

Bishop Dwayne C. Debnam, Pastor Morning Star Baptist Church

Faith, Integrity, Character and Commitment serve as guiding principles for the life and ministry of Bishop Dwayne C. Debnam, the Senior Pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church in Woodlawn, Maryland. Bishop Debnam was called to serve Morning Star in August 1996.

Bishop Debnam's life reflects the God-inspired words of the prophet Isaiah that "they that wait upon The Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the DeVry Institute of Technology, his Masters of Divinity Degree from Howard University, and his Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Virginia Union's Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology. Bishop Debnam's education, anointing and desire to serve have resulted in opportunities, accolades and consistent reminders that his life and ministry are being orchestrated by God. He was consecrated Bishop in November 2004 and now serves as the Bishop of Social Actions for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship – International. Bishop Debnam is also a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a member of Sigma Pi Phi – Gamma Boule. He has preached and ministered locally, regionally and nationally – always sharing an intensity and passion that points persons to the hope and possibility in Christ.

Morning Star Baptist Church is a place of faith and transformation. Because of Bishop Debnam's obedience and commitment, God is using Morning Star to build and rebuild the lives of men, women and children. In December 2017, Morning Star dedicated a new Ministry Campus, which includes a 1500 seat sanctuary, a separate Community Outreach and Educational Center and a Family Life Center. The Campus is a "means to an end," providing the Church with the space and capacity to reach more lives.

The most cherished blessing in Bishop Debnam's life is his family. His wife of 37 years, Carla, stands with him along with his three children, Corey, Jewell and Jared.

In the book of Romans, the Apostle Paul asks, how can they (the people) hear without someone preaching to them? Bishop Debnam takes his call to preach the Gospel seriously. He is a preacher, teacher, mentor, counselor and committed servant who sincerely believes "eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, and no mind has conceived the great things God has prepared for those that love him."