

REV. DR. RALPH M. BRANCH

Reverend Dr. Ralph M. Branch Jr. was born July 29, 1964 to the late Ralph and Martha Branch in Newark, New Jersey. He is their only son and the youngest of five children. Rev. Branch accepted Christ at the age of seven and was baptized in the same church he now pastors.

Rev. Branch is married to the former Tammi Tellis of Newark, New Jersey, and they have two children, Reshawn Marcus and Chelsea Synclaire. He is a devoted husband and father.

Dr. Branch was educated in Newark Public Schools and at a very early age demonstrated a flare for academic excellence. In 1982 Rev. Branch began his matriculation at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, majoring in Biology and Chemistry. Rev. Dr. Branch has a Master's of Divinity Degree from the Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. He earned his Doctorate Degree at the New York Theological Seminary in May of 2019.

Rev. Branch was called to be the Fourth Pastor of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. He was installed on the second Sunday in October 2001. In September 2013 Dr. Branch was installed as the 17th Moderator of the North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association. As Pastor, Rev. Branch presented the church with an innovative and timely vision that was received with great enthusiasm. Rev. Dr. Branch is also an Adjunct Professor at the New York Theological Seminary.