

PASTORAL RETIREMENT



Pastor Samuel W. Hale, Jr. announced his Retirement from his Pastoral Assignment at the historic Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Springfield, IL on Sunday, July 1, 2018.

During the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, August 26, 2018, Pastor Hale will preach his Retirement Sermon and the Zion Church Family will celebrate his **34+** years as Zion's Pastor and his 55 years of Kingdom Ministry as a Preacher, Teacher, Missionary, and Writer. The theme for our Celebration is **"God's Shepherd: Following God's Plan and Feeding God's Flock"**, with the **Theme Scriptures** of **Jeremiah 3:15**

and **2 Corinthians 13:11**.

A Church and Community-wide Retirement Reception will also be held that afternoon, for 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., to honor Pastor Hale for his many contributions within and to the Springfield Community.

A graduate of both the American Baptist College, Nashville, TN (B.A., 1966) and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY (M.Div., 1969), Pastor Hale's Ministerial Experiences also includes:

- Organizing Pastor of the Johenning Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
- Member, Baptist Ministers Conference of Washington, D.C. & Vicinity
- Director of Religious Activities and Dean of Chapel at Talladega College, Talladega, AL
- Member, Talladega Ministerial Association, Talladega, AL
- Chairman, Scholarship Committee; Interim Dean, Congress of Christian Education, Stones River Baptist District Association, Nashville, TN
- Member of the Home Mission Board, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
- Director of the Contemporary Ministries Workshop of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
- Director of the Extension Department, Director of the Garnett-Nabrit Lecture Series, and Associate Professor, American Baptist College, Nashville, TN
- Assistant to the Pastor, First Baptist Church East Nashville, Nashville, TN
- Congress Dean, Vice-President, and President; and Parliamentarian, Wood River Baptist District Association, Illinois
- Director of Missions and Missions Team Leader to Antigua for the Baptist General State Convention of Illinois

- Instructor and Coordinator of the Springfield, Illinois Moody Bible Institute Extension

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- One of the Founding Board Members of Helping Hands (Shelter for the Homeless), Springfield, IL
- Director of the Phoenix Project – a Summer Youth Employment/Service Project sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of Springfield & Vicinity
- President, National Alumni Association of American Baptist College
- Trustee, American Baptist College, Nashville, TN
- Participant in the “**Real Men Read**” program at Washington Middle School, Springfield, IL

Pastor Hale’s literary accomplishments include:

- Writing Quarterly Lessons for the *Layman*, Sunday School Publishing Board, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., 1975
- Contributing Writer to *Bus Ministry* by Dr. W.T. Crutcher, Townsend Press, 1977
- Wrote the lyrics to the song “*Give Your Life to Jesus*” - recorded by Albertina Walker, 1990
- *Confirmation for Ministry* - Townsend Press, 1998
- *When Your Loved One Dies* - Self Published, 2000, 2002 and Republished by **WestBow Press (Thomas Nelson Publishers)**, 2011
- *The First Century Mission and the Twenty-First Century Church* - Self Published, 2001 and republished by the **Sunday School Publishing Board, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.**, 2015
- *When Messiah Comes* - Self Published, 2006
- Wrote the play *When Aunt Hagar Died* - Retitled *Last Will and Consequences*, 2010
- *Adventures of the Souls* - **WestBow Press (Thomas Nelson Publishers)**, 2017
- Featured Writer for the **Sunday “Beliefs Section”** of the Springfield, IL “**State Journal Register**” newspaper

On August 17, 2018, Pastor and his late wife, Gloria M. Hale, would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He is the father of three sons (one deceased), one daughter, and seven grandchildren.

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S. W. Hale, Jr.
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