

Rush A. Howard



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“In All thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:6

Rush A. Howard is a native of Carrollton, Georgia, the eldest son born to the late Marvin and Evelyn Howard. He was reared in a very nurturing family that embraced music in his early childhood. He grew up in First Baptist Church where he began accompanying the Junior Choir at the age of twelve. During high school, he studied piano at Emory University in Atlanta., Georgia and served as pianist at Moores Chapel United Methodist Church, and his home church, First Baptist. While attending college at The State University of West Georgia, he studied piano and voice majoring in Science Education. He sang in the travel and touring choir and also served as pianist for Sunday night services at The First United Methodist Church, Carrollton, Georgia.

After graduating from The State University of West Georgia, he taught science and music appreciation at Carrollton Junior High School and served as pianist and organist at Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Rome, Georgia. He continued his education at The State University of West Georgia receiving the Masters of Education in Middle School Science Education. He developed a teaching curriculum through the American Heart Association and Georgia State University assisting teachers in a tri-county area on the risk factors of heart disease and preventative care.

After moving to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, he united with the St. John Baptist Church and serves as Minister of Music and Coordinator of Youth Activities. He has accompanied many vocalists throughout the city and the state of Alabama and the Central High School Choir on numerous concerts. He also accompanied the late, Albertina Walker on two different appearances in Tuscaloosa, Alabama for the SCLC Conventions. He has served as State Musician for the Crusader Department, Northwest District State Baptist Parent Body currently, and Northwest District Young People’s Division (Crusaders and Red Circle). He is the Music Director for the

Children's and Youth Department of the New Antioch Bethlehem District (NABD) Congress of Christian Education and musician for the NABD Women's Convention, Dr. Vernon Swift Moderator and State President. He has conducted and facilitated numerous church music workshops throughout Tuscaloosa community, Alabama, and Georgia.

Rush Howard received certification in School Administration at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and The Harvard Institute of School Leadership, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and was in the first cohort of The State of Alabama School Superintendents Leadership Training. He is a retired middle school principal, but now teaches science and math at Project B.E.T.H.E.L. (Bringing Education to Help Expelled Learners). In this program he coordinates the A-PLUS online learning program that allows high school students to receive high school credits after they have been expelled from school. He is actively involved in the community of Tuscaloosa, and is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Phi Lambda, where he is currently serving in a second year as chapter president.