

Deaconess Rosa M. Noel

Deaconess Rosa Noel is a deaconess who seeks to always be guided by the Spirit of God. She is originally from Goldsboro, North Carolina and in 1964 her family relocated to the Washington, DC area. She attended the District of Columbia public schools and graduated from Cardozo High School. She is currently retired and volunteers at the Southern Maryland Hospital in Clinton, Maryland.

In 1972, Deaconess Noel joined St. Stephens Baptist Church in Washington, DC where she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior and was baptized by Reverend James Ford. She was a member of the gospel choir and served on the building fund committee.

In 1982, Deaconess Noel joined Antioch Baptist Church in Clinton, Maryland and was consecrated as a deaconess under the leadership of Reverend Curtis Latimore. She received deaconess training while serving as a deaconess at Antioch. She sang on the choir and was involved in the Youth Ministry. Also, while at Antioch, her husband became a minister and she became a part of the Minister's Wives Group that consisted of ministers' wives in the surrounding area.

In 1992, being obedient to his calling and under the direction of the Lord, Deaconess Noel's husband established the Little Rock Baptist Church where she is a charter member who diligently works for the Lord. She served the Body of Christ in the capacity as a First Lady, Youth Sunday School Teacher, Usher, and Women's Ministry leader. She was active in the "Women on the Move for Christ Ministry" to aide in the spiritual growth of the young women at the church. Under the leadership of Reverend Daniel Reeves, she is currently serving as a Choir Member, Trustee Board Member, President of the Deaconess Ministry, and the Financial Secretary. Deaconess Noel is one that gives her best wherever she can be a blessing to God's people and for His Kingdom.

Deaconess Noel also had training in: Biblical Counseling for Women at Maple Springs Baptist Bible College in Washington, DC; Self Confrontation at Little Rock Baptist Church; and attended several deaconess and spiritual growth-related seminars. During 2009, she received extensive deaconess training.

Deaconess Noel was married to the Late Reverend Wilford Noel, Sr. for 23 years before he was called home with the Lord. God blessed them with seven children of which some were from a previous marriage. In 1986, they opened their home to the foster care program by becoming foster parents to several children.

Deaconess Noel favorite scripture is "*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths*". Proverbs 3:5-6