FBC Badin Choir

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

Announcements

Service of Giving Trustees

Musical Selection FBC Badin Choir

Offertory Response All Things Come Of Thee (#536)

Introduction of Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Anthony E. Neal

Sermonic Selection FBC Badin Choir

Morning Message

Reverend Keri Durrah, Associate Minister
Greater Galilee Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Musical Selection FBC Badin Choir

Pastor's Aide Remarks / Presentation Pastor's Aide Ministry

Pastoral Remarks Rev. Dr. Anthony E. Neal

Benediction Rev. Keri Durrah

Biographical Sketch of Reverend Keri Durrah



Reverend Keri Meadows Durrah, daughter of the late Deacon Madison and Deaconess Eunice Meadows of Wellford, SC. She has one son, Undra M. Durrah (Stephanie) and three Grandchildren; Justin, Jamal, and Jada Durrah of Lawrenceville, GA. Reverend Durrah has five brothers, one brother deceased, one brother-in-law, one sister, and three sisters-in-law.

Reverend Durrah graduated from James F Byrnes High, Duncan, SC, received her Associates Degree in Computer Science from Spartanburg Technical College, Spartanburg, SC, her Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Management from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC; and her Master of Divinity – Christian Education from Christopher M White Seminary College at

Garden-Webb University, Boiling Spring, NC.

She is currently employed by Wells Fargo Bank, Charlotte, NC as a Systems/Software QA.

Reverend Durrah received her certificate of Evangelism at Salem Baptist Church, Omaha, NE in December 2002 under the Pastorship of Dr. Maurice Watson. After relocating back to South Carolina, she was an Associate Minister at her home church, Shiloh Baptist Church, Wellford, SC under the Pastorship of Rev. Lewis C. Duckett.

God had more in store for her so she relocated to Charlotte, NC due to employment, where she joined The Greater Galilee Baptist Church. She was trained, preached her initial sermon and license on June 29, 2008 at Greater Galilee Baptist Church under the Pastorship of Dr. Robert L. McGowens, Sr. She was ordained on April 15, 2012

As one of the first female minister by the United Missionary Baptist Association of Charlotte, NC, Dr. Peter Wherry. Moderator, at Greater Galilee Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC. Reverend Durrah is currently an Associate Minister at Greater Galilee Baptist –Charlotte, NC where she serves as the Advisor Minister of The Youth Ministry, Servant Leader of the Evangelism Ministry, Advisory of The Women of Purpose Ministry, Sunday School and Bible Institution Teacher.

Reverend Durrah is a Diamond Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc and a member of Charlotte Alumnae Chapter.

A member of Findley 221 Order of the Eastern Star, Wellford, S.C.
Her chosen life scripture is Psalms 84:11-12

From Pastor Anthony & Lady Christie Neal

To God be the Glory for the things He has done. We are grateful to God for being able to serve at First Baptist Church of Badin for these eight years. These past few years have been challenging due to the pandemic, but through it all God has blessed First Baptist Church.

Thank You First Baptist Church Officers and Members, Reverend Keri Durrah, the Pastor's Aide Ministry, Usher Ministry and Culinary Ministry, Program participants, family, friends and all in attendance today.

Thank you for all your love and support

For His Glory,

Pastor and Lady Neal

