

Our pastor is Rev. Robert Emmett Lee, IV (Bob). Bob and his wife Melanie met while they were students at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina. They graduated in 1989 and were married in 1990. The Lees are the proud parents of one daughter. Bob earned a Master of Divinity from the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond in May 1998. Our congregation unanimously called him to be our pastor and he began his service here at NHBC in July 1998.

Prior to enrolling in seminary, Bob worked six years for the S.C. Farm Bureau Insurance Companies as a Claims Representative. The company transferred him to Orangeburg, South Carolina where he and Melanie became members of First Baptist Church. They taught senior high Sunday School, became involved in several areas of ministry, and Bob served as a deacon. It was during this time of involvement at First Baptist that the Lord began to call Bob into the ministry. After much prayer, immersion in the scriptures, and counsel with their pastor, Bob and Melanie said “yes” to God’s call to the pastorate.

In the summer of 1995, the Lees sold their home and moved to Richmond where Bob enrolled as a full-time student at the Baptist Theological Seminary ([www.btsr.edu](http://www.btsr.edu)). While in seminary, Bob served part time as the Intern to Single Adults at First Baptist Church Richmond. He was also the teaching assistant for the Professor of New Testament Greek for two years. To help make ends meet, he utilized his skills in the insurance industry and opened up his own small business doing investigations for an area law firm.

Melanie worked in the printing industry for several years and is now employed at an area Marketing agency. The Lees are excited about what God has done at NHBC...and the journey continues! We have only just begun to see the change that can be brought about when a church is the center of a community! We hope that you will join us for worship on Sundays. Please take time to meet our pastor and staff here at NHBC. We pray that God will touch your heart and that you will have experienced the presence of the Living God!