

30 Years of Impact and Inspiration

Together in Grace: Anniversary Banquet

First Lady
Lottie
Minor



Pastor
Dr. Michael O.
Minor

March 14, 2026 | 4:00 p.m.

The Hill Hernando Baptist Church

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"Still Dedicated to Service After the Benediction"

Greetings from the Pastor & People Committee



On behalf of the Pastor & People Anniversary Committee, we welcome you to this special celebration honoring 30 years of faithful leadership, service, and ministry under the guidance of our beloved pastor, Dr. Michael O. Minor, and First Lady Ms. Lottie Minor.

Tonight, we gather with grateful hearts to celebrate the powerful partnership between pastor and congregation. This weekend holds special significance for our church family, as it marks the anniversary of the time when Dr. Minor was selected to serve as pastor—beginning a journey that has now spanned three decades of faithful leadership and ministry.

For thirty years, this ministry has stood as a beacon of faith, hope, and love within our church and throughout the community. Through seasons of growth, challenge, and triumph, God has continued to guide and sustain this journey.

This anniversary is not only a reflection on the past, but also a celebration of the present and a vision for the future. We are thankful for the countless lives that have been touched, the souls that have been uplifted, and the legacy that continues to unfold through committed leadership and a faithful congregation.

As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed their time, support, and generosity to make this evening possible.

May this celebration inspire us to continue walking together in faith, unity, and purpose for many years to come.

**With gratitude,
The Pastor & People Anniversary Committee**



Musical Prelude / Processional

Mrs. Aisha D. Dubose, Lady E-Flat Saxophonist

Invocation

Minister Willie Beattie, *Associate Minister - The Hill-Hernando*

Musical Selection

Mrs. Aisha D. Dubose, *Lady E-Flat Saxophonist*

Greetings

Sister Erykaha Phillips, *The Hill-Hernando*

Why We're Here?

Sister Rychetta Watkins, *St. Andrew AME - Memphis*

Solo

Brother Barry Brown, *Mt. Vernon - Memphis*

30-Year Reflections

- **Sister Minor's Impact:** Minister Harold Garner, Power House COGIC – Memphis
- **Pastor Minor's Impact:** Brother Orlando Webster, Holy Ghost – Clinton, MS
- **The Hill-Hernando's Impact:** Sister Tisha Dean, Greater New Salem- Oxford

Introduction of the Speaker

Pastor Tommy Westbrook, *Mt. Olive – Sledge*

Solo

Sister Elsie Miller, *Halliburton - Nesbit*

Speaker

Pastor Bernard Montgomery, *Bluff Springs - Sardis*

Solo

Brother Barry Brown, *Mt. Vernon - Memphis*

Words of Appreciation

Evangelist Beatrice Robinson, *The Hill Hernando*
Pastor and Sister Minor

Closing Prayer, Blessing of the Food, and Benediction

Pastor Bernard Montgomery, *Bluff Springs MBC*

Dinner Is Served and Fellowship

Toastmaster: Pastor Callaway Bain, *Mt. Olive – Horn Lake*



Dr. Michael O. Minor is a nationally recognized champion of faith-based health and wellness mobilization. Widely known as the “Southern pastor who banned fried chicken in his church,” he has spent more than 30 years advancing community empowerment, nonprofit development, and faith-centered public health initiatives. As an anointed and prolific Gospel preacher, he serves as the undershepherd of The Hill-Hernando Baptist Church in Hernando, Mississippi. His thought-provoking writing appears regularly in the Sunday School Publishing Board (SSPB) Baptist Informer, and he recently published two impactful books: *Post-Pandemic Christian Leadership* and *A Commentary of Jonah*.

Dr. Minor also serves as the Southwest Region 1 Coordinator for the SSPB of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. (NBCUSA), helping Christian Education congresses across Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Germany ensure biblically sound curricula and well-trained staff. His Christian education leadership extends further: president of the Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference Baptist State Convention, co-chair of the National Faith-Based Mobilization Network (Faith MoNet), and National Director of the H.O.P.E. Health and Human Services Partnership of the NBCUSA—the nation’s largest Black religious denomination. A published researcher, he has advised numerous health-related initiatives including the American Cancer Society’s National Advisory Council on Health Equity, the SSPB National Advisory Committee, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services National Faith and Community Coalition.

A respected national voice for faith and health, Dr. Minor has been featured across major media platforms including The New York Times, Reuters, NPR, ABC, NBC, Fox News, and international outlets. Guideposts Magazine profiled him in 2012, and Cooking Light Magazine named him one of 20 national food heroes in its November 2012 issue. He was later highlighted in *In Search of the Movement: The Struggle for Civil Rights Then and Now* (2015) as part of a new generation of civil rights leaders in health equity.

For more than 20 years, Dr. Minor has strengthened congregational health and wellness through his leadership with the Rising Sun Usher Federation/H.O.P.E. Ministry, where he edits a comprehensive annual guide centered on wholeness. He continues to champion the development of health ministries nationwide, promoting trained lay health educators (“ambassadors”) as catalysts for sustainable change.

His mobilization efforts gained national visibility through his work with First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move! Initiative. After participating in its 2010 Mississippi launch, he received multiple White House invitations to events celebrating the program’s success. Since 2013, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded his church and statewide collaboratives—Get Covered Mississippi, Healthy Kids Mississippi, and Healthy Together Mississippi—more than \$7 million to support health coverage outreach, education, and enrollment across the state.

Dr. Minor holds an undergraduate degree in economics from Harvard University; master’s degrees in business administration and real estate development; and a doctorate in higher and adult education from the University of Memphis. He has served as both a tenure-track and adjunct professor at several educational institutions and remains committed to ongoing professional development and primary research. He was recently co-principal investigator for a nearly \$7 million NIH All of Us Research Program grant (Project Number 1OT2OD031918-01).

He is married to the former Lottie Bennett and is the proud father of three children—B., NyKiya, and NyTasha—and grandfather to Akira and Journey.



ABOUT

LADY LOTTIE MINOR

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

Philippians 4:13

Lottie L. Bennett Minor is a seasoned leader with more than two decades of experience in higher education administration, community outreach, and faith-based program development. Her work reflects a deep commitment to strengthening churches, empowering families, and advancing health equity across the Mid-South and the nation. Ms. Minor is an active member of The Hill-Hernando Baptist Church, where she serves in Christian Education, the Culinary Ministry, and the Women’s Ministry alongside her husband, Dr. Michael O. Minor, Senior Pastor. She is also the co-chair of the Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference Baptist State Convention’s Women and Girls Conference—an annual gathering designed to uplift the mental, physical, and spiritual well-being of women and girls across the region.

More than twenty years ago, she coordinated the Second Annual Mid-South Faith-Based Conference at Baptist Memorial Health Care—an event that helped lay the foundation for the thriving faith-based health initiatives for which her husband is now nationally recognized. This early work positioned her as a key architect in the growth of faith-rooted health mobilization efforts.

Today, Ms. Minor serves as co-chair of the National Faith-Based Mobilization Network (Faith MoNet), where she and Dr. Minor lead a national coalition of clergy, lay leaders, congregations, health partners, and community advocates dedicated to creating health equity, advancing sustainable change, and addressing the effects of concentrated poverty.

She plays a vital leadership role in two major faith-based grant initiatives: · National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. H.O.P.E. Health Ministry, where she has helped manage more than \$4 million in program funding including the National Institutes of Health’s All of Us Research Program engagement grant. · Oak Hill Regional Community Development Corporation, where she has served as project director for more than a decade, overseeing nearly \$7 million in funding to support Affordable Care Act enrollment and community health access.

A proud graduate of Christian Brothers University (B.S., Business Administration) and Strayer University (M.Ed.), Ms. Minor brings both academic rigor and practical expertise to every sphere of her work. She is also a published researcher.

A crowning achievement in her career is her return to Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare’s Congregational Health Network as an Outreach Coordinator. This role, as she describes, “creates an opportunity for her to do what she loves best—help churches, community members, and the least of these have better lives—mind, body, and spirit.”

Beyond her professional commitments, Ms. Minor enjoys spending time with her family and expressing her creativity through cooking.

Pastor and People: 30 Years Together Celebration
The Hill-Hernando Baptist Church
History and Accomplishments (March 1996 – Present)

Celebrating 30 Years of Faithful Leadership — Pastor and Lady Minor (March 1996–March 2026)

For three decades, **Pastor Dr. Michael O. Minor and Lady Lottie Minor** have faithfully led our congregation with vision, courage, and a servant’s heart. Since March 1996, their ministry has shaped not only our worship life but also our identity as a church committed to service, education, health, and community transformation. Under their leadership, we have witnessed God’s hand guiding us through seasons of growth, innovation, and bold steps of faith — from the God-Size Project and the building of a new sanctuary, to the birth of The Hill-Hernando Church Family, to the statewide impact of Oak Hill Regional CDC.

Pastor and Lady Minor’s leadership has been marked by a rare combination of spiritual depth, administrative excellence, and a relentless commitment to meeting the needs of God’s people. As we celebrate 30 years together, we honor not only what they have accomplished, but the spirit in which they have served — with humility, integrity, and unwavering dedication to the Kingdom.

1996–1999: Foundations of Vision and Growth

Under the leadership of Dr. Michael O. Minor and Lady Lottie Minor, the congregation continued strengthening its ministries, community outreach, and Christian education foundation. During these formative years, the church paid off its mortgage, launched a vibrant health ministry, and became increasingly active in local and regional denominational and community work. These accomplishments laid the groundwork for the major expansion and community-impact initiatives that would soon follow.

2000–2003: The God-Size Project and a New Sanctuary

- **2000:** Launch of the *God-Size Project*, a bold vision to build a new worship sanctuary.
- **December 23, 2001:** The church voted to become **Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church Ministries, Inc. (Oak, Inc.)**
- **February 3, 2002:** Groundbreaking for the new sanctuary.
- **Fall 2002:** Construction officially began.
- **October 5, 2003:** The congregation entered the new sanctuary, marking a major milestone in ministry expansion.

2004–2012: Expanding Ministry and Community Presence

- Oak Hill strengthened its reputation for **community involvement, education, and health outreach.**
- The church continued developing programs that addressed spiritual, social, and practical needs — a theme echoed, “*Oak Hill has a long-standing tradition of community involvement and development.*”

2013–2014: National Health Outreach and the Birth of The Hill

2013: Federal Health Outreach Leadership

- Oak Inc. received its **first direct federal grant** to conduct statewide outreach, education, and enrollment for the **Affordable Care Act**.
- As of January 2025, this work has brought in **over \$7 million** in federal funding.
- The health ministry grew into a statewide force, averaging:
 - **2,400 inquiries weekly**
 - **160 enrollments per week** in Marketplace, Medicaid, and CHIP
 - **1,000+ post-enrollment cases**
 - **521 outreach events** reaching nearly **50,000 people** in early years
 - **1 million+ consumers reached** through marketing efforts
 - **1,200+ events annually** in recent years
 - **12,000+ weekly social media impressions**

August 12, 2014: The Hill-Hernando Church Family Is Born

“After an old-time outdoor revival meeting, the ministerial staff and most of those attending Christian education opportunities followed God’s call to form the Hill-Hernando Church Family (The Hill).”

- The Hill worshipped for nearly a year at **Brown Baptist Church – Stateline Road Campus**, Dr. Bartholomew Orr, pastor.
- The new congregation carried forward the spiritual DNA of the original founding in 1879 while embracing a fresh identity and mission.

2015: A New Worship Center and a New Era

- After maintaining two campuses for nearly two years, The Hill entered the **former Frankline Furniture Factory Building on June 14, 2015**, consecrating it as a new worship center.
- This move marked the beginning of a dynamic, community-centered ministry model.

2016–Present: The Hill + Oak Hill Regional CDC — A Unified Legacy of Service Transformation into Oak Hill Regional CDC

- The Hill continued the legacy of Oak Hill by supporting the transformation of Oak Inc.’s community work into the **Oak Hill Regional Community Development Corporation**, which remains active in local and statewide service.
- The CDC leads major initiatives in:
 - Affordable Care Act enrollment
 - Medicaid/CHIP outreach
 - Medicare education
 - Mental health and substance abuse support (P.A.U.S.E.)
 - Maternal health (M.O.M.S.)
 - Fatherhood development (D.A.D.S.)
 - Healthy Together Mississippi statewide wellness movement

Signature Health and Family Initiatives

Each initiative has a dedicated point person and theme:

- **P.A.U.S.E. – Mental Health & Substance Abuse**
“*Pause to Heal: Mental Health Matters*”
- **Affordable Care Act Enrollment**
“*Get Covered, Stay Covered*”
- **Medicare Education**
“*Medicare Made Simple*”
- **Medicaid/CHIP Outreach**
“*Healthy Kids, Strong Families*”
- **D.A.D.S. Fatherhood Initiative**
“*Fatherhood Is Leadership*”
- **M.O.M.S. Maternal Health Initiative**
“*Make Moms for Life*”
- **Healthy Together Mississippi**
“*Unity. Wellness. Hope.*”

These programs have become pillars of The Hill’s identity as a **faith-rooted, health-empowering, community-transforming church.**

2018–2024: Digital Expansion, Statewide Partnerships and National Recognition

- The Hill and Oak Hill Regional CDC expanded their digital presence through:
 - **GetCoveredMS.org**
 - **HealthyKidsMS.org**
 - Webinars such as *Third Wednesday Resource Chat* and *Ask Mary & Pat*
- Partnerships grew with churches, schools, civic groups, and state agencies.
- The Hill became known statewide for its **holistic ministry model**, blending faith, health, education, and community empowerment.

2024–Present: Continuing the Legacy

- The Hill remains a vibrant congregation committed to worship, service, and community transformation.
- The church continues to honor its heritage while innovating for the future — spiritually, digitally, and socially.
- The combined impact of The Hill and Oak Hill Regional CDC now touches **tens of thousands of Mississippians annually** through worship, outreach, health access, and family support.

A Legacy of Impact and a Future of Purpose

From its early years of steady growth to the bold launch of the God-Size Project in 2000, from the formation of Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church Ministries, Inc. to the birth of The Hill-Hernando Church Family in 2014, our church has continually stepped forward in faith. We have built/renovated sanctuaries, birthed ministries, and expanded our reach far beyond the walls of the church. Through Oak Hill Regional CDC, we have touched the lives of tens of thousands across Mississippi — helping families secure health coverage, supporting parents, strengthening mental health, and building healthier communities.

Yet the story is not only about what we have done. It is about who we have become: **A church that worships deeply, serves boldly, and adapts faithfully.**

As we look to the future, we do so with clear eyes and steady hearts. The landscape has changed. Federal funding cuts have reshaped the resources available for community outreach and health access work. But our mission has not changed. Our calling has not changed. Our commitment to serve — especially the most vulnerable — has not changed.

We are entering a new season where **we must do more with less**, but we do so with confidence because God has always multiplied what we place in His hands. The same faith that carried us through building campaigns, relocations, and statewide initiatives will carry us forward now. We will continue to innovate, collaborate, and steward every resource with excellence. We will continue to be a beacon of hope, health, and spiritual strength for Hernando, DeSoto County, the entire state of Mississippi, and beyond.



Our past is rich. Our present is strong. And our future — guided by God and grounded in service after the benediction— is full of promise.





Anniversary Banquet Speaker

Pastor Bernard Montgomery,
Bluff Springs MBC - Sardis

A dedicated servant, leader, and advocate for faith-based health and community wellness, Pastor Montgomery serves as the Senior Pastor of Bluff Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Sardis, Mississippi, where he provides spiritual leadership to the congregation and ministers to the surrounding community.

Pastor Montgomery has served faithfully in numerous leadership roles throughout the church and community. He is the President of the Rising Sun Usher Federation of Northwest Mississippi, President of the Hammond Hill District Congress, Vice President-at-Large of the Mid-South Churches Cooperative Conference Baptist State Convention, and Co-Director of Ministerial Welfare for the North Mississippi Ministerial Association.

Nationally, Pastor Montgomery serves as the Assistant National Director for Health and Wellness Promotion for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. H.O.P.E. Health Ministry. He is also the Director of the NBCUSA H.O.P.E. Training Institute and the Southwest Region 1 H.O.P.E. Regional Coordinator, overseeing ministry efforts across Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and Germany.

A visionary leader, Pastor Montgomery helped develop faith-based health ministry training used across the nation and co-founded the National Faith-Based Mobilization Network (Faith MoNet) to strengthen collaboration between churches and health organizations.

Pastor Montgomery is married to the former Clara Rodgers, and they are the proud parents of two children and one grandson. His life scripture is Psalm 34:1: "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Reflections Over The Years

Oak Hill Baptist Church Installs New Pastor

"Dedicated to Service After the Benediction" was the theme as the Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church family, Hernando, installed their new pastor, Rev. Michael O. Minor.

A series of dignitaries were on hand to officially welcome the Minor family to the community including members of several ecumenical associations, conventions, and congresses. Guests included Rev. C. J. Thomas and the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, along with Rev. W. T. Reynolds and the Mt. Calm Missionary Baptist Church of Coldwater, MS.

Rev. Reynolds, who delivered the installation message, spoke



from the subject: "The Commissioning of Rev. Michael Minor" which was taken from the scriptural reference of Matthew 28:16-20.

Rev. Minor, a Tate county native, received an undergraduate

degree in Economics from Harvard in Cambridge, MA. He received an MBA in Finance from the University of Memphis and is presently pursuing a doctorate degree in Economics, at U of M.

He serves as a religious instructor through the National Baptist Convention, USA and is affiliated with several aspects of Christian education, church conventions and congresses on local, state and national levels.

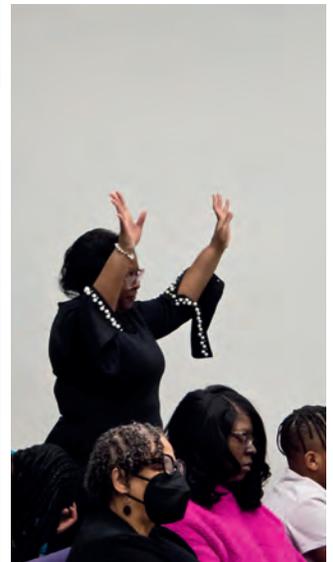
He is married to the former Lottie Bennett of Hernando and they are actively involved in ministry to youth throughout North Mississippi.











Reflections

Congratulations to the Minors!

Congratulations to Dr. Minor and First Lady Minor on this remarkable milestone. Your years of faithful service, leadership, and commitment to uplifting the community continue to inspire generations. This celebration honors not only your dedication, but the lasting legacy you have built through faith, vision, and service.

As you are celebrated for your leadership, may this moment reflect the lives you've touched and the difference you continue to make.

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Congratulations



On this remarkable milestone, we gather to celebrate and honor your 30 years of unwavering service to this church. Your steadfast leadership, vision, and compassion have left an indelible mark on both our community and church.

Over the past three decades, you have guided us with integrity, wisdom, and strength. Whether leading initiatives, supporting families, or fostering spiritual growth, your dedication has touched countless lives and inspired all who serve alongside you. Through your tireless commitment, our community has thrived. You have championed causes that uplift those in need, encouraged collaboration among neighbors, and cultivated a spirit of unity and hope. Your service sets a powerful example for future generations.

With Deepest Appreciation Congratulations on this remarkable achievement. We are profoundly grateful for your leadership, friendship, and faith as Chairman of LOCCDC and SMRCDC. May God continue to guide and bless you in all that you do form the staff.



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Bluff Springs Baptist Church – Sardis

Church Women United

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Worship and Study Opportunities

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday Virtual Bible Study & Prayer Time
6:30 p.m.

Mid-Week Morning Meditation
(Facebook Live every Wednesday)
6:45 a.m.



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