



### **Reverend Jeffery D. Bell, Sr.**

Rev. Jeffery Bell, Sr. was born in Chester, PA, on June 2nd, 1964 to Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Bell. He attended the public schools in West Chester, PA. He graduated from Henderson High School in 1982. Rev. Bell gave his life to the Lord at the age of 24 while attending the Household of Faith under the leadership of Rev. Dana Martin.

In 1996 Rev Bell and his family moved to Reading, PA, and joined Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Bell worked on several ministries such as the Advisory Council and Outreach and Prison Ministries. He has a passion for youth ministry and he served as a youth ministry at Zion Baptist Church for 7 years.

Rev. Bell accepted his call from the Lord to preach the Gospel in 1996 and was licensed by Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor James R. Edlow, Sr. Rev Bell accepted the call to pastor the New Hope Baptist Church in November of 2002. The Central Baptist Association ordained Rev. Bell on Dec 29th, 2002.

Under Pastor Bell's leadership, New Hope Baptist Church has grown in quality and in quantity by implementing an Outreach Ministry, Transitional Housing for Men, Reaching Our Children (R.O.C.) (youth ministry).

Rev. Bell currently serves as the President for the Reading Vicinity Ministerial Association (RVMA), which is an organization that consists of 22 African American Churches in the Reading community. Rev. Bell is also a board member for the Berks County Conferences of Churches.

Rev. Bell is supported by his wife of 26 years, Jean Bell; 2 children: Jeffery D. Bell, Jr., and Charlise Bell who attends Kutztown University.

Rev. Bell has graduated from the Reading Bible Institute and seeks to further his education at the Lancaster Bible College in the near future.