REVEREND DR. REGRETTA B. RUFFIN  
Senior Pastor  
Greater New St. Paul Baptist Church

Pastor Regretta Ruffin is a native of Washington, D.C. She is the daughter of Mrs. Julia M. Burruss and the late Pastor R. Burruss, Sr. of the New St. Paul Baptist Church.

Dr. Ruffin is musically inclined with the ability to play several instruments. She was director and musician for several choirs in the Metropolitan Area and eventually became the director for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Dr. Ruffin strongly believes in education, not only for preaching ability but to enhance the whole person in which God has created. Because of her quest for knowledge, at the age of 15, she graduated from McKinley Tech High School in Northeast Washington with honors. While still attending high school, she studied at the University of the District of Columbia majoring in Mortuary Science and later received her degree from Catonsville Community College, Baltimore, Md (1981). She also matriculated at the Howard University School of the Arts for studies in music. She received her Master of Science from the University of Maryland (1986), Master of Theology from Richmond Virginia Seminary (1996), Master of Divinity from Virginia Union University (1999), Doctorate of Theology from Eastern Theological Seminary, Phil., Pa. (2001), Doctorate of Ministry from Richmond Virginia Seminary (2007), presently she is enrolled at the Regent University in Virginia Beach, in pursuit of her PhD.

In 1984, she united with the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church under the pastorate of Dr. Freddie Davis. In May of 1990, Dr. Ruffin announced her call to the ministry and was licensed to preach in September 1990. Six months after being licensed to the ministry she was called to pastor the Gtr. New St. Paul Baptist Church in Washington, DC.

Following the call of God, in May of 1999, she resigned from the Alexandria Hospital where she was employed for fifteen years. She also worked as a licensed Mortician for eighteen years with several funeral establishments in the Metropolitan Area.

Dr. Ruffin has been the Senior Pastor of the Greater New St Paul for over 20 years. She is an Entrepreneur, Inspirational and Motivational Mentor. A Founding Partner of the John C Maxwell Team of Certified Coaches, Teachers, Mentors and Speakers, training Pastors and Leaders around the nation. She have received several Governor Citations and Awards, including the Volunteer Service Award from President Barack Obama. She has served as President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Alexandria Virginia and Vicinity, President of The Washington Metropolitan Ministeriums and is presently serving as Vice-President of the Mt. Bethel Educational Congress, Chairperson of One Church One Child of the District of Columbia, Recording Secretary of the Baptist Convention of D.C. & Vicinity, Executive Board Member of Black Leadership Commission on Aids - D.C. Chapter, along with several other tasks as a member of various committees, conferences and conventions too numerous to name.
On March 20, 2004, God blessed her with the one whom her soul loves and she became the wife of Pastor Rodney E. Ruffin, who is the Pastor of the Elim Baptist Church in Temple Hills, Maryland. And the half has not been told, nor revealed what God has in store for His servant! Dr. Ruffin first thanks Almighty God for all that He has done, and is doing in her life. Secondly, she thanks God for a husband who accepts her for all that God made her to be. Thirdly, she rejoices in having saved parents who encouraged her to be all that she can be. Finally, she thanks Him for enabling her, counting her worthy and putting her in the ministry. To God Be The Glory!!!