

Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community
NEWS RELEASE



The Rev. Johnnie M. Davis
Named Chaplain of Still Hopes

The Rev. Johnnie M. Davis has accepted a call from Bishop Dorsey Henderson, Ordinary of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina, to serve as the Chaplain of the Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community, located in West Columbia, effective May 1, 2009. Still Hopes is under joint sponsorship of both the Diocese of South Carolina and the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

Davis received his B.S. from Francis Marion College (now University) and his MDiv. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. He completed a year of post-graduate study in Homiletics and Christian Social Ethics. Davis studied at The School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, from June 1996 to May of 1997, receiving a Diploma in Anglican Studies.

A veteran of four-years in the United States Air Force (Medical Corps), Davis has served as pastor of Baptist and Methodist Churches in both North Carolina and South Carolina. He also served as Clinical Chaplain at Bruce Hall Treatment Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Florence, South Carolina. Davis was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood by Bishop Edward Salmon in 1997. He served as Vicar and Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity, (Grahamville) Ridgeland, since 1997.

“I am excited about what God is doing in my life,” says Davis. “This is not a ministry I sought out, but with over 300 residents and approximately 250 staff members, this work presents a huge challenge and an exciting opportunity for service to God and God’s people. I think this ministry will pull together all of the facets and experiences of my years of ministry, both parish and institutional.”

Davis and his wife of 44 years, the former Carol Puleo of Columbia, are excited about their move, especially since they will be near their daughter Lisa, who lives in Columbia.