



REVEREND DARRIUS S. GRAVES

SENIOR PASTOR, RIDGEWOOD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Rev. Darrius S. Graves was born in Columbia, South Carolina, to Cassandra Graves and the late Tommy Jenkins. He committed his life to the Lord at an early age and has been faithfully preaching God's Word since 2005.

Licensed and ordained within the Gethsemane Baptist Association, Rev. Graves currently serves as Youth Auxiliary President and is a member of the Executive Board. He also extends his ministry beyond the church walls as a volunteer Chaplain at Lexington Medical Center.

Rev. Graves holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Claflin University and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of South Carolina. He is a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW), blending his faith and professional training to serve both spiritual and community needs.

On June 1, 2024, Rev. Graves became the 5th Senior Pastor of Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church, where he has been a devoted member for over 14 years. He has a heart for the community and youth, which he actively embodies through programs, events, and ministry initiatives within the church. Since assuming this role, Ridgewood has experienced significant growth in membership, hosted several successful events, and renovated the sanctuary, strengthening both the church's ministry and its presence in the community. Previously, he served Ridgewood in key leadership roles, including Youth Pastor, Assistant Pastor, and Executive Pastor.

In his spare time, Rev. Graves enjoys singing, fishing, traveling, and spending quality time with his family, especially his daughter, Miss Karter Rose. His life and ministry are anchored in his favorite scripture, Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."