

Rev. Dr. Louis S. Leigh, Jr.

Rev. Louis S. Leigh, Jr. was licensed for the gospel ministry in 1996 and ordained in 1998. His ministry experience includes serving part-time as Youth Pastor for the Crystal Hill Baptist Church in Halifax, VA for over four years, three years as full-time Associate Pastor of Administration for Ebenezer Baptist and dually as the Executive Director for EBC-ATOM, Inc. in Rocky Mount, NC. During this great ministerial growth opportunity, Rev. Leigh was blessed with the opportunity to manage a Community Outreach movement that secured over \$2.6 million in grant funding and \$4.2 million in property donations. Additionally, EBC-ATOM, Inc. in partnership with the Ebenezer Baptist Church served over 12,000 families displaced by hurricane Floyd, led a housing renovation effort both individually and in partnership with Habitat for Humanity that renovated over 35 low and moderate income homes and provided financial support and counseling for an average of 35 families per week through their outreach and life-skills ministry. On February 1, 2004, God blessed whereby Rev Leigh began his tenure as Pastor of the First African Baptist Church located at 803 Harris Street, Goldsboro, NC.



In 2001 God sent Ms. Kesha Henderson (now Mrs. Kesha Henderson Leigh) into life as his wife and together they have one daughter, Ms. Kendall Noelle Leigh and one son, Louis S. Leigh, III.

Educationally, Leigh holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, Masters in Christian Education and his Doctorate in Christian Education with a concentration in Worship Studies and is currently a second year PhD Fellow with a concentration in Christian Education. Additionally, Rev Leigh has been certified in Non-Profit Community Development and Faith Based Funding leadership through the North Carolina Association of CDCs, Certification in Capital Markets and Tax Credits through New School University in Manhattan, NC. He is currently a participant in a post graduate leadership and mission immersion program with the University of Zimbabwe in affiliation with and through acceptance in the Lott Carey/Lilly Foundation Foreign Mission International Pastoral Excellence Program (Lott Carey PEP). With the Lott Carey PEP, Pastor Leigh has traveled abroad with 20 pastor colleagues to South America, West Indies and South Africa on Missions with a scheduled completion of the Lott Carey PEP in December of 2008. Professionally prior to entering into full time ministry in 2001, Rev. Leigh was employed Senior Financial Auditor for the International CPA firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers for three years, served a year with PepsiCo Corporation as Team Lead in charge of Accounting and Finance and spend a short tenure prior to resigning to serve in full time ministry as the Assistant Controller for Eaton Corporation responsible for overseeing a \$43 million annual local budget and a \$370 million regional budget from 2000-2001.

Of all his experiences and opportunities, Pastor Leigh's greatest desire is sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to hurting souls.