

## ***Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis***

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Curtis accepted the call to ministry at the age of 17. For seven years, he served as the Senior Pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church in York, Pennsylvania. Since 1997, Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis has served as the Senior Pastor of Mount Ararat Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Mount Ararat Baptist Church provides four week-end worship services and ministers to more than 8,000 members. Dr. Curtis' ministry has led to several landmark events at Mount Ararat, including the formation of a Community Development Corporation to minister to the greater Pittsburgh area and the liquidation of the church mortgage in a one-day "Harvest Sunday" offering. Additionally, he implemented a community tithe program, which returns over 10 percent of the congregation's offering to the community.

Dr. Curtis' sermons and teachings are viewable on the world-wide web during Tuesday Night Bible Study, 'Saturday Night Live' worship service and Sunday's 11:45 a.m. worship service. Mount Ararat has also implemented an annual 'Biker Sunday,' where local motorcyclists from the city worship together and ride through the city to build bonds between riders.

Dr. Curtis currently serves on the Board of Amachi Pittsburgh, a faith-based organization focused on assisting children of incarcerated parents. He recently served on the Board of the Pittsburgh Sports and Exhibition Authority, the Board of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, the Board of Trustees of The Ellis School for Girls, the Board of Trustees of the Interdenominational Theological Center and the Baptist School of Theology. He is the immediate Past President of the Hampton University Minister's Conference. In 2009, he was inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers of Morehouse College. In the Spring of 2010, Dr. Curtis published his first book, "***FAITH -- Learning to Live Without Fear,***" which is currently in its second printing.

He possesses a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies and Philosophy from Morgan State University, a Master of Divinity Degree from Howard University School of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Curtis is a proud member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Jericho Lodge #20, St. Cyprian Consistory #4, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Curtis is married to the former Christine Y. Richardson, and they are the proud parents of one lovely daughter, Houston.