

# Meet Our Pastor



**Rev. Dr. Danny C. Swilley, Ed.D**



*Also pictured: First Lady Vanessa Beckett-Swilley of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.*

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## Full Bio

The Reverend Dr. Danny C. Swilley is a native of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, and the son of the late Hugh Lee and Bernice Martin Swilley. He is married to the lovely Vanessa Beckett-Swilley and they are the proud parents of one son and also one grandson.

At an early age, Rev. Swilley received Christ as his personal Savior. In 1979, he graduated from Hazlehurst High School and continued his higher education, acquiring the following degrees: Doctoral Degree in Education from Walden University, Master's in Business from Alcorn State University, BS in Computer Science from Rust College, and an Associate Degree in Electronic Data Processing from Utica Junior College. He is also a graduate of the Morris College School of Religion Extension Program of Sumter, SC.

Rev. Swilley was chosen by God to preach the Gospel and was ordained into the ministry by Reverend R.B. Hardaway of Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

After relocating to Columbia, South Carolina, in August 1984, he became a member of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, where he served as an Associate Minister. On July 11, 1992, Reverend Swilley was elected and began serving as Pastor of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Cayce, South Carolina, and continues to serve at this time.

With God's guidance, Rev. Swilley has been a faithful pastor to all the people and a true spiritual leader. Under his divine leadership and through God's guidance, he has led Mount Pleasant to grow spiritually, physically, and financially. His community-based work reaches far beyond the walls of the sanctuary. During his tenure as pastor, the church has been incorporated, numerous ministers licensed, several preachers and deacons ordained, several trustees added, and many new ministries & committees established to enhance ministry growth. Many renovations and improvements have been made, in addition to land acquisitions for future growth and development. Pastor Swilley truly has a heart full of compassion and has made a profound impact to the kingdom of

God. Mount Pleasant believes "We are more than blessed by God who sent us a good shepherd in Pastor Swilley.

Reverend Dr. Danny C. Swilley is currently employed by Denmark Technical College. He has been named by the South Carolina Technical Education Association as one of Denmark Technical College's previous Faculty Educators of the Year. He currently serves as the Treasurer for the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Association of Columbia, SC.

His motto is "If there be any good that I can do, let me do it now, for I shall never pass this way again."



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