



The Reverend Derick Easter is the son of Rev. Dr. William and Lorene Easter and represents a legacy of preachers in his family. Pastor Easter is the proud pastor of the New St. Hurricane Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, AR. Pastor Easter believes in Acts 20:28, which says: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." A native of Little Rock, AR, Pastor Easter is a product of Little Rock Central High School and graduated cum laude with distinction in his field from Philander Smith College with a bachelor of arts in Psychology. He received a Master of Public Administration from Webster University and a Master of Ministry from Louisiana Baptist Seminary.

His passion for excellence in ministry has afforded him the opportunity to serve on the faculty of the National Baptist Convention USA's Congress of Christian Ministers Division and to minister and teach in conferences across the country on subjects such as media in ministry, leadership, associate minister training and strategic planning for churches.

Under Pastor Easter's extraordinary leadership, New St. Hurricane Baptist Church has experienced tremendous growth and development. To accommodate its favor and growth Pastor Easter led the church in building a multi-million dollar state of the art children and youth center.

Pastor Easter's passion for social and political issues has allowed him to serve his community in several ways: He has served on the Arkansas Read Council, the North Little Rock Fit 2 Live Leadership Team, the Faith-Based and Community Programs Director for the Arkansas Transitional Employment Board, and served as the Statewide Outreach Project Director for Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families. He currently serves as a Project Consultant for the Arkansas Out of School Network a subgroup of Arkansas State University Childhood Services Program.

Pastor Easter is an avid basketball fan, movie-goer, spades player and enjoys spending time with his family. He is married to Keely Easter with two wonderful children.