

# Reverend Barbara Sargent Green

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Reverend Barbara Sargent Green currently serves as Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tennessee. She is a native of Georgetown, South Carolina. Reverend Green relocated from Flanders, New Jersey to Memphis, Tennessee in 1987. She accepted the call to preach in May 1990. She is an ordained Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Right Reverend Vashti Murphy McKenzie, the 117<sup>th</sup> elected and consecrated Bishop of the A.M.E. Church appointed Reverend Green to Bethel A.M.E. Church October 29, 2005. Prior to accepting the Pastorate at Bethel she Pastored White's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she was the first female Pastor of that congregation. Reverend Green also Pastored Palestine African Methodist Episcopal Church.

She is a graduate of Howard High School in Georgetown, South Carolina. She earned an Associates Degree from Durham College, in Durham, North Carolina. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Management from Crichton College in Memphis, Tennessee where she graduated cum laude and was inducted into the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society (ASL). She is a member of Who's Who Among Universities and Colleges. She received a Master of Divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary where she was the recipient of the African American Scholarship.

Reverend Green has a passion for Women in Ministry especially married sisters. Reverend Green has a burden for Intercessory Prayer to stand in the gap for the Body of Christ. Reverend Green is a visionary and has implemented numerous ministries such as Standing In The Gap Intercessory Prayer Ministry, Bethel Computer Classroom Learning Center, God's Precious Gifts 2 Liturgical Dance Ministry for children, R.E.G.O.I.C.E. Liturgical Dance Ministry, Youth/Young Adult Bible Study, and Leadership Summit.

She is an Advisory Board Member for Mission Possible Christian Outreach Service Mission. Additionally, she volunteers annually to "Read Around The Christmas

Tree” for Alcy Elementary and is involved with Bethel’s Back to School Community Festival and Thanksgiving Community Dinner.

She has served as a volunteer for Volunteer Memphis - Read-To-Me at St. Jude, Sigma Alpha Lambda - Leadership - Society Historian and a former member of Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) and served two semesters as Covenant Leader for Memphis Theological Seminary and has taught a bible study session for Church Women United.

She was elected twice as a delegate to the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, once as the First Alternate and has served as the Secretary for the West Tennessee Annual Conference for past 8 years. Additionally, she was appointed by Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie to lead the 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Intercessory Prayer Team in preparation for the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference for the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Honored as Pastor Of The Year 2011-2012 by the West Tennessee Lay Organization.

She was blessed to be a part of a 17 member delegation under the leadership of Dr. James C. Wade, Executive Director of Church Growth & Development, and traveled to Georgetown Guyana, South America and was blessed to preach at Hinds A.M.E. Church.

She retired from International Paper Company in June 2009 after 34 years of employment. Married since 1978 to a wonderful man, Archie Jacob Green, Jr. they are blessed with a daughter born in 1980, Brandice Green who holds a PhD in Materials Science Engineering from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She is employed as a Scientist for the U.S. Government in Key West, FL. Brandice is married to Brandon Weathers an engineer for a Research Company in Key West, FL.

To God be the glory for the great things that God had done to bring praise and glory to the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus who still reigns as the Christ!