

Ministerial Life of Pastor Irvin Beverly by First Lady Eilene Beverly

Pastor Irvin E. Beverly was born in Lusby, Maryland, to the late Raymond and Clara Beverly. He is the seventh of ten children, blessed with six sisters and three brothers. Of his siblings, all six sisters and two brothers have transitioned to glory, with one brother remaining.

Pastor Beverly is a graduate of Brooks High School in Prince Frederick, Maryland, and furthered his education at Skidmore Vocational School of Tailoring, Dressmaking, and Design in Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He later retired faithfully from his career at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Maryland.

A lifelong and devoted member of St. John United Methodist Church in Lusby, Maryland, Pastor Beverly demonstrated a heart for God from an early age. With a deep love for people and a calling to serve, he stepped into leadership at just seventeen years old as Sunday School Superintendent. His life has been marked by faithful service in numerous leadership roles, including Lay Leader, Lay Servant, Lay Speaker, and Lay Delegate to the Annual Conference for fifteen years.

Pastor Beverly's journey to the pulpit is a testimony of divine purpose and God's sovereign plan—one that cannot be fully told nor completely understood but is all for the glory of God.

He completed the United Methodist Course of Study and attended License to Preach School, preparing for the work to which he had been called. In the fall of 1999, following the passing of the pastor at Bethesda United Methodist Church, Pastor Beverly was asked to serve as a District Superintendent (DS) Hire during a season of transition. When a new pastor was appointed in January 2000, he continued to serve faithfully alongside the incoming Pastor, assisting and supporting the ministry for six months with humility and dedication. Then, on July 1, 2000, Pastor Beverly was officially appointed as Local Pastor, answering God's call to lead and continuing his faithful service at Bethesda United Methodist Church in Valley Lee, Maryland to this present day.

Pastor Beverly is a devoted family man. He is the father of two sons from his late wife, Doris, and through his marriage to his beloved wife Eilene, he embraced the blessing of becoming father to her four daughters. Together, they cherish a growing legacy as proud grandparents of eleven grandchildren—five boys and six girls—and seven great-grandchildren, who bring him immeasurable joy.