



INTRODUCING OUR NEW PASTOR

Thankful Missionary Baptist Church | Rome, GA

With grateful hearts and great excitement, we joyfully welcome Pastor Chenier Alston as the new pastor of Thankful Missionary Baptist Church of Rome, Georgia!

A SERVANT LEADER WITH A PROVEN CALL

Pastor Alston is a dynamic preacher, humanitarian, educator, and social justice advocate who has faithfully served as Senior Pastor of New Israelite Missionary Baptist Church for 20 years. A native of Chicago Heights, Illinois, he brings a deep commitment to biblical literacy, discipleship, and leading souls to Christ.

A TRANSFORMED LIFE & CLEAR CALLING

In 1995, Pastor Alston experienced what he calls his “Moses at the burning bush” encounter with God—an undeniable moment that forever changed his life and confirmed his calling. He believes that when you truly encounter God, you can never remain the same.

PASTOR • TEACHER • MENTOR

Known for his empathy and inclusive spirit, Pastor Alston meets people where they are and walks alongside them toward spiritual growth and a deeper relationship with God. His ministry reflects both truth and compassion, faith and action.

COMMUNITY & JUSTICE FOCUSED

Pastor Alston strongly believes that social justice is a divine mandate. He has served as a doctrinal facilitator in the Greater New Era Baptist District Association and previously as administrative assistant to the Dean of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. His leadership has made churches beacons of hope, outreach, and engagement.

SCHOLAR • AUTHOR • LIFELONG LEARNER

A proud graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Pastor Alston holds a B.S. in Integrated Ministry/Pastoral Studies and is a published author of “Ladies Let’s Talk.” He is currently pursuing his Master’s in Theological Studies (2026) and a Doctorate in Public Theology & Community Engagement.

A MAN OF FAMILY & FAITH

Pastor Alston is married to Rayna Alston, a philanthropist, public health advocate, and children's book author. Together, they are proud parents of a beautiful blended family and share a heart for service—locally and globally.

BEYOND THE PULPIT

In his free time, Pastor Alston enjoys fishing, basketball, writing, painting, and volunteering on global health initiatives focused on freshwater access and nutrition.

Rome, help us welcome Pastor Chenier Alston and his family!

We believe God has ordered this moment, and we look forward to what He will do through this next chapter at Thankful Missionary Baptist Church.

“For such a time as this.”