

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.