



## REVEREND DR. PAUL POWELL

Born in Greensboro, North Carolina as the youngest of ten children, Paul Powell moved to Bay Shore at the age of five following the death of his mother and father. His Bay Shore education started at the Brook Avenue School and finished with his graduation from the High School in 1961, where he was Vice President of the Senior class.

Paul was an accomplished athlete throughout his high school days. He was selected All League for two years in both baseball and basketball as well as All-County in basketball; First Team All-County Football; runner up in the Suffolk County scoring title; and Little All American Team in football. Twice during high school, Paul was selected for the Yankees Baseball Camp.

Paul earned his BS Degree in Physical Education and Recreation from Central State University. He earned Masters' credits at Hofstra and Stony Brook University as well as a BA Degree from Enon Bible College in Ohio. At North Carolina College of Theology, Paul Powell received his Masters of Biblical Studies and Doctor of Theology.

Paul returned to Bay Shore as a teacher at Mary G. Clarkson for 17 years, but also spent time teaching at Bay Shore High School, Brook Avenue, Gardiner Manor and South Country. While teaching, he was a coach of Freshman Football, JV Football, JV Baseball, and Girls' Varsity Basketball team which, under his coaching won many championships and section divisions. Paul Powell was recognized several times as Coach of the Year.

Upon his retirement from teaching, Paul focused on a greater calling, that of administering God's word. He has been Pastor of Gospel Lighthouse Church in Bay Shore, for 19 years, teaching the word of God. He was ordained under Bishop William Crossley of the New York State and Ontario district council and the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World in 1976.

During his pastorate, Paul developed a community outreach, food pantry, an after school program, and counseling session working closely with the Bay Shore School District. Paul has been very active in the New York State and Ontario District Council for 42 years, serving as a district elder, Brotherhood President, secretary, treasurer; and chairman of the licensing and credential committee. He has served as a member of the Executive Board of the NYS council and he served on the Board of Ethics for Southside Hospital in Bay Shore.

Married for 47 years, Paul and his wife, Barbara, have been blessed with four children, three of whom graduated from Bay Shore High School.

