

Reverend Shawn T. Wallace Sr.
Senior Pastor
St. John's Baptist Church of Scotch Plains, NJ



Reverend Shawn T. Wallace Sr., son of Reverend Raymond and Sheila Wallace was born in Newark, New Jersey. Reverend Wallace is happily married to Carita N. Wallace and is the proud parent of one son, Shawn T. Wallace Jr. and one daughter Tamara Lee-Wallace.

Reverend Wallace began his ministry at the age of 19, when he responded to the voice of God and submitted his life to God's work. He was licensed to preach in August of 1994 and ordained in December of 1998 by the Greater Friendship Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. He was appointed the Assistant Pastor of Greater Friendship in December of 1999 and continued to develop under the tutelage and guidance of his Pastor and Mentor, the late Rev. Dr. John T. Teabout Sr.

Reverend Wallace accepted the call to serve as the Pastor of Peoples Missionary Baptist Church (PMBC) of Newark, NJ in January of 2005 and faithfully served until December of 2017. Under his leadership, PMBC experienced tremendous numeric, financial & spiritual growth, while thriving as a church committed to serving the community.

God was not through with Reverend Wallace yet, as He moved on the hearts of the people of the historic St. John's Baptist Church of Scotch Plains to call him as their new pastor in January of 2018. Eyes have not seen neither have ears heard what God has in store for Reverend Wallace and the congregation of St. John's Baptist Church.

Reverend Wallace's education includes graduating from Calvary Christian School and Science High School both of Newark, New Jersey and graduating from Rutgers University in New Brunswick New Jersey with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Journalism and African Studies. He has also earned credits towards a Masters of Divinity from Drew University Theological Seminary in Madison, New Jersey.

Reverend Wallace is active in the National Baptist Convention USA Inc. He formerly served as the Assistant Dean of Christian Education for the General Baptist State Convention of NJ. He served as the first Congress of Christian Education President for the United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ and also as the Shiloh Baptist Association Congress President. Reverend Wallace received his Pastor's Alternative Teaching Certification and Dean's Certification through the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

Reverend Wallace has distinguished himself as an orator and has been the guest speaker for numerous organizations and Fortune 500 companies. He has been the guest revivalist, lecturer and instructor for a number of churches and church organizations.

Reverend Wallace believes that without God he could do nothing and without God he would fail, so the theme of his life has become as the words of Proverbs 3:5-6, which states, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all of thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."