



# Willaton Burns

**CHAIRPERSON OF THE FINANCE & OPERATIONS MINISTRY**

Willaton Burns (Willie) is the current Chairperson of the St John Baptist Church Finance and Operations Ministry. Mr. Burns began his church ministry and administration work as an ordained Deacon at the Tenth Street Baptist Church in Washington DC. As a Deacon and member of the Joint Board with both Deacons and Trustees, Willie assisted with the development of the church's budget, led the pastoral salary committee and along with his wife, Lynda, coordinated the Tenth Street Youth Ministry.

At St John, Willie was elected to the then Trustee Ministry in 2012 as an At-Large Member. He served for two, 2-year terms and served on several sub-committees. Willie was then elected Vice-Chairman of the Trustee Ministry and served three one-year Terms in that position.

There he assisted with the development and management of the church budget and was Chair of the Personnel Committee. He was responsible for negotiating employment contracts and supporting employee management. In 2018, Willie was elected as Chair of the Finance and Operations Ministry (Formerly Trustee Ministry) where he leads the Ministry responsible for oversight of the church's budget, overall financial management and operations.

Willie is a church leader and boldly sings praises to God as a member of the Voices of Inspiration Choir and the Praise Team. Willie is also a member of the parking lot ministry.

Willie has a Bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and MBA from Southeastern University.

Willie is the husband of Lynda Jones-Burns and the father of three adult sons.