



Bishop Curtis Eugene Edmonds, Sr. was born May 22, 1949 to the late Thornton Otis Edmonds and Lillie Mae Maxwell Edmonds. He is a native and resident of Portsmouth, Virginia. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Evelyn Lewis Edmonds, who is now a retired English teacher from the Portsmouth Public School System. He is the father of two sons, Curtis E. Edmonds, Jr. and Dr. Kelton Roderick Edmonds (Tonya). God has blessed him with five grandchildren: Curtis Kelton Edmonds, Kenedy Nicole Edmonds, Kyah Rae Edmonds, Cerena Marie Nesiah Edmonds and Kalise Edmonds.

After graduating from I.C. Norcom High School in 1967, Bishop Edmonds served four years in the U.S. Air Force, with a tour of duty in Vietnam. Soon after being honorably discharged from the Air Force, he was employed by the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and retired as an industrial engineer technician in 1993.

Bishop Edmonds has been blessed to earn the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Norfolk State University (1976), Master of Divinity Degree from Virginia Union University School of Theology, Richmond, Virginia (1994), and Doctorate of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio (1999). He has done additional studies at Boston University School of Theology. He has traveled extensively and has preached in Israel, Greece, Egypt, and Turkey.

Bishop Edmonds is and has been the pastor, teacher, spiritual leader, and friend here at Saint Mark for twenty-three years. On September 29, 2007, he was elevated and consecrated to the office of Bishop of Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church.

Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church has grown from 350 to 2000 members and over forty ministries have been birthed during his tenure. He led his church in the building and completion of a 5.9 million-dollar high tech and state-of-the-art church facility with a five-star banquet facility that can accommodate 600 people.

He is or has been involved in the following: Past President of the historic Tidewater Metro Baptist Ministers' Conference, Sharon Missionary Baptist Association, Baptist General Convention, Lott Carey Convention, Hampton Ministers' Conference, National Baptist Convention, National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Board Member of Portsmouth's Drug Court, Board Member of the School of Ministry, Spiritual Advisor to the Portsmouth Branch of the NAACP, and a member of the Transition Team for Governor Mark Warner. He was honored as Man of the Year for the Mercer Foundation in 2002 and was an Implement the King Dream Honoree in 2003. In additionally, he has received numerous awards, proclamations, and resolutions for outstanding service to the community and the commonwealth. He currently serves as a city councilman for the city of Portsmouth.

As an anointed teacher, preacher, and counselor, his enthusiasm, energy, and vision have taken St. Mark to new heights. His powerful ministry can be seen each Sunday at 10:00 A.M. on Channel 4. He is committed to holistic ministry and empowerment of people. He is determined to show the love of Christ via action and deeds. Of all these things and accomplishments, Bishop Edmonds is a sold-out servant of God.