



## Biographical Sketch

**The Reverend Dr. Curtis J. Strader, Sr.**

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The Reverend Dr. Curtis J. Strader, Sr. is one of six children, and the son of a Baptist Deacon and a sainted mother, a native of Danville, Va. Dr. Strader earned the Bachelor of Science degree from Allen University of Columbia, South Carolina (1966), Master of Divinity from the Shaw University Divinity School of Raleigh, North Carolina (2000) and was awarded an honorary degree: The Doctor of Divinity Degree from Living Epistle Bible College of Greensboro, North Carolina, (May 5, 2007).

He was a faithful member of Bennett Memorial Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, Youth Director, Christian Education Chairperson, Laymen President and member of various committees.

Reverend Dr. Strader served as chair of the Board of Directors CIC Head Start for eight years. He is a chaplain at the Danville Regional Medical Center and the Danville City Jail. He is on the board of Baptist General Convention. He is a Prince Hall Mason.

A great supporter of Cherrystone Missionary Baptist Association, Pastor Strader served as president of the Men's ministry, Clergy ministry,, and past Moderator of the Cherrystone Missionary Baptist Association. Pastor Strader is also a faithful supporter of the Baptist General Convention of VA. He has served as president of the Men's ministry and is presently serving as President of the Convention.

On August 12, 1991, Pastor Strader preached his initial sermon and was licensed to preach the Gospel at The Greater Triumph Missionary Baptist Church of Chatham, VA under the leadership of Reverend Dr. H.G. McGhee.

He was called to pastor The White Rock Missionary Baptist Church in Ringgold, VA in October of 1992. God has blessed this union and allowed the church to move forward.

Reverend Dr. Strader and his lovely wife (Jean) of 39 years are blessed with two wonderful children. Tasha Strader Sherrill (Mark) and Curtis J. Strader, Jr. (Nicole), six grandchildren Mark Jr., Stephanie, Stephen, Jonathan, Jordan, and Jaylen.