



VISION: "Building a vibrant, engaged faith community serving, growing, and transforming Lives." 1 Peter 4:10-11

MISSION: "To grow a congregation of believers committed to the ministry of Worship, Evangelism, Missions, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship with a heart for Prayer, Bible Study and the Great Commission." Matthew 28:19-20

THEME: "Changing Lives One Soul At A Time" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

**MORNING WORSHIP
VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. 

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 826 9792 9538 | Passcode: 222125

Call to Worship and Invocation
Minister Derrik Allen

Musical Offering "National Anthem"
(congregation stands)

Congregational Hymn of Worship

Scripture
Sister Wanda Haskins

Prayer
Deacon Kenneth Jackson

Video Tribute to Veterans

Welcome and Offering
Minister Stephanie Gillus

Video Introduction of the Preacher

Music of Preparation

The Preached Word
Rev. Dr. Willie Elder
Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Orange, VA

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction

Nursery Open—Welcome ages 2-5

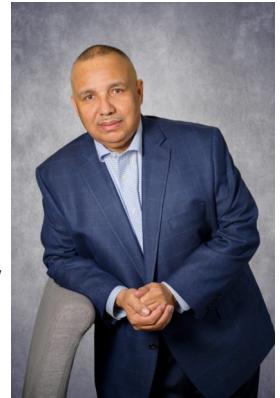
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Biography of Rev. Dr. Willie Elder

Rev. Dr. Willie Elder is a native of Lawrenceville, Virginia home of the world famous "Brunswick Stew." He is the second of two children born to Willie and Helen Towns-Elder.



Pastor Elder was licensed to preach December 3, 2000 and ordained May 2009, both at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church (MPBC) in Alexandria, VA. On September 21, 2019, he was privileged to be installed as the 10th Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church (Madison Mills) in Orange, VA.

Before accepting the pastorate at Bethel, Dr. Elder served faithfully for nine years at Christian Way Baptist Church in Falls Church, VA. Five of those years as Assistant-Pastor. For several years prior to that, he served the MPBC in several capacities: Prison Ministry Director, Adult Church School Teacher, Men's Ministry President, Deacon Vice-Chair, and Usher.

He is a former President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Northern Virginia and Vicinity (2014-2016) and currently serves as the 2nd Vice-Moderator of the Wayland Blue Ridge Baptist Association, Inc.

Dr. Elder attended the University of Maryland where he received a *Bachelor of Science Degree* in Business Management. He is also a graduate of Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA earning a *Master of Divinity Degree*. He attended the Virginia University of Lynchburg Leonard N. Smith School of Religion where he obtained his *Doctor of Ministry Degree*. His dissertation project was titled: *Restructuring the Ministry of a Small Rural Church: Posturing for a Post-Pandemic Environment*.

Pastor Elder is a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Army and a former Department of Defense employee retiring in 2019.

He is married to the former Angenette Eddie. He is a father, grandfather, and husband.

Pastor Elder firmly stands on the words of Philippians 4:13: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

Pray for Bereaved Families

Sister Willie Bolar, member/mother of Christina Coles and grandmother of Shaw Coles.

For help and encouragement during time of bereavement, call the Grief Line at (571) 533-2963.

Contact: Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org

Pray for the Sick and Shut-In

Nursery Services. Childcare at MPBC Nursery will be available only during the **10 a.m. service** on the **1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays.**

Sunday, November 9—10:00 a.m. Children's Worship Hour.

(Fellowship Hall) Inviting ages 5-12. For details contact: Rev. Chris White at Chris.White@mtpleasantbc.org

Monday, November 10—6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting. (New Date)

Dial-In: 1-848-220-3300 Conference ID: 1571206#

Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org.

Monday, November 10—6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Grief Ministry Session.

All interested persons are welcome. Register at: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/272168>. Zoom details will follow. Contact: Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org.

Monday, November 10—6:45 p.m. Rehearsal (Hi-Def Choir)

Tuesday, November 11—6:45 p.m. Rehearsal (Sanctuary Choir)

Wednesday, November 12—12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study.

Led by Pastor Carl M. Johnson.

Meeting ID: 863 2373 8575 | Passcode: 966812

Thursday, November 13

6:30 p.m. Virtual Youth Bible Study "TNT."

6:30 p.m. Virtual Prayer Service. Led by Deacon Michael Wilson, Deaconess Marcia Gilbert-Gregory, and Deaconess Sherri Morgan. Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org.

7:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study. Led by Pastor Johnson.

Meeting ID: 827 0887 7528 | Passcode: 727996

Saturday, November 15—8:30 a.m. Mighty Men of Valor

Fellowship. Inviting all men and male youth for Word study and fellowship. Meeting ID: 823 5206 8259 | Passcode: 883382

Saturday, November 15—9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Virtual Evangelism Workshop. All invited to learn biblical, practical strategies, and overcoming challenges in sharing one's faith. Topic: Digital Evangelism. Facilitator: Minister Aleia Taylor-Ellington. Meeting ID: 849 9620 7699 | Passcode: 466628

Saturday, November 15 and November 22—9:30 a.m.-11:30

a.m. Virtual Gifted to Serve Class Sessions. All are invited to learn what the Bible says about spiritual gifts; examine Jesus' model of service; and complete an assessment to determine how God has gifted you to do the work of ministry.

Meeting ID: 884 6403 5416 | Passcode: 711196

Need Donations & Volunteers! Ezekiel Missionaries & Emergency Preparedness Support Jamaica Relief!

Donations are needed throughout November to support disaster relief efforts in Jamaica and assist federal employees in need. You received an email list of items for this project. MPBC members are needed to support this effort to help pack and organize these items. This list is available at the church on the table in the vestibule.

Drop-off donations: In the Pinkett & Sheppard Chapel **Monday-Friday at 10 am-5:30 pm.** **Need Volunteers-Packing dates:** **Friday, November 21—9:00 a.m. and Saturday, November 22—9:00 a.m.** Contact: Sister Yvette Collier at colliery@verizon.net or call the Church Office Monday-Friday—9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 16—12:00 p.m. Missionary Ministry Visitation. All invited. Annandale Healthcare Center, 6700 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. Accompanied by MPBC Minister.

Wednesday, November 19—6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Grief Ministry Virtual Video Presentation "Surviving the Holidays." A special video to help encourage and comfort those who are grieving during the holiday season. Persons planning to attend are asked to register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/272168>. The book is available. Cost: \$5.00. To purchase a copy, contact the Church Office, secretary@mtpleasantbc.org or call (703) 256-1268. Contact: Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org.

Thursday, November 20—7:00 p.m. ACCA Ecumenical Thanksgiving Community Worship Service—Host: John Calvin Presbyterian Church, 6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

All invited to this benefit event with area churches of ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action). Choir members and interested are welcome to participate in the **ACCA Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, November 15—9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

Saturday, November 22—9:00 a.m. Community Food Drive Up Give-Away. (MPBC Parking Lot). Must be in car. One box per car. Contact: Yvette Collier at Yvette.Collier@mtpleasantbc.org.

Sundays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21—10:00 a.m. Advent Celebration. A special time of celebration and candle lighting each week in preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Saturday, December 13, 2025—12:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Christmas Fellowship Luncheon. Wildfire Tysons at Tysons Galleria, 2001 International Drive, McLean, VA 22102. All invited. Cost: \$65 per person—includes tax and gratuity. **Deadline: November 21.** For reservations and payment details contact: Merle Summers, Katie Smith, Deaconess Marlene Fields or Beatrice Jones. Sponsored by the Golden Gem's Senior Ministry.

2025 Winter Messenger Newsletter. Theme: "The Promise" Genesis 3:15 (KJV). Submit articles, poems, and notices at mpbcnewsletter@mtpleasantbc.org by **December 7.**

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