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The Reverend Dr. Tony Baker, Sr., a native of Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, New York, joined the United States Army in June 1974. After 20 years of service to our nation, Dr. Baker retired with an Honorable Discharge in July 1995.

During his time of service, Dr. Baker received numerous awards including the Army Commendation Medal 6th Oakley Cluster, 5 Good Conduct Medals, an Army Achievement Medal, an NCO Professional Development Ribbon, the National Defense Medal, 3 Overseas Ribbons and an Expert Marksmanship Badge.

Dr. Baker's educational vita is reflective of the same dedication and determination that he exhibited as a member of our armed forces. He is a graduate of the New York City public school system, graduated from Liberty University with a bachelor's degree in Christian Education, a Master's Degree in Theology and Doctorate of Ministry Degree from the New York Theological Seminary.

Upon his retirement, Dr. Baker taught in the ROTC Programs at both Princeton University and Fordham University. He went on to teach for eight years in the Port Richmond High School in Staten Island, New York, where he also served as Dean of Students for three years and taught in the JROTC Program.

Dr. Baker currently sits on the Executive Board of the American Baptist Churches, USA and the Richmond University Medical Center Staten Island. He and his wife, Hyon Suk Baker, have been married for 36 years and have two children - Christal Starr and Tony, Jr., who is currently serving in the United States Army.