



WE APPRECIATE YOU PASTOR CARTER FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO LEAD, GUIDE, & KEEP YOU.

we love and celebrate you

Dr. Christopher C. Carter, Sr.



NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
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31 ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate PASTORAL

Worship Experience

WORSHIP LEADER: MINISTER RICK WITHERSPOON
CALL TO WORSHIP/INVOCATION



Order of Service

PRAISE & WORSHIP

MINISTRY OF SONG

SCRIPTURE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS & VIDEO TRIBUTE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

HIS TITHES - OUR OFFERING

SPECIAL TRIBUTES HONORING OUR PASTOR

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

DR. CHRISTOPHER C. CARTER, SR.

MINISTRY OF SONG

MASS CHOIR

THE PROCLAIMED WORD

BISHOP DWIGHT S. RIDDICK, SR.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

BENEDICTION



THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We Honor Dr. Christopher C. Carter, Sr. Pastor, Leader, Visionary, Servant

Dr. Christopher C. Carter, a native of Newport News, Virginia, was reared in Hampton and educated in the Hampton Public School System. In 1993, he answered the divine call to the Gospel Ministry, beginning a lifelong journey of faith, leadership, and service. He served as an Associate Minister at First Morning Star Baptist Church in Gloucester, Virginia, where he cultivated his gifts and deepened his commitment to ministry.

For the past 31 years, Dr. Carter has faithfully served as Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, where his ministry has flourished. His innovative, charismatic, and dynamic teaching and leadership have led to remarkable growth in both membership and spiritual depth. His extraordinary musical talents are showcased through soul-stirring vocal renditions that inspire participation and introspective spiritual reflection.

Dr. Carter is widely known throughout the Hampton Roads communities for his civic involvement and public service. In June 1997, he was honored as *Pastor of the Month* by Murray's Steaks, Inc. for his outstanding leadership. In 1998, the Hampton City Council appointed him to the City of Hampton Parking Authority, and in September 2016, he was appointed to the Hampton Planning Commission, where he currently serves as Virginia Peninsula Chair.

In April 2002, Dr. Carter received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Norfolk Seminary and College. His academic achievements include an Associate Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Human Services from Thomas Nelson Community College, a Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies from Liberty University, and a Master of Arts in Management and Leadership from Liberty University. He is currently pursuing his doctorate at Emory University, exemplifying his passion for lifelong learning and growth.

Dr. Carter has worked in the Funeral Service profession for over 30 years, ministering to bereaved families with unmatched professionalism and compassion. His services have reached families beyond Virginia, fostering partnerships that support business expansion and entrepreneurship throughout Hampton Roads. He serves on numerous boards and community action committees and is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Iota Iota Chapter (Fort Eustis Service Chapter). He also contributes to the Aberdeen Gardens Historic and Civic Association.

His business acumen is respected by many, and he has served as a guest lecturer at Strayer University and Thomas Nelson Community College. Dr. Carter's persona radiates hope and inspiration, especially to those who may not have had traditional pathways to success. He is a bridge-builder, a unifier, and a visionary who promotes equity, inclusion, and peace.

Dr. Carter is happily married to the former Anita R. Burley of Newport News, Virginia. They have one son, Christopher C. Carter, Jr. ("CJ"), whose love for God reflects the spiritual foundation of his parents. The Carter family resides in Hampton, Virginia, continuing to bless the community with their presence and service.

Dr. Carter is a patriarchal figure—offering hope to men, guidance to women, and wisdom to youth. He is deliberate in initiating conversations that lead to meaningful change and is committed to assembling teams that spark action for the betterment of our communities.

We thank God for Dr. Carter's decades of faithful service to New Hope Baptist Church and look forward to many more years of growth, unity, and divine direction as we journey forward together as a church family.

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Rev. Dr. Christopher C. Carter
New Hope Baptist Church
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November 12, 2025

Dear Rev. Carter,

It is with profound joy and deep admiration that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on the occasion of your *31st Pastoral Anniversary*.

Your remarkable accomplishments stand as a testament to your steadfast service, unwavering faith, and exemplary leadership within God's community. Though we are unable to join the celebration in person, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire *New Hope Baptist Church* family as you commemorate this extraordinary milestone.

Dr. Carter, your ministry continues to embody genuine and purposeful leadership through your dedication to serving others. Your powerful preaching and teaching have touched countless lives, forging a lasting spiritual connection that continues to inspire and uplift the community to this day.

As you celebrate this milestone, may it serve as a reflection of the many lives you have touched and the enduring acts of love and service you have shared throughout your journey. On behalf of myself and the entire Office of Senator Mamie Locke, we joyfully celebrate you, your family, and the *New Hope Baptist Church* family on this blessed occasion.

May this anniversary bring renewed strength, joy, and gratitude as you continue to lead and serve with grace and devotion.

May God continue to bless you and the New Hope Family.

Sincerely,

Mamie E. Locke, Ph.D.
Member, Senate of Virginia

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CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

Dr. Christopher C. Carter, Sr.,

On behalf of the City Council and the residents of the City of Hampton, it is my distinct honor to extend congratulations to you as you celebrate your *31st Pastoral Anniversary*.

Thank you for your vision, compassion and unwavering commitment to spiritual growth and community service in the City of Hampton and the Hampton Roads area. Thanks to your leadership and dedication to the ministry, many members of New Hope Baptist Church and the community have been inspired to continue to embark on their spiritual journeys.

You are a well-respected leader whose influence continues to make a positive impact. It is our hope that the Holy Spirit grants you the strength to continue to do God's work for years to come.

Once again, congratulations on reaching this milestone. Wishing you the very best for an enjoyable and memorable celebration on Sunday, November 16, 2025.

Sincerely,

James A. Gray, Jr.
Mayor

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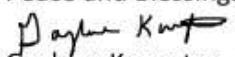
November 10, 2025

Dear Rev. Carter,

On behalf of the Hampton Branch NAACP, I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to you on the remarkable milestone of 31 years of pastoring and serving our community. This achievement reflects your unwavering dedication and the profound impact you have made in the lives of so many.

Your passion for your parishioners and the broader community is truly inspiring. Your sermons resonate deeply, offering spiritual guidance and hope, and we all know you have a voice that could make the angels sing! Your musical talents add a special touch to our gatherings, lifting spirits and creating an atmosphere of joy. Beyond your spiritual leadership, your commitment to community service has been transformative. Your outreach programs and advocacy for social justice show that faith is not just about personal salvation, but about uplifting and empowering others. You have nurtured the spiritual growth of your congregation while encouraging civic engagement, reminding us of our duty to stand for justice and equality.

As you celebrate this significant milestone, know that your contributions are deeply appreciated. We look forward to many more years of your guidance and the continued growth of our community under your stewardship.

Peace and Blessings,

Gaylene Kanoyton

President, Hampton NAACP



Our Celebratory Guest Speaker

Bishop Dwight S. Riddick, Sr., a native of Chesapeake, Virginia, graduated in 1982 from Norfolk State University in Norfolk, VA, where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. In 1991, he received the Master of Divinity Degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia. In 2005, he earned the Doctor of Ministry Degree and the School of Divinity's Leadership Award from Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Dr. Riddick also earned a second doctoral degree from Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, in May of 2016. In May of 2023, Bishop Riddick received an Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising from the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving at Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Additionally, Bishop Riddick has completed the 2024 Collaboration Tract of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

Currently, Bishop Riddick serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Greater Peninsula C.A.R.E.S. Foundation, Inc.

Following a successful, six-year ministry at First Baptist Church, Dendron, Virginia, Bishop Riddick was called to lead Gethsemane Baptist Mission (now Gethsemane Baptist Church), Newport News, Virginia in 1985. Within the first two years, he meticulously led Gethsemane Baptist Church in building a 20,000 sq. ft. worship and education center. In 2011, he led the church in constructing its second building, the Transformation Place. Gethsemane Baptist Mission, starting with only 200 disciples, has developed into a congregation of well over 2,000 members.

Bishop Riddick founded F.L.A.M.E., Inc., which is an organization that equips and nurtures pastors. He has distinctively served in numerous positions including serving as the 40th President of the Hampton University Ministers' Conference, President of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia and member of the Board of Trustees for Virginia Union University. Additionally, he was nominated for the Daily Press Newspaper's Citizen Award in 2001 and received the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities Humanitarian Award in 2012.

Bishop Riddick is certainly a voice for our time. As referenced in his first published book "Does Preaching Have a Future, A Call to Join the Conversation," he challenges preachers to broaden their world-view and creative implementation of the preached gospel as encouraged like only he can. In his second book, "Reflections: Life Lessons I Learned from My Dad," Dr. Riddick extracts practical life principles that were poured into his life by the unconventional ways in which his Dad reared him. In his newest published work, "Good Success: Practical Principles for Achieving Your Life Goals from the book of Joshua," he calls upon a combination of his experiences in life, business and ministry coupled with teachings from the Book of Joshua to provide readers with steps for achieving their God-given purpose. Dr. Riddick currently serves as a Mentor for the Styberg Preaching Institute and as an Adjunct Professor for the ACTS Doctor of Ministry in Preaching Program in Chicago, IL.

In September 2019, F.L.A.M.E., Inc., unanimously voted and elected Dr. Riddick to the Office of Bishop which is an elevation that he most humbly and reverently accepted. He was consecrated as the Presiding Prelate for F.L.A.M.E., Inc. on November 13, 2021. In light of his many accomplishments, platforms, community and organization involvement, this elevation comes as no surprise to those who have been blessed by his tutelage.

Bishop Dwight Riddick, Sr. and his lovely, wife, Vera, are the proud parents of a son, Reverend Doctor Dwight Riddick, Jr. and his wife, Reverend Doctor Jennell Riddick, and also a daughter, Reverend Tiffany Foreman and her husband, Deacon Mitchell Foreman. They are the proud grandparents of five lovely grandchildren: Dwight (III), Amber, Jasmine, Rhyan and Tyler.