

Rev. Helen Bearden serves as the Church Administrator (Minister of Administration and Operations) and the First Female Administrator at Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Maryland. She oversees administration and operations activities for the church working closely with its members, community activist, Prince George's County officials, State and Federal entities.

Rev. Bearden has been successful in working with leaders to drive new initiatives with a primary focus of community outreach, youth development, and children services. The primary focus was to educate pre-school to middle school age students on the importance of First Responders (Fire Fighters, Police Officers, Emergency Medical Technicians) and how essential they are for our safety and security. She provided school supplies to underprivileged students to assist in academic excellence while working with the community to increase the rate of high school students receiving academic scholarships via a Christian environment. The initiative afforded the delivery of over 300 book bags packed with specific educational level school supplies to students, weekly ACT and SAT preparation study classes including workbooks for each student, and one-on-one academic STEM tutoring upon request. Rev. Bearden also coordinated and conducted joint workshops with local law enforcement around school safety and bullying along with sessions from educational counselors on student preparedness and success. Also, while at Fort Foote, Rev. Bearden drove community initiatives and funding for the newly established Fort Foote Baptist Child Development Center, Incorporated. This joint effort afforded the purchase and installation of new STEM focused playground, developed workshops and curriculum changes for the staff and promoted the center via parent's information, flyers and on social media.

Rev. Bearden completed a distinguished career of over 36-years with the United States General Services Administration, serving in the modest capacities as a student aide, clerk typist, staff assistant, management/program analyst, branch chief, emergency management officer, senior program analyst and deputy director.

Rev. Helen is the Corresponding Secretary of the South County Democratic Club, a member of the NAACP, and former member of the Prince George County Sherriff Advisory Council under Sheriff Melvin High. Additionally, she is an active member of the Tantallon Citizen's Association, where she has served the community as the Vice President of the Tantallon Citizen's Association, member of the Board of Director, and Co-Chair of the Safety and Security Committee.

