## Reverend Primas O. Paige MEET OUV

## **PASTOR**

Reverend Primas Paige's journey is a testament to his thirst for knowledge and his unwavering commitment to academic excellence. A native of Norfolk, VA, he is the proud son of Rev. Anthony and Mary Paige. He was baptized early at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in West Point, Virginia, where his father served as pastor for several years. Rev. Paige is a product of the Norfolk Public Schools and a Graduate of The Governor's School for the Arts. He further honed his skills at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Apprentice Program (2011) and now serves as a Nuclear Quality Assurance Inspection Training & Record Branch Head for the Department of Navy. Rev. Paige is a recent graduate of Regent University with a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry and a graduate of Virginia Union University, where he received an Executive Master of Business Administration in Church Administration. His thirst for knowledge continues as he aspires to gain his Doctorate in Organizational Leadership and Business, with God's help, a testament to his intellectual curiosity and dedication.

Rev. Paige served as the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church Lambert's for 18 years and, while there, has been licensed and ordained to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Paige now serves as the New Senior Pastor-Elect of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Lambert's Point. In addition to his church affiliations, Rev. Paige has made a significant impact in the community. He launched the Heaven Bound International Campus Ministry at Old Dominion University, a testament to his commitment to spreading the Gospel beyond the church walls. As of recently, he co-founded CROWN Project, a nonprofit dedicated to "reconnecting the community of faith with the community of the



forgotten." Through the CROWN Project, Rev. Paige was influential in reinstituting the Norfolk Nighthawks Program with his CROWN Project co-founder, Rev. Travis Barnes, and numerous community champions. Rev. Paige has served as a counselor with the Community Service Branch of the Y.M.C.A. and as a Technology and S.T.E.M. instructor at Campostella Elementary, demonstrating his dedication to the betterment of the community. Rev. Paige served on the Planning Commission for the City of Portsmouth and is a proud Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Nu Delta Lambda Chapter member, a testament to his leadership and community involvement.

Reverend Paige's devotion extends beyond his church and community. He has been married to his beloved wife, Rev. Latonya Paige, for 18 years, a testament to his commitment and love. Together, they have built a beautiful family, raising four children: Primas Jr, Hannah Eshea, Abigail Marie, and Amelia Grace. This aspect of his life humanizes him and makes him relatable, showing that he is not just a Reverend, but also a loving husband and father.

One of his favorite scriptures is Psalm 119:71

"It was good for me to be afflicted, so that I might learn your decrees."

## Reverend Latonya Paige MEET OUT

## FIRST LADY

Originally from Lynchburg, VA, the only daughter of Tyrone Thomas and Donna McDaniel (Donald McDaniel). Clayton Thomas and Damien Thomas are my older brothers who blessed our family with four nephews: Devon Thomas, Dequan Thomas, Chamaad Thomas, and Damian Thomas, Jr.; and three nieces: Ava Thomas, Chamile Thomas, and Cecilia Thomas. At the age of 12 and under the leadership of Pastor Carl B. Hutcherson, II, I was baptized at Trinity United Methodist Church. As a young teen leader, I was encouraged and supported to lead the Teen Choir, Community Choir, Praise Dance Team, and the Youth Sunday School. A few adolescent accomplishments include: being a proud graduate of Lynchburg Public Schools, Heritage High School c/o 2001, Governor's School-VA Tech, Former Miss Elks Lodge Lynchburg, 2000; Miss Bronze 1st Runner Up, 1999; VA United Methodist Teen, 1998. While attending Old Dominion University as a Biochemistry student, I met Pastor-Elect Primas Paige, my husband of eighteen years. We are the parents of four children: Hannah Paige, Primas Paige, Jr., Abigail Paige, and Amelia Paige. Primas and I started with a conversation of faith over eighteen years ago and chose to follow the voice of God in ministry. Eighteen years ago, I became a member of First Baptist Church of Lambert's Point and was ordained in March 2021. Since then, I have been a choir member and lead the Teen Sunday and Millennial Sunday School classes.



As a ministry leader, I enjoyed teaching at the Tidewater Peninsula Baptist Association Youth Class. Leading in service and civility is something I enjoy. Championing our Millennials and young adults in civil action during COVID in the following programs, Park & Pray (June 2020) and Community Day (July 2020). Connecting service and community is a labor of love! I thank God for using me to listen, guide, and support their natural leadership skills. As an Alumna of the Regent University % 2020, with a focus on Christian Leadership and Business Management, and from the George Washington University with a Master's in Electrical Engineering % 2023, my life is a testimony to Phil 4:13 "I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me" and God said go! In the near future, I will return to the George Washington University to pursue my Doctoral degree in Artificial Intelligent and Machine Learning. Previously employed with the Department of Defense, at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, as graduate of the Apprenticeship Program % 2013, a Radiological Engineer, and LEAN Six Sigma Black Belt. Currently serving the Department of Defense as ac, Project Management Professional (PMP) Program Manager for the Atlantic, C5F (Europe), and C6F (Middle-East) Tanker Oiler Fleet.