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NEW BIRTH ANNOUNCES NEW SENIOR PASTOR CHURCH LEADERSHIP EXCITED ABOUT EXECUTING SUCCESSION PLAN

Lithonia, GA –January 29, 2017 – New Birth Missionary Baptist Church (“NBMBC) Board of Directors and First Lady Vanessa Long are excited to announce that Bishop Stephen A. Davis, current Senior Pastor of New Birth Birmingham has been named, as the Senior Pastor for New Birth Lithonia. Bishop Davis was formally introduced as the new Senior Pastor to the New Birth congregation today, Sunday, January 29, 2017. Bishop Davis’ installation is effective immediately.

Bishop Davis is the person named by Bishop Long and the NBMBC Board of Directors to serve in this role in NBMBC’s Succession Plan, adopted in 2013. The Church leadership and First Lady Vanessa Long are confident that this transition will be a smooth and efficient process, as the New Birth congregation is well acquainted with and has deep respect for Bishop Davis’ gifting as a dynamic leader, pastor, teacher and speaker.

Bishop Davis comes to NBMBC on the crest of a highly successful tenure as Senior Pastor, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of New Birth Birmingham, in Birmingham, Alabama, formerly known as Refiners House Church. Bishop Davis has had direct ties with Bishop Long since 2006. Under the leadership of Bishop Davis as its Senior Pastor, Refiners House Church in Birmingham became a New Birth Church Plant in 2011, a part of the New Birth Church expansion.

In assuming the helm of New Birth, Bishop Davis stated, *“My wife, Darlene and I, are blessed beyond measure and thoroughly thrilled to serve New Birth Lithonia, building on the foundation that Bishop Eddie L. Long established for this amazing ministry.”* Davis added, *“We look forward to advancing the Kingdom of God, transforming more unsaved into believers for Christ, continuing to bridge the gap in the communities that New Birth serves and elevating New Birth to new heights.”*

First lady Vanessa Long participates in this announcement with great joy and unqualified confidence in Bishop Davis. Vanessa Long conveyed the following thoughts. *“I am confident that Bishop Davis will serve New Birth Lithonia in a manner that will fully honor God and the trust that my husband Bishop Long placed in him.”* Long continued, *“Bishop Davis is the choice of our sovereign Lord to carry forward the Kingdom vision that God placed on New Birth.”*

During his tenure at New Birth Lithonia, Bishop Davis will continue leading New Birth Birmingham, located at 117 12th Court Northwest, Birmingham, AL and the extended campus of New Birth Tuscaloosa at 6808 University Blvd. E, Tuscaloosa, AL.

About New Birth Missionary Baptist Church

Internationally recognized as a premiere faith-based organization that leads extensive ministries, catering to children, families, community, business and public outreach initiatives, New Birth Missionary Baptist Church located in Lithonia, Georgia, under the leadership of Bishop Stephen A. Davis and first lady Darlene Davis. The vision of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church is to Love, Live and Lead like Christ. New Birth is located at 6400 Woodrow Road in Lithonia, Georgia, 30038. For more information visit: www.NewBirth.org.

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Biography

Bishop Stephen A. Davis

Bishop Stephen A. Davis, Senior Pastor of New Birth Lithonia and the visionary and leader of New Birth Birmingham (formerly known as The Refiner's House), first served as Pastor in 1997 to a remnant of 23 members at Pinson Valley Worship Center. Although this congregation had previously been through much difficulty, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Bishop Davis continued to move the people forward with a strong emphasis on prayer, praise and worship, and the Word of God. As a result, many people have been healed, delivered and set free; spiritually, mentally, physically, and financially.

Due to an overwhelming growth in membership, Bishop Davis directed several church purchases. These efforts led to the purchase of the present facility located in the Center Point or Birmingham area. Because of the favor on his life, the church goes beyond the four walls of the church and continues to impact the community through assisting the Mayors of Center Point and Birmingham along with building partnerships with local schools, including universities.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Bishop Stephen A. Davis graduated from Pinson Valley High School. He also completed Seminary and Church Growth Courses through the International Pentecostal Holiness Association located in Montgomery, Alabama. He obtained his Masters and PhD in Theology through the accredited and international New Birth Bible Institute. Continuing, he is an international speaker and accomplished author.

Bishop Davis served under the Spiritual covering of Apostle Eddie L. Long, New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, Georgia. Apostle Long commissioned Bishop Davis on February 8, 2009 pronouncing him an ambassador of The Father's House which is a pastoral alliance that serves as a fellowship and outreach to senior pastors globally. On November 13, 2015, Apostle Long consecrated and ordained Pastor Davis as the fifth Bishop in the Global Apostolic Council which helps govern the Lord's Church.

At home Bishop Davis is a doting husband to his beautiful wife, First Lady Darlene, for over 27 years. He is also a loving father to his three lovely daughters and two grandchildren. The couple has also served as foster and surrogate parents for many other children in the church and community.

Bishop Davis continues to advance the Kingdom of God with a vision of “Love Like Him, Live Like Him, and Lead Like Him”. Bishop Davis has a passion for mentoring sons, other Pastors, and youth. Through his ministry, many lives have been transformed and are advancing the Kingdom of God.