

## **BIOGRAPHY for PASTOR DAVID G. BOONE**

Pastor David Boone has been a pastor since 1984. From the age of 18 to 21 years old he served as a youth leader in various churches in North and South Jersey. In 1984 he began his pastoral work in Newport, Ohio as an Interim Pastor at the Newport Baptist Church. Following that church he served as Senior Pastor at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Independence, West Virginia; Christ Memorial Baptist Church, Dover, Delaware; Antioch Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia; First Baptist Community Church, Parsippany, New Jersey, Co-Pastor of the Preakness Baptist Church, Wayne, New Jersey and presently serves as the Senior Pastor of the Van Riper Ellis Broadway Baptist Church of Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

From 1989 to 1993, Pastor David served in the United States Army. After training for a year, he was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia and he served there until he was honorably discharged from the Army in 1993. Pastor David served in the Gulf War which included Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. During his service in the U.S. Army he received the Kuwait Liberation Medal, Saudi Arabia Medal, a Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Southeast Asia Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, two Campaign Battle Stars and a Meritorious Service Medal for his service to the Special Operations Command. David also currently serves as the Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 281 in Fair Lawn; is a member of the American Legion and Disabled Veterans of America.

Pastor David Boone worked bi-vocationally for many years. He retired as the Detective in charge of the Fair Lawn Police Department Juvenile Bureau in December 2015. He served there for over 21 years, was the Fair Lawn PBA Local #67 president for 11 years and was the founder, past president and current Treasurer of the Officer Mary Ann Collura Memorial Scholarship Foundation. Although retired from the police department he continues to teach drug education, bullying and cyber safety in the Fair Lawn Schools and for the Fair Lawn Junior & Citizen's Police Academies.

He served as the Past Chaplain for End DWI of Bergen County; Chaplain for the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute – Police Academy Board; currently serves as Chaplain for Fair Lawn Emergency Services (Police/Fire/Rescue/OEM); Chaplain for Fair Lawn PBA #67 and the Fair Lawn Police Department; Treasurer for the International Conference of Police Chaplains – Region #5 (East Coast States) since 2000; Past-Moderator for the North New Jersey Baptist Association (ABC/NJ); and a Past-Board Member for the Family Service Organization of Bergen County, Fair Lawn, New Jersey. In 2016 he was elected as Commander of the Fair Lawn Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 281.

Pastor David and his wife Cheryl have two sons, Kiernan and Cameron. Kiernan graduated from Penn State University in May 2015 and Cameron graduated from Virginia Military Institute in May 2018 and is presently a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves while he continues his education at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey.

Pastor David is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation pastor, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather, and two uncles. The church that he currently serves is part of the first church that he preached in at the age of 13 (Broadway Baptist Church of Paterson, New Jersey). Pastor Boone has been the Senior Pastor of the Van Riper Ellis Broadway Baptist Church since April 17, 2012.