



Anthony A. Washington, Sr.

Senior Pastor – First Baptist Church, Spring Grove

Anthony Washington, Sr. is a native of Surry County, born to Mr. Tilton & Mrs. Naomi Washington, Sr. He served as a U.S. Marine Reservist for six (6) years before becoming a Master Electrician for Alkat Electrical in Richmond, Va., where he was employed for over 30 years, before he retired in November 2019. He is the husband to co-Pastor Saretha J. Washington, where they have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

He grew up in the church and has served as a Trustee of Cypress Baptist Church of Elberon, VA, a founding member and Associate Pastor of Bibleway Baptist Church, Surry, Va. and an Elder of Mount of Blessings Outreach Center, Richmond, Va.

He graduated from Faith Landmarks Bible Institute in 2001. In 2005, Anthony Washington was called to Pastor First Baptist Church Claremont (FBCC), where he has been the Senior Pastor for over 16 years. Under his leadership as Senior Pastor of FBCC, in 2008, we began to financially support the Home of Love Orphanage in Uganda by building a home for approximately 35 orphans, providing clothing, shoes, food & school supplies as well. In 2009, we began to financially support Bishop Japheth Omecheyi & the Overcoming Faith Centre Church Family which consist of 120 churches. In 2010, our Pastors Anthony & Saretha, along with Pastor Leon & Sis Sheila Pettaway of Abundant Life Christian Church went on a 14-day missionary trip to Kakamega, Kenya to visit Bishop Omecheyi and travel to the churches where they worshipped and fellowshiped with the wonderful people of Kenya every day while they were there. In 2014, we began construction on a 20,000 square foot edifice and today it is near completion, it has been a long journey, but a true labor of love for GOD. It will be used as an emergency shelter for the county, a WiFi hotspot for the community and