



## **The Reverend Vodricka L. Epps**

Vodricka L. Epps was born on October 12, 1972 in High Point, North Carolina to the late Reverend Alfonzo Epps and Naomi V. Hart. His personal walk with Christ began at age 11 at the Living Water Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Adolph Thomas. He honorably served twenty-two years in the United States Army, retiring September of 2013 at the rank of Master Sergeant from Fort Lee, Virginia. He united in holy matrimony with his friend and sweetheart the former Tracy Gray and their holy union has blessed them with three children, Ja'Lainna, Timothy, and Ameerah.

Vodricka proclaimed his call into the ministry of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in September of 2011 and was licensed in the Gospel Ministry March 25, 2012 at Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church Colorado Springs, Colorado under the leadership of Pastor Cleveland A. Thompson. Reverend Epps united with Rocky Branch Baptist Church of Dinwiddie, Virginia under the leadership of Pastor Lynn G. Robinson in October of 2012 and was appointed as Associate Pastor, to which he was ordained and commissioned on January 12, 2014.

Reverend Epps is a learned man with an untiring desire to be enriched intellectually and spiritually. His passion has led him to matriculate and be a recipient of a Bachelors of Arts Religion with Honors from American Military University in Charles Town, West Virginia, the Master of Divinity Degree from Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia, and the Master of Arts in Christian Education Degree from Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia.

He was called to serve as the 11<sup>th</sup> Pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Hopewell, Virginia on May 11, 2016 and preached his first sermon as Pastor of Mount Calvary Sunday, July 24, 2016 at the 11:00 a.m. worship hour. Pastor Epps has a tremendous desire for God's word coupled with a love for God's people. He has a contagious spirit of generosity that flows through every facet of his ministry as he seeks to encourage and empower all humanity through the timeless and transformative truths found in the Word of God. Pastor Epps is passionate about proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, making the Word of God relevant in the lives of believers, and building the Kingdom of God in the congregation and community.