



Pastor Dave

**Pastor David Bradford who retired from St. Timothy's in 2015 is a leader who sets the example of what it is to be a good believer. Appointed by the Bishop as Interim Pastor and accepted by the Church Council, Pastor Bradford will shepherd the flock of Hope through the transition process to call a new pastor. He will work part-time but will be available to perform all ministerial services during the approximately one year call process. He will be helped in visitations to the sick and confined by the two deacons and the Stephen Ministers.**

**Pastor Dave was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and has been married to his wife Phylis Bradford for almost 49 years. He has three children, seven grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.**

**Pastor Dave attended Eastern Baptist College (now Eastern University) where he received his B.A. and then attended seminary at Philadelphia Theological Lutheran Seminary where he obtained his Master of Divinity degree. He also attended Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania where he earned a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Counseling. He is certified as a pastoral counselor (retired) by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.**

**After these schoolings he served in various ministries in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania for 15 years before moving to Florida. In Florida he served for two years as Director of Family Life Services for the Lutheran Ministries of Florida. He then served for seven years at Lutheran Church of our Savior in Tampa, Florida first as associate and then as senior pastor.**

**Pastor Dave then moved to Knoxville, Tennessee and served as pastor for Messiah Lutheran Church for eight years. He then returned to Florida and served as Pastor at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Crystal River for 12 years before retirement. He served 47 years in active ministry and has now been retired for two years, but remains in ministry.**

**The consensus of Hope's Council when approving his appointment by the Bishop was that we were "blessed to be granted that our transition process is to be under the leadership of Pastor Dave."**