

Greetings from our Pastor and 1st Family



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! It is with exceedingly joy that I am thankful unto God for placing us, the Wiggins Family, here and for the opportunity to serve as the Senior Pastor and Lead Servant of the Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. Rest assured, that my wife, sons and I are looking forward to a joyous and fruitful ministry in the years to come. This is the Lord's doing and all things happens in His timing.

As I begin my time as your Pastor – as we (Pastor and People) begin this new journey together – my prayer is that God blesses us indeed, enlarging our territory and that we all come fully alive, to the glory of God being filled with all the fullness of God.

As Pastor it shall be my purpose to lead and guide this branch of Zion, the people of God, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and accomplish the work of ministry with the intent of "Transforming and Empowering Lives." Through an interpersonal pastoral care ministry I shall be intentional in ministering to the whole man, to build lasting relationships, to strengthen the faith, to instill family values, to balance life having fun through fellowship and to assist in growing this congregation into further becoming a disciple-making church developing a deeper committed relationship with Jesus Christ.

We know there is no perfect congregation but in the Spirit of Unity, I am excited about what we are about to accomplish as "One Body in Christ." Together, with God's help and with a mind to work, we will develop a people to have a heart for Christ and a commitment to impact the local church, community and the needs of the world. Together, through uplifting teaching tactics and sound preaching, we shall create a learning environment of inspiring and empowering biblical messages that are connected to real life that nurtures individual spiritual development with a more practical meaning and application of God's Word. Together, through corporate fasting and prayer, we shall cultivate and implement "The Vision of the House." **Habakkuk 2:3 NLT, states: "This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed."**

I already see the hand of God moving upon and blessing the Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church family in experiencing the power, presence and prosperity of God in the efforts of expanding the Kingdom of God on earth. Together, we will incorporate this theme for 2019-2020: "**Strengthen What Remains,**" by carrying out **Mission iR.E.A.D.I.** with each corresponding letter of our Ministry Mission having a two-fold purpose:

- The "i," refers to **Inclusive.**
- The "R," refers to **Re-Connect and Restore.**
- The "E," refers to **Educate and Empower.**
- The "A," refers to **Assimilate and Accomplish.**
- The "D," refers to **Disciple and Develop.**
- The "I," refers to **Intentional and Innovative.**

Basically, "**Mission - iR.E.A.D.I.**," simply suggest that in order to see results of growth and success in ministry, it requires each of us to be ready to do our part. Therefore, **I challenge the Emanuelite Family** to seek the face of God and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal unto you your Spiritual gift(s) so you can operate in your calling. **I challenge you** to Re-Connect and/or stay connected to God. **I challenge you** to commit to studying Gods word, publicly through Sunday School and Bible Study and privately at home that you may be empowered to live on purpose. Remember - "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeded out of the mouth of God. **I challenge you** to be your brother's keeper and take part in helping restore the lost, wayward and the unchurched back to the fold. **I challenge you** to be a people of God, a watchman, that's not ashamed to intentionally promote a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the one who can change and restore every aspect of our lives and those we encounter through discipleship, fellowship, friendship, and worship. Finally, **I challenge you** to trust God even when you cannot trace Him.

As the Wiggins Family is in transition to Jacksonville, keep us in your prayers as we are doing the same for our new church family. My question to you is this: Are you **R.E.A.D.I.**? Get **R.E.A.D.I.** God is getting ready to do a New Thing! We are about to encounter a Mighty Move of God like never before and experience Divine Shifting in your life. I am excited that we are a part of His plan and the opportunity to work side by side with the officers and members of EMBC. Team Emanuel - One Team, One Direction! See you soon!

May the Peace of God be with us in all that we do. And may the blessings of the Lord be upon each of you. Better Days are coming!

With Much Love, Your First Family

Pastor William B. Wiggins, Lady Cherie Wiggins,

Chance and Calen Wiggins

