



Dr. Ronald Percy Davis, Sr.

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Dr. Ronald Percy Davis, Sr. was born in Birmingham, Alabama on April 15, 1952 to the late Juanita and Melvin Davis, Sr. At a young age Dr. Davis's family relocated to New York City where he was raised and educated. He was known for his unwavering support and readiness to help people along with his strong interests in reading and academics. Dr. Davis's passion was to serve God and humanity and that was surely reflected in his personal and professional achievements. He significantly impacted many lives in so many ways throughout his lifetime. On January 24, 2025, Dr. Ronald Davis, Sr. made his transition to paradise leaving cherished memories and a strong personal and professional legacy.

Education: Each academic achievement was earned with high honors that included: Bachelor of Science degree in social work, Miles College, Birmingham, Alabama; Master of Divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey; Master of Arts in Religion, Wake Forest University in Winton-Salem, North Carolina; Doctor of Ministry-Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. He took great pride in his thesis: "A Comparative Study of the Theologies of James Cone and Gustavo Gutierrez."

Professional: Board Certified Chaplain

Dr. Davis worked as a Staff Chaplain at the Adventist Healthcare Shady Grove Medical Center. While working there, he successfully completed the Adventist Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) program four units. After completing the ACPE program, Chaplain Davis successfully completed and earned the Board-Certified Chaplain Certification (BCCI) which is the highest level of professional certification in the chaplaincy. He had a focus in psychotherapy and accepted employment as a Staff Chaplain with St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C. Chaplain Davis accelerated his Chaplain career and was employed as Staff Chaplain with Hospital for Sick Children/Children's National Hospital in Washington, DC.



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Academic: Dr. Davis began his college teaching career at Bowie State University, Bowie, Maryland that spanned between the years 1997- and -2024. During his tenure at Bowie State University, he worked as Adjunct Professor and also on the Faculty for the Department of History and Government. Dr. Davis loved teaching at Bowie State University and loved teaching his students. He especially loved teaching African American Studies and also using his wisdom and expertise in religion he also taught religion classes (Intro to Old Testament, Intro to New Testament, and History of World Religions). Dr. Ronald Davis, Sr's teaching experience expands beyond the college level. He also taught African American Studies at Anne Arundel County Community College and Prince George's Community College-both in Maryland, Central Texas College off campus at Bolling Air Force Base (AFB) in Washington, D.C. Dr. Davis had experience teaching seminary students. He has also taught at Shaw University Divinity School in Raleigh, North Carolina.

As Pastor: From early childhood, Ronald attended Russell Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (C.M.E.) located in the Bronx, New York. He was very active at his home church and loved participating in church activities and events. He was especially proud to have played the part of Jesus in a Christmas play. Dr. Davis accepted his calling in the ministry under the leadership of his Pastor, Rev. Frank Fuller and was on the local minister path that led him to be ordained a local minister in 1976. Shortly thereafter, he relocated his wife and children to Birmingham, AL where he attended Miles College. While a student at Miles College, he was assigned his first church, Welch Chapel C.M.E. in Brighton, AL. While living in Birmingham, AL, his assignments included Springhill C.M.E. Church, Munford, AL and Mt. Zion C.M.E. Church in Alphine, AL. He pastored these churches simultaneously alternating Sundays. After graduating from Miles College with honors, he was accepted to Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey while he was also the Pastor of Mount Olive C.M.E. Church in Camden, NJ. After graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary with honors, he was assigned to Pastor St. John C.M.E Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina for 12 years. He accepted this assignment and relocated his family to Winston-Salem, NC. God blessed his ministry and worked through Pastor Davis and members to accomplished many things. Just to name a few accomplishments made under the leadership of Rev. Ronald Davis, Sr he led the church to prosperity from a position of being in the red. He stabilized the finances of the church, increased the membership and spiritual health of the church, established the Tongues of Fire Youth and Young Adult Choir, improved the worship service and Bible Study. He added drums and hire a Minister of Music. Rev. Davis laid the foundation for building a new Sanctuary. Over \$150,000 was available to begin the construction of the new church building even before he left St. John in Winston-Salem, NC. Rev. Ronald Davis, Sr. was loved and very popular with the local ministers of all denominations. In 1996, Rev. Ronald Davis and family relocated to Bowie, Maryland. Eventually Pastor Davis was assigned as Pastor to



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Tabernacle C.M.E. Church in St. Albans Queens, New York.

While Pastor of Hopps Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME) in Syracuse, NY, Dr. Ronald Davis, Sr. had a successful ministry and outreach ministry. He served as the 3rd President of the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse (ACTS) for two years. Under his leadership, ACTS was affiliated with The Gamaliel Foundation Network, a nationwide grassroots organization network. This network trains ordinary people to build power in their communities focusing on voting rights and education, empowering the community and faith leaders to participate in political, environmental, social, and economic decisions that impact individual lives.

Other successful pastorates include Calvary C.M.E. Church in Jersey City, New Jersey; and St. John C.M.E Church in Washington, DC. He also had the high honor to serve as the Regional Evangelism Chairperson for the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church 7th Episcopal District, New York/Washington Conference.

God moved on Dr. Davis heart to start an outreach ministry to serve the local community where he lived preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and saving souls. In 1998, Dr. Davis became the Founder and Pastor of New Revelations in Christ Ministries, Inc (NRIC) and remained Pastor in Bowie, MD. His motto was "I will prepare and my opportunity will come". Dr. Davis was invited to partner with the Church of God in Christ (Rhode Island Jurisdiction) by Bishop Harvey L. Lewis, NRIC then became part of the Church of God in Christ. Dr. Ronald P. Davis, Sr. was recommended and endorsed by Bishop Harvey L. Lewis, Sr. to be the Chaplain for the Rhode Island Jurisdiction Bishop Harvey L. Lewis, Sr. also recommended and endorsed Dr. Ronald P. Davis, Sr. for the position of National Chaplaincy for the Church of God in Christ. Dr. Davis was honored and proud to serve in both these positions with the Church of God in Christ.

Family Legacy: Dr. Davis loved and cherished his family and is survived by his wife Brenda (Albritton) Davis. Ronald and Brenda Davis were greatly blessed to be happily married over 48+ years. They are the proud parents of four children: Tyrone W. Counts (deceased); Tracey D. Counts, New York, NY; Desiree A. Counts, McDonough, GA; and Ronald P. Davis, Jr. (Demeca), Clinton, MD. Grandchildren: Erica Counts Spencer, Taylor Counts Haile(Gregory), Aundrea Counts, Quinton Counts, William B. Rosenberg (Kionna), Ashlee Rosenberg, Tyler Gobourne, Hailey Gobourne, Stephen Gobourne, Ronald P. Davis, III (Aniaya), Raelyn Davis, Ronayah Davis. Great-grandchildren: Camryn Spencer, Cayla Spencer, Madison Foster, Brandon Rosenberg, Bella Rosenberg, Aniyah Burgos, Ahmirah Carter, Bryson Counts, Micah Miller, Falynn



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Gobourne, N’Kosi Gobourne, Reina Davis, King Ronald-Percy Davis. Brothers and Sisters: Terrance Davis (Kimberly), Minnie Lee Davis Render, and nephew Derrick Davis whom Ronald helped care for and was Derrick’s Power of Attorney and Health Care Proxy. Deceased brothers and sisters: James Willie Davis, Melvina Davis, Flora Davis, Maria Davis, Melvin Davis, and William Derrick (Ricky) Davis, and Jeanetta, Davis. There are a hosts of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and colleagues who loved him dearly and will deeply miss their loved one Ronald.

He was a great loving and faithful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, friend, pastor, college professor, board certified chaplain, community organizer, teacher, mentor and many other titles he was honored to hold. His immeasurable spirit and life he led impacted countless individuals that are forever grateful for the many ways Dr. Ronald Percy Davis, Sr. significantly touched their lives.

A public viewing for Dr. Davis will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ, 6200 Riverdale Rd., Riverdale Park, MD 20737 from 10-11 am. A Homegoing Service will begin at 11:00 am. Entombment at Bestgate Memorial Park, 814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD 21401 will immediately follow.



Events

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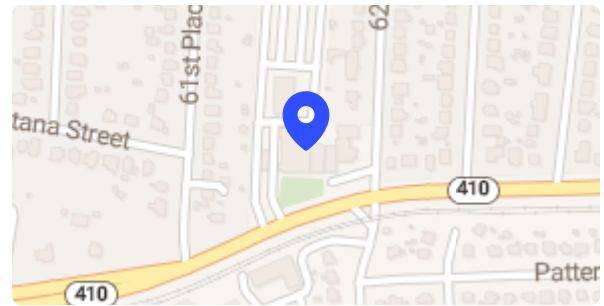
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Viewing

Thursday, February 13, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ
6200 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park MD 20737

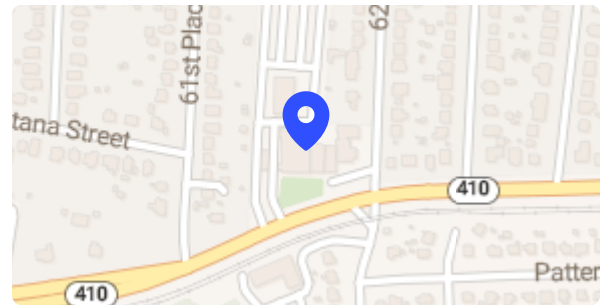


Homegoing Celebration Service

Thursday, February 13, 2025

11:00 AM ET

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Cemetery Details

Bestgate Memorial Park
Annapolis MD 21401



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ER

Erika lit a candle in honor of Ronald.



Tracey, know I'm holding you and your beautiful family in my heart & thoughts during this difficult time. Thank you for keeping me in mind and sharing the obituary. Your father's life was clearly one of deep purpose, service, and faith, and I am honored I had the opportunity to have met him, attend his church & witness his love for Christ as he passionately delivered a sermon. May his legacy continue to inspire, and may you and your family continue to find comfort in the cherished memories and the many lives that he touched. 🙏❤️ Sending my love and heartfelt condolences to you, Momma D. and your entire family. Once again, my sincere regrets for not being able to travel down. Love you much, and I look forward to seeing you soon. Lighting a virtual periwinkle candle in Dr. Davis' honor—for his royalty.

February 12 at 7:25 PM

TC

Tracey Counts February 20 at 9:46 AM

Thank you so much Erica for the beautiful heartfelt words. We love you too!

MB

Melinda Brown posted:

To Sister Davis and Family sorry for your loss Pastor Davis was a Teacher and a Great Preacher I love him so much he will be missed I got saved under his leadership when he pastored in Jersey City ,New Jersey at Cavalry !

February 12 at 3:01 PM

SG

Shanese & Harvey Graves sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Davis, family.



February 12 at 2:04 PM



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TL

Tonya R. Jackson-Lee, Ms. lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

Dear Family,As we prepare to celebrate my Pastor and his amazing life I'm pressed to think about the joy of serving God under the leadership and mastery of Dr. Rev. Ronald P. Davis, Sr.I've been asked to speak and say something for 2 minutes, I'm feeling blessed because it'll take me 2 lifetimes to share all that I was given by knowing him, hearing him, learning from him, learning with him and understanding all of what it takes to be a child of God.No man or woman knows the hour in which God will say come home my child your work is done here in earth my good and faithful servant.Please pray with me for my Pastors family, his wife, his children, his grandchildren, his great grandchildren, his brother, nieces, nephews, friends, and all of his pastoral colleagues and most of all his spiritual children whom he's left behind but will see again in glory! Amen Forever in His Service, Minister Tonya R. Jackson-Lee, MS.Lovingly Submitted,The Jackson-Lee Family



February 12 at 1:23 PM

TC **Tracey Counts** February 20 at 9:49 AM

Woww! Thank you Tonya! I'm sure my father knows how much he impacted your life. Just know that he was proud to see how eager you were to elevate in Christ. May God continues to bless you. We love you!

TL

Tonya R. Jackson-Lee lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

Tonya R. Jackson-Lee lit a candle in memory of Ronald Davis,

February 12 at 1:15 PM



TC **Tracey Counts** February 20 at 9:50 AM

Thank you dear sister!

FM

Fred Mills posted:

I would like to convey my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Ronald Percy Davis, Sr. He was a dear colleague and continues to challenge us to be open to the appeal of the oppressed Other. The last time I saw Professor Davis was last semester in the hallway on the second floor of the new MLK building. It was as if we both stopped the world for a moment. He shared with me a reflection about our dialogue over the past years and how much this meant to him. I told him that I appreciated his word. We talked about some of the urgent challenges facing those who seek to advance the project of liberation. It was a brief but unforgettable encounter for which I am thankful.

February 12 at 6:56 AM



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KA

Karen posted:

Dr. Davis will be remembered for his wonderful smile and caring heart. He was a dear colleague who always greeted me with a warm hello and smile. May he rest in Heavenly peace. With Love, Karen Cook Bell

February 12 at 6:16 AM

RH

Rheba Heggs posted:

I am grateful to have had Rev. Davis as a spiritual adviser with a formidable intellect and a compassionate heart. While I grieve his passing I know he lives in and with Christ.

February 11 at 3:56 PM

BL

Beth L. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.



February 11 at 10:52 AM

RH

Rev. Glenda Jennings Harrison posted:

I am deeply sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Davis, I'm currently enrolled in the Graduate School Counseling program at Bowie State University and was planning to visit with him and introduce myself. I am a 1994 graduate of Howard University School of Divinity and a retired Navy Military Chaplain...what a loss as I was hoping we could work together to strengthen his program. Please know that Dr. Davis' family has my sincere condolences. V/R Rev. Glenda Jennings Harrison, CDR, CHC, USN, Ret.

February 3 at 12:25 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald.



February 3 at 10:55 AM



BS

Bri'On Swann posted:

Dr. Ronald Davis was one of my first professors of Bowie State University. He reminded me of my grandfather with his passion for education and black excellence. I was an A student until I broke my ankle in the middle of the semester. He was very lenient due to me being a hard worker or an A student. He even gave me a Christmas sock to fit my cast. I really appreciated him as a teacher and the following year my brother took him and said the same thing, that he reminded him of our grandfather. Dr. Davis was a great and kind man. I wish I got to see him more often and I am truly sorry that this has happened. My condolences - Bri'on Swann

February 3 at 10:38 AM

CA

Carolyn Armour February 14 at 7:57 AM

Mrs. Brenda Davis and Family, my deepest sympathy for the passing of your husband, Rev. Dr. Ronald P. Davis, Sr. Dr. Davis was always serious in his deliverance of God's Word. He was a no nonsense type of individual. I pray God will comfort you and the children in the days to come. The LOVE never dies, you hold onto all the beautiful memories. God Bless You. Carolyn Armour - Newport News, VA - Feb. 14, 2025

PH

Pastor, Dr. Pamela T. Hairston February 11 at 7:38 PM

1 Samuel 3:14b ...the Lord hath sought Him a man after His own heart...Truly, Pastor, Dr. Ronald P. Davis, Sr. is a man after God's own heart! The Lord graced me the privilege to be pastored by Dr. Davis for nine miraculous years. During those years, I was riddled with severe depression, anxiety attacks and was hospitalized, medicated, took regular therapy sessions, and eventually placed on Social Security disability for 12 long years. But God! While the world had written me off as dis-abled, the Holy Spirit used Dr. Davis as His vessel and Jesus made me well-able! Through nine years of sitting in Bible Study, Sunday sermon after sermon, Godly counsel and unconditional love from Dr. and Mrs. Davis, my family and friends, the power of God transformed my mind, body and soul. Dr. Davis appointed me to teach Sunday School during those years. Afterwards, the Lord led me to return to college and I graduated with honors. Later I went on to complete my Master's in Education, and as God would have it, in 2018, I completed my Doctorate in Theology. And it started in a Bible Study for one hour by the power of the Holy Spirit, as Dr. Davis taught us how to read the Bible and then listen to hear what the Holy Spirit would say. Life-changing revelation! It has been over 30 years and by God's grace, I am still hearing the Holy Spirit speak to me today. The Lord Jesus has called me to the Ministry of Reconciliation and has sent me out to Kenya, Africa; Jamaica, Canada, and to many major US cities. It started with a Word seed! How many are reading my testimony? Can you share how God used Dr. Davis in your life too? My Pastor, Dr. Ronald P. Davis, Sr., he was blessed coming in and still blessed going out! Eternally so! Davis Family, Celebrate, because he is at home! We love you! Pastor, Dr. Pamela T. Hairston

JB

Janice E Sparkes Brown February 11 at 3:33 PM

It was my greatest pleasure to have met Pastor Davis and his lovely wife. He opened his church door to me and my daughter Shawna. Gave me an opportunity to teach on the



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Tabernacle to his members and to assist in other area of the ministry. He had so much passion for the word of God and the nurturing of the church body. He loved the people. I thank God to have met this wonderful Man of God. My condolences to the family. Rev. Janice Brown



Annie Ruth Smith Franklinton Nc February 11 at 2:38 PM

Sincere Sympathy in the loss of your love one was always a gentle and caring hard working person in any situation that I met he and his wife Brenda God be with the family for now and ever more with all the good memories that is left by Dr Davis absence I am glad to have met him God Bless you Family and much love to you



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ronald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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