



## **“Building Lives & Leaders”**

### **DR. JOSEPH E. WOODS**

Pioneer - Pastor - Educator - Author - Speaker  
Community Leader - Humanitarian

Celebrating over twenty-five years of pastoral ministry, Dr. Joseph E. Woods is the current and seventh pastor of the Saint Phillips Baptist Church of Hamilton, New Jersey, which was established in 1918. With over a decade of service to Saint Phillips, the church has experienced significant spiritual, fiscal, and numerical growth under his progressive and prophetic oversight. The church has become more diverse under his leadership and continues to be a great beacon throughout the community. Pastor Woods is a native of Montclair, New Jersey and now resides in Columbus, New Jersey with his wife Heather; they have four children and one grandchild.

His servant leadership extends beyond the church. He is a viable, vocal, visible, and visionary leader in Hamilton, NJ and beyond. He is well-respected across religious, social, economic, educational, and political spectrums. His leadership in Hamilton, in particular, is extensive. He has served as an advisor to both republican and democratic mayors in Hamilton, and is acknowledged as a spiritual and community leader among the ranks of community leaders and elected officials within Mercer County and beyond. In 2020, he served as a committee co-chair on the Transition Team between mayors in Hamilton and previously served as a Commissioner on the Hamilton Township Economic Development Advisory Commission. He has also served as Co-Chairman of the District Community Relations Committee for the Hamilton School District and past Board President of the John O. Wilson Community Center. He is a member of Kiwanis International and Chaplain for the New Jersey Flight indoor football team. He formerly served as Civil Rights Commissioner of Montclair, NJ, Housing Authority Commissioner for Morris County, NJ, and Founder/Executive Director of the Eagle's Community Empowerment Center in Vance County, NC. He is the Founder and Moderator of the Higher Ground Association of Baptist Churches, Inc., and has served the General Baptist Convention of NJ, with honor and distinction, as Executive Assistant to the President, General Secretary, and State Director of Christian Education. He has served as an instructor to the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, and also served on three boards with the National Baptist Convention. In addition, he has several dozen spiritual sons and daughters in the gospel ministry, with several serving as pastors in New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, and Georgia. Furthermore, he is the Founder, President, and CEO of The Woods Leadership Firm.

Dr. Woods holds four earned collegiate degrees, all with honors, culminating with a Doctorate of Biblical Studies in Biblical Counseling in 2007, where his dissertation focused on how to reach “street-smart youth” with Nouthetic counseling. He is the author of three books. God's hand is upon the life of Joseph E. Woods as witnessed through his many accomplishments and awards, as well as the multitudes touched by his life, ministry, and service.