

## *Biographical Sketch*

*Reverend R. L. McAdory*

Reverend R. L. McAdory is a native of Jefferson County, AL. He was educated in the Jefferson County Public School Systems in elementary and secondary education. His graduate accomplishments include: Howard College Divinity School, Samford University - Certificate in Christian Training, 1983; Birmingham Baptist Bible College: Bible Certificate, 1984, B.A.

degree in Christian Education, 1994. Matriculating in Pastoral Studies, Birmingham Theological Seminary. Further studies in Christian Education granted by the Sunday School Publishing Board, Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. include: the conferring of the Christian Education Diploma, 2002; Pastor's Alternative Teacher's Certification Certificate, 2003 and Certified Dean Certificate, 2014; culminating successfully with the administration of an accredited Christian Leadership School, Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Bessemer, AL.

Pastor McAdory serves the Alabama Baptist State Congress of Christian Education, Affiliate of the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention, Inc. as president of the faculty and instructor. He also serves in the Mt. Pilgrim Baptist District Congress of Christian Education, Mt. Pilgrim Baptist District Association as Assistant Dean and instructor. In addition, he serves the Mt. Pilgrim #2 District Conference of Christian Education as instructor. Pastor McAdory is certified instructor in several Bible courses and has taught Christian Education courses on an international, national, state and local level. In 2008 and 2009, Pastor McAdory was invited as visiting instructor to teach "Principles of Pastoral Leadership" at the National Baptist Association of Germany, Wiesbaden, Germany.

In 2011, Pastor McAdory instituted a Health Ministry in Faith Missionary Baptist Church to address concerns and issues with health disparities among African Americans with The Congregations for Public Health, Inc. and the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health.

In June 2013 and June 2014, Pastor McAdory successfully launched an eight-week Summer Reading Program for 9 and 10 year old elementary scholars in Bessemer, AL and surrounding areas.

Pastor McAdory was licensed to the Gospel Ministry by Rev. J. P. Parnell of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Irondale, AL on May 24, 1981. He was ordained in the Gospel Ministry by Rev. Charlie Sims of the First Baptist Church-Gary Ensley on November 24, 1982. Pastor McAdory celebrated 33 years of gospel preaching May 24, 2014. He has served as pastor in Birmingham and Bessemer, Alabama over 30 years. He is presently serving in the 21st<sup>th</sup> year as pastor of the Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Bessemer, AL. He continues his service of commitment in a Christ-centered Ministry that leads through Christian Education and doctrinal training that encourages a standard in challenging people to life changing experiences with his gift of unique teaching techniques and delivery.

Pastor McAdory is a humble and sensitive humanitarian, committed to civic and community affairs. He has served his community as a Community Activist, Youth Basketball Coach with the Irondale Little League Association and participated in Irondale Adult Baseball programs.

He is a resident of Irondale, AL. He is married to Dorothy Scruggs McAdory and is the father of three sons and seven grandchildren.