## Rev. Dr. Stephanie L Wilkes

The Reverend Dr. Stephanie Lucille Wilkes is a native of Richmond, VA. Her roots and biblical foundation go back to the Gethsemane Baptist Church located in King William, VA where she received Christ at an early age and was baptized. She is a 1980 graduate of Armstrong High School. In 1985, she received her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration and Management from VA Commonwealth University. May 1994, Rev. Wilkes received Certification in Preaching and Worship, along with Christian Education from the Evans Smith Institute. That next week, she entered into VA Union as she acknowledged her call into the ministry. Rev. Wilkes was licensed to preach, March 1995. She served as Minister of Christian Education and Youth at the Fairfield Baptist Church for three years where she was nurtured in the faith for 16 years.

God moved her onward and upward in May of 1998. She changed her membership to the Mosby Memorial Baptist Church and graduated from the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology with a Masters of Divinity. In July 2000, Rev. Wilkes was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at Mosby Memorial Baptist Church under the Pastoral leadership of the late Rev. Barry T. Young. Rev. Wilkes was certified in Pastoral Counseling at VA Institute of Pastoral Care, May 2005 and certified in Christian Education, August 2005 from VA Union University. In May 2013 Rev. Wilkes received her Doctorate of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC in the area of Spirituality and Community.

Rev. Dr. Stephanie Wilkes has worked with the VA Baptist Sunday School and BTU Congress as the Director of the Youth Division, the Baptist General Convention teaching staff, and the American Baptist Churches of the South. Currently, she is serving as the first vice moderator of the Tuckahoe Baptist Association of VA and the Minister of Christian Education at the Mosby Memorial Baptist Church. In addition to ministry, Dr. Wilkes has served as a faithful resource to Altria Client Services for the past 25 years. Her current role as an Associate Asset Analyst. Outside of work, Rev. Stephanie/Dr. Stephanie as she is affectionally called enjoys reading, exercising, planting flowers and plants, and watching movies.

Rev. Dr. Stephanie L. Wilkes is blessed to have one adult son named Rico, two grandchildren, JaReek and Asharii. Dr. Stephanie loves the Lord and believes in her heart to love him is to know him and to know him is to learn more about him. We should give all to him. For it's "In Him she moves and In Him she lives and In Him she has her being". We all should be in relationship with God.